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AND SEPARATE BRIGADES

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25th INFANTRY DIVISION (Tropic Lightning)

HERALDIC ITEMS

SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

- Description:* On a red taro leaf, $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches in height and $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in width at the widest point, with stem up, surrounded by a $\frac{1}{8}$ inch yellow border, a yellow lightning flash per pale $1\frac{13}{16}$ inches in height.
- Symbolism:* The taro leaf is indicative of the origin of the 25th Infantry Division in the Hawaiian Islands, while the lightning flash is representative of the manner in which the division performs its assignments.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

- Description:* A gold colored metal and enamel device $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches in height overall, consisting of a black volcano emitting a gold cloud and centered on the volcano a vertical lightning flash divided red above and gold below all enclosed by a pair of green palm branches with stem crossed in base and leaves terminating at either side of the cloud above.
- Symbolism:* The lightning flash, adapted from the shoulder sleeve insignia of the division, and the enclosing palm branches allude to its nickname "Tropic Lightning." The erupting volcano is an allusion to the state of Hawaii.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 25th INFANTRY DIVISION (Tropic Lightning)

LINEAGE

RA
(active)

Constituted 26 August 1941 in the Army of the United States as Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division. Activated 1 October 1941 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Allotted 27 June 1949 to the Regular Army. Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1960 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

Central Pacific
Guadalcanal
Northern Solomons
Luzon

Korean War

UN Defense
UN Offensive
CCF Intervention
First UN Counteroffensive
CCF Spring Offensive
UN Summer-Fall Offensive
Second Korean Winter
Korea, Summer-Fall 1952
Third Korean Winter
Korea, Summer 1953

Vietnam

Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Ted 69/Counteroffensive
Summer-Fall 1969
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 42, 1970)

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945 (25th Infantry Division cited; DA GO 47, 1950)

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered MASAN-CHINJU (Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 35, 1951)

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered MUNSAN-NI (Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 19, 1955)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966-1968 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 48, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 5, 1973)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966-1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 51, 1971)

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 3d BRIGADE, 25th INFANTRY DIVISION

LINEAGE

RA
(inactive)

Constituted 24 June 1921 in the Organized Reserves as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 195th Infantry Brigade, an element of the 98th Division. Organized in November 1921 at Albany, New York. Redesignated 23 March 1925 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 195th Brigade. Redesignated 24 August 1936 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 195th Infantry Brigade.

Converted and redesignated 20 February 1942 as the 98th Reconnaissance Troop (less 3d Platoon), 98th Division (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 196th Infantry Brigade, concurrently converted and redesignated as the 3d Platoon, 98th Reconnaissance Troop, 98th Division). Troop ordered into active military service 15 September 1942 and reorganized at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, as the 98th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, an element of the 98th Infantry Division. Reorganized and redesignated 13 August 1943 as the 98th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized. Inactivated 16 February 1946 in Japan. Redesignated 26 February 1947 as the 98th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. Activated 12 March 1947 at Utica, New York. Location changed 4 February 1948 to Syracuse, New York. (Organized Reserves redesignated 25 March 1948 as the Organized Reserve Corps; redesignated 9 July 1952 as the Army Reserve.) Location changed 13 August 1948 to Rochester, New York. Reorganized and redesignated 21 February 1949 as the 98th Reconnaissance Company. Disbanded 1 May 1959 at Rochester, New York; concurrently, reconstituted (less 3d Platoon) in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 195th Infantry Brigade (3d Platoon, 98th Reconnaissance Company—hereafter separate lineage).

Redesignated 21 June 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. Activated 12 August 1963 in Hawaii. Inactivated 24 July 1972 in Hawaii.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Streamer
without inscription

Vietnam

Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer-Fall 1969
Winter-Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII

DECORATIONS

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered QUANG NGAI PROVINCE (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 43, 1973)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965-1966; 1967-1968 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 48, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966-1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 3, 1970, as amended by DA GO 38, 1970, and DA GO 48, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 5, 1973)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967-1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 51, 1971)

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 4th BRIGADE, 25th INFANTRY DIVISION

LINEAGE RA
(inactive)

Constituted 6 December 1969 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, and activated in Hawaii. Inactivated 15 December 1970 in Hawaii.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

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