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Thunderbird

HEADQUARTERS FORTY-FIFTH DIVISION
Office of the Division Ordnance Officer
Camp Barkeley, Texas

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Prof. Walter Cambell
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Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

In all probabilities you know the insigna worn by the officers and men of the 45th Division, which the Oklahoma National Guard is a part, is the Thunder Bird.

I somehow believe the Indian name for this is "Qu-ad-e-ceda". From your position it is possible that you might enlighten me as to the legend and lore of this Indian symbol inasmuch as there is only a vage understanding within the division about the Thunder Bird. It would be of great interest to all of more than 19,000 soldiers to know the Thunder Bird's background.

I would appreciate any information you have.

Sincerely yours,

Bertrus Kemmerer
Capt. Bertrus Kemmerer
Division Ordnance Office.

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