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DAAG-HDA

14 February 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 132nd Engineer Battalion, California National Guard

1. The coat of arms and distinctive insignia approved for the 132nd Engineer Battalion by letter QMIH-A 424.2 & 421.4 - 132d Engr Bn, Calif NG, this Institute, subject as above, dated 28 February 1961, are rescinded this date.
2. The above action is taken in accordance with letter NG-AROTO 1002-01 - California, National Guard Bureau, Subject: Reorganization of the Army National Guard, dated 20 December 1967, extract of which is attached. The 132nd Engineer Battalion was deleted from the California Troop Allotment on 29 January 1968; concurrently Headquarters and Headquarters Company was consolidated with Companies A and E to form the 140th Engineer Company.
3. The 140th Engineer Company is not entitled to inherit the coat of arms and distinctive insignia of the 132nd Engineer Battalion.

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as

*Charles R. Spittler*  
CHARLES R. SPITTLER  
Colonel, AGC  
Director

*Reinstated and redesignated  
for the 578th Engr Bn*

CF: D&I Div (Info)  
Tech Div (Info)

*JMM*  
19 FEB 1975  
*[Signature]*

28 FEB 1961

QMTH-A 424.2 & 421.4  
132d Engr Bn, Calif NG

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 132d Engineer  
Battalion, California National Guard

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

TO: The Adjutant General  
State of California  
Sacramento, California

1. The coat of arms redesignated this date for the 132d Engineer Battalion, California National Guard was approved for the 132d Armored Engineer Battalion, California National Guard by letter QMORH 424.2 & 421.4 - 132d Arm Engr Bn, Cal NG, Office of The Quartermaster General, 20 December 1954.

2. The blazonry and description are as follows:

BLAZONRY

SHIELD: Per saltire gules and argent, on and over a bar azure (light) between a Lorraine cross of the second and a fleur-de-lis buff fimbriated of the fourth, an Indian arrowhead of the last.

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

MOTTO: Aedificatio ad Pugandum (Build to Fight).

DESCRIPTION

Red and white are the colors for the Corps of Engineers. The Lorraine cross represents battle honors awarded the organization for service as Engineers during World War I and the fleur-de-lis in buff for service as Quartermaster during World War II. The bar in the color of the Korean service ribbon symbolizes service in that area. The arrowhead alludes to an assault landing in Africa.

15 SEP 1966

QMTH-A 424.2 & 421.4

132d Engr Bn, Calif NG

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 132d Engineer Battalion, California National Guard

3. A photostat of the coat of arms as shown on the organizational color is inclosed.

4. The distinctive insignia redesignated this date for the 132d Engineer Battalion, California National Guard was approved for the 132d Armored Engineer Battalion, California National Guard by letter QMGH 424.2 & 421.4 - 132nd Armd Engr Bn, Cal NG, Office of The Quartermaster General, 20 December 1954.

5. The distinctive insignia (metal type for wear on the shoulder loops) 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.

6. Records indicate the samples of distinctive insignia were approved for the 132d Armored Engineer Battalion, California National Guard by letter QMGH 421.4 - 132nd Armd Engr Bn, Calif NG, Office of The Quartermaster General, 8 August 1955. The manufacturer of the insignia was H. S. Meyer, Inc., 215 East 91st Street, New York 28, New York. However, if the services of another manufacturer are desired, a painting of the distinctive insignia will be forwarded upon request.

7. This redesignation is in accordance with 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.

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Photo c/a

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Mrs. Griffin

*Jr*  
JOHN D. HARTZ, Jr.  
Colonel, QMG  
Commanding

*RJR*  
Riley  
144/386  
~~Landrym~~  
*K*  
Kelley

Cys furn: OQMG, Recds Mgmt Br

OQMG, Lt. Col. Whiting, R&E Div (Heraldic)

QMGRH 424.2 & 421.4  
132nd Armored Engr Bn, Cal NG

20 December 1964

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion, California National Guard

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

1. The coat of arms for the 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion, California National Guard, is approved. The blazonry and description are as follows:

BLAZONRY

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2. The distinctive insignia for the 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion, California National Guard, is approved. The distinctive insignia consists of the shield and motto of the coat of arms for the organization, which is described in paragraph 1.

TO BE WORN: As prescribed by current regulations.

QWGRH 424.2 & 421.4

132nd Armd Engr Bn, Cal NG

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3. The approved painting for use in the manufacture of this insignia will be forwarded to the organization on or about 28 February 1965.

4. This approval letter is in accordance with "Official Statement of Lineage and battle Honors" (amended), dated October, 1953 and correspondence from the Office of Military History, dated 24 November 1954.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

*Arthur E. Dubois*

ARTHUR E. DUBOIS

Chief, Heraldic Branch

Research & Development Division

CREST: California National Guard. Wreath ; Argent and gules.  
MOTTO: Aedificate | ad Pugnandum.



COAT OF ARMS FOR STANDARD OF  
132<sup>nd</sup> | ENGINEERS  
FULL SIZE

REFERENCE: Q.M. DRAWING No. 5-6-2135

CANCELLED 22 JULY 1968