

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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 February 9, 1923.

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms - 295th Infantry (1st Porto Rico N.G.).

To: The Quartermaster General.

1. The Secretary of War approves the following coat of arms for the 295th Infantry (1st Porto Rico N.G.):

CREST - That for the regiments of the Porto Rico National Guard - On a wreath ^{argent} ~~or~~ and ~~gules~~ upon a closed book gules with pages edged or a paschal lamb couchant with staff and banner of San Juan (gules a cross argent) all proper.

SHIELD - Azure between three lymphads argent upon a rocky islet proper a tower or with openings gules surmounted by a lion rampant of the fourth.

MOTTO - Todo por la patria (All for the Country).

NAME - 295th - 1st Porto Rico - Regiment - Infantry.

DESCRIPTION

This military body was organized in Porto Rico in the colonization period. All native men of the Island from 18 to 50 years of age were compelled to be members thereof and were given the duty of defending the country. Both officers and enlisted men had to be white and the former of the nobility.

The most important deeds of arms in which this organization took part were the following:

Defense of the City of San Juan in 1598 against the English commanded by the Duke of Cumberland.

Defense of San Juan in 1625 against the Dutch commanded by Baldwin Henry.

Defense of the Villa of Arecibo by Captain Don Antonio de los Reyes Correa against the English in 1703.

The driving out of the English from the Isle of Vieques in 1755.

Defense of San Juan against an English fleet which landed 11,000 men at Cangrejos, commanded by Admiral Ralph Abercrombie in 1797. In this siege 3,000 Germans were landed who fought under the English flag. The siege lasted two weeks, coming to an end with the defeat of the English who left in possession of the defenders cannons, rifles, camp materials and prisoners.

Expedition to the Isle of Santa Cruz to suppress a negro revolution in 1848.

Suppression of the Revolutionary movement at Lares in 1868.

This organized militia also took part in the second revolution of Santo Domingo and in addition the defense of the towns of Fajardo, Guanica, Mayaguez and Aguadilla, against the English.

Description - On blue field a golden tower encroached on natural rocks and the tower surmounted by a rampant lion. Surrounding the castle three sailing boats, departing towards the open sea. Over the shield the crest - the holy lamb from the Arms of the old Spanish Colony.

As the most noted war enterprise in which the disciplined militia of Porto Rico gloriously took part was the defense of San Juan, Porto Rico, against the English in 1797, this is what the coat of arms represents.

The castle and the rocks stand for the small isle of San Juan; the golden tower and the red door representing the gold expended and the blood shed in its defense.

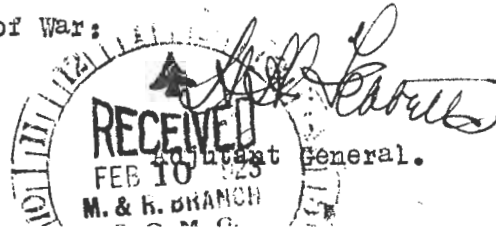
The lion over the tower meaning that it was the offspring of the Spanish lion who defended it.

The sailing boats departing towards the open sea represent the retiring enemy's fleet in defeat.

The white lamb on the red and gold book with the golden staff and banner of San Juan, a red field with a white cross represent the Island of Porto Rico which was so bravely defended by the Militia of Porto Rico, whose tradition the actual National Guard of Porto Rico desires to follow.

2. You are directed to have a drawing made indicating the tinctures and to furnish the Regimental Commander, thru the Chief of Militia Bureau with a copy of same.

By order of the Secretary of War:


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M. & H. BRANCH
Adjutant General.

March 27, 1926.

Distinctive Insignia for the
295th Regiment Infantry,
Puerto Rico National Guard.

The Quartermaster General.

1. The following distinctive insignia for the 295th Regiment Infantry,
Puerto Rico National Guard, under AR 600-40, paragraph 47, is approved:

SHIELD: Azure, between three lymphads argent upon a rocky
islet proper a tower or with openings gules sur-
mounted by a lion rampant of the fourth.

MOOTO: Todo por la Patria.

The insignia is the shield and motto of the 295th Infantry. It will
be manufactured in bright metal and enamel in one size, as the organiza-
tion may select, but not in excess of 1-3/4 inches in height.

TO BE WORN:

By officers: On the service uniform on the upper por-
tion of the shoulder loops of coat; on the front of the service hat
midway between band and crease.

On olive drab shirt on the upper portion of the shoulder loops.

On white uniform same as on service coat.

On mess jacket on both lapels above line of miniature medals.

By enlisted personnel: On the service uniform on both
sides of the collar; on standing collar 3/4 of an inch in rear of
the service insignia; on roll collar, centered on collar, lower
edge 1/2 of an inch from upper edge of button insignia; on the
front of the service hat midway between band and crease.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Livingston Watrous

Adjutant General.

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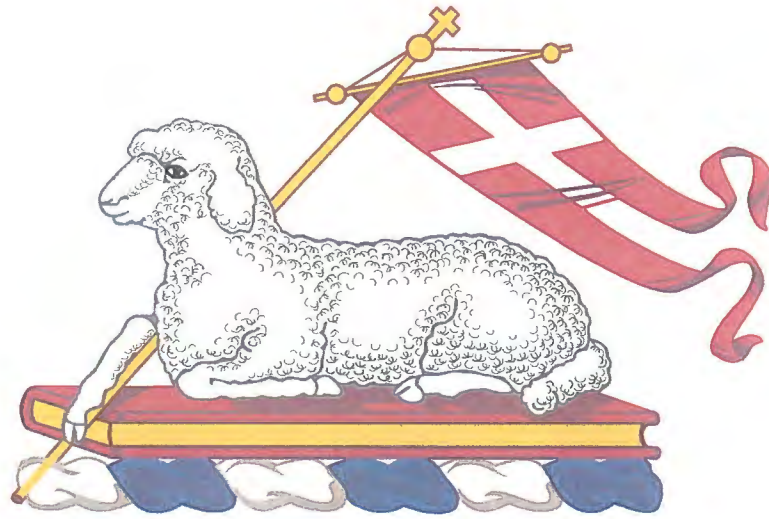
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ACTUAL SIZE $1\frac{1}{8}'' \pm \frac{1}{64}''$

METAL COLOR—SILVER

FINISH—MIRROR-LIKE POLISH

SHIELD—

ENAMEL—VITREOUS OPAQUE

CHARGES—FLUSH—EXCEPT SHIPS ARE RECESSED & MODELLED

LETTERING—VITREOUS OPAQUE ENAMEL (BLACK #26)

PIERCING—NONE—RECESSED & TEXTURED BETWEEN SHIELD & SCROLL

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