

WAR DEPARTMENT
Service of Supply
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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IN REPLY REFER TO SPX 421.7 643rd Tank Destr. Bn. WASHINGTON
(8-6-42) LO

SUBJECT: Distinctive Insignia for the
643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion.

August 14, 1942.

To: The Quartermaster General.

The following distinctive insignia for the 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, authorized under the provisions of paragraph 51, AR 600-40, August 28, 1941, is approved:

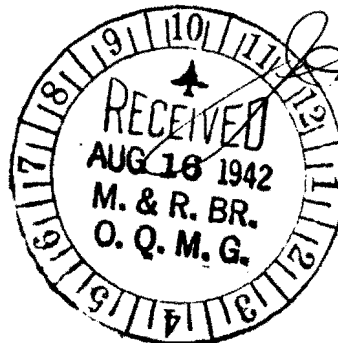
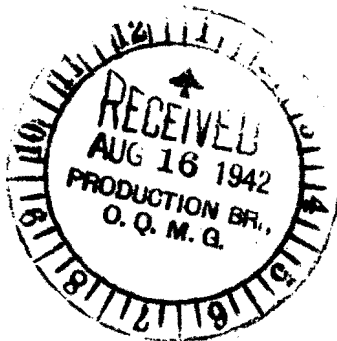
SHIELD: Gules, a dinosaur (Scelidosaurus Harrisoni) statant or.

MOTTO: Hit Hard.

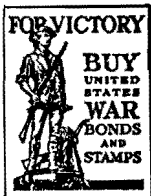
The insignia consists of the shield and motto of the coat of arms for the 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion. It will be manufactured in bright metal and enamel in one size as the organization may select, but not in excess of 1 1/4 inches in height.

TO BE WORN: As prescribed by current regulations.

By Command of Lieutenant General SOMERVELL:



Richardson
Adjutant General.



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IN REPLY
REFER TO

SPX 421.7 643rd Tank Destroyer^{WASHINGTON}
 Battalion (8-28-42) LO

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms for the
 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion.

August 28, 1942.

To: The Quartermaster General.

1. The following coat of arms for the 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, authorized under the provisions of paragraph 5, AR 260-10, November 20, 1931, is approved:

SHIELD: Gules, a dinosaur (Scelidosaurus Harrisoni) statant or.

CREST: None.

MOTTO: Hit Hard.

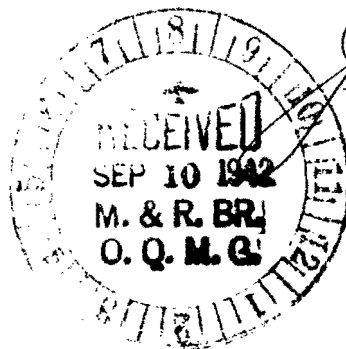
DESCRIPTION

The 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion was constituted 3 December, 1941, and was made active at Camp Blanding, Florida, 15 December, 1941. It is entitled to no battle honors.

This ferocious-appearing, heavily-armored dinosaur is symbolic of the destroying functions of the organization, its terror inspiring approach and hugeness, fearing no enemies, are characteristic of its duties.

2. The above blazon and description are sent to you with instructions to have a drawing made indicating the tinctures and to furnish the organization commander with a painting of the coat of arms.

By Command of Lieutenant General SOMERVELL:



J. Richards
 Adjutant General.

HERALDIC SERVICES DIVISION
QUARTERMASTER ACTIVITIES
CAMERON STATION, U. S. ARMY
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

28 JAN 1959

QMACH 424.2 & 421.4
643rd Tank Des Bn

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:


SUBJECT: Rescission of the Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the
643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion

1. The coat of arms for the 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion rescinded this date, was originally approved for the 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion by letter SPX 421.7 - 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (8-28-42) IO, the Office of The Adjutant General, 28 August 1942.

2. The distinctive insignia for the 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion rescinded this date, was originally approved for the 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion by letter SPX 421.7 - 643rd Tank Destr. Bn. (8-6-42) IO, the Office of The Adjutant General, 14 August 1942.

3. This rescission is in accordance with letter AGAO-I (M) 322 (3 Apr 53) HIS, 23 April 1953. The 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion was disbanded.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


JOHN G. GOODLETT, JR.
Major, QMC
Chief, Heraldic Services Division

JMG
17 MAY 1968
