

26th "Yankee" Division

Insignia

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It was named the Yankee Division and used the initials thereof for its insignia.

[Excerpt from division history]

The Yankee Division was the first to copy the French and British system of branding all vehicles with insignia. It adopted the monogram "YD," and mules and horses were thus branded long before division emblems became the rule in the American Expeditionary Forces.

Later every officer and enlisted man in every division sported his respective division emblem on the left sleeve just below the shoulder. The "YD" was about as tasty as any of them. Motor truck units in the Yankee Division painted sub-unit emblems such as anchors, eagles and miniature replicas of Bunker Hill Monument on their vehicles.

Nickname

"Yankee" Division

Background

Formed from New England National Guard units from the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont on 18 July 1917. Movement overseas completed 2 January 1918.

Primary Units WW1

51st Infantry Brigade:

101st Infantry Regiment
102d Infantry Regiment
102d Machine Gun Battalion

52d Infantry Brigade:

103d Infantry Regiment
104th Infantry Regiment
103d Machine Gun Battalion

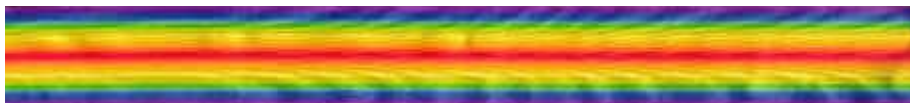
51st Field Artillery Brigade:

101st Field Artillery Regiment (75mm)
102d Field Artillery Regiment (75mm)
103d Field Artillery Regiment (155mm)
101st Trench Mortar Battery

Divisional Troops:

101st Machine Gun Battalion
101st Engineers
101st Field Signal Battalion
101st Train Headquarters and MP
101st Ammunition Train
101st Supply Train
101st Engineer Train
101st Sanitary Train (Ambulance Companies & Field Hospitals 101, 102, 103, 104)

Campaign Participation



Campaign Streamers (most units):

Champagne-Marne
Aisne-Marne
St. Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne
Ile de France
Lorraine

U. S. Victory Medal Clasps (most units):

Champagne-Marne
Aisne-Marne
St. Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne
Defensive Sector