



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

QMGHB 424.2 & 421.4  
503rd FA Bn

5 May 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia Rescinded for  
the 503rd Field Artillery Battalion

1. The coat of arms and distinctive insignia, redesignated for the 503rd Field Artillery Battalion by letters QMGHB 424.2 and 421.4 503rd FA Bn, this Office, 23 December 1948, respectively, are rescinded.

2. This rescission is in accordance with "Official Statement of Lineage and Battle Honors," for the 12th Field Artillery Battalion, which indicates the 503rd Field Artillery Battalion was consolidated with the 12th Field Artillery Battalion as the 12th Field Artillery Battalion, which unit has an approved coat of arms and distinctive insignia.

*Arthur E. Dubois*

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Chief, Heraldic Branch  
Research & Development Division

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23 December 1948

**SUBJECT:** Coat of Arms for the 503rd Field Artillery Battalion

**TO:** Commanding Officer  
503rd Field Artillery Battalion  
Fort Lewis, Washington.

1. The coat of arms for the 351st Field Artillery, approved by letter AG 421.7 351st Field Artillery Regt. (5-26-42) LO, The Adjutant General's Office, 26 May 1942, rescinded by letter SPX 421.7-351st F. A. (10-10-42) PD-I, The Adjutant General's Office, 14 October 1942, approved (new approval) by letter SPX 421.7-351st Field Artillery Regt. (10-22-42) PD-I, The Adjutant General's Office, 22 October 1942, redesignated the coat of arms for the 351st Field Artillery Battalion by letter SPQED 424.2 351st F. A. Bn, this Office, 7 September 1943, is further redesignated the coat of arms for the 503rd Field Artillery Battalion. The blazonry and description are as follows:

BLAZONRY

SHIELD: Gules, upon a Lorraine cross or a buffalo head erased proper.

CREST: On a wreath of the colors (or and gules) a pelican's head erased proper, eyed gules.

MOTTO: We can do it.

DESCRIPTION

The shield is scarlet and gold for Field Artillery. The buffalo head symbolizes the Indian name of "Buffalo Soldiers" for colored troops. The Lorraine cross indicates the close connection of the "Buffalo Soldier" to the Army's excellent record in Lorraine during World War I. The motto: "We can do it" is an appropriate expression of the organization's endeavor and ultimate goal.

2. A copy of the history of the 503rd Field Artillery Battalion is inclosed for the organization's records.

QMGMR 424.2 503rd FA Bn  
SUBJECT: Coat of Arms for the 503rd FA Bn

23 December 1948

3. The painting of the coat of arms will be forwarded in the near future.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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W. H. MIDDLESWART  
Major General, QMG  
Chief, Military Planning Division

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SPX 421.7-351st Field Artillery  
Regt. (10-22-42) PD-I

WASHINGTON

October 22, 1942.

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms for the  
351st Field Artillery Regt.

To: The Quartermaster General:

# 5-6-1942

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1. The following Coat of Arms for the 351st Field Artillery Regiment, authorized under the provisions of Paragraph 5, AR 260-10, November 20, 1931, is approved:

SHIELD: <sup>Gules (PA-11-30-42)</sup> Upon a Lorraine cross or a buffalo head erased proper.

CREST: On a wreath of the colors (or and gules) a pelican's head erased proper, eyed gules.

MOTTO: We can do it.

HISTORY: The 351st Field Artillery was originally organized at Camp Meade, Maryland, 7 October, 1917. It served overseas during the World War and while in France earned credit for battle participation as indicated:

Marbache Sector (LORRAINE) 30 October - 11 November, 1918.

It returned to the United States and was demobilized at Camp Meade, 3 March, 1919, and in 1941, the regiment was reconstituted and consolidated with the 351st Field Artillery which has been constituted 16 December, 1940.

The 351st Field Artillery is entitled to a streamer in the colors of the Victory Ribbon, embroidered: "Lorraine".

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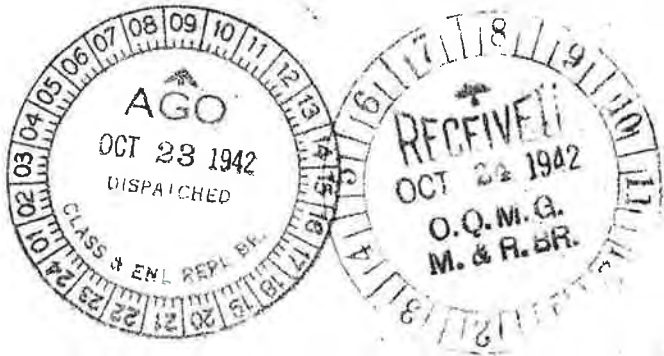


the "Buffalo Soldier" to the Army's excellent record in Lorraine during World War I.

The Motto: "We can do it" is an appropriate expression of the organization's endeavor and ultimate goal.

2. The above blazon and description are sent to you with instructions to have a drawing made indicating the tinctures and to furnish the organization concerned with a painting of the coat of arms.

By Command of Lieutenant General SOMERVELL:



*J. Richardson*  
Adjutant General.

503rd FA Bn

QMOMS 421.4

23 December 1948

**SUBJECT: Distinctive Insignia for the 503rd Field Artillery  
Battalion**

**TO: Commanding Officer  
503rd Field Artillery Battalion  
Fort Lewis, Washington**

1. The distinctive insignia for the 351st Field Artillery, approved by letter AG 421.7 351st Field Artillery Regt. (5-18-42) LO, The Adjutant General's Office, 28 May 1942, rescinded by letter SPX 421.7-351st F. A. (10-10-42) PD-I, The Adjutant General's Office, 14 October 1942, approved (new approval) by letter SPX 421.7-351st F. A. (10-10-42) PDI, The Adjutant General's Office, 14 October 1942, redesignated the distinctive insignia for the 351st Field Artillery Battalion by letter SPQRD 421.4 351st F. A. Bn, this Office, 7 September 1943, as further redesignated the distinctive insignia for the 503rd Field Artillery Battalion.

2. The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms for the 503rd Field Artillery Battalion.

3. The approved drawing of the insignia to be used by the manufacturer, the preparation of which is now a function of this Office, will be forwarded in the near future.

**FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:**

**W. H. MIDDLESWART  
Major General, QMG  
Chief, Military Planning Division**

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY SPX 421.7-351st F. A.  
REFER TO (10-10-42) PD-I

October 14, 1942

SUBJECT: Distinctive Insignia for the  
351st Field Artillery *Regiment*  
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To: The Quartermaster General

The following distinctive insignia for the 351st Field Artillery Regiment, authorized under the provisions of Paragraph 51, AR 600-40, August 28, 1941, is approved:

SHIELD: Upon a Lorraine cross or a buffalo head erased proper.

MOTTO: We can do it.

The insignia consists of the shield and motto of the Coat-of-Arms of the 351st Field Artillery Regiment. It will be manufactured in bright metal and enamel in one size as the organization may select, but not in excess of 1 1/4 inches in height.

TO BE WORN: As prescribed by current regulations.

By Command of Lieutenant General SOMERVELL:

*J. S. Richards*  
Adjutant General.



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COAT OF ARMS FOR STANDARD OF  
503<sup>RD</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY BATTAL

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