

## Expert Infantry



Initially the army established this badge as a lower level badge for service in combat, with the Combat Infantry Badge the higher badge for “proficiency or satisfactory performance against the enemy.” In March 1944 the War Department clarified that the badge was not for any service before October 1943. This kept anyone from retroactively receiving the expert infantry badge for “satisfactory performance against an enemy” early in the war. War Department Circular 408, October 17, 1944, prohibited officers on the Medical Department and chaplains from wearing the badge.

Circular 408, 1944, also established a test to qualify for this badge, effective November 1 1944. Awardees receive \$5 month from January 1, 1944 until 6 months after the war’s end. The army established miniature badges (1-3/4 inches long and 3/8 inch high) in August 1945 for wear on shirts when an outer garment.