

42D INFANTRY DIVISION



Shoulder Sleeve Insignia



Combat Service Identification Badge



Distinctive Unit Insignia

Shoulder Sleeve Insignia. Description: The 4th quadrant of a rainbow of three bands red, yellow and blue, each 3/8 inch (.95 cm) in width, outer radius 2 inches (5.08 cm); all within a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) Army green border.

Symbolism: The 42d Infantry Division is known as the "Rainbow Division" because personnel from 26 states originally formed the Division.

Background: The shoulder sleeve insignia was originally approved by telegram for the 42d Division on 29 October 1918. It was officially authorized for wear in the United States by the War Department on 27 May 1922. The insignia was redesignated for the 42d Infantry Division on 8 September 1947. It was amended to include an Army green border on 24 March 1966. **(TIOH Dwg. No. A-1-106)**

Combat Service Identification Badge: A gold 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 3/16 inches (3.02 cm) in height overall consisting of an arc of three concentric red, gold metal and blue bands, the ends curving downwards and terminating behind a vertical white fleur-de-lis on either side above in base a yellow demi-sun with gold rays on a light blue background, all above a red scroll, the ends curving behind the lower area of each fleur-de-lis, inscribed "RAINBOW" in gold letters.

Symbolism: Blue is the color used for Infantry. The rainbow alludes to the shoulder sleeve insignia of the Division and spanning across two fleurs-de-lis symbolize their combat service in France during both World War I and World War II. The sun, adapted from the seal of the State of New York, refers to the location and home area of the 42d Infantry Division.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was authorized on 3 June 1976.