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30 December 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 1402nd Engineer Combat Battalion, California National Guard

1. The coat of arms and distinctive insignia approved for the 1402d Engineer Battalion by letter QMGRH 424.2 & 421.4 - 1402d Engr Cmbt Bn, Cal NG, Office of the Quartermaster General, subject as above, dated 5 November 1953, are rescinded this date.
2. The above action is taken in accordance with Reorganization Authority Number 44-59, National Guard Bureau, Subject: Reorganization of the Army National Guard 1958-60, dated 23 April 1959, extract of which is attached. The 1402nd Engineer Battalion was deleted from the California Troop Allotment on 1 May 1959; concurrently Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Company was consolidated with other organizations to form Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 119th Military Police Battalion. After undergoing several reorganizations and redesignations HHC, 119th MP Bn is now Company B, 3d Battalion, 160th Infantry.
3. The 160th Infantry has an approved coat of arms and distinctive insignia.

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CHARLES R. SPITTLER
Colonel, AGC
Director

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QUEST 424.3 & 421.4
1402nd Engr. Cmbt Bn, Cal NG

6 November 1953

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 1402nd Engineer
Combat Battalion, California National Guard

THRU: Chief, National Guard Bureau
Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding Officer
1402nd Engineer Combat Battalion
700 Exposition Boulevard
Los Angeles 7, California

1. The coat of arms for the 1402nd Engineer Combat Battalion, California National Guard, is approved. The blazonry and description are as follows:

BLAZONRY

SHIELD: Per fess abased gules and argent, a fess abased wavy to base tierced or, paley of nine of the first and the third, and azure.

CREST: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the California National Guard: On a wreath of the colors (argent and gules) the setting sun behind a grizzly bear passant on a grassy field all proper.

MOTTO: Estructura Y Defensor (Build and Defend).

DESCRIPTION

Red and white are the colors of the Corps of Engineers. The fess is symbolic of strength and support. The red and yellow pales, suggestive of the arms of Aragon, symbolise the Spanish settlement of California. The four yellow pales represent the counties of Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego, the home area of the organization. The coastal location is indicated by the wavy blue section, which signifies the Pacific; the white area alludes to the beaches. The yellow design, taken as a whole, represents the engineering function of construction of bridges, buildings, docks, field fortification, gun emplacements, etc.

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QMRR 421.2 & 421.4
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3. The distinctive insignia for the 1402nd Engineer Combat Battalion, California National Guard, is approved. The distinctive insignia consists of the shield and motto of the coat of arms for this organization, which is described in paragraph 1.

TO BE WORN: As prescribed by current regulations.

5. The approved drawing for use in the manufacture of this insignia will be forwarded on or about 5 January 1964.

4. This approval letter is in accordance with the "Official Statement of Lineage and Battle Honors," dated 20 November 1952, copy of which, it is understood, was furnished your organization by Office of Military History.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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for ARTHUR E. DUBOIS
Chief, Heraldic Branch
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