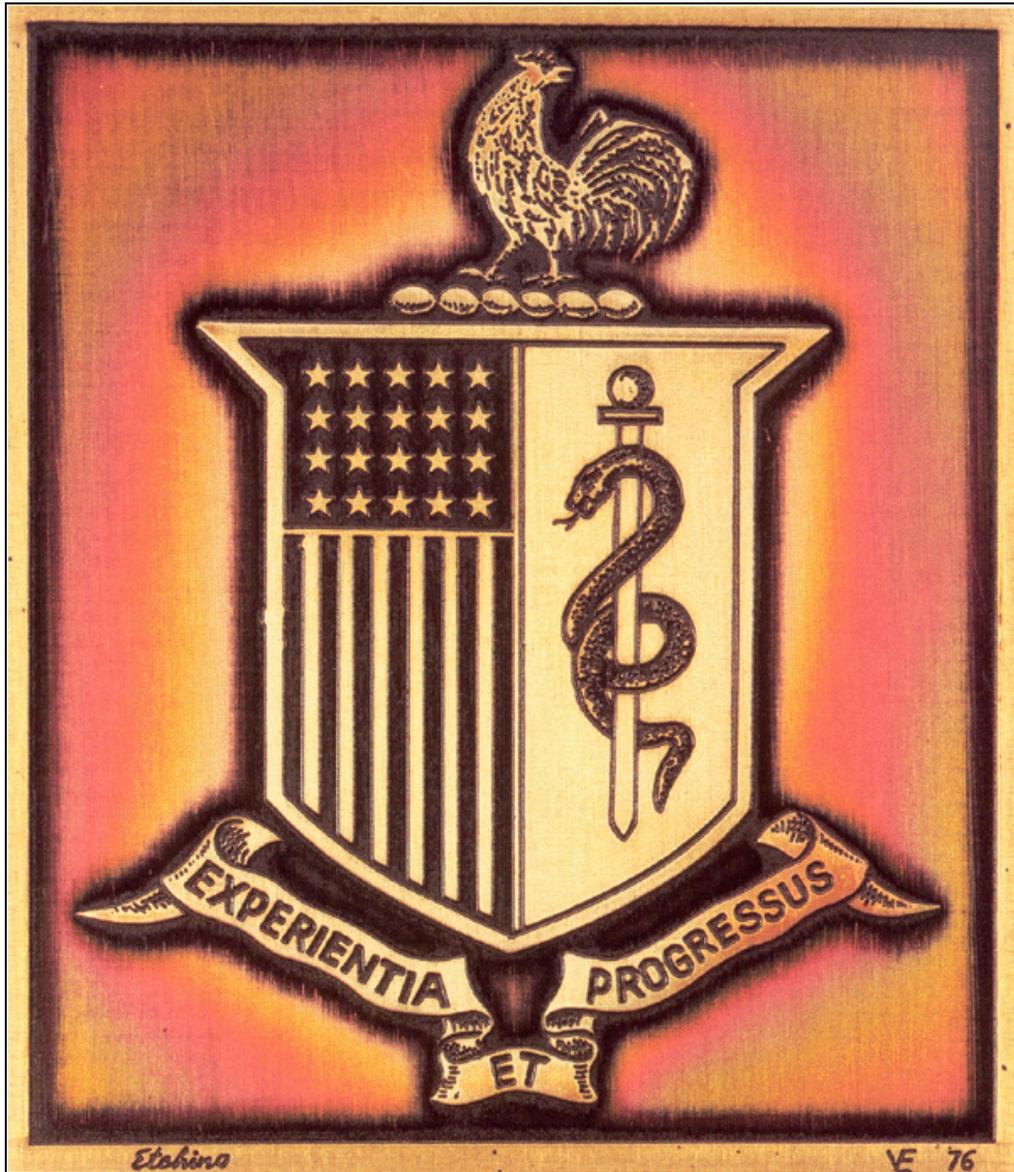


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The Coat of Arms  
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*Be slowly lifted up, thou long black arm,  
Great gun towering t'ward Heaven, about to curse*

*— Lieutenant Wilfred Owen  
Royal Army  
Killed in action in France, 1918*

American soldiers, members of the Third Field Artillery, stand by as an M-198 155-mm howitzer is fired during the multinational joint service exercise "Bright Star" in Gabel Mamza, Egypt, in 1985.

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