

3D ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT



Coat of Arms



Distinctive Unit Insignia



Shoulder Sleeve Insignia



Combat Service Identification Badge

Blazon:

Shield: Vert, on a cross Argent, a tower of the field; on a chief Or a bend Gules.

Crest: On a wreath of the colors Argent and Vert a trumpet palewise Or.

Motto: "Brave Rifles! Veterans! You have been baptized in fire and blood and have come out steel."

Symbolism:

Shield: The Regiment's original green facings on the uniform is shown by the color of the shield. The unit's first engagement was the capture of Vera Cruz, and it continued with especially distinguished service throughout the campaign of 1847 to the capture of Mexico City. Upon entering the city, it hoisted the Stars and Stripes over the national palace and displayed the regimental standard from the palace balcony, which drew from General Scott the statement, "Brave Rifles! Veterans! You have been baptized in fire and blood and have come out steel." The campaign is shown by the cross for Vera Cruz and the tower in green (the Mexican color) for fortified Mexico City, the first and last engagements thereof. The chief, taken from the arms of Lorraine, commemorates the regiment's World War I service.

Crest: The Regiment's original gold trumpet insignia is shown on the crest of the coat of arms.

Background: The coat of arms was originally approved for the 3d Cavalry Regiment on 7 May 1921. It was redesignated for the 3d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized on 28 February 1945. The insignia was redesignated for the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment on 18 December 1951. It was amended to revise the symbolism on 27 June 1960.

Distinctive Unit Insignia. Description: A gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/16 inches (2.70cm) in width overall consisting of a gold color metal trumpet, mouthpiece up, entwined vertically with a cord, surmounting a green scroll arced on the left and right and looped below the trumpet, inscribed "BRAVE" on the viewer's left, "RIFLES" on the viewer's right, and the numeral "3" centered on the lower segment all in gold color metal.

Symbolism: The green scroll represents the regiment's original green facing on the uniform. The gold trumpet is from the crest of the coat of arms.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 3d Cavalry Regiment on 25 November 1922. It was amended to revise the description on 5 January 1923. The insignia was redesignated for the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment on 18 December 1951.

Shoulder Sleeve Insignia. Description: On a green disc with a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) yellow border 2 3/4 inches (6.99 cm) in diameter overall, a yellow trumpet bound with a gray cord and with mouthpiece up in front of and extending above a green scroll of three loops edged in yellow and bearing in gray letters the word "Brave" to the left of the trumpet and the word "Rifles" to the right of the trumpet and the numeral "3" also in gray immediately below the trumpet bell.

Symbolism: The device on the disc is similar to the Regiment's distinctive insignia. The color green and yellow (gold) trumpet refer to the organization of the Regiment in 1846 as the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen with uniform facings of green and an insignia consisting of a gold trumpet. The words "Brave Rifles" are from the accolade given the Regiment by General Winfield Scott, Commanding General of the Army, for its action at Chapultepec during the Mexican War and the gray color of the letters and numerical designation in simulating the color of steel allude to the Regimental Motto "Blood and Steel" which was derived from the same accolade ("Brave Rifles! Veterans! You have been baptized in fire and blood and have come out steel.") The shoulder sleeve insignia has been worn by the Regiment since 1944, when it was recognized for wear by General George S. Patton, Commanding General, Third United States Army and 28th Colonel of Regiment, 1938-1940.

Background: The insignia was approved on 12 June 1967. **(TIOH Dwg. No. A-1-458)**

Combat Service Identification Badge: A silver color metal and enamel device 2 inches (5.08 cm) in height consisting of a design similar to the shoulder sleeve insignia.