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**SUBJECT:** Distinctive Insignia (Badge) for the 406th Medical Laboratory

**TO:** Commanding Officer  
406th Medical Laboratory  
U. S. Army Medical Command, Japan  
APO SF 96343

1. A distinctive insignia (badge) for the 406th Medical Laboratory is authorized. It is described as follows:

DESCRIPTION

A silver colored metal and enamel device 1 3/8 inches overall in height consisting of a torii, the crossbar divided by a narrow silver metal horizontal line into 2 equal parts, the upper maroon enamel and the lower scarlet enamel and with a scarlet enamel line extending down each support. Centered above the crossbar and attached to it, a maroon enamel vertical bar, and centered and attached below, a scarlet enamel vertical bar divided vertically and equally by a narrow silver metal line which conjoins with a narrow silver metal line dividing the torii crossbar horizontally, the crossbar and the vertical bar being of equal width and length. Between the supports of the torii and below and partially behind the scarlet portion of the vertical bar, a scarlet enamel semi-globe, the vertical bar extending into it. Above the maroon portions of the horizontal and vertical bars and issuing from them five simulated silver metal rays, the torii supports and semi-globe encircled at base by a silver metal scroll with maroon enamel areas separating it from outer sides of torii supports and bearing the inscription "Service-Research" in maroon letters.

SYMBOLISM

The delineation of the device as a whole is suggestive of the Orient and the Far East, the torii gate in particular alluding to Japan. The colors maroon and silver (white) are those used by the Army Medical Service, the color scarlet


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


being in reference to the supply of "whole blood" in Korea and Vietnam and general laboratory support there and in the Western Pacific. The "rays" at the top of the device allude to research and discovery of new techniques (the maroon "T") all under the authority, direction and control of the Army Medical Service of which the 406th Medical Laboratory is a vital part, five rays being used to allude to the approximate number of quarts of blood which flow endlessly through the body. The four "arms" of the crossed horizontal and vertical bars refer to the A, B, AB and O types of blood, the divided scarlet "T" alluding to the taking and transfusion of blood, the semi-globe to the storage of blood (blood bank) and the scarlet portions of the design taken together as a whole to the circulation of blood. The motto reflects the mission of the unit.

2. The distinctive insignia will be worn as prescribed in AR 670-5.
3. This authorization letter will become a permanent file of the organization in accordance with File No. 206-06 Organizational history files, AR 345-210.
4. This authorization is in accordance with:
  - a. Paragraph 139, AR 670-5.
  - b. Letter AGAO-O (M) (23 Sep 65) DCSPER, 15 October 1965.
  - c. General Orders No. 316, U. S. Army, Pacific, 5 November 1965, effective 10 November 1965.

  
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NONCOLOR BEARING UNITS  
406TH MEDICAL LABORATORY

ACTUAL SIZE  $1\frac{3}{8} \pm \frac{1}{64}$ "

METAL COLOR---SILVER

FINISH-----MIRROR-LIKE POLISH

DEVICE-----

ENAMEL---VITREOUS OPAQUE  
CHARGES---FLUSH

LETTERING-----VITREOUS OPAQUE ENAMEL

PIERCING-----NONE

CHIP NO.-----MAROON #6 RED #1



SUGGESTED DESIGN  
DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA BADGE  
406TH MEDICAL LABORATORY



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