

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

IN REPLY
REFER TO:
QMTH-A

5 SEP 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Rescission of Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the
61st Field Artillery Battalion

1. The coat of arms for the 61st Field Artillery Battalion rescinded
this date was:

a. Originally approved for the 61st Field Artillery Battalion by
letter AG 421.7 - 61st FA Bn (7-18-41) IO, Office of The Adjutant General,
18 July 1941.

b. Amended by the addition of a charge from the coat of arms of
the 43rd Coast Artillery Regiment for the 61st FA Bn by letter QMGRH 424.2 &
421.4 - 61st FA Bn, Office of The Quartermaster General, 7 August 1952.

2. The distinctive insignia for the 61st Field Artillery Battalion
rescinded this date was:

a. Originally approved for the 61st Field Artillery Battalion by
letter AG 421.7 - 61st F.A. Bn (7-10-41) IO, Office of The Adjutant General,
18 July 1941.

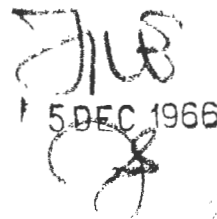
b. Amended by the addition of a charge from the coat of arms of
the 43rd Coast Artillery Regiment for the 61st FA Bn by letter QMGRH 424.2 &
421.4 - 61st FA Bn, Office of The Quartermaster General, 7 August 1952.

3. Authority for Action: Certificate of Lineage and Honors for the
43d Artillery dated 3 July 1961.

4. Other applicable data: During the period August, 1958, to July,
1959, the 61st Field Artillery Battalion was consolidated with the Head-
quarters and Headquarters Battery, 43d Field Artillery Group and the 43d
and 64th Field Artillery Battalions, reorganized and redesignated as the
43d Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


R. N. SIMS
Chief, Corres & Adm Div


5 DEC 1966

QMRH 424.2 & 421.4
61st FA Bn

7 August 1952

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 61st Field Artillery Battalion

TO: Commanding Officer
61st Field Artillery Battalion
APO 201, a/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1. The coat of arms for the 61st Field Artillery Battalion, amended this date by addition of a charge from the coat of arms of the 43rd Coast Artillery Regiment to show World War I history, was

a. Originally approved for the 61st Field Artillery Battalion by letter AG 421.7 -61st F.A.Bn. (7-18-41)LO, the Adjutant General's Office, 18 July 1941.

2. The amended blazonry is described as follows:

SHIELD: Per pale, argent and azure, issuing from sinister honor point a trajectory counter-changed, terminating in a shellburst gules, in dexter chief an ooslefinch vert.

CREST: None.

MOPTO: 'Sta Buena (It is Good).

DESCRIPTION

The 2nd Battalion of the 43rd Coast Artillery Regiment has been consolidated with the 61st Field Artillery Battalion, constituted in 1940, to form the present 61st Field Artillery Battalion. The coat of arms of the 61st Field Artillery Battalion has been amended, by addition of a charge from the coat of arms of the 43rd Coast Artillery Regiment, to represent the World War I history inherited by the consolidation. The green ooslefinch was the device on the shoulder sleeve insignia worn by the Railroad Artillery Reserve in France during World War I, of which this regiment was a unit.

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15 AUG 1952

FORMS 421, 2 & 421-A (Class PA 2a)

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 61st Field Artillery Battalion

3. The distinctive insignia for the 61st Field Artillery Battalion, amended this date by addition of a charge from the coat of arms of the 43rd Coast Artillery Regiment was

a. Originally approved for the 61st Field Artillery Battalion by letter NO 421.7 - 61st F.A. Bn. (7-10-41) 10, the Adjutant General's Office, 10 July 1941.

b. The distinctive insignia consists of the shield and motto of the coat of arms described in paragraph 2.

TO BE WORN: As prescribed by current regulations.

5. The approved drawing for use by the manufacturer of this distinctive insignia will be forwarded on or about 8 September 1952.

6. This amendment letter is in accordance with "Official Statement of Lineage and Battle Honors," dated 9 April 1952, copy of which, it is understood, was furnished your organization by Office of Military History.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

ARTHUR W. FUGGIE
Chief, Heraldic Branch
Research & Development Division

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
61st FA Bn

7 August 1952

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CREST: None.

MOTTO: 'Sta Bueno (It is Good).

DESCRIPTION

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QUESTIONS 1421.2 & 1421.4 (Dist PA 20)

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 61st Field Artillery Battalion

3. The distinctive insignia for the 61st Field Artillery Battalion, amended this date by addition of a charge from the coat of arms of the 13rd Coast Artillery Regiment was

a. Originally approved for the 61st Field Artillery Battalion by letter 40 1421.7 - Dist P.A. St. (7-10-41) 10, the Adjutant General's Office, 13 July 1941.

b. The distinctive insignia consists of the shield and motto of the coat of arms described in paragraph 2.

TO BE USED: As prescribed by current regulations.

5. The approved drawing for use by the manufacturer of this distinctive insignia will be forwarded on or about 8 September 1952.

6. This amended letter is in accordance with "Official Statement of Lineage and Battle Honors," dated 9 April 1952, copy of which, it is understood, was furnished your organization by Office of Military History.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

ARTHUR R. DUNN
Chief, Heraldic Branch
Research & Development Division

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AIR MAIL

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO AG 421.7 - 61st F.A. Bn.
(7-18-41) 10

July 18, 1941.

SUBJECT: Coat of arms for the 61st Field Artillery Battalion.

To: The Quartermaster General.

no organization

Active

5-6-58
EM 421.2

61st Field Artillery Bn

1. The following coat of arms for the 61st Field Artillery Battalion, authorized under the provisions of paragraph 5, AR 260-10, November 20, 1931, is approved:



SHIELD: Per pale, argent and azure, issuing from sinister honor point a trajectory counter-changed, terminating in a shell burst gules.

CREST: None.

MOTTO: 'Sta Bueno (It is good).

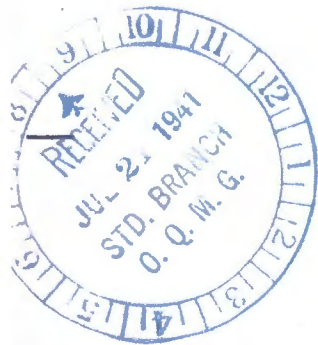
The 61st Field Artillery Battalion was constituted, to be made active at Fort Bliss, Texas, by the transfer thereto of the personnel and equipment of the 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery regiment, pursuant to instructions contained in letter from the War Department, AG 321.2 (11-15-40), dated 16 December, 1940. It was accordingly made active 3 January, 1941. The 61st Field Artillery Battalion is a new unit, has no historical connection with any previously existing unit, and is entitled to no battle honors.

The blue of the shield is used to symbolize the true trajectory, which, coupled with the red shell burst, indicates effective fire power which is the aim of the 61st Field Artillery Battalion.

2. The above blazon and description are sent 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 order of the Secretary of War:

J. G. Parrott
Adjutant General.



Handwritten notes and signatures in red ink, including '11/18/41' and 'J. G. Parrott'.

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY
REFER TO

AG 421.7 - 61st F.A. Bn.
(7-10-41) IO

WASHINGTON

July 18, 1941.

SUBJECT: Distinctive Insignia for the 61st
Field Artillery Battalion.

To: The Quartermaster General.

The following distinctive insignia for the 61st Field Artillery Battalion, authorized under the provisions of paragraph 48, AR 600-40, June 22, 1931, is approved:

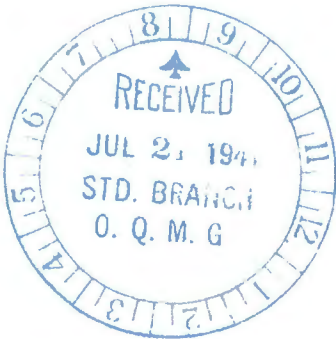
SHIELD: Per pale argent and azure issuing from sinister honor point a trajectory counter-changed, terminating in a shell burst gules.

MOTTO: 'Sta Bueno.

The insignia consists of the shield and motto of the coat of arms of the 61st Field Artillery Battalion. 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: As prescribed by current regulations.

By order of the Secretary of War:



J. G. Talbot
Adjutant General.

EN 421-61st Field Artillery Battalion Distinctive Insignia

J. G. Talbot
7/21/41

CREST : None.

MOTTO: 'Sta Bueno.



COAT OF ARMS FOR STANDARD OF
61st FIELD ARTILLERY

FULL SIZE

REFERENCE: Q.M. DRAWING No. 5-6-585

6 Oct 1952



BLAZON

ELD: Per pale argent and azure, issuing from sinister honor
a trajectory counterchanged, terminating in a shell burst gul

EST: None

FTO: 'Sta Bueno (It is good).



COAT OF ARMS IS PREPARED FOR THE STANDARD OF THE
CITY-FIRST (FIELD ARTILLERY) BATTALION
FULL SIZE AND IN PROPER RELATION TO THE HEAD OF THE EA

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FOR THE
SIXTY-FIRST FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

27 AUG. 1952
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