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DAAG-HDA

SUBJECT: Distinctive Badge for the 243d Engineer Battalion, Allotted to the Rhode Island Army National Guard

Commander
243d Engineer Battalion

1. A distinctive badge for the 243d Engineer Battalion is authorized. The insignia is described as follows:

DESCRIPTION

A gold color metal and enamel device 1 3/16 inches in height overall consisting of a white castle tower charged with a red rooster all on a mound issuing from two wavy bars all gold and all surmounting a blue enamel disc bearing two gold drops within a red enamel annulet inscribed, left of the tower, "WE WILL", and right of the tower, "MAKE IT" all in gold.

SYMBOLISM

Scarlet and white are the colors used for the Corps of Engineers and a castle tower is emblematic of the branch. Also the tower along with the mound, wavy bars, drops and annulet refers to Amchitka Island, where the unit as the 177th Engineers constructed petroleum storage tanks in the Aleutian Islands campaign, WW II. The mound and wavy bars also simulate coastal areas near the unit's present location and the red rooster represents the State bird of Rhode Island, and together symbolize the organization's allotment to that state.

2. The distinctive badge will be worn as prescribed in AR 670-5.

3. This authorization is in accordance with letter N68-ARO-0 207-02 R1, Reorganization Authority Number 31-72, Subject: Reorganization of the Rhode Island Army National Guard Under G/H Series TOE, dated 31 January 1972.

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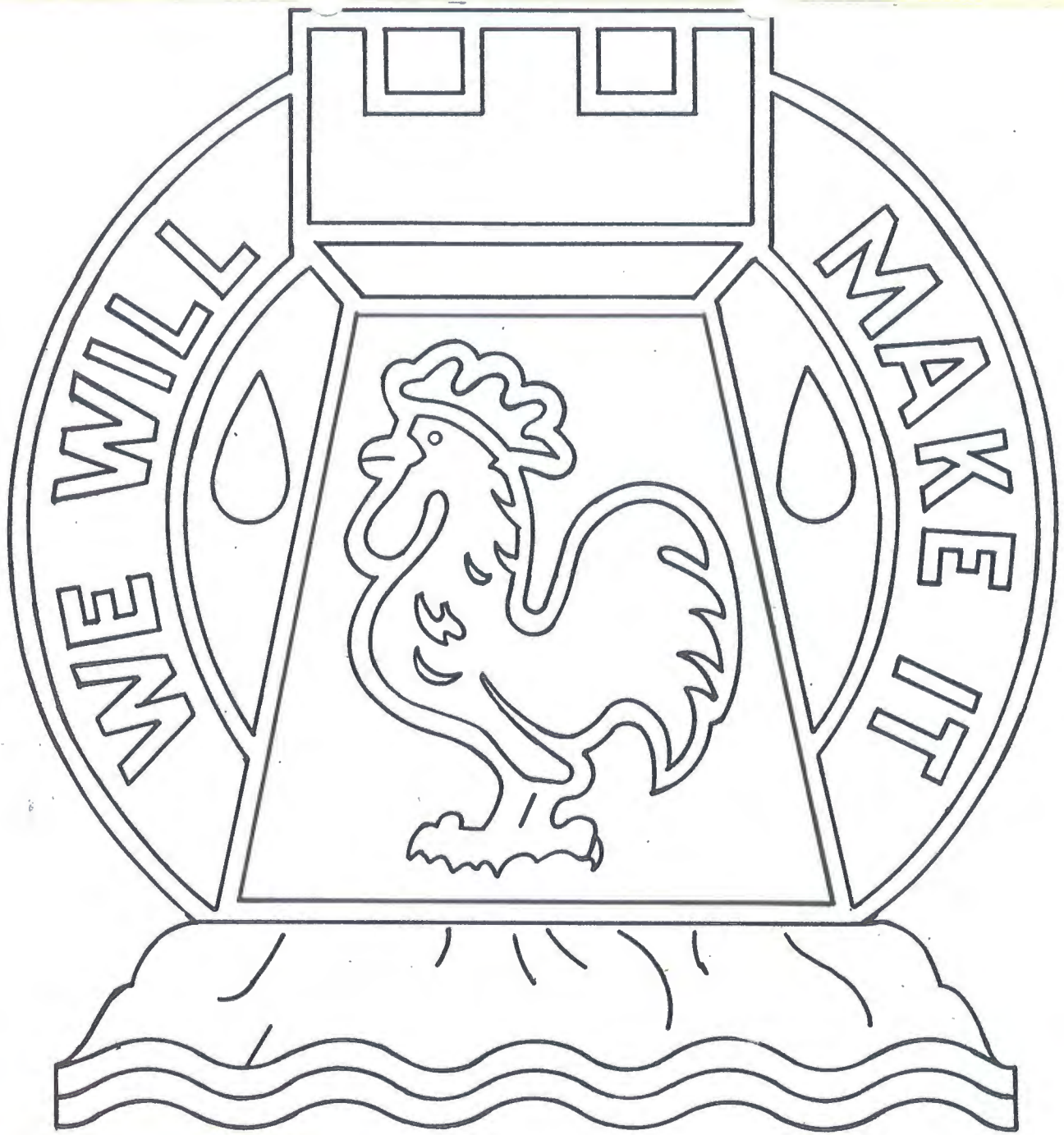
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4. This letter will become a permanent file of the organization in accordance with File No. 2-05, AR 340-2 or File No. 228-08, Organizational History files, AR 340-18-2, as applicable.

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CONCURRENCE: Chief, D&I Div TIP for CAR



243D ENGINEER BATTALION
RHODE ISLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

ACTUAL SIZE $1\frac{3}{16}'' \pm \frac{1}{64}$

METAL COLOR GOLD

FINISH MIRROR-LIKE POLISH

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LETTERING BASE METAL

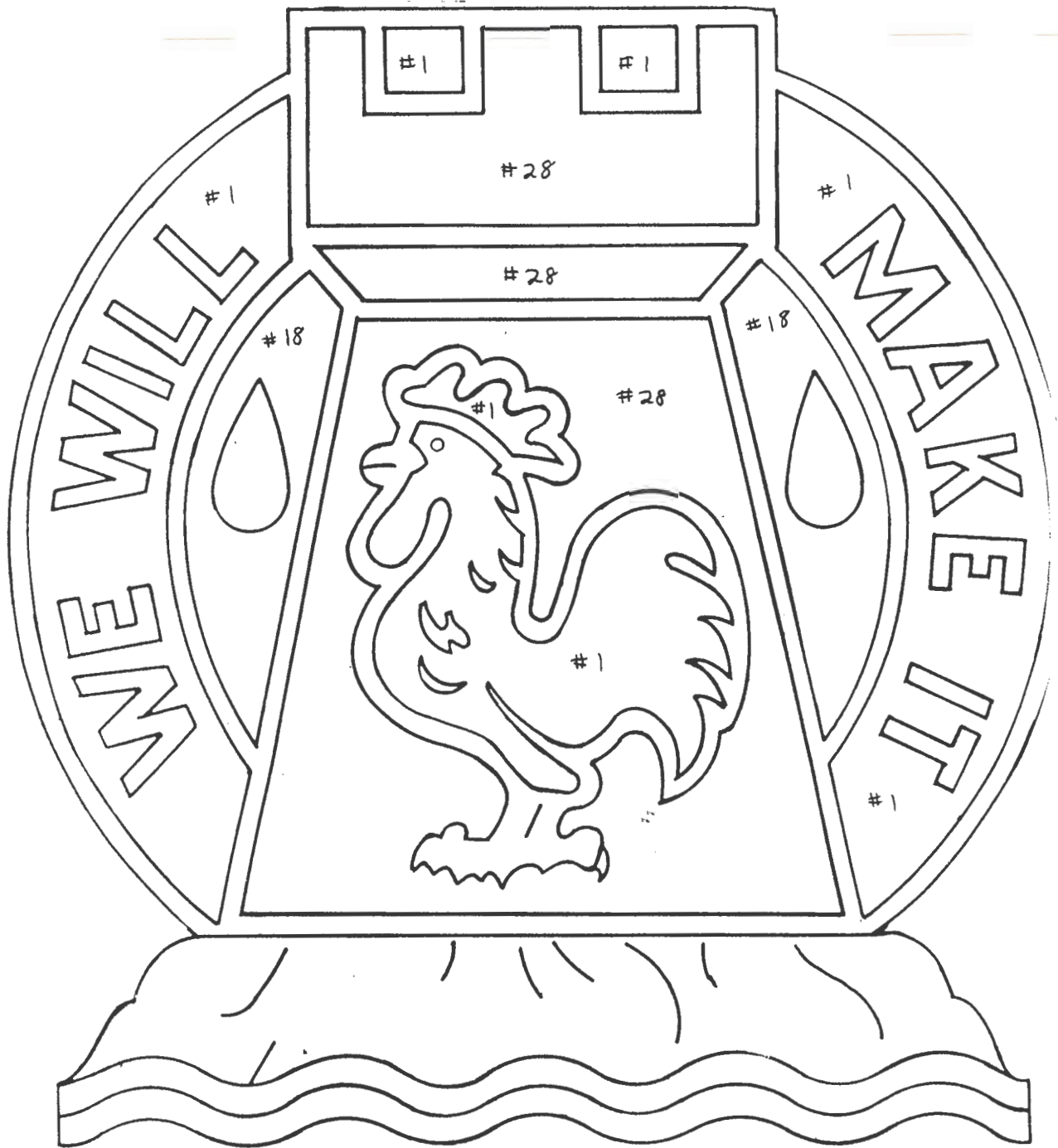
PIERCING NONE

CHIP NO. WHITE *28 RED *1 BLUE *18

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243D ENGINEER BATTALION

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**SUGGESTED DESIGN FOR
DISTINCTIVE BADGE**

243d Engineer Battalion

Rhode Island Army National Guard

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