

10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION



Shoulder Sleeve Insignia



Combat Service Identification Badge



Distinctive Unit Insignia

SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA. Description: On a blue powder keg-like background with a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) white border 2 1/2 inches (6.35 cm) in height and 2 3/16 inches (5.56 cm) in width two bayonets in saltire throughout scarlet fimbriated white. Attached immediately above the insignia is a blue tab with the word "MOUNTAIN" in white.

Symbolism: The blue background and the bayonets are symbolic of infantry while the position of the bayonets in saltire simulates the numerical designation of the organization.

Background: The shoulder sleeve insignia was originally approved for the 10th Light Division on 7 January 1944. It was redesignated for the 10th Mountain Division and a mountain tab was added on 22 November 1944. The authority to wear the mountain tab was rescinded 29 January 1947. The insignia was redesignated for the 10th Infantry Division on 14 December 1948. It was amended to change the description and symbolism on 15 November 1984. The insignia was redesignated for the 10th Mountain Division on 13 February 1985 and authority given to wear the mountain tab. **(TIOH Drawing No. A-1-87)**

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.

DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA. Description: A gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height overall consisting of a white mountain formed of five peaks above a blue wavy bar and crossed in front overall two red swords points up; behind the mountain peaks a glory of gold rays radiant from center and enclosed by a gold scroll inscribed "CLIMB TO GLORY" in blue letters.

Symbolism: The white mountain symbol and the blue wave represent the Division's World War II combat history in the Northern Apennines and Po Valley campaigns in Italy. The crossed swords are symbolic of wartime service and further suggest the Roman numeral X, the unit's numerical designation. Scarlet is symbolic of courage and mortal danger, blue denotes steadfastness and loyalty. The gold is for excellence and the white is symbolic of mountain tops and of high aspirations.

Background: This distinctive unit insignia was approved for the 10th Mountain Division on 30 April 1985.

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