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Shoulder Sleeve Insignia

Description

On a red square, one point up, 2 1/2 inches (6.35 cm) in height and 2 1/2 inches (6.35 cm) in width a white stylized fortress, embattled on its outer edges and voided of the field, surmounted by a vertical white sword, point up and hilted yellow, all within a white 1/8 inch (.32 cm) border.



Symbolism

Scarlet and white are the colors used for the Engineers. The four corners of the crenelated square allude to their four campaigns in World War II, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. The four sides of the central red square stand for planning, training, construction and combat support. The sword symbolizes preparedness in peace and unrelenting fulfillment of Engineer missions in time of war. The white outer border symbolizes unit integrity.

Background

The shoulder sleeve insignia was approved on 10 February 1966. (TIOH Drawing Number A-1-409)

Combat Service Identification Badge

Description

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



Distinctive Unit Insignia

Description

A silver color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) overall, consisting of a four bastion fort one point down silver, the interior in red. On top of this is placed two crossed swords saltirewise in silver. Under the design is a silver motto scroll bearing the legend "ESSAYONS ET EDIFIONS" in black.



Symbolism

Scarlet and white (silver) are the colors used for the Engineers. The four sides of the fort stand for planning, training, construction and combat support. The crenelations of the fort represent the Brigade's

participation in campaigns of World War II: Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. The crossed swords symbolize preparedness in peace, and unrelenting fulfillment of Engineer missions in time of war. The motto “Essayons et Edifions” emblazoned on the scroll is translated as “Let Us Try and Let Us Build.”

Background

The distinctive unit insignia was approved on 3 August 1966.

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