

## 3D INFANTRY DIVISION



**Shoulder Sleeve Insignia**



**Combat Service Identification Badge**



**Distinctive Unit Insignia**

**SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA. Description:** Upon a blue square 2 inches (5.08 cm), three white stripes each 3/8 inch (.95 cm) in width from heraldic sinister chief to dexter base; the blue background between the white stripes also being 3/8 inch (.95 cm) in width; all within a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) Army Green border. The overall dimension is 2 1/4 inches (5.72 cm) on each side.

**Symbolism:** The three white stripes of the insignia are symbolical of the three major operations in which the division participated during World War I. The blue field symbolizes the loyalty of those who placed their lives on the altar of self-sacrifice in defense of the American ideals of liberty and democracy.

**Background:** This insignia was originally approved by telegram for the 3d Division on 24 October 1918. It was officially announced on 20 June 1922. The insignia was amended to correct the wording of the description on 11 October 1922. It was redesignated for the 3d Infantry Division retroactive to 1 August 1942 and amended to include the border in the description. **(TIOH Dwg. No. A-1-78)**

**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 colored metal and enamel insignia 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height consisting of a silver rock issuing from the inner arc of a blue annulet inscribed with the words "NOUS RESTERONS LA" in silver letters; on the rock and surmounting the upper part of the annulet a silver wyvern winged blue bearing thereon three silver diagonal bands.

**Symbolism:** The rock, inscription and wyvern refer to the two designations by which men of the 3d Infantry Division are popularly known; i.e., "Marne Men" and "Blue and White Devils". The rock represents the Division's firm stand against the German offensive at the Marne River during World War I. It was there that it became known as the "Rock of the Marne" and there that the Commanding Officer, General Joseph Dickman, stated "Nous Resterous La". The wyvern, a heraldic form of the devil, bears the Division's blue and white stripes on its wing in commemoration of the Division's action at Anzio, Italy, during World War II where they were called "Blue and White Devils" by the enemy.

**Background:** The insignia was approved on 27 August 1965.

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