

QUARTERMASTER ACTIVITIES
CAMERON STATION, U. S. ARMY
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

25 NOV 1958

QMACH 424.2 & 421.4
50th Inf Regt

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 50th Infantry

TO: Commanding Officer
50th Infantry

1. The coat of arms redesignated this date for the 50th Infantry was
 - a. Originally approved for the 50th Infantry by letter AG 424.5 Coats of Arms (1-8-21) (Misc.)4, the Office of The Adjutant General, 11 April 1922;
 - b. Redesignated for the 50th Armored Infantry Regiment by letter SPX 314.73 - 50th Armored Infantry Regiment (8-7-42)10, the Office of The Adjutant General, 7 August 1942;
 - c. Redesignated for the 50th Armored Infantry Battalion by letter SPQRD 424.2 - 50th Arm'd Inf Bn, the Office of The Quartermaster General, 10 November 1943.

2. The blazonry and description are as follows:

BLAZONRY

SHIELD: Argent, on a pale wavy azure a dolphin hauriant embowed of the field, on a canton of the second the totem pole of the 23rd Infantry proper, (for the 23rd Infantry).

CREST: On a wreath of the colors an eagle's head erased sable, beaked and langued gules (of the Rhine Province).

MOTTO: Play the Game.

DESCRIPTION

The regiment was organized in 1917 at Syracuse, N. Y., by drafts of personnel from the 23rd Infantry. The shield is the white and blue of the Infantry, The device of Syracuse is a dolphin. The parentage of the regiment is indicated in the canton. The 23rd

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took over Alaska in 1867 and this is commemorated by the crest of that regiment which is an eagle, the new owner America, upon a plate which is upon the head of a bear, the old owner Russia, the story being that the old owner gave a feast to the new owner when the country changed hands. The 50th's overseas service in the World War was in the Army of Occupation in the Rhine country indicated by the pale with wavy edges. It had been under orders for Silesia at the time of the Armistice. The crest is the eagle's head of these two provinces.

3. The distinctive insignia redesignated this date for the 50th Infantry was

a. Originally approved for the 50th Armored Infantry by letter SPX 421.7 (10-14-42) PD-I, the Office of The Adjutant General, 14 October 1942;

b. Redesignated for the 50th Armored Infantry Battalion by letter SPQRD 421.4 - 50th Arm'd Inf Bn, the Office of The Quartermaster General, 10 November 1943.

4. 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 2.

TO BE WORN: As prescribed by current regulations.

5. Records disclose samples of the distinctive insignia were approved for the 50th Armored Infantry Battalion by letter QMGRH 421.4 - 50th Arm'd Inf Bn, the Office of The Quartermaster General, 16 November 1954. Records also indicate the manufacturer of the officially approved sample was N. S. Meyer, 419 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, New York, who has the die of the insignia.

6. This redesignation letter is in accordance with letter AGAO-O(M)322 (20 Feb 56) DCSPER, subject: Change in Status of Certain Units, Office of The Adjutant General, dated 23 February 1956, effective date 16 March 1956.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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