



81ST FIELD ARTILLERY



Steinbach-Hallenberg, Germany
20 May 1945

To the Officers and Men of the Eighty First Field Artillery Battalion:

To those of you who have done your duty and are now returning to civilian life, to those of you who have chosen the Army as a career and have further service to devote to your country, and to those of you who are yet new to the service and have one more Battle to win, I express my sincerest gratitude for the loyal, courageous and efficient service you have rendered to your country while serving with the Eighty First Field Artillery Battalion. Through its long overseas service in two different Theaters of War the Battalion has always performed in such a manner as to receive highest praise from higher headquarters. The enviable record established by the Battalion, attested by the record of its accomplishments and the commendations it has received, has been earned by the blood, sweat and tears of each one of you. To those now leaving the Battalion I send warmest greetings and best wishes for your future success from your Comrades in Arms, and to those remaining, whatever our assignment may be, I ask only a continuation of your magnificent service of the past.

U. P. WILLIAMS
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding

BLAZONRY

ARMS: Gules, a cross or, quarter voided of the Field. In dexter chief on a canton ermine an orle sable (from the Coat of Arms of the 11th Cavalry).

CREST: On a wreath of the colors a cannon or in saltire with a cavalry sabre argent hilted of the first, surmounted by a demipegasus rampant of the last winged of the second.

MOTTO: Libertas Justitia Humanitas.

DESCRIPTION

The 23rd Cavalry was organized at Chickamauga in May, 1917. In November of the same year it was transformed into Field Artillery. This dual character is shown by the colors of the shield and wreath, and by the crossed cannon and sabre of the crest. The regiment saw service in Brittany which is indicated by the ermine canton. The Coat of Arms for Brittany is a shield of ermine. The 81st Artillery was formerly the 23rd Cavalry which was organized from a portion of the 11th Cavalry. This is indicated by the black line within the border of the canton taken from the arms the 11th Cavalry.

BATTLE HONORS

The 81st Field Artillery Battalion is entitled to the following streamers:

Victory Ribbon (World War I), without inscription.

Asiatic Pacific Ribbon, without inscription.

European Theater Ribbon, with inscriptions

“Rhineland”

“Ardennes”

“Central Europe”.



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