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IN REPLY  
REFER TO:  
QMTH-A

5 JUL 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Rescission of Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the  
223d Armored Infantry Battalion, California National Guard

1. Original approvals, amendments, and/or redesignations are contained in unit files.
2. The coat of arms and distinctive insignia approved for the 223d Armored Infantry Battalion, California National Guard, by letter QMGRE-H 424.2 & 421.4 - 223rd Arm'd Inf Bn, Cal NG, Office of The Quartermaster General, 13 June 1956, are rescinded this date.
3. 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; letter, QMGRE-H 424.2 & 421.4 C/A Regts, CARS, Calif NG, subject: Coats of Arms for Regiments of Combat Arms Regimental System, California National Guard, dated 4 October 1960; and letter, CALTAG, from the Adjutant General, State of California, same subject, dated 21 November 1960, with 2d Indorsement, Office of The Quartermaster General, same subject, dated 28 December 1960.
4. Other Applicable Data: The 223d Armored Infantry Battalion was deleted from the Troop Allotment to the State of California, effective 1 July 1959, by authority of the above cited National Guard Bureau letter. By the same authority the 223d Armored Infantry Battalion was reorganized and redesignated the 1st Armored Rifle Battalion of the 160th Infantry, a California National Guard regiment organized under the Combat Arms Regimental System. The coat of arms and distinctive of the former 160th Infantry Regiment has been selected for the current regiment.

  
JOHN Y. MARTZ, Jr.  
for Colonel, QMC  
Commanding

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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IN REPLY REFER TO

QMGRD-H 424.2 & 421.4  
223rd Armd Inf Bn, Cal NG

**SUBJECT:** Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 223rd Armored Infantry Battalion, California National Guard

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

1. The coat of arms for the 223rd Armored Infantry Battalion, California National Guard, is approved. The blazonry and description are as follows:

BIAZONRY

SHIELD: Per bend argent and azure, in canton a fleur-de-lis, in chief a Korean bell and in base a sea lion holding in dexter paw a sword, all counterchanged.

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

MOTTO: Flesh and Steel

DESCRIPTION

The colors blue and white are used for Infantry. The fleur-de-lis, taken from the canton of the 185th Infantry Regiment, alludes to the descent of the 223rd Armored Infantry Battalion from the 2nd Battalion of that organization and also symbolizes the battalion's World War I service. The sea lion represents service in the Philippines during World War II. The bell, for which Korea is noted, is for service in that country during that conflict.

2. The distinctive insignia for the 223rd Armored Infantry 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.

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*DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA FOR*  
223<sup>RD</sup> ARMORED INFANTRY BN.

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