

HERALDIC SERVICES DIVISION
QUARTERMASTER ACTIVITIES
CAMERON STATION, U. S. ARMY
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

IN REPLY

REFER TO:

QMACH 424.2 & 421.4
303d Regiment Cav. OR

2 MAR 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Rescission of the Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the
303d Regiment Cavalry, Organized Reserves

1. The coat of arms approved for the 303d Regiment Cavalry, Organized Reserves, by letter AG 424.5 Coats of Arms (3-26-25) Misc. the Office of The Adjutant General, 24 October 1925, is rescinded this date.

2. The distinctive insignia approved for the 303d Regiment Cavalry, Organized Reserves, by letter AG 421.7 303d Cav. (10-21-25) Misc. the Office of The Adjutant General, 23 October 1925, is rescinded this date.

3. This rescission is in accordance with letter AGAO-I 322 Army Reserves (8 Feb 52) HIS-M, 10 March 1952, data of which was furnished by the Office of The Adjutant General 3 February 1959. The 303d Cavalry Regiment as the 303d Armored Cavalry Regiment, Organized Reserves Corps was disbanded in 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


JOHN G. GOODLETT, JR.
Major, QMC
Chief, Heraldic Services Division

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FILE
18 JUL 1966


QM 424 S-S-CE

503rd Cavalry.

September 15, 1951.

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms, 503rd Regiment Cavalry, O. R.

TO: Commanding Officer, 503rd Regiment Cavalry, O. R.,
39 Whitehall St., New York, N. Y.

By direction of the Secretary of War there are furnished herewith the following blazonry and description of the coat of arms of the 503rd Regiment Cavalry, Organized Reserves, as approved by letter, AG 424.5 Coats of Arms (S-S-SS) Misc., October 24, 1928; also painting of the coat of arms, under separate cover:

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- FIELD: Or, a bend gules, between in sinister chief a mullet and in dexter base the sails of an old Dutch windmill, both of the like; on a canton azure, a fess dancette of two points to chief and one to base or, over all a chevron gules and of the field fimbriated of the second (or), all within a diminished border sable fimbriated of the fifth (or).
- REST: That for the regiments of the Organized Reserve: On a wreath of the colors (or and gules) the Lexington Minute Man proper. Note Quartermaster General drawing CE S-S-1. The statue of the Minute Man, Captain John Parker, H. H. Kitson sculptor, stands on the Common in Lexington, Mass.
- OTTO: Toujours Pret et Audacieux (Always Ready and Fearless).

DESCRIPTION

The 503rd Cavalry was organized in compliance with letter of the Adjutant General, dated January 19, 1918. Organization was effected at Leon Springs, Texas. In August, 1918 the 503rd Cavalry was broken up to form the 52nd and 53rd Field Artillery Regiments and the 18th Trench Mortar Battery. These latter units were demobilized at Camp Travis, Texas in February, 1919.

Under authority of Section 5A, National Defense Act, approved June 4, 1920, the 52nd and 53rd Regiments of Field Artillery and the 18th Trench Mortar Battery, formerly the 503rd Cavalry, disbanded at Camp Travis, Texas in February, 1919, were reconstituted

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QM 424 S-S-GE 303rd Cavalry, letter, 9-15-31, Cont'd.

and consolidated with the 303rd Cavalry, Organized Reserves, on April 25, 1925.

The 303rd Cavalry was reconstituted in Organized Reserves in January, 1922 with headquarters in New York City.

The 303rd Cavalry was originally organized in Texas, as shown by the Lone Star; it was then turned into artillery for the period of the war, shown by the red band, and reconstituted as cavalry in New York City, shown by the windmill. The emblem is the shield of the 51st Machine Gun Squadron, New York National Guard, old Squadron "A" of New York. More than fifty per cent of the 303rd Cavalry since its organization are ex-members of Squadron "A" and the 303rd Cavalry thus indicates its foster parent.

It is requested that acknowledgment of receipt of the painting be made to this office by separate letter, this letter being retained for your files.

For The Quartermaster General:

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R. L. FAIN,
Captain, Q. M. G.,
Assistant.

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(Under sep. cover.)

WAR DEPARTMENT

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

AG 421.7 303rd Cav. (10-21-25)
IN REPLY REFER TO Misc1.

WASHINGTON

October 23, 1925.

SUBJECT: Distinctive Insignia, 303rd Regiment Cavalry, C. R.

To: The Quartermaster General.

The following distinctive insignia for the 303rd Regiment Cavalry, Organized Reserves, under AR 600-40, paragraph 47, is approved:

BADGE: A blue garter, circular in form, edged with gold and gold buckle, displaying the motto of the regiment, "Toujours Pret et Audacieux," charged with the wings of an old Dutch windmill placed saltirewise in gold and on this a red star piped with gold.

The badge is composed of elements of the coat of arms of the regiment. It will be manufactured in bright metal and enamel in one size as the organization may select, but not in excess of 1-1/4 inches in height.

TO BE WORN:

By Officers: On the service uniform on the upper portion 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 3/4 of an inch in rear of the service insignia; on the front of the service hat midway between band and crease.

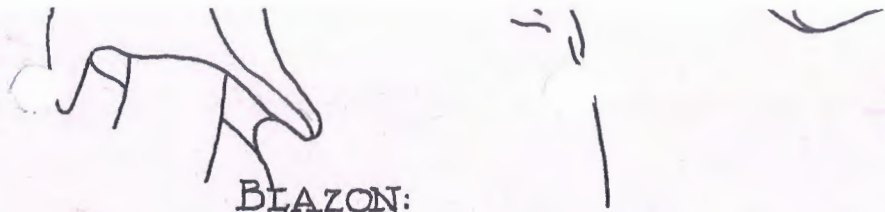
By order of the Secretary of War:

F. L. Whitley
Adjutant General.



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10/26/25*

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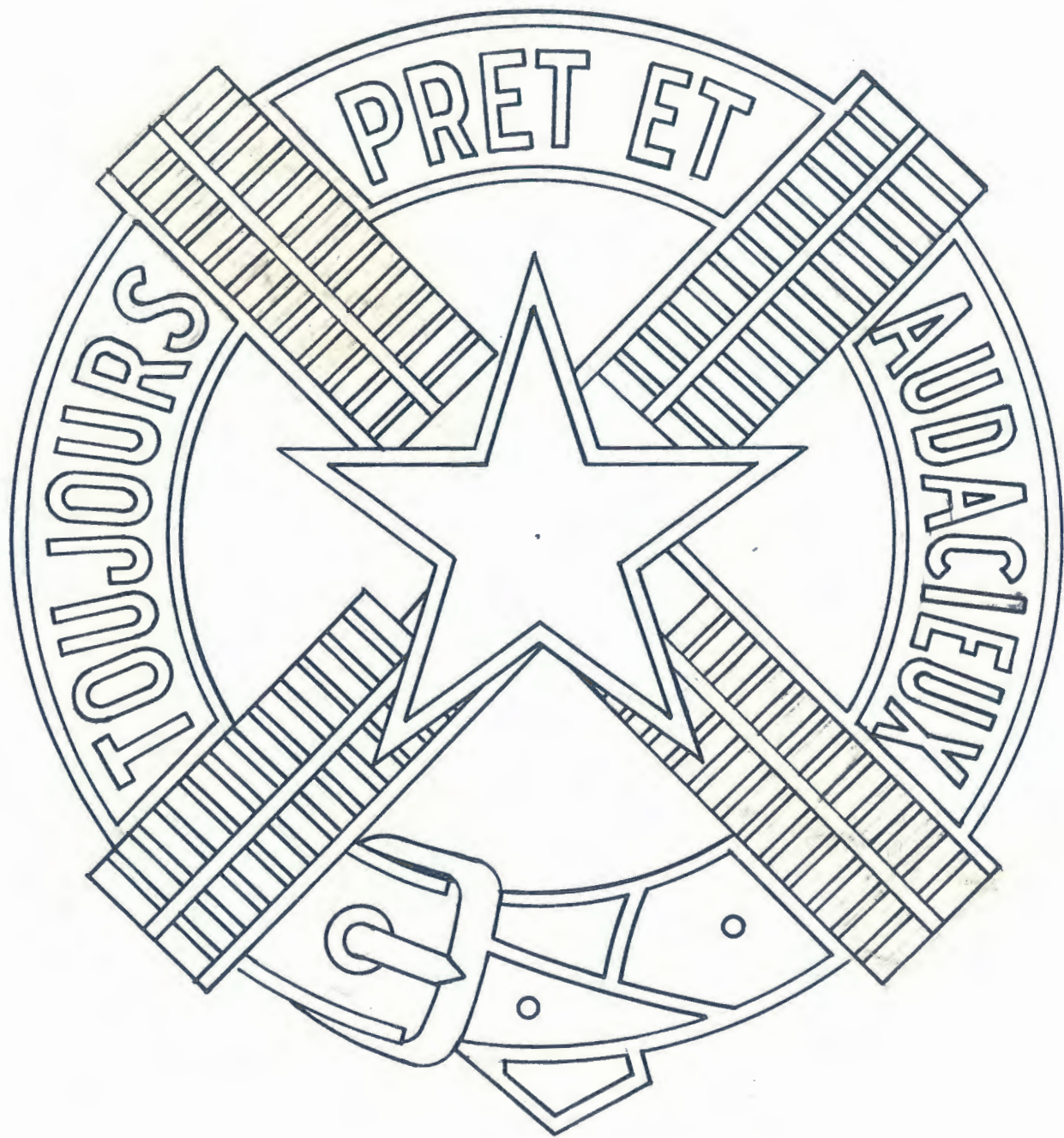
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Toujours Prêt et Audacieux (Always Ready and Fearless)



THIS COAT OF ARMS IS PREPARED FOR THE STANDARD OF THE
303RD REGIMENT CAVALRY
IT IS FULL SIZE AND IN PROPER RELATION TO THE HEAD OF THE EAGLE.





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303D CAVALRY REGIMENT
ORGANIZED RESERVES