

THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDRY, U. S. ARMY
CAMERON STATION, 5010 DUKE STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

IN REPLY
REFER TO:
QMIH-A

18 December 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Rescission of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 36th Medical Battalion (Ambulance)(Bus)

1. The coat of arms rescinded this date for the 36th Medical Battalion was originally approved for the 36th Medical Battalion (Amb)(Bus) by letter SPX 421.7 - 36th Medical Battalion (8-22-42) LO, Office of The Adjutant General, 22 August 1942.

2. The distinctive insignia rescinded this date was originally approved for the 36th Medical Battalion (Amb)(Bus) by letter SPX 421.7 - 36th Medical Bn (8-13-42)LO, Office of The Adjutant General, 17 September 1942.

3. Authority for Action: Certificate of lineage and honors for the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 36th Medical Battalion dated 14 November 1961.

4. Other Applicable Data: The 36th Medical Battalion (Ambulance)(Bus), AUS as the 36th Medical Ambulance Battalion, Motor, was broken up during January - February, 1944, as follows: The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment was redesignated the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 36th Medical Battalion 22 January 1944 and concurrently disbanded. Companies A, B, C, and D were reorganized and redesignated 2 February 1944 as the 555th, 556th, and 557th Medical Ambulance Companies, Motor.

5. The current organization, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 36th Medical Battalion was reconstituted in August and activated in September 1950. The battalion was allotted to Regular Army in June 1951. The organization has remained a flexible type battalion and therefore is not entitled to inherit the coat of arms of its predecessor nor can it inherit and retain the distinctive insignia since a thorough search of records indicate this insignia was never manufactured and worn on the uniform.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

CC: Design & Ilst Br
(for cancellation
of dwg)


R. N. SIMS
Chief, Corres & Adm Div

ADDRESS ALL REPLIES TO THIS OFFICE - NOT TO INDIVIDUALS

RECORDS 4/A

WAR DEPARTMENT
Service of Supply
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

CHA/fu/E 325 Pentagon

IN REPLY
REFER TO

SPX 421.7 36th Medical Battalion
(8-22-42) LO

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms for the 36th
Medical Battalion.

August 22, 1942.

To: The Quartermaster General.

1. The following coat of arms for the 36th Medical Battalion (Amb) (Bus), authorized under the provisions of paragraph 5, AR 260-10, November 20, 1931, is approved:

SHIELD: Argent, on a cross couped, between in chief three mullets fesswise and in base six of the like, three, two, and one, sanguine, a field ambulance of the first.

CREST: None.

MOTTO: Auxilium cito (Aid speedily).

The 36th Medical Battalion (Amb) (Bus) was constituted and made active at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, 25 April, 1942, pursuant to letter from the War Department, AG 320.2 (3-5-42), dated 19 March, 1942.

The 36th Medical Battalion (Amb) (Bus) has no other history and is not entitled to battle honors.

The Greek cross is the accepted symbol of Christinanity; the three stars in fess and the six in base represent the numerical designation of the Battalion. The ambulance represents the mode of conveyance used in the performance of their duties.

2. The above blazon and description are sent to you with instructions to have a drawing made indicating the tinctures, and to furnish the organization commander with a painting of the coat of arms.

By Command of Lieutenant General SOMERVILLE

RECEIVED
AUG 25 1942
C. M. Richards
Adjutant General.

AGAH-A

23 October 1967

SUBJECT: Distinctive Insignia (Badge) for the 36th Medical Battalion

TO: Commanding Officer
36th Medical Battalion
APO NY 09165

1. A distinctive insignia (badge) for the 36th Medical Battalion is authorized. It is described as follows:

DESCRIPTION

A gold color metal and enamel device 1 3/16 inches in height overall consisting of a white enamel cross composed of a vertical shaft with spearhead of a Roman pilum and a horizontal wavy bar, all entwined by a maroon serpent the upper part simulating a "3" the lower part a "6", all in front of a gold wreath composed of olive leaves on one flank and oak leaves on the other, and all above a circular gold scroll inscribed "Auxilium Cito" in black letters.

SYMBOLISM

Maroon and white are the colors used for the Army Medical Service. The Battalion's campaign honors awarded for service in Italy, World War II, are commemorated by the olive and oak wreath from the coat of arms of Italy, and the ancient Roman pilum to denote the assault landing in Sicily. The spearhead of the latter also connotes speed and the spirit of the unit's motto. The serpent, an ancient symbol of healing, and the cross refer to the medical mission of the organization; the wavy bar refers to the flow of medical supplies and services. The entwined form of the serpent alludes to the numerical designation of the organization.

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

g

AGAH-A

23 October 1967

SUBJECT: Distinctive Insignia (Badge) for the 36th Medical Battalion

3. The approved badge design will be centered on the distinguishing flag authorized for your Battalion.

4. This authorization letter will become a permanent file of the organization in accordance with File No. 206-06, Organizational history files, AR 345-210.

5. This authorization is in accordance with:

- a. Paragraph 14-18a, AR 670-5, 23 September 1966.
- b. General Order No. 256, USAREUR, 24 August 1965.
- c. Letter AGAO-O (M) (19 Nov 65) AGSFOR, 8 February 1966.



GERALD W. DUNDAS
LTC, AGC
Acting Commander

CF: OCMH (2)

D&I Div.



COAT OF ARMS FOR STANDARD OF
THIRTY-SIXTH MEDICAL BATTALION
FULL SIZE
REFERENCE Q.M. DRAWING NO. 5-6-882



36TH MEDICAL BATTALION

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

METAL COLOR---GOLD

FINISH-----MIRROR-LIKE POLISH

DEVICE-----

ENAMEL---VITREOUS OPAQUE

CHARGES---FLUSH EXCEPT OLIVE LEAVES & OAK LEAVES
RECESSED & MODELLED

LETTERING-----VITREOUS OPAQUE ENAMEL (BLACK #26)

PIERCING-----BETWEEN CROSS, SERPENT AND LEAVES

CHIP NO.-----MAROON #6 WHITE #28 BLACK #26

*The Institute of Heraldry
Cameron Station
Alexandria, Virginia*

SUGGESTED DESIGN.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA FOR

36TH MEDICAL BATTALION

27 SEPTEMBER 1967

(DATE)

TO BE PRODUCED ONLY BY
CERTIFIED MANUFACTURERS

TIOH FORM 5

13 SEPT 63

