



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDRY, UNITED STATES ARMY  
CAMERON STATION, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22304-5050



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

TAPC-PDH-Z (840-10a)

13 NOV 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, 185th Quartermaster Battalion,  
Fresno, California 93702-3798

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms for the 185th Quartermaster Battalion,  
California Army National Guard

1. A coat of arms is authorized this date for the  
185th Quartermaster Battalion, California Army National Guard.  
The blazon and symbolism of the design are as follows:

BLAZON

SHIELD: Azure, a Philippine sun buff debruised by  
the bow of a double key chevronwise wards  
to base or, above a pile reversed of the  
like bearing two bars wavy in base of the  
first and charged with two broad arrows  
palewise suppressed gules.

CREST: That for the regiments and separate battal-  
ions of the California Army National Guard:  
On a wreath of the colors or and azure, the  
setting sun behind a grizzly bear passant on  
a grassy field all proper.

MOTTO: THE IRON WILL.

SYMBOLISM


Buff and blue are colors associated with the Quarter-  
master Corps. The double key suggests security and  
stewardship and reflects the Battalion's duties. The  
sun symbol alludes to the Presidential Seal of the  
Philippines and denotes the unit's award of the Philip-  
pine Presidential Unit Citation. The triangle with  
wavy bars signifies the Battalion's lineage in World  
War II Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaigns where it  
participated in the assault landings of Luzon and the  
Southern Philippines as indicated by the broad arrows.  
The arrows are red indicating the award of the  
Meritorious Unit Commendation.

2. This authorization is in accordance with the following  
authorities:

TAPC-PDH-Z

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms for the 185th Quartermaster Battalion,  
California Army National Guard

- a. Paragraph 5-50, AR 840-10.
- b. Letter, NGB-ARF-I 310-49c, Organizational Authority  
Number 133-92, The National Guard Bureau, 20 May 1992.
3. This authorization letter will become a part of the permanent  
organizational history files of the organization in accordance  
with File No. 870-5a, AR 25-400-2.

  
GERALD T. LUCHINO  
Director



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SUBJECT: Distinctive Unit Insignia for the 185th Quartermaster  
Battalion, California Army National Guard

1. The distinctive unit insignia redesignated for the 185th  
Quartermaster Battalion this date, with description and symbolism  
revised, was:

a. Originally approved for the 185th Armor Group, California  
Army National Guard, by letter AGAH-A, The Institute of Heraldry,  
21 September 1970.

b. Redesignated for the 185th Transportation Battalion,  
California Army National Guard, by letter AGAH-A, The Institute  
of Heraldry, 7 April 1972.

2. The description and symbolism are as follows:

DESCRIPTION

A gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches  
(2.86 cm) in height overall, consisting of a gold  
Philippine sun on a white background centered be-  
hind the apex of an equilateral triangle charged  
with three horizontal wavy bars alternately of  
blue, white and blue and having centered thereon  
from base to apex two gold arrowheads the point  
of the lower one overlapping the base of the one  
above; encircling the sun symbol and terminating  
in a roll at either side of the triangle a scarlet  
scroll inscribed with "THE IRON WILL" in gold.

SYMBOLISM

The equilateral triangle alludes to the flag of the  
Philippines where the parent unit saw most of its  
World War II service and the wavy bars refer to the  
Asiatic-Pacific Theater where that unit was engaged  
in two Philippine campaigns and one in the Bismarck  
Archipelago. The two arrowheads denote participation  
in assault landings in the Luzon and Southern  
Philippine Campaigns. The gold sun symbol (as used  
on the Philippine flag and on the President's seal)  
and the scarlet scroll signify awards of the Philip-  
pine Presidential Unit Citation and the Meritorious  
Unit Commendation, respectively.

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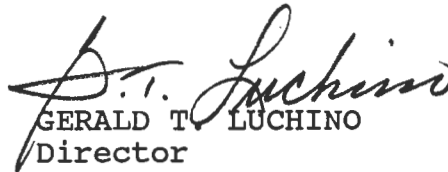
SUBJECT: Distinctive Unit Insignia for the 185th Quartermaster Battalion, California Army National Guard

3. This authorization is in accordance with the following authorities:

a. Paragraph 28-21, AR 670-1.

b. Letter, NGB-ARF-I 310-49c, Organizational Authority Number 133-92, The National Guard Bureau, 20 May 1992.

4. This authorization letter will become a part of the permanent organizational history files of the organization in accordance with File No. 870-5a, AR 25-400-2.

  
GERALD T. LUCHINO  
Director



COAT OF ARMS FOR COLOR OF  
**185<sup>TH</sup> QUARTERMASTER**

REFERENCE: THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDRY DWG. NO 5-6-

COLOR GUIDE SKETCH

FOR LOCATION OF COLOR ONLY  
AND NOT FOR COLOR MATCH

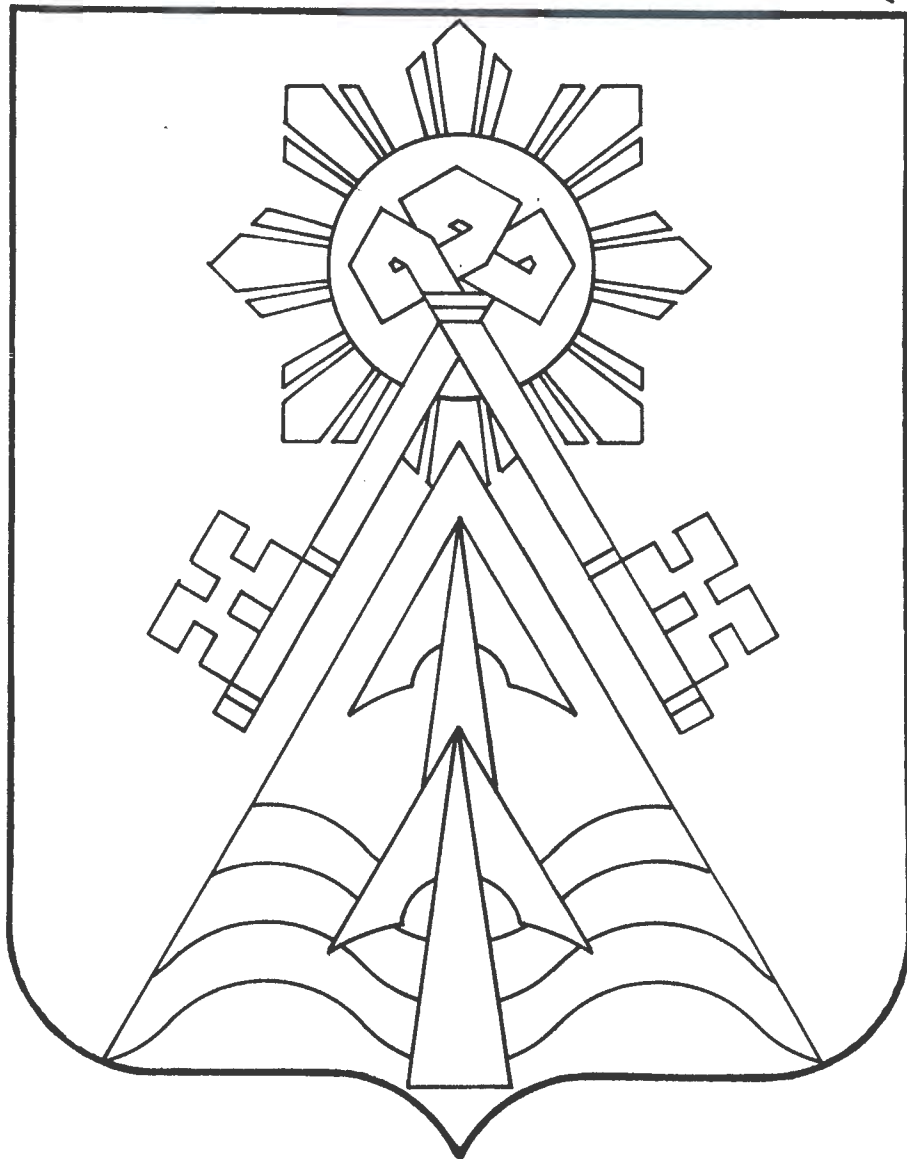
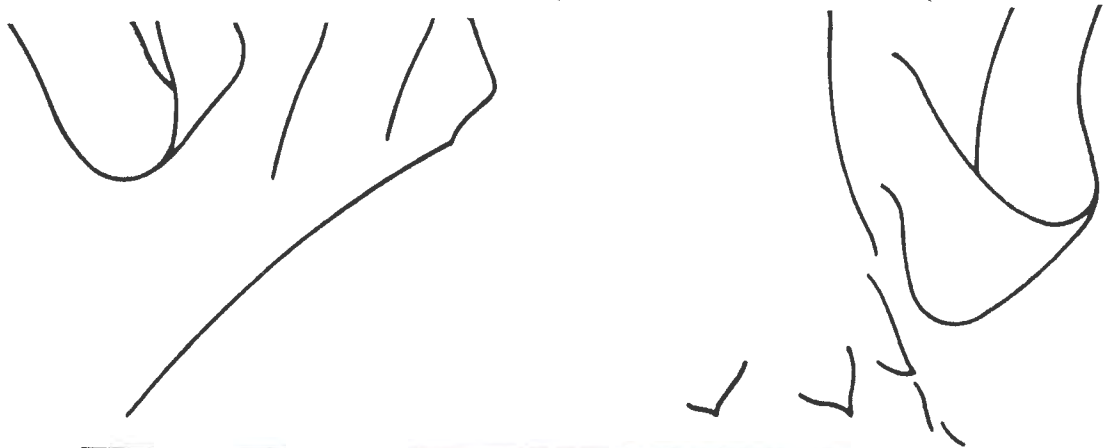
APPROVED  
THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDRY  
U. S. ARMY DATE: 14 OCT 9

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DIRECTOR

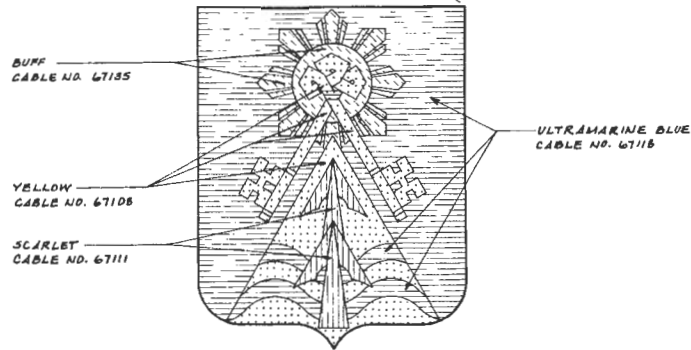
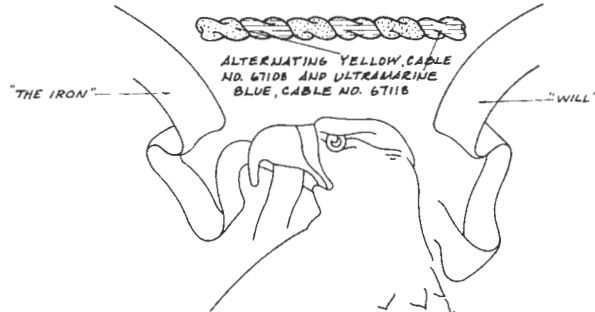


COAT OF ARMS  
185TH QUARTERMASTER BATTALION  
CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



185th QUARTERMASTER

CREST FOR  
CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



185TH QUARTERMASTER  
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**MOTTO:** The Iron Will

REFERENCE	DRAWING NO.
BEST DRAWING OF EXIST.	5-6-1
BEST DRAWING WITH COLOR SPECIFICATIONS	5-6-2
STRIPPER	5-5-2
CHART FOR CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD	5-6-4

COAT OF ARMS AUTHORIZED FOR USE BY  
NO. 1 HQ CO

FORMERLY THE 185TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED  
DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES  
DECIMALS FRACTIONS

NATIONAL:

EXAMINED	SUB
CHECKED	ELC/D
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DATE: 10 OCT 1978

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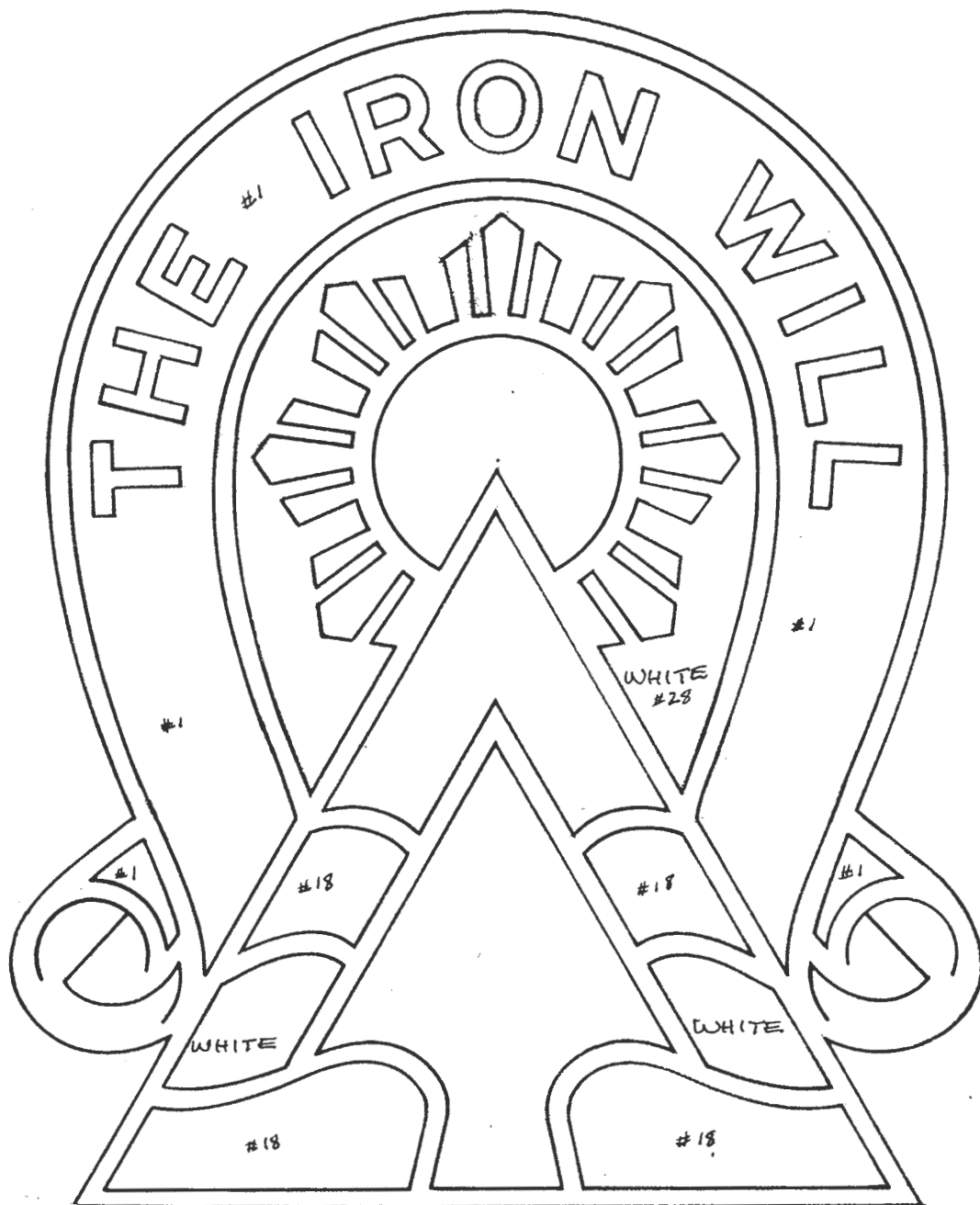
COAT OF ARMS FOR  
ORGANIZATIONAL COLOR

QUARTERMASTER  
185TH BATTALION

SIZE CODE IDENT. NO.  
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SCALE: 1/1

REVISIONS	
NO.	DESCRIPTION
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185TH QUARTERMASTER BN  
 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, EXCEPT ARROWS RECESSED & MODELLED  
 LETTERING-----BASE METAL  
 PIERCING-----NONE  
 CHIP NO. WHITE # 28 BLUE # 18 RED # 1

DESIGN ORIGINALLY APPROVED  
 21 September 1970  
 MANUFACTURING DRAWING APPROVED  
 21 October 1992  
 THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDRY, US AR

*G.T. Luchino*  
 GERALD T. LUCHINO  
 DIRECTOR



DISTINCTIVE UNIT BADGE  
185th QUARTERMASTER BN