

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General
WASHINGTON

SPQRD 424
243rd Field Artillery Battalion

January 29, 1943

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms for the 243rd Field Artillery Battalion.

TO: Commanding Officer 243rd Field Artillery Battalion, Camp
Blanding, Florida

1. By the authority delegated to The Quartermaster General by 2nd Indorsement, AG 421.7 Insignia (9-15-42) OB-I, The Adjutant General's Office. October 8, 1942, the coat of arms described below is approved under the provisions of Paragraph 5, AR 260-10, November 20, 1931 for the 243rd Field Artillery Battalion.

BLAZON

SHIELD: Gules, a dexter hand couped at the wrist, the first two fingers extended erect, chevronwise inverted, grasping a spear bendwise, or point to chief, inflamed proper.

CREST: None.

MOTTO: Deus vult (God wills it).

DESCRIPTION

The 243rd Field Artillery Battalion was constituted on the Regular Army inactive list, pursuant to letter from the War Department, AG 320.2 (7-8-42), dated 7 July, 1942 (R). The Battalion was made active at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, 8 August, 1942. The 243rd Field Artillery Battalion has no other history and is not entitled to battle honors.

The redzis for Field Artillery. The fire of the spear represents the zeal of the personnel in the performance of their duties. The hand with the first two fingers upraised in the form of a V is the recognized symbol of victory in the war during which the Battalion was activated. The act of the hand clasping the spear is symbolic of the use of the speed and accuracy of artillery fire to gain victory in war.

For The Quartermaster General:

/s/D.H Cowles,
D. H. COWLES,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

A TRUE COPY
signed:

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Adj.