

WW II Qualification Badges Made In China



Several brass qualification badges with English wording including U.S.A. CHINA exist, as do similar badges bearing Chinese characters. Several of these badges are shown and similar designs are sought. These were evidently made by the US Army's Chinese Combat Command, an organization that trained the Chinese Army at the close of World War II. Some of the pendants have

common designs with the brooches varying. The 12-point star badge was made for BREN GUN EXPERT as well as EXPERT GUNNER and MORTAR EXPERT shown.

Others in this set have crossed weapons for lower qualifications for rifles and artillery. Two versions of these with English wording are depicted, as is a similar badge in Chinese.



One of the above badges came from the estate of a soldier who served with the Chinese Combat Command, Technician 5th Grade Frederick Wessler. Other objects included an August 1945 photo of Wessler, other American soldiers, and Chinese officers of the 2d Bn, 5th Regt.





A colorful certificate, 10 inches wide and 15 inches high given to Wessler that was signed by Major General Robert B. McClure was part of Wessler's possessions, as were several insignia including a printed shoulder patch.

