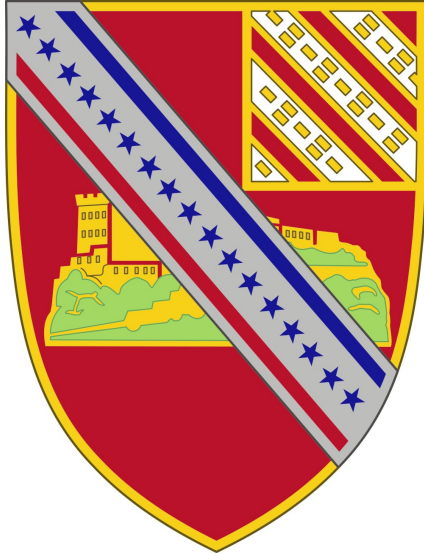
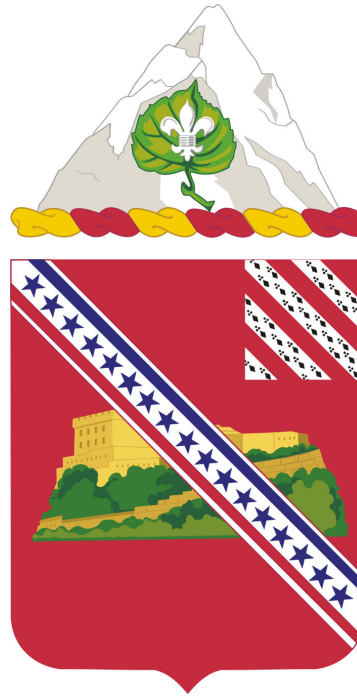


## 17TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT



**DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA**



**COAT OF ARMS**

### **Distinctive Unit Insignia.**

**Description:** A Gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height consisting of a shield blazoned: Gules, a conventionalized castle of Ehrenbreitstein with ramp Or on mount Proper, debreused by a bendlet Argent bearing two ribbons of the field and Azure with seventeen mullets of the last. A sinister canton bendy of eight ermine and of the field, (for the 8th Field Artillery).

**Symbolism:** The field of the shield is red, the artillery color. The principal charge is the castle of Ehrenbreitstein debreused by a bendlet carrying the American colors and seventeen stars, to signify the occupation of that castle by the 17th Field Artillery. On a canton is a device from the arms of the parent organization.

**Background:** The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 17th Field Artillery Regiment on 8 May 1923. It was redesignated for the 17th Field Artillery Battalion on 2 August 1949. It was redesignated for the 17th Artillery Regiment on 28 November 1958. The insignia was redesignated effective 1 September 1971, for the 17th Field Artillery Regiment.

### **Coat of Arms.**

#### **Blazon:**

**Shield:** Gules, a conventionalized castle of Ehrenbreitstein with ramp Or on mount Proper, debreused by a bendlet Argent bearing two ribbons of the field and Azure with seventeen mullets of the last. A sinister canton bendy of eight ermine and of the field, (for the 8th Field Artillery).

**Crest:** On a wreath of the colors Or and Gules, a mount Argent garnished Vert, bearing a linden leaf Proper charged with a fleur-de-lis of the first.

**Motto:** IN TIME OF PEACE PREPARE FOR WAR.

#### **Symbolism:**

**Shield:** The field of the shield is red, the artillery color. The principal charge is the castle of Ehrenbreitstein debreused by a bendlet carrying the American colors and seventeen stars, to signify the occupation of that castle by the 17th Field Artillery. On a canton is a device from the arms of the parent organization.

**Crest:** The crest commemorates the two most noteworthy battle incidents. The white mountain is for Blanc Mont. The leaf is taken from Verte Feuille Farm, one of the positions occupied by the Regiment in the Soissons Offensive; the linden was chosen as being very common in the central empires. The fleur-de-lis is from the arms of Soissons.

**Background:** The coat of arms was originally approved for the 17th Field Artillery Regiment on 25 March 1920. It was amended to correct the blazon of the shield on 15 June 1920. It was redesignated for the 17th Field Artillery Battalion on 27 September 1944. It was redesignated for the 17th Artillery Regiment on 28 November 1958. The insignia was redesignated effective 1 September 1971, for the 17th Field Artillery Regiment.