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21 JUL 1968

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms for the 16th Armor

TO: Commanding Officer
Company D, 16th Armor
APO SF 96227

1. The coat of arms authorized this date for use by Company D, 16th Armor, was:
 - a. Originally approved for the 16th Cavalry Regiment, 12 February 1924;
 - b. Redesignated for the 16th Cavalry Regiment (Mechanized), 22 August 1942;
 - c. Redesignated for the 16th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), 5 April 1944;
 - d. Redesignated for the 16th Cavalry, 28 October 1958.
2. The blazon and symbolism of the design are as follows:

BIAZON

SHIELD: Or a bordure vert, on a chevron azure 16 mullets pierced of the field; on a canton embattled (for the 6th Cavalry) vert (for the 3d Cavalry) a staff erect attached thereto a standard floatant or charged with a horseshoe heels upward encircling the Arabic numeral "16" sable (for the 16th Cavalry).

CREST: On a wreath of the colors a rattlesnake coiled to strike proper.

MOTTO: Strike Hard.

SYMBOLISM

The Regiment was organized in 1916 with personnel from the 3d, 6th, and 14th Cavalry Regiments, which are represented on the

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canton: green from the 3d, and the embattled partition line from the 6th. The shield is yellow (or) the Cavalry color; the blue chevron is for the old blue uniform; the 16 mullets (spur rowels) indicate the numerical designation and mounted service. The green border and the rattlesnake crest symbolize the birth and subsequent service of the organization on the Mexican Border. The motto has a direct reference to the crest.

3. Each CARS regiment or separate (fixed organizational structure) battalion is authorized an organizational color. The shield of the coat of arms is embroidered on the eagle's breast, the motto on a scroll held in the eagle's beak, and the organizational crest, above the eagle's head.

4. This authorization letter will become a permanent file of the organization in accordance with File No. 206-06 Organizational history files, AR 345-210.

5. This authorization is in accordance with the following:

- a. Paragraph 68, AR 840-10, dated 23 August 1962.
- b. Letter AGAO-O (M) (26 Apr 63) DCSFER, dated 2 May 1963.
- c. General Order No. 207, United States Army, Pacific, dated 17 May 1963, effective 25 June 1963.

HARRY D. TEMPLE
Colonel, AGC
Commanding

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SUBJECT: Distinctive Insignia for the 16th Armor

TO: Commanding Officer
Company D, 16th Armor
APO SF 96227

1. The distinctive insignia authorized this date for use by Company D, 16th Armor, was:
 - a. Originally approved for the 16th Cavalry Regiment, 12 February 1924;
 - b. Redesignated for the 16th Cavalry Regiment (Mechanized), 22 August 1942;
 - c. Redesignated for the 16th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), 5 April 1944;
 - d. Redesignated for the 16th Cavalry, 28 October 1958.
2. The blazon and symbolism of the design are as follows:

BLAZON

SHIELD: Or a bordure vert, on a chevron azure 16 mullets pierced of the field; on a canton embattled (for the 6th Cavalry) vert (for the 3d Cavalry) a staff erect attached thereto a standard flotant or charged with a horseshoe heels upward encircling the Arabic numeral "16" sable (for the 14th Cavalry).

MOTTO: Strike Hard.

SYMBOLISM

The Regiment was organized in 1916 with personnel from the 3d, 6th, and 14th Cavalry Regiments, which are represented on the canton; green from the 3d, and the embattled partition line from the 6th. The shield is yellow (or) the Cavalry color.

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the blue chevron is for the old blue uniform; the 16 mullets (spur rowels) indicate the numerical designation and mounted service. The green border and the rattlesnake crest symbolize the birth and subsequent service of the organization on the Mexican Border. The motto has a direct reference to the crest.

3. The distinctive insignia will be worn as prescribed in AR 670-5.
4. This authorization letter will become a permanent file of the organization in accordance with File No. 206-06 Organizational history files, AR 345-210.
5. This authorization is in accordance with the following:
 - a. Paragraph 139, Change 2, AR 670-5, dated 5 April 1962.
 - b. Letter AGAO-O (M) (26 Apr 63) DCSPER, dated 2 May 1963.
 - c. General Order No. 207, United States Army, Pacific, dated 17 May 1963, effective 25 June 1963.

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Colonel, AGO
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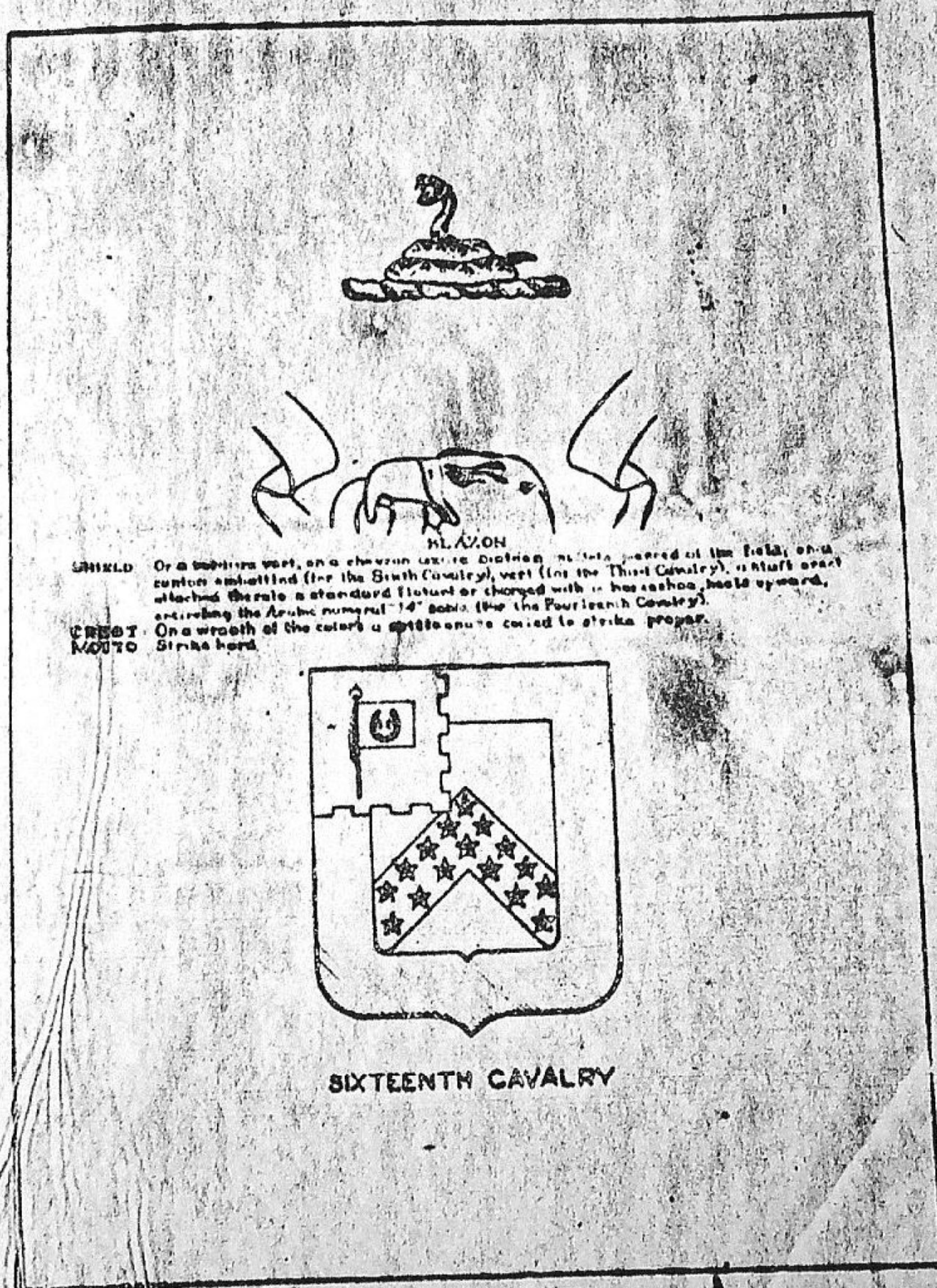
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REFERENCE
Date drawing of eagle CE 5-6-1
Date drawing with color specifications CE 5-6-2



SHIELD: Or a saltire vert, on a chevron azure, thirteen stars, parted at the field, on a chief argent (for the Sixth Cavalry), vert (for the Third Cavalry), a staff argent attached thereto a standard fluted or charged with a base as above, holed upward, encircling the Arabic numeral "14" sable (for the Fourteenth Cavalry).

CREST: On a wreath of the colors a centaur's arm couped to strike proper.

MOTTO: Strike hard.

REVISION	DATE	REVISION	DATE
1	5-6-1		
2	5-6-2		

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
STANDARD FOR THE
SIXTEENTH CAVALRY

DATE: Oct 28 1941
BY: [Signature]
CHECKED: [Signature]
REMITTED: [Signature]
CERTIFICATION NO. 5-6-941

*The Institute of Heraldry
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DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA FOR

16TH CAVALRY

10 NOVEMBER 1965
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