



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDRY**

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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

TAPC-PDH-H (840-10a)

13 JAN 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, 109th Engineer Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard

SUBJECT: Heraldic Items for the 109th Engineer Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard

1. The coat of arms for the 109th Engineer Battalion is reinstated this date. The coat of arms was:

a. Originally approved for the 109th Regiment Engineers, South Dakota National Guard, by letter AG 424.5, The Quartermaster General, 23 May 1927.

b. Redesignated for the 109th Engineer Battalion, South Dakota National Guard, by letter SPQRD 424.2, The Quartermaster General, 2 September 1943.

c. Rescinded (Cancelled) for the 109th Engineer Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard, by letter AGAH-A, 22 December 1969.

2. The blazon and symbolism of the design are as follows:

**BLAZON**

**SHIELD:** Per bend indented Argent and Gules a prickly pear cactus Proper between in chief a castle of the like (from the Spanish Campaign Medal), and in base a fleur-de-lis of the first.

**CREST:** That for the regiments and separate battalions of the South Dakota Army National Guard: From a wreath Argent and Gules, a coyote statant Proper.

**MOTTO:** ALLONS Y FAIRE (Let's Go Do It).

**SYMBOLISM**

**SHIELD:** The shield is white and red, the colors associated with the Engineer Corps, divided diagonally by a saw tooth partition line to signify combat Engineers. The castle is taken from the Spanish Campaign medal and represents service during the Philippine Insurrection, the cactus is for Mexican Border duty, and the fleur-de-lis symbolizes World War service.

**CREST:** The crest is that of the South Dakota Army National Guard.

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TAPC-PDH-H

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms for the 109th Engineer Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard

3. This authorization is in accordance with paragraph 5-60, AR 840-10. This authorization letter will become a part of the permanent files of the organization in accordance with File No. 840-10a, AR 25-400-2.

  
THOMAS B. PROFFITT  
Director

CF: CMH

15 OCT 1968

AGAH-A

SUBJECT: Distinctive Insignia for the 109th Engineer Battalion, Allotted to the South Dakota Army National Guard

Commanding Officer  
109th Engineer Battalion  
Sturgis, South Dakota

1. The distinctive insignia approved 2 September 1943 for the 109th Engineer Battalion, and amended this date to add a motto, was originally approved 23 May 1927 for the 109th Regiment Engineers, South Dakota Army National Guard.

2. The insignia is described as follows:

BLAZON

SHIELD: Per bend indented argent and gules, a prickly pear cactus proper between in chief a castle of the like (from the Spanish Campaign medal) and in base a fleur-de-lis of the first.

MOTTO: Allons y Faire (Let's Go Do It).

SYMBOLISM

The shield is white and red--the Engineer Corps colors--divided diagonally by a saw tooth partition line to signify combat Engineers. The castle is taken from the Spanish Campaign medal and represents service during the Philippine Insurrection, the cactus is for Mexican Border duty, and the fleur-de-lis symbolizes World War Service.

3. The distinctive insignia will be worn as prescribed in AR 670-5.

4. This amendment letter will become a permanent file of the organization in accordance with File No. 206-06, Organizational history files, AR 345-210.

ACAH-A


15 OCT 1968

SUBJECT: Distinctive Insignia for the 109th Engineer Battalion, Allotted  
to the South Dakota Army National Guard


5. This authorization is in accordance with:

a. Paragraph 14-18a, AR 670-5, 23 September 1966.

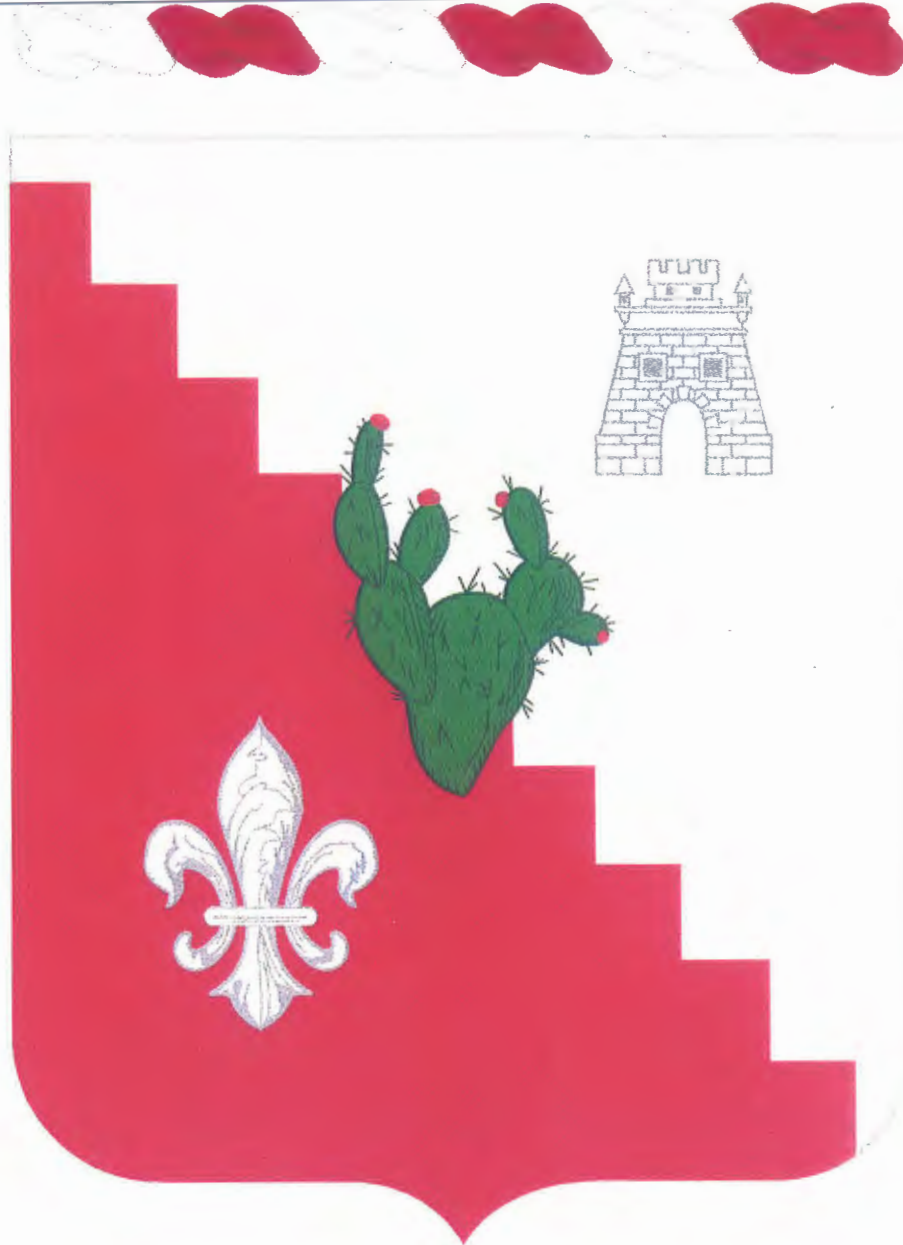
b. Letter NG-AROTO 1002-01 - South Dakota, Reorganization Authority  
No. 81-67, subject: Reorganization of the Army National Guard, the National  
Guard Bureau, 26 December 1967.

  
G. W. DUNDAS  
LTC, AGC  
Commanding

CF: OCMH (2)  
D&I Div.

Concurrence: Chief, D&I Div. 

CREST FOR THE  
SOUTH DAKOTA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



COAT OF ARMS FOR COLOR OF  
*109<sup>TH</sup> ENGINEERS*

REFERENCE: THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDRY DWG No. 5-6-1589

COLOR GUIDE SKETCH  
FOR LOCATION OF COLOR ONLY  
NOT FOR COLOR MATCH

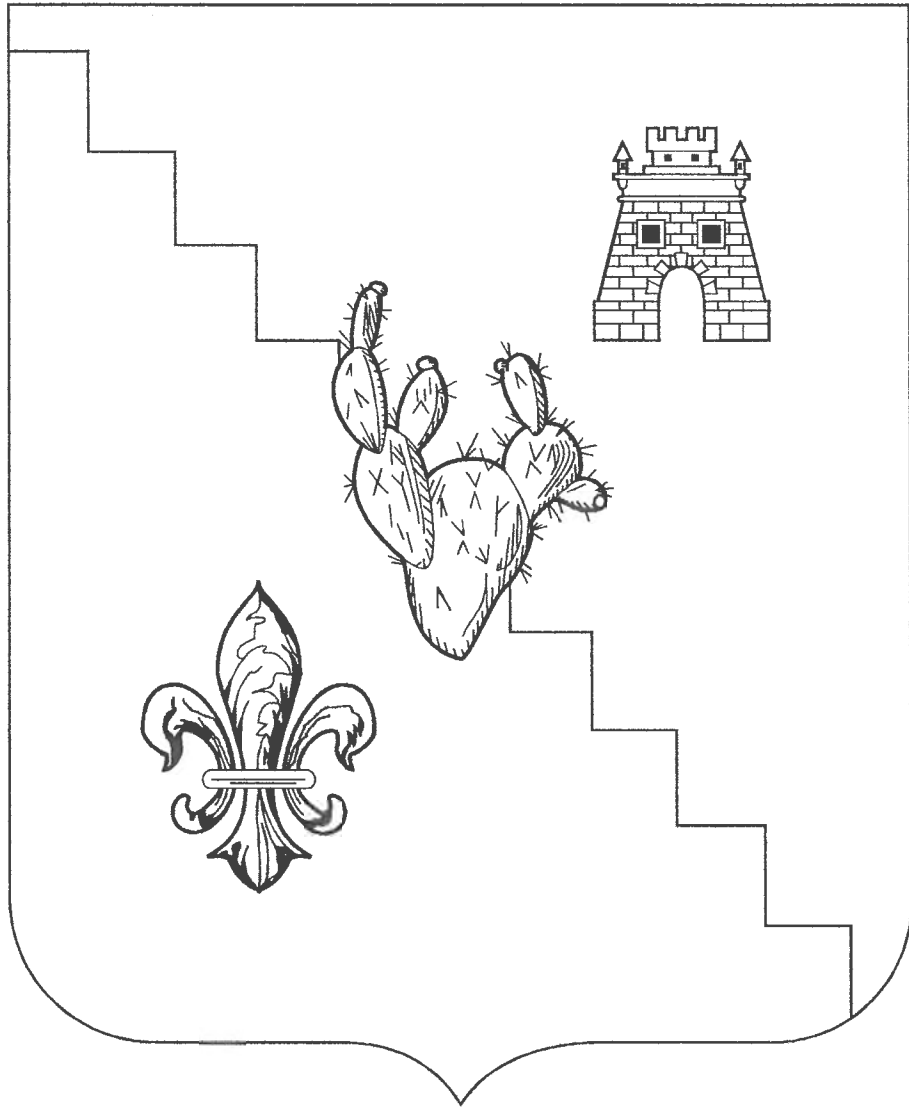
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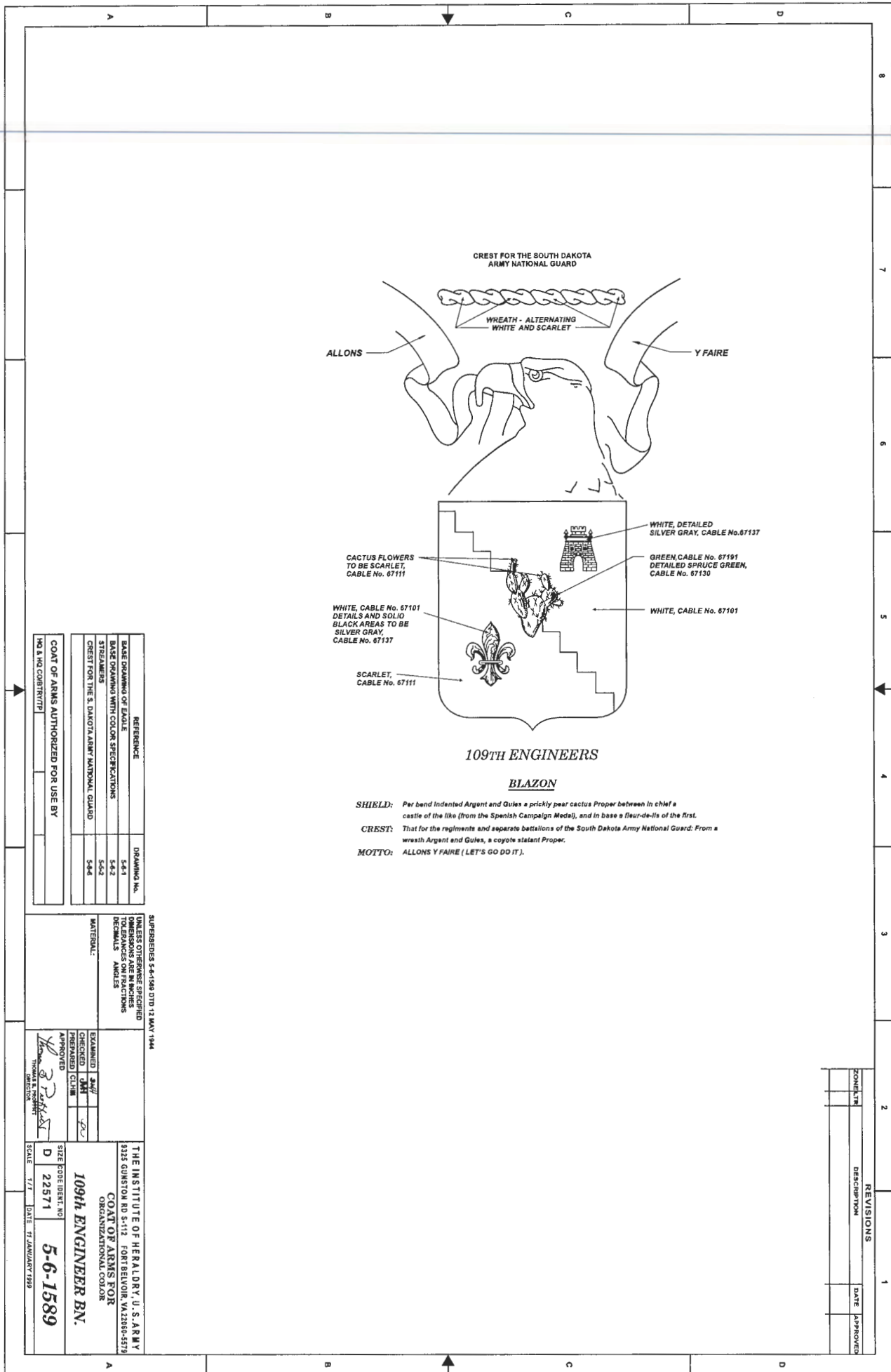
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THOMAS B. PROFFITT, DIRECTOR





REFERENCE	ORDINANCE No.
BASE DRAINAGE OF ESCAL	641
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COAT OF ARMS AUTHORIZED FOR USE BY

NO. & HQ CONTINENT

**SUPERSEDES 54-1589 DTN 12 MAY 1944**

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED  
DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES  
DIMENSIONS OF COLORS  
RESEMBLE ANGLES

**MATERIAL:**

EXAMINED	DATE	BY
CHECKED	DATE	BY
PREPARED	DATE	BY
APPROVED	DATE	BY

109th ENGINEER BN.

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COAT OF ARMS FOR  
ORGANIZATIONAL COLOR

**109th ENGINEER BN.**

SIZE CODE IDENT. NO. **D 22571**

SCALE 7/7 DATE 11 JANUARY 1989

**5-6-1589**

REVISIONS		
NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE
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19TH ENGINEER BATTALION  
 NORTH DAKOTA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD  
 D 4301

ACTUAL SIZE  $1\frac{1}{8}'' \pm \frac{1}{64}''$

METAL COLOR---SILVER  
 FINISH-----MIRROR-LIKE POLISH  
 SHIELD-----

ENAMEL--VITREOUS OPAQUE

CHARGES--FLUSH

LETTERING-----VITREOUS OPAQUE ENAMEL (RED#1)

PIERCING-----BETWEEN SHIELD & SCROLL

CHIP NO.-----WHITE #28 RED#1 GREEN#12

Letters Red #1



109TH ENGINEER BATTALION  
SOUTH DAKOTA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

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