

Insignia Shoulder Sleeve
Headquarters And Headquarters Detachment
Maine Army National Guard

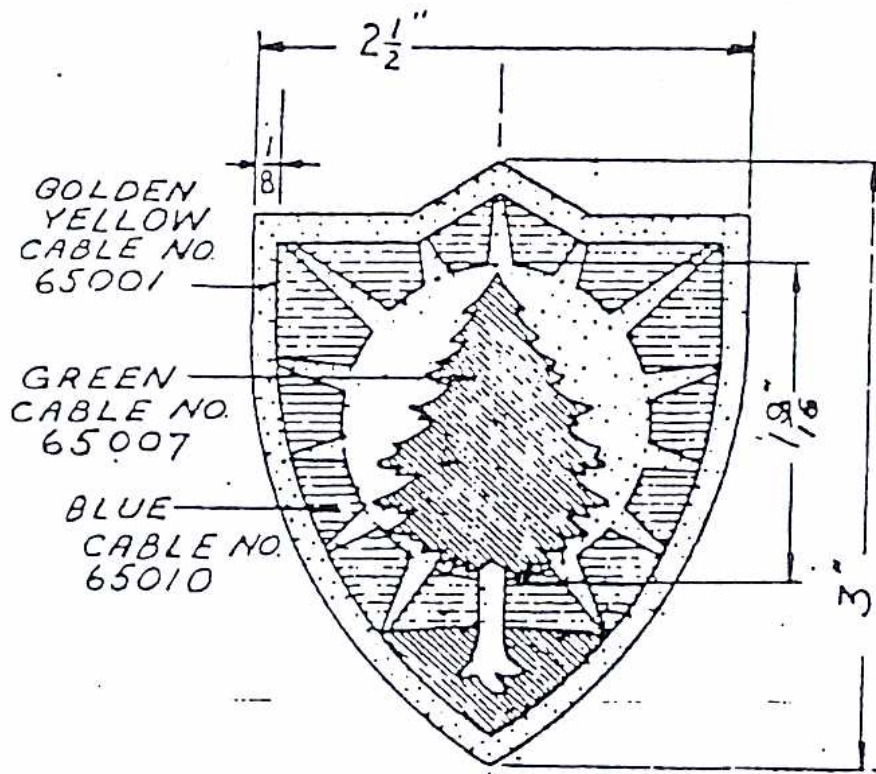
On a blue shield $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in width by 3 inches in height with $\frac{1}{8}$ inch yellow border a green pine tree with yellow trunk silhouetted against a yellow sun with pointed rays and issuing from a green mound.

The green pine tree historically the central figure in the State of Maine seal and illustrative of Maine as "The Pine Tree State" is taken also as the central figure in the insignia.

The pine tree is superimposed on the morning sun and denotes the fact that Maine is the first State in the Union upon which the morning sun shines.

The thirteen sun's rays represent the thirteen original colonies of which Maine (then part of Massachusetts) was one. The sun's rays also remind us that Maine participated in the first naval battle of the American Revolution when the inhabitants of the town of Machias raided and captured three British ships including the British Ship of War Margareta on June 12, 1775.

The green mound in which the tree rests is indicative of huge unspoiled forests, ample rainfall and many lakes, rivers and streams which support unflinching agricultural pursuits.



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