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QMGHN 424.2 & 421.4  
674th Abn FA Bn

8 August 1955

**SUBJECT: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 674th Airborne  
Field Artillery Battalion**

**THRU: Commanding General  
Hg. U.S. AFPS/Army Eight  
APO 343, San Francisco, California**

**TO: Commanding Officer  
674th Airborne Field Artillery Battalion  
APO 51, San Francisco, California**

1. The coat of arms for the 674th Airborne Field Artillery Battalion is approved. The blazony and description are as follows:

BLAZONY

**SHIELD:** Per fess enhanced or and gules, on a pile of two points azure (Korean service ribbon blue) finestrated of the first between in base two Philippine suns of the like, a howitzer mounted on a heavy drop platform and attached to an open parachute all of the last.

**CREST:** None.

**MOTTO:** Thunder from Above.

DESCRIPTION

The colors red and yellow are for Artillery. The two suns, suggested by the Philippine flag, are used in the two decorations awarded the organization for service in the Philippines during World War II. The pile, Korean service ribbon blue, refers to the sky and together with the descending parachute and howitzer, alludes to the nature and airborne classification of the battalion, which was the first unit to make a heavy drop in combat. The two points symbolize the two parachute jumps the organization made in Korea.

2. The distinctive insignia for the 674th Airborne Field Artillery Battalion is approved. The distinctive insignia consists of the shield and motto of the coat of arms for this organization, which is described in paragraph 1.

**TO BE WORN:** As prescribed by current regulations.

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3. The approved drawing for use in the manufacture of the distinctive insignia will be forwarded to the organization on or about 26 September 1955.

4. This approval letter is in accordance with "Official Statement of Lineage and Battle Honors" dated 24 March 1954.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

ARTHUR E. DUBOIS  
Chief, Heraldic Branch  
Research & Development Division



*CREST : None.*

*MOTTO : Thunder from Above.*



*COAT OF ARMS FOR STANDARD OF  
674<sup>TH</sup> | FIELD | ARTILLERY  
FULL SIZE*

*REFERENCE: Q.M. DRAWING No. 5-6-2303*

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*DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA FOR*  
674<sup>TH</sup> AIRBORNE FIELD ARTILLERY BN.

6, OCTOBER 1955  
(DATE)





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