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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

IN REPLY
REFER TO:
QMIH-A

1 AUG 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Rescission of Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the
161st Armored Infantry Battalion, California National Guard

1. The coat of arms and distinctive insignia for the 161st Armored Infantry Battalion, California National Guard, rescinded this date, were:

a. Originally approved for the 161st Armored Infantry Battalion, California National Guard, by letter QMGRH 424.2 & 421.4 161st Armd Inf Bn, Cal NG, Office of The Quartermaster General, 14 March 1955.

b. Amended to correct the wording in the blazonry of the shield by letter QMGRH 424.2 & 421.4 - 161st Armd Inf Bn, Calif NG, Office of The Quartermaster General, 1 September 1955.

2. Authority for Action: Letter, NG-AROTO 325.4 - California, Office of the National Guard Bureau, subject: Reorganization of the Army National Guard 1958-60, dated 23 April 1959.

3. Other Applicable Data: The 161st Armored Infantry Battalion was deleted from the Troop Allotment to the State of California, effective 1 July 1959, by authority of the above cited National Guard Bureau letter. By the same authority the 161st Armored Infantry Battalion was reorganized and redesignated the 3d Armored Infantry Battalion of the 160th Infantry, a California National Guard Regiment organized under the Combat Arms Regimental System.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

R. N. Sims
for R. N. SIMS
Chief, Corres & Adm Div

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~~CGRHH 424.2 & 421.4~~
161st (Arm) Inf Bn, Calif NG

1 September 1955

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 161st Armored Infantry Battalion, California National Guard

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

1. Letter CGRHH 424.2 & 421.4 - 161st Arm Inf Bn, Cal NG, the Office of The Quartermaster General, 14 March 1955, is amended to correct the wording in the blazoury of the shield to read as follows:

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SHIELD: Argent, a carabao's head caboshed azure; on a canton of the last a chevron and a Fleur-de-lis of the first; all within a bordure of the second.

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2. The remainder of the above cited letter, as well as the contents before the shield, is unchanged.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

ARTHUR E. DUBOIS
Chief, Heraldic Branch
Research & Development Division

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PREP DATE: 29 Aug 55

2 copies furnished: OCMH

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QMGRH 424.2 & 421.4
161st Arm'd Inf Bn, Cal NG

14 March 1955

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 161st Armored
Infantry Battalion, California National Guard

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

1. The coat of arms for the 161st Armored Infantry Battalion, California National Guard, is approved. The blazonry and description are as follows:

BLAZONRY

SHIELD: Argent, a carabao azure; on a canton of the last a chevron and a fleur-de-lis of the first; all within a bordure of the second.

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

MOTTO: Mobilitas Victoria (Mobility is Victory).

DESCRIPTION

The shield of the coat of arms for the 224th Infantry Regiment, differenced by a blue border, is used to indicate the descent of the 161st Armored Infantry Battalion from the 3rd Battalion of that organization.

In the designing of the coat of arms of the 224th Infantry Regiment, the basic design of the shield of the coat of arms of the 185th Infantry Regiment, in reverse colors with the carabao head added to symbolize service in the Philippine Islands during World War II, was used to indicate descent from the latter organization.

The chevron and fleur-de-lis on the canton indicate World War I service of the units from which the 185th Infantry Regiment descended. The colors blue and white are used for Infantry.

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QMGRH 424.2 & 421.4

161st Arm'd Inf Bn, Cal NG

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 161st Armored
Infantry Battalion, California National Guard

2. The distinctive insignia for the 161st Armored Infantry Battalion, California National Guard, is approved. The distinctive insignia consists of the shield and motto of the coat of arms for the organization, which is described in paragraph 1.

TO BE WORN: As prescribed by current regulations.

3. The approved painting for use in the manufacture of this insignia will be forwarded to the organization on or about 20 May 1955.

4. This approval letter is in accordance with "Official Statement of Lineage and Battle Honors" dated 4 October 1954.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

ARTHUR E. DUBOIS
Chief, Heraldic Branch
Research & Development Division

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*CREST: On a wreath of the colors (argent and azure)
that for the California National Guard*

MOTTO: Mobilitas | Victoria



*COAT OF ARMS FOR STANDARD OF
161ST | INFANTRY
FULL SIZE*

REFERENCE: Q.M. DRAWING No. 5-6-2271

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DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA
FOR THE
161st ARMORED INFANTRY BN.

5 JULY 1955
(DATE)

