

## 198TH INFANTRY BRIGADE



**Shoulder Sleeve Insignia**



**Distinctive Unit Insignia**

**Shoulder Sleeve Insignia. Description:** On a blue shield arched at top and base 3 inches (7.62 cm) in height and 2 inches (5.08 cm) in width overall a stylized tongue of flame (shaped like an "S" reversed) yellow and scarlet with a portion of a rifle barrel with fixed bayonet all in white issuing diagonally from lower right to upper left and crossing over the flame all with a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) white border.

**Symbolism:** Blue and white are the colors used for Infantry. The tongue of flame alludes to the unit's fire power and the bayonet, a basic Infantry weapon, is symbolic of carrying the fight to the enemy. The flame and bayonet together thus refer to the unit's spirit and readiness to engage the enemy in fire fight or in hand-to-hand combat with the bayonet.

**Background:** The shoulder sleeve insignia was approved on 6 July 1967. (TIOH Dwg. No. A-1-462)

**Distinctive Unit Insignia. Description:** A device of silver color metal and enamel 1 1/4 inches (3.18 cm) in height overall consisting of a blue dragon's head facing front with red eyes and nostrils, the last emitting red and orange flames upward along each side; entering the animal's mouth in base the blade of a silver sword with point emerging above between the ears. On either side, entwining the flames and curving across the hilt of the sword a silver scroll bearing the motto "BRAVE AND BOLD" in blue letters.

**Symbolism:** The great strength and terrible weapons of the mythical dragon are synonymous with the enemies the Brigade may face and the sword impaling his head denotes the fighting spirit displayed in the face of great odds and the victorious results. Underneath, the unit's motto "BRAVE AND BOLD" describes the basic qualities of the men of the 198th Infantry.

**Background:** The distinctive unit insignia was approved on 20 October 1967.