

SUBJECT: History of the 351st Infantry

SUMMARY

1. ORGANIZED: 4 September 1917 as part of 88th Division
2. MOTTO: Toujours Pret (Always Prepared)
3. NICKNAME: Spearhead Regiment
4. COLORS:
  - a. Blue for Infantry, trimmed with a knotted fringe of yellow silk
  - b. American eagle in center
    - (1) In right talon, an olive branch of 13 leaves symbolizing peace and the original 13 colonies
    - (2) In left talon, 13 arrows of war
    - (3) On eagle's breast, the Regimental crest
    - (4) In eagle's beak, scroll with Regimental motto, "Toujours Pret"
  - c. Minute-men, the crest of the Organized Reserve, above eagle's head
  - d. Scroll bearing Regiment's title, below all
  - e. Six streamers
    - (1) Alsace
    - (2) Garigliano (symbolizes award of Croix de Guerre)
    - (3) Rome-Arno
    - (4) North Apennines (Gothic Line)
    - (5) Po Valley
    - (6) Combat Infantry Regiment
5. COAT OF ARMS: Shield
  - a. Blue: The color of the shield represents Infantry and fidelity
  - b. Stars: The big star on top represents the North Star (Minnesota is the "North Star State"); the other two stars are from the Minnesota state flag.
  - c. Fleur-de-Lis: This stands for the 351st's World War I service in France.

6. CAMPAIGNS:

a. World War I:

Haute-Alsace (France)

b. World War II:

Rome-Arno

North Apennines

Po Valley

7. HONORS:

a. UNIT HONORS:

- (1) Third Battalion awarded Distinguished Unit Badge for its part in capture of Volterra
- (2) Second Battalion awarded Distinguished Unit Badge for its part in Capture of Mt. Capello
- (3) Entire 88th Division awarded French Croix de Guerre for campaigns from Gustav Line to Arno River
- (4) Medical Company and Service Company - Meritorious Unit Streamers

a. INDIVIDUAL HONORS (WW2):

- (1) 18 Distinguished Service Crosses
- (2) 21 Silver Stars
- (3) 529 lesser awards for valor

8. OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

a. Morgan Line, northern sector. Sept 45- Feb 47

b. Trieste. Feb 47 -