

89TH CAVALRY REGIMENT



The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved Aug. 6, 1942 for the 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion. It was redesignated for the 899th Tank Battalion April 26, 1956. The insignia was redesignated for the 89th Cavalry Regiment Dec. 23, 2004. The sprinkling of silver caltrops — an ancient military instrument, sometimes called “cheval trap” (from the French word for horse) from its use in impeding the approach of cavalry — symbolizes the first duty of the tank destroyer battalions, i.e., to stop the advance of enemy tanks by obstacles strewn in their path and sharp attack from all points. The silver band represents the forward path to be traveled as well as Highway 99, the birthplace of the unit and the scene of their first arduous convoy. The inverted pile shooting forward from this band further illustrates advance and the penetrating qualities of the battalion toward any obstacle encountered.