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IN REPLY

REFER TO:

QMIH-A 424.2 & 421.4
720th AAA Gun Bn, Calif NG

8 JUN 1961

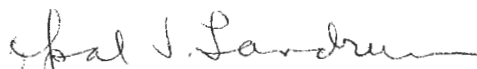

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Rescission of Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 720th
Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, California National Guard

1. The coat of arms and distinctive insignia approved for the 720th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, California National Guard, by letter QMGRH 424.2 & 421.4 - 720th AAA Gun Bn, Calif NG, the Office of The Quartermaster General, 13 April 1953, are rescinded this date.

2. Authority for Action: Letter, NG-AROTO 325.4 - California, Office of the National Guard Bureau, subject: Reorganization of the Army National Guard 1958-60, dated 23 April 1959.

3. Other Applicable Data: The 720th Missile Battalion (last designation of the 720th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion) was deleted from the Troop Allotment to the State of California, effective 1 May 1959 by authority of the above cited National Guard Bureau letter. By the same authority the battalion was reorganized and redesignated the 4th Missile Battalion of the 251st Artillery, a California National Guard regiment organized under the Combat Arms Regimental System.



JOHN D. MARTZ, Jr.
Colonel, QMC
Commanding

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20 JUN 1966
J/a

CMGRH 424.2 & 421.4
720th AAA Gun Bn, Calif NG

13 April 1953

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 720th Anti-aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, California National Guard

THRU: Chief, National Guard Bureau
Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding Officer
720th AAA Gun Battalion
854 East 7th Street
Long Beach 13, California

1. The coat of arms for the 720th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, California National Guard, is approved. The blazonry and description are as follows:

BLAZONRY

SHIELD: Gules, on six pallets coupes or a fleur-de-lis encircled by a garland of laurel of the first.

CREST: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the California National Guard: On a wreath of the colors (or and gules) the setting sun behind a grizzly bear passant on a grassy field, all proper.

MOTTO: Deo Patriae Amicis (For My God, My Country, and My Friends).

DESCRIPTION

The design is based on the coat of arms of the former 251st Coast Artillery Regiment and indicates the descent through the second battalion of that organization. The designs of the 720th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion and the 682nd Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion have been made alike but with the colors reversed to show their parallel descent and relation to each other.

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USGRI 421.2 & 421.4

13 April 1953

720th AAA Gun Bn, Calif NG

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The colors are red and yellow for Artillery. The six pallets coupé produce a diminished border effect on the shield and represent the six batteries comprising the regiment at the time of its organization. The fleur-de-lis encircled by a garland of laurel, is taken from the canton of the coat of arms of the 250th Coast Artillery, as Battery B of the 251st Coast Artillery, California National Guard, is a descendant of Battery F of the 250th Coast Artillery, California National Guard, which served during World War I as B Battery of the 65th Coast Artillery (US).

2. The distinctive insignia for the 720th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, California National Guard, 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.

3. The approved drawing for use in the manufacture of the distinctive insignia will be forwarded on or about 25 May 1953.

4. This approval letter is in accordance with "Official Statement of Lineage and Battle Honors," dated 24 August 1951, copy of which, it is understood, was furnished the organization by Office of Military History.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

ZLB Colborn

For ARTHUR E. DUDLEY
Chief, Heraldic Branch
Research & Development Division

CREST: California National Guard

MOTTO: Deo Patriae Amicis



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COAT OF ARMS FOR STANDARD OF
720TH AAA ARTILLERY
FULL SIZE

REFERENCE: Q.M. DRAWING No. 5-6-1968



720th AAA BATTALION
COAT OF ARMS

**CAMPAIGN, WAR SERVICE
& CONFLICT STREAMERS**

World War I

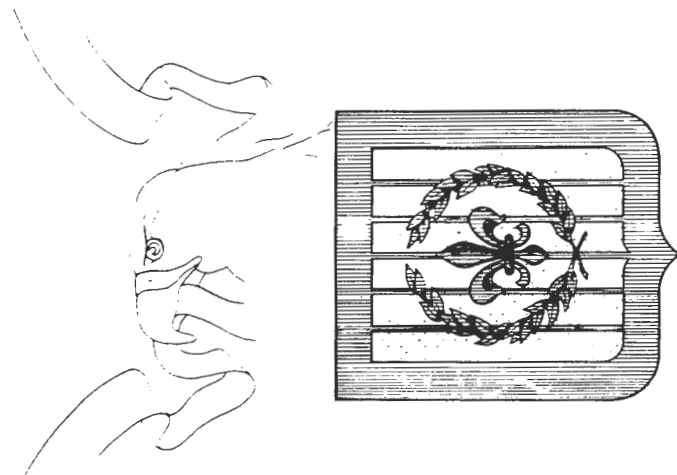
Meuse-Argonne

Asiatic-Pacific Theater (World War II)

Northern Solomons

Luzon (with arrowhead)

Central Pacific



720TH AAA ARTILLERY

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UNIT DECORATIONS		REFERENCE	DRAWING No.	REVISIONS			DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPT. OF THE ARMY, O.Q.M.G. COAT OF ARMS FOR ORGANIZATIONAL COLOR (STANDARD) OF THE 720TH AAA GUN BATTALION
STREAMERS	EMBLEMS			No.	DATE	CHECKED APPROVED	
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		BASE DRAWING WITH COLOR SPECIFICATION	CE 5-6-2				DRAWN BY [Signature] CHECKED BY [Signature]
		STREAMERS	CE 5-5-2				SUBMITTED
		CREST FOR CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD	CE 5-8-6				APPROVED FOR THE O.Q.M.G. [Signature] SPECIFICATION BY [Signature] SETTING & DIVERS. COL. - GRAPHIC BRANCH
							DRAWING No. 5-6-1968



720TH AAA BATTALION
DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

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720 TH AAA GUN BATTALION

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