

INFANTRY BADGES (CIB/EIB)

A Working Bibliography of MHI Sources

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COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE (CIB)

The Combat Infantryman Badge was originally authorized in 1943 for "infantrymen, including officers". By May 1944 the eligibility became more exact: officers and enlisted men of infantry regiments and lower infantry units. Army Regulations 600-70 (24 Sep 1951) included men of ranger infantry companies and also officers who, although not of the infantry branch, commanded an infantry unit of regimental or smaller size for at least 30 days. Change 19 of AR 672-5-1, dated 20 Jun 1969, further clarified officer eligibility-he must be in the grade of colonel or below. Change 19 also defined eligible categories of Vietnam service.

Garland, Albert N. "The Combat Infantryman Badge." Infantry (Jul/Aug 1996): pp. 17-21. Per. Historical summary & overview.

Ludvigson, Eric C. "The Combat Infantryman Badge is Just that--For the Infantry." Army (Mar 1990): pp. 10-12. Per. Explains the basis of the award's restrictiveness in light of criticism resulting from Operation JUST CAUSE.

Thayer, Wm B. "The Combat Infantryman Badge...." Vietnam (Oct 1992): pp. 62, 64-66. Per.

U.S. Dept of Army. Army Regulation 600-70, dated 15 Apr 48. pp. 3-4. MilPub-Regs. And edition dated 24 Sep 51, pp. 4-5; 29 Mar 54, pp. 4-6; & Change 9, 24 Jul 57, p. 1.

_____. AR 672-5-1, dated May 1961. pp. 29-31. MilPub-Regs.

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U.S. War Dept. AR 600-70, dated 6 Aug 46. p. 3. MilPub-Regs.

_____. Circular 269, dated 27 Oct 1943. pp. 1-2. MilPub-Circ.

_____. Circ 186, dated 11 May 1944. p. 1-2. MilPub-Circ.

_____. Circ 408, dated 17 Oct 44. pp. 1-3. MilPub-Circ.

_____. Circ 450, dated 28 Nov 44. p. 1. MilPub-Circ.

NOTE:

-The first "authority document" explicitly stating CIB suffices for eligibility for the Bronze Star is AR 600-45, Change 12, 10 Sep 1947.

See also:

-Papers of Donald A. Seibert (Arch), recipient of 3 CIBs, who helped locate and honor other triple recipients.

EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE (EIB)

- EIB is not the same as Combat Infantryman Badge. See general info in AR 672-5-1.

"EIB." Soldiers (Oct 1988): pp. 37-41. Per.

Murray, James K. "The Expert Infantryman Badge Test as a Promotion Prerequisite." Student paper, US Army Infantry School, Ft Benning, Jun 1975. 67 p. Infantry Sch Coll.

U.S. Dept of Army. Expert Infantryman Badge: AR 672-12, dated 1970s-80s. MilPub-Regs.

U.S. War Dept. Circulars No. 186 & 408 (1944) & No. 93, Sect. II, (1945). MilPub-Circ.
Prescribe standards for award. See other info on badge in these 1944 circs: No. 186, 370 (Sec IV), 408 & 450 (Sec III) and in Sec II, No. 93 (1945).

See also:

-Clippings on first award of EIB (to SGT Bull) in papers of 100th Infantry Division (Inf Coll), Arch.
-Ludvigsen, cited above, which mentions EIB.

EXPERT ARMOR BADGE

Johnson, Rick, & Crew, Michael. "The Expert Armor Badge: How It Might Work." Armor
(Mar/Apr 2001): pp. 6-7. Per.