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ened on the unit crest so proudly worn by the members of this battalion is emblazened on the unit crest so proudly worn by the members of this command. Although the unit crest has been seen by every Officer, NCO, and Enlisted Man within this unit, there are very few who know the significance of the design.

The official designation of the Coat of Arms and Insignia's original approval tates: "Chiald: Gules (red) for Artillery. The bend fracted represents the break in the history of the organization between its origin as a World War I unit and its reconstitution and consolidation with the present unit." Although the insignia seems ordinary, the history which molded this crest is a history of battle from North Africa to Vietnam. (See UNITED, back page)

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VETS HAVE JOBRIGHTS

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—Almost a million first-term Service people will return to civilian life in 1970. Many of these young men and women will be returning to the same jobs they held before entering the Service, with perhaps a pay raise or two thrown in. Some will even find a promotion waiting for them.

All this is possible because Congress, in 1940, decided that one's military scrubes should not carry with it an economic burden beyond the period in uniform. While the full intent of Congress is still being evolved by court decisions, the law as it stands today could be summarized roughly as guaranteeing veterans the same status they would have enjoyed had they remained on the job. In addition to promotions and pay-raises, the courts have held that in many instances, the veteran is entitled to fringe benefits which are acquired by seniority-severance pay, vacations, and pensions.

Department of Defense Instruction 1205.12, issued January 15, 1969, spells out the responsibility of commanders to ensure that individuals separating from the Service are aware of their rights under the law.

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