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SUBJECT: Distinctive Badge for the 143d Field Artillery Group, Allotted to the California Army National Guard

Commanding Officer
143d Field Artillery Group

1. The distinctive badge redesignated this date for the 143d Field Artillery Group, was originally approved for the 143d Artillery Group, California Army National Guard, 2 April 1969.
2. The description and symbolism of the insignia are as follows:

DESCRIPTION

A gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches in height consisting of a gold stylized mountain peak having three points, the central one enlarged and bearing a blue fleur-de-lis wedged between the halves of a split apart and uprooted red evergreen tree all above a base of blue waves and enclosed at sides and bottom by a wavy red scroll bearing the inscription "Steel and Honor" in gold letters.

SYMBOLISM

Scarlet and gold (yellow) are the colors used by the Artillery branch. The unit's four World War II campaign credits are commemorated in the following way: The blue fleur-de-lis denotes service in Northern France; the waves in base represent the waters of the Rhine in allusion to the Rhineland Campaign; the split and uprooted tree is used to represent Ardennes-Alsace, a historically divided and troubled region of Europe,

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and the mountain form denotes the Central European Campaign. The motto "Steel and Honor" reflects the spirit and the ideals of the 143d Field Artillery Group.

3. The authorized insignia will be worn as prescribed in AR 670-5.
4. This authorization letter will become a permanent file of the organization in accordance with File No. 2-05, AR 340-2 or File No. 228-08, Organizational History files, AR 340-18-2, as applicable.
5. This authorization is in accordance with letter NGB-ARO-0 207-02, Reorganization Authority No. 68-72, subject: Change of Designation for ARNG Field Artillery Battalions/Batteries, the National Guard Bureau, 8 March 1972.



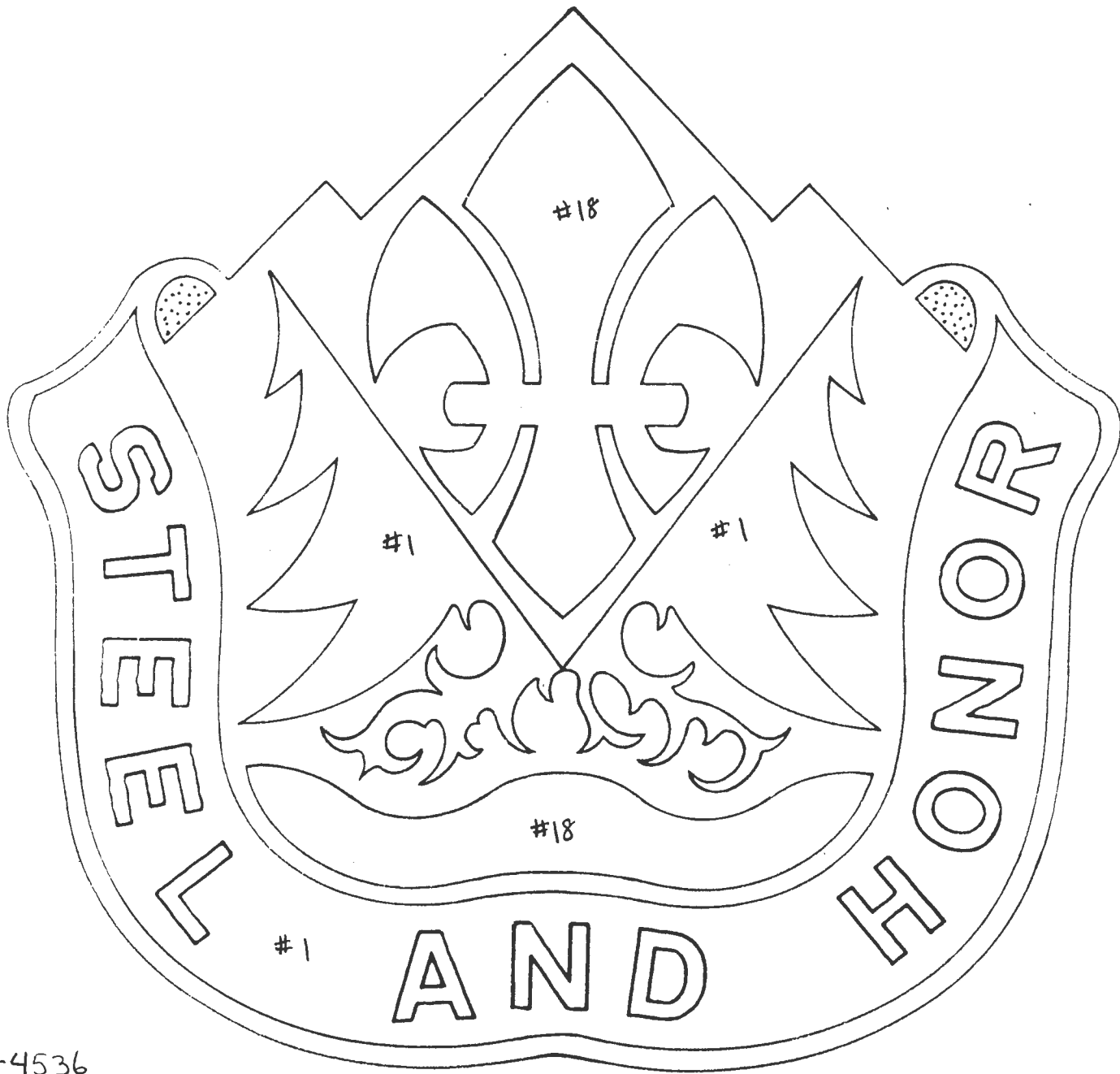
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Chief, Tech Div. *W*



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143D FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP
 NON-COLOR BEARING UNITS
 CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

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

METAL COLOR---GOLD
 FINISH-----MIRROR-LIKE POLISH
 DEVICE-----
 ENAMEL--VITREOUS OPAQUE
 CHARGES--FLUSH
 LETTERING-----BASE METAL
 PIERCING-----NONE
 CHIP No.-----BLUE #18 RED #1

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