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Soviet Military, Air Force, Naval, KGB and Militia Uniforms and Insignia

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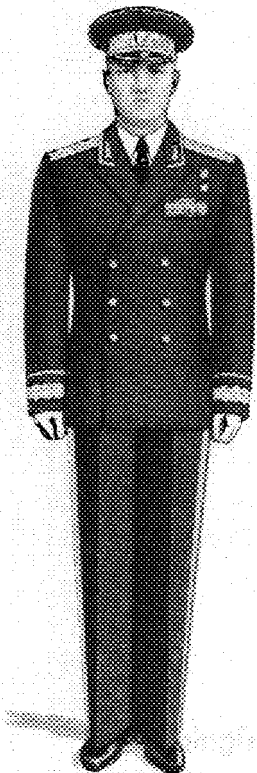
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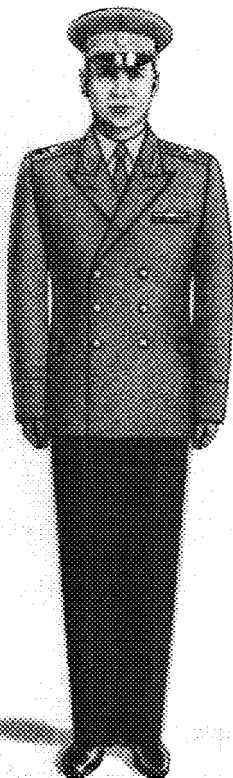
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UNIFORMS

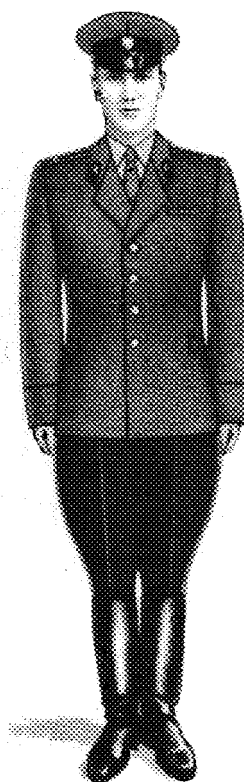
OFFICERS



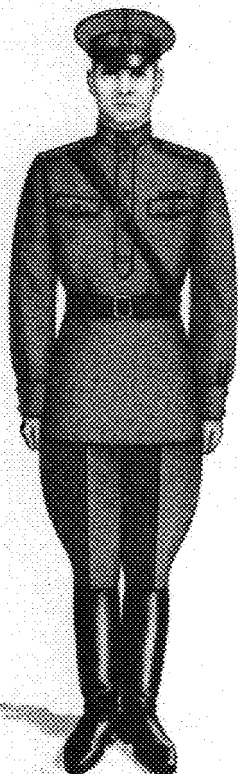
Marshal of the Soviet Union
Summer: semi-dress



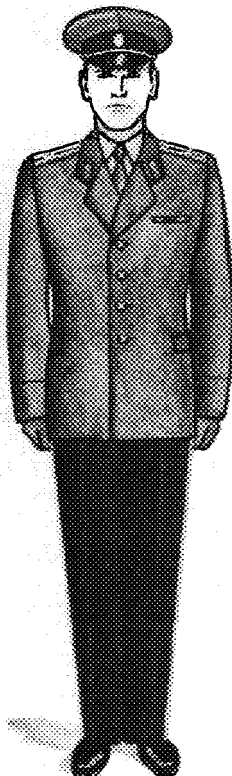
General
Summer: service*



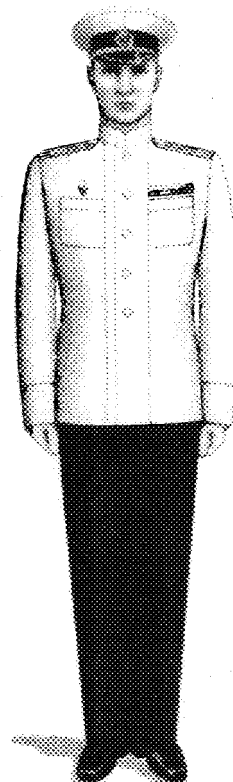
Colonel (Artillery)
Summer: service



Lieutenant (Infantry)
Summer: field



Lieutenant (Border Guard)
Summer: service

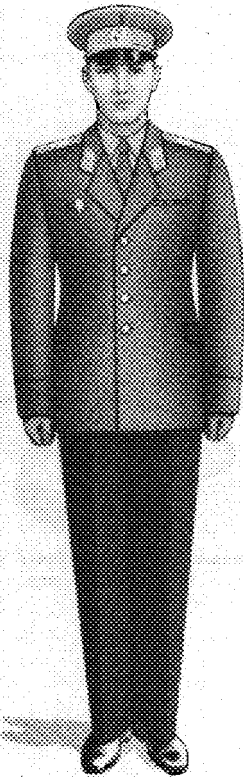


Captain 1st Rank (Navy)
Summer: service

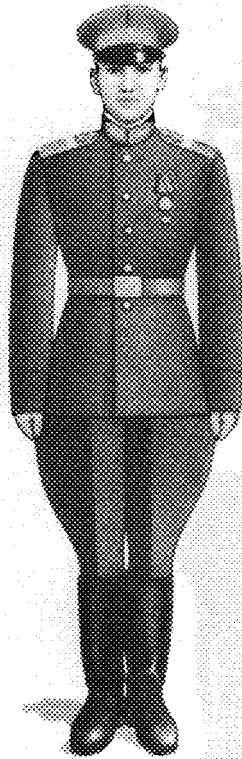
PART I—GENERAL DESCRIPTION. Uniforms, Insignia,
Identification of Branch of Service.

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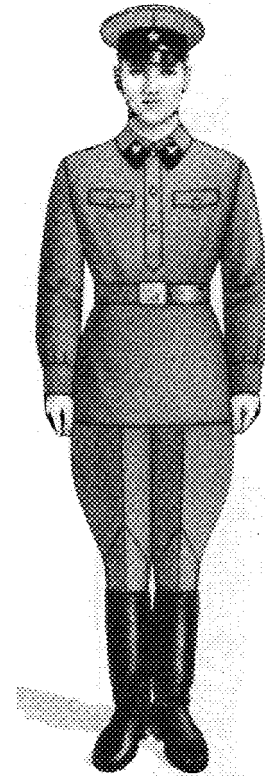
NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and ENLISTED MEN



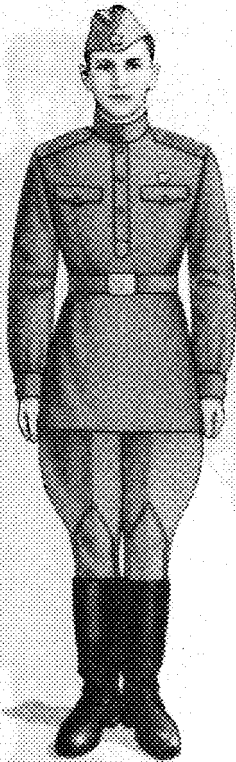
Sgt.-Major, Infantry (extended enlistment)
Summer: dress, semi-dress



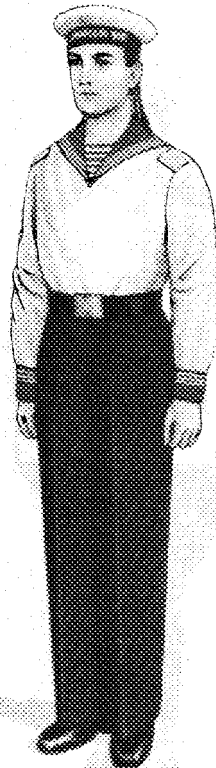
Senior Sgt., Air Force
Summer: dress, semi-dress



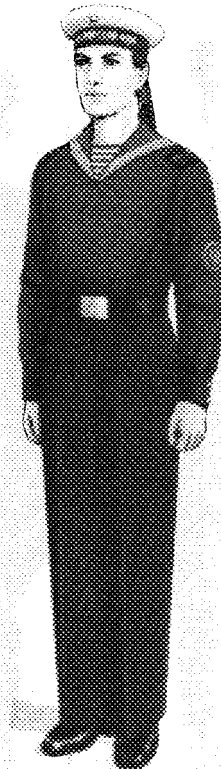
Private, Military Construction
Battalions. Summer: semi-dress



Private, Infantry
Summer: field uniform



Petty officer 1st cl. (Navy)
Summer: 2nd type uniform*

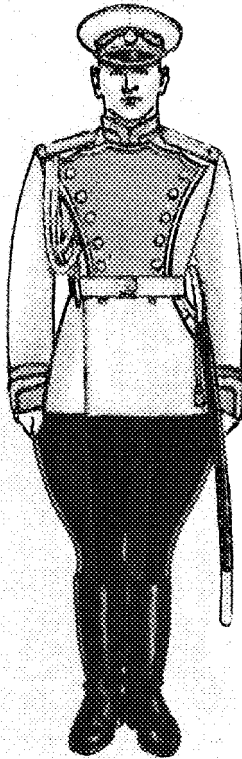


Seaman (Navy)
Summer: 3rd type uniform

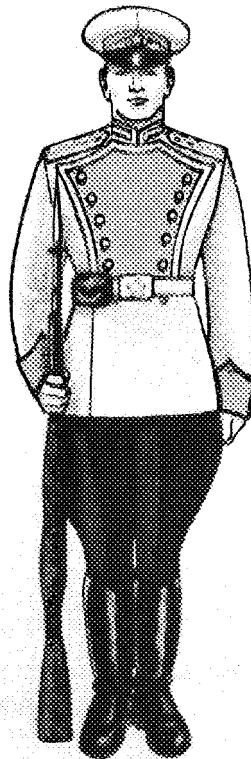
UNIFORMS (CONT'D)

HONOR GUARD (usually mustered for arrival of Chiefs of State)

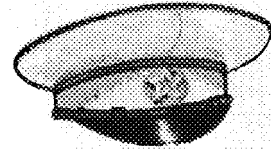
Officers



Non-commissioned officers & enlisted men

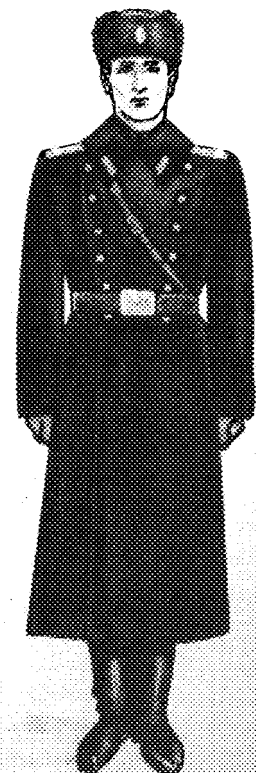
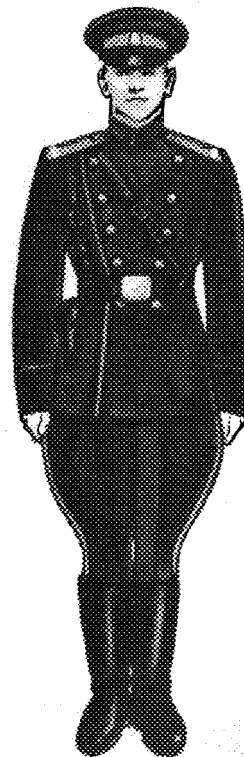
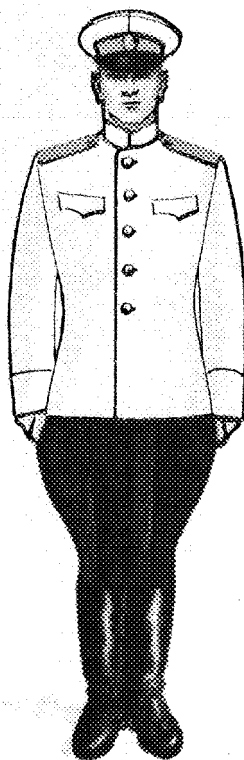
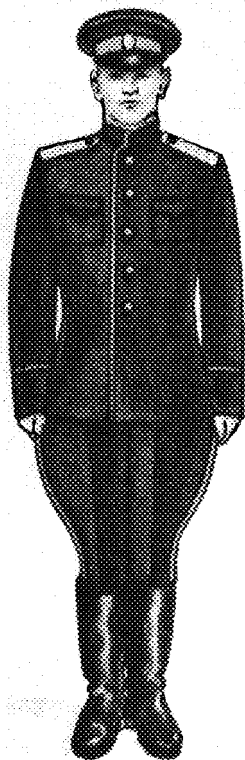
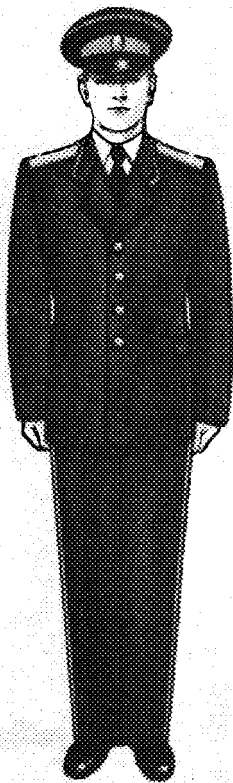


non-commissioned officers' and enlisted men's shoulderboards



non-commissioned officers' and enlisted men's cap

MILITIA (CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC POLICE)



Officer dress & service, summer

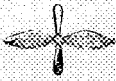
Officer dress & service, winter

Militia Pvt summer

Senior Sgt summer/fall

Senior Sgt winter

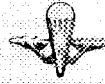
Metallic insignia worn by Military and Naval personnel and KGB, on shoulderboards and/or collar tabs on tunics and overcoats.



Air Force



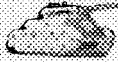
Infantry
(Rifle troops)



Airborne Troops



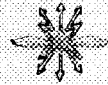
Artillery



Armored Troops



Engineer
Troops



Signal Troops



Railway Troops and
Military Transportation
Service



Military Topographic
Service



Chemical Troops
and Engineer Technical
Service Personnel



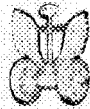
Quartermaster
and Administrative
Service



Medical Service



Veterinary Service



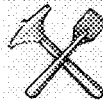
Motor Transport and
Military Road Units



Justice
(Judge Advocate)



Band Masters
and Musicians



Members of Military
Construction Battalions



Engineer-Technical Service in the Air Force
(in the Navy worn by Generals and officers
with high technical education)

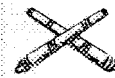
Insignia worn only in the Navy



Ship's Engineering Service



Engineering-Technical Services
(for officers serving on ships and
fleet headquarters)



Artillery

OFFICERS: DRESS/SEMI-DRESS

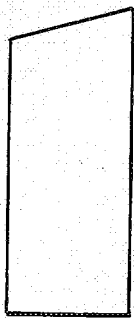


Fig. 1

Army, Air Force, Border Guard and KGB: Background either of gold or silver thread. Branch of service insignia is gold, except for the administrative, quartermaster and veterinary services in which case it is silver. General officers and lower ranking officers have shoulderboards with either gold stars on a silver background or silver stars on a gold background. Piping and longitudinal stripes are as follows: a) for the Army: red, magenta, sky-blue or black, b) for the Air Force: always sky-blue, c) for the KGB: royal blue, d) for the Border Guard: dark green. *Navy:* Background either of gold or silver thread. The branch of service insignia is either silver on gold shoulderboards or gold on silver shoulderboards. Silver stars on a gold background or gold stars on a silver background denote officers of Captain 1st Rank or below. On certain types of uniform the shape of the shoulderboard is as shown in Fig. 2.

Militia: Always silver background with red piping and longitudinal stripes.

OFFICERS: SERVICE

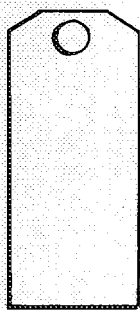


Fig. 2

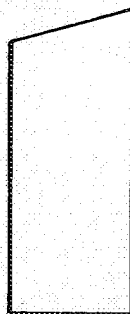


Fig. 3

Army, Air Force, Border Guard and KGB: Background is olive drab. Stars and buttons are gold. Branch of service insignia is gold or silver as for dress/semi-dress shoulderboards. Marshals and General officers shoulderboards have piping, other ranks have only longitudinal stripes colored according to their branch of service.

Navy: Same as for dress/semi-dress but shaped according to Fig. 2.

Militia: Same as for dress/semi-dress.

OFFICERS: FIELD

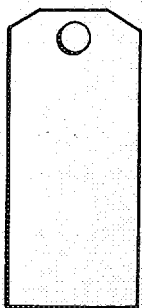


Fig. 4

Army, Air Force, Border Guard and KGB: Background is olive drab. Stars, buttons and insignia are olive drab for all ranks. Marshals and General officers shoulderboards have piping, other ranks have only longitudinal stripes colored according to their branch of service.

Navy and Militia: Same as for dress/semi-dress.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN

DRESS/SEMI-DRESS.

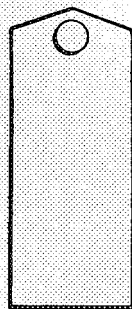


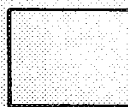
Fig. 5

Army, Air Force, Border Guard and KGB: Background in color of Branch of Service. Buttons are gold. Insignia and rank stripes are gold except for administrative, technical, medical and veterinary services when they are silver. Some non-commissioned officers of extended service wear shoulderboards shaped as in Figs. 1 and 3.

Navy: Background black or sky-blue. Stripes as for Army.

Militia: Red background with silver rank stripes.

FIELD.



Army, Air Force, Border Guard and KGB: Background is olive drab. Buttons, branch of service insignia are olive drab. Rank stripes are red.

Navy: Same as for dress/semi-dress.

Militia: Same as for dress/semi-dress. Rank stripes white.

Shoulderboards worn

BASIC DISTINCTION BETWEEN HIGH, SENIOR AND JUNIOR OFFICERS

ACCORDING TO THEIR SHOULDERBOARDS

ARMY, AIR FORCE AND NAVY, KGB and MILITIA

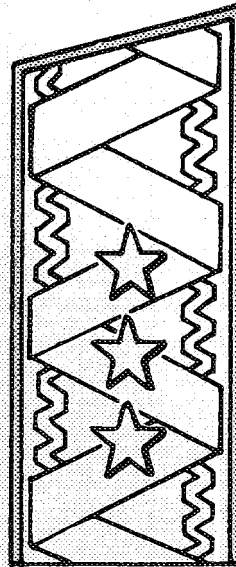
HIGH RANKING OFFICERS

NOTE: ALL SHOULDERBOARDS OF HIGH RANKING OFFICERS HAVE PIPING.

(AIR FORCE)



(ARMY)

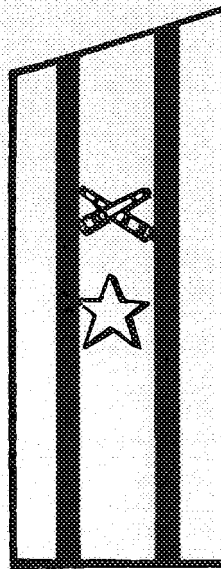


SENIOR OFFICERS

(ARMY)

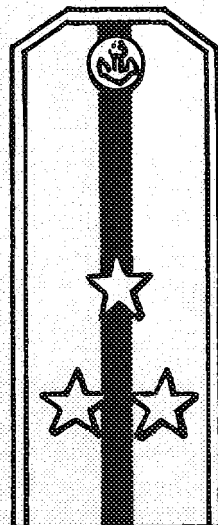


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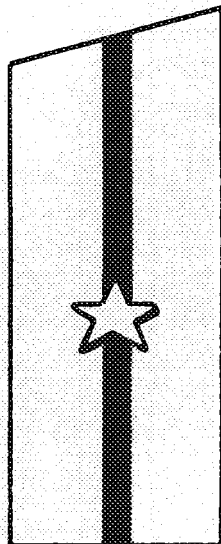


JUNIOR OFFICERS

(NAVY)



(ARMY)



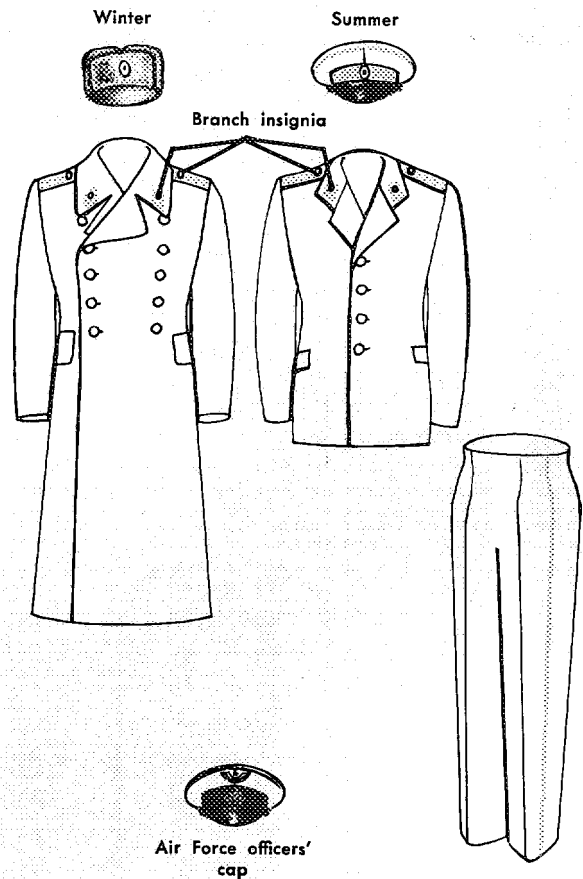
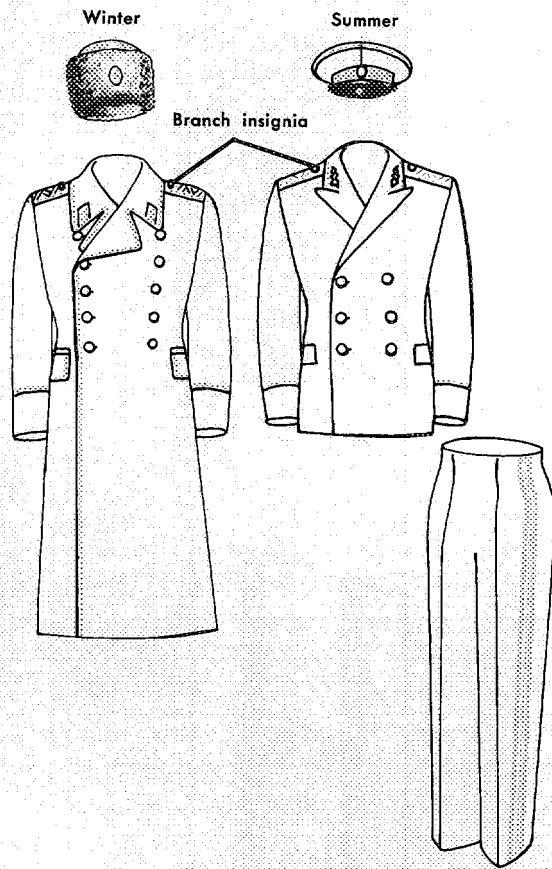
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WHERE TO LOOK FOR BRANCH OF SERVICE IDENTIFICATION INSIGNIA AND COLOR

Army, Air-Force and KGB

SERVICE UNIFORM—OFFICERS

High Ranking Officers

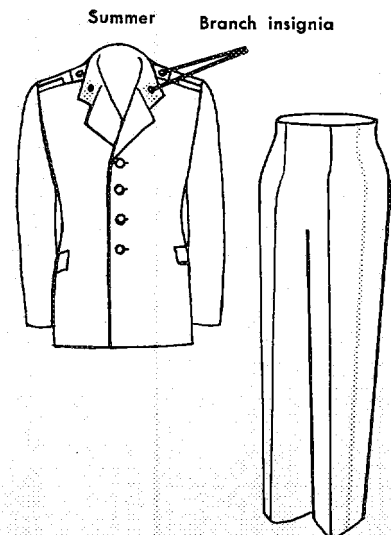
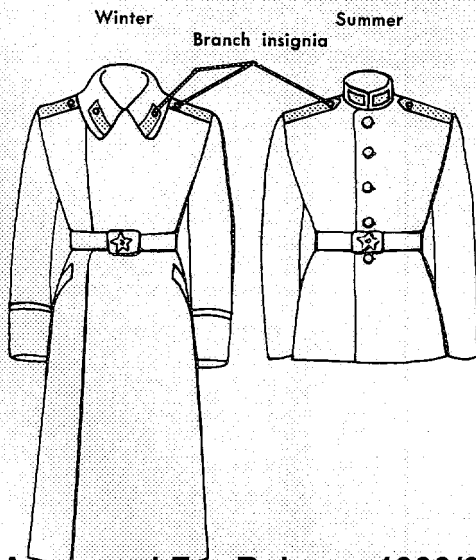
Senior and Junior Officers



NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN

Dress and furlough uniforms

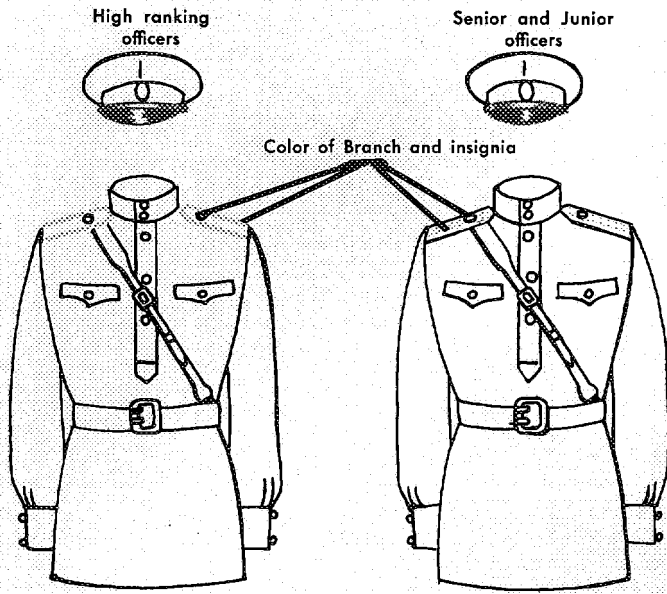
Service uniforms
(for Sergeants of extended enlistment)
Note: Winter overcoat as for officers.



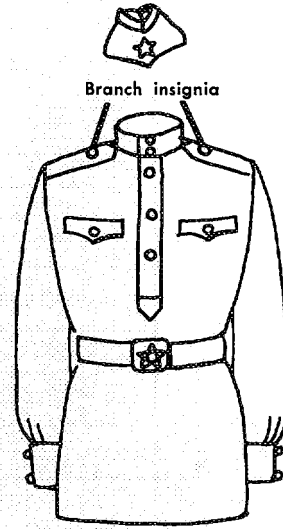
Army, Air Force and KGB

SUMMER FIELD UNIFORM

SUMMER SERVICE/FIELD UNIFORM



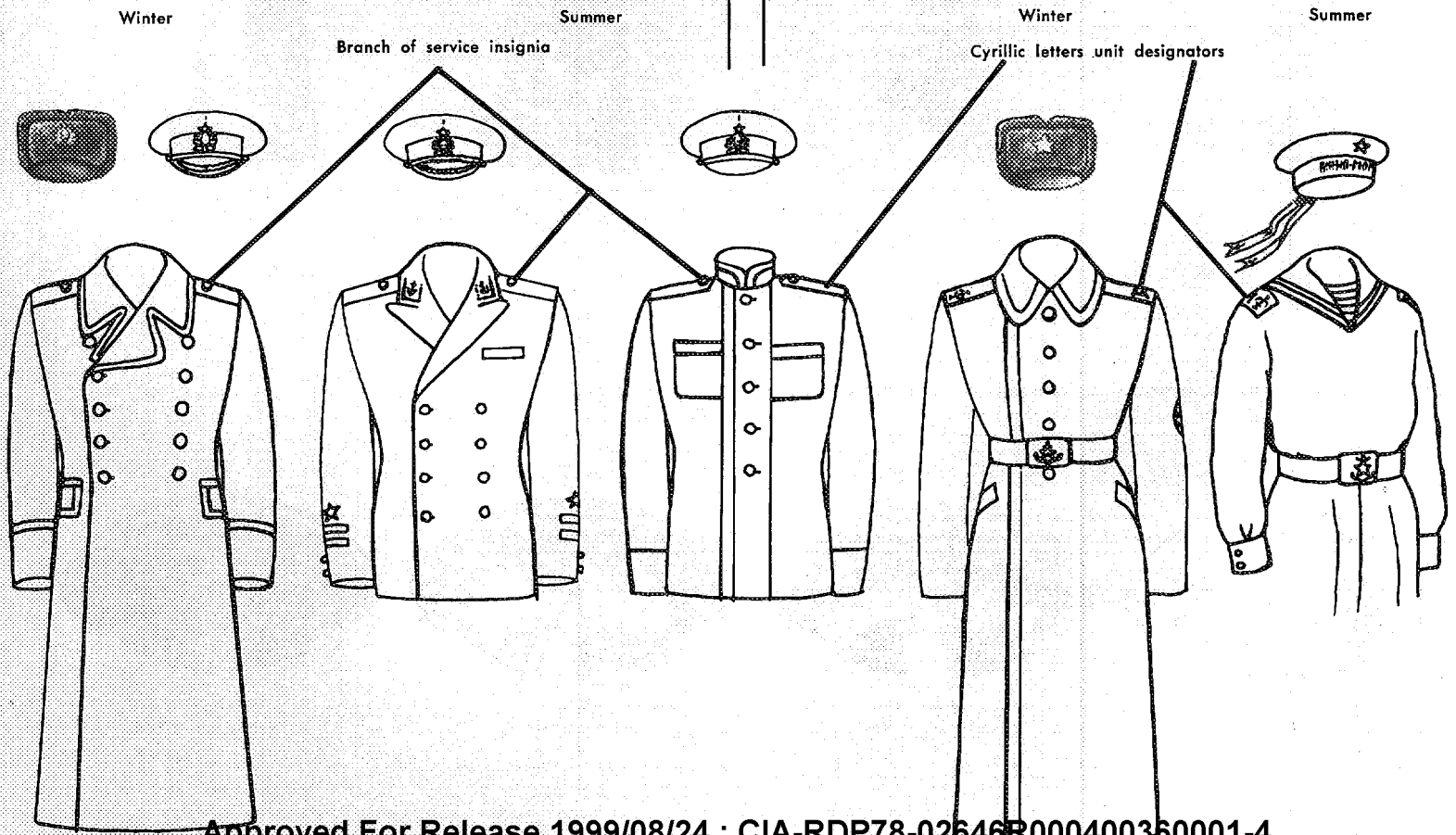
Non-commissioned officers and enlisted men



Navy

Officers

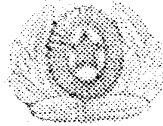
Non-commissioned officers and Seamen



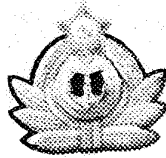
MISCELLANEOUS
Officers' cap devices



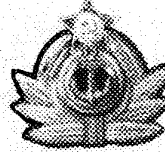
Army



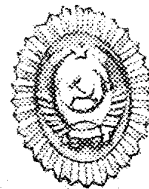
Air Force



Navy



Navy



Militia

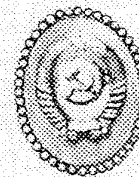
non-commissioned officers' and enlisted men's cap devices



Army, Air Force and Navy

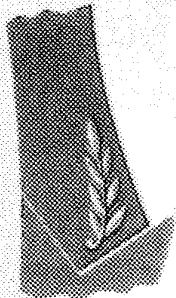


Senior Petty Officers (Navy)

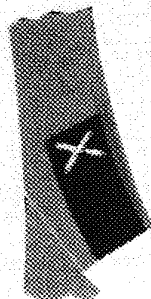


Militia

Collar Ornamentation on Officers' uniforms



Generals' service coat



Officers (All services
except Navy)

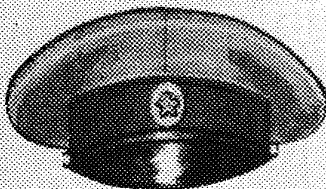


Navy (Admirals)
dress and service

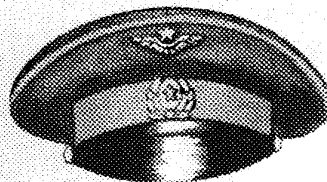


Naval Officers
dress and service

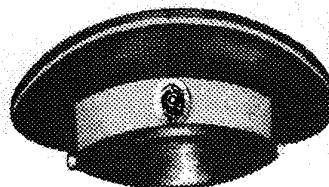
Officers' caps



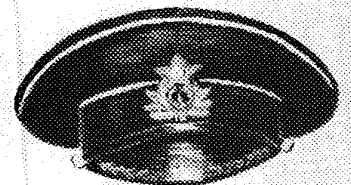
Border Guards
service



Air Force
dress/semi-dress



Militia
dress and service



Navy
dress and service

OFFICERS SHOULDERBOARDS

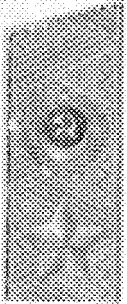
(All ranks not shown)

DRESS/SEMI-DRESS

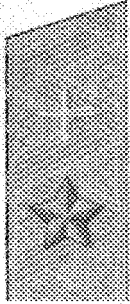
SERVICE

FIELD

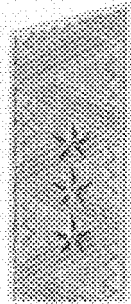
HIGH RANKING OFFICERS



Marshal of the Soviet Union



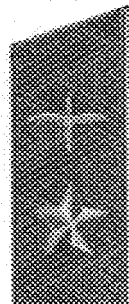
Marshal of Air Force



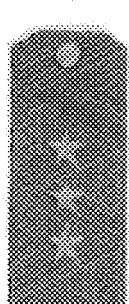
Col. General



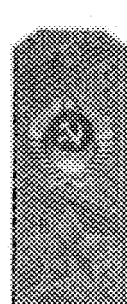
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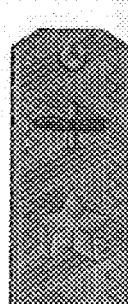
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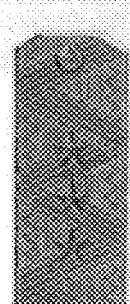
Col. General (Infantry & Armored)



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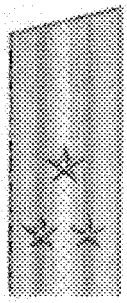


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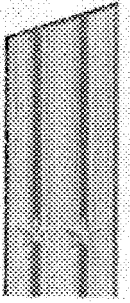


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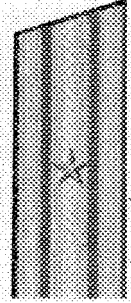
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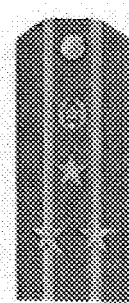
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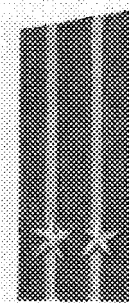
Lt. Col. Engineer Air Force



Major (Chemical Troops)



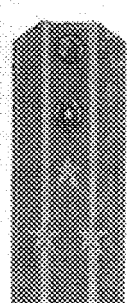
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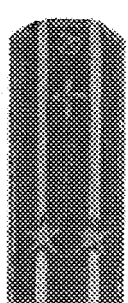
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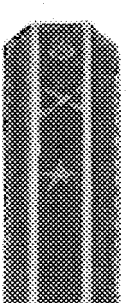
Major Air Force



Colonel (Infantry)

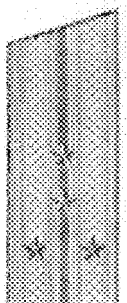


Lt. Col. Air Force

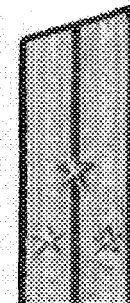


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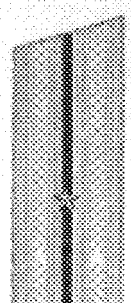
JUNIOR OFFICERS



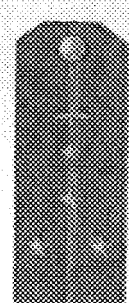
Captain (Infantry)



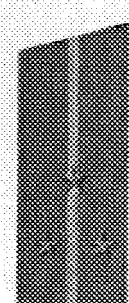
Senior Lt. (Technical troops)



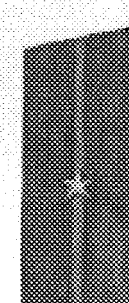
Junior Lt. (Military Communications & Railroads)



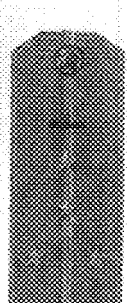
Captain Air Force



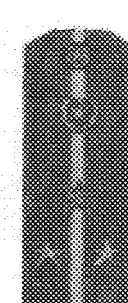
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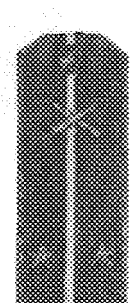
Junior Lt. Border Troops



Captain Air Force



Senior Lt. (Infantry)



Lieutenant (Artillery)

NOTE: MILITIA OFFICERS always wear shoulderboards of silver thread background with red longitudinal stripes and piping. On tunics with standing collar, hexagonal shaped shoulderboards are worn.

PART II—ARMY, AIR FORCE, BORDER GUARDS, KGB AND MILITIA

COLLAR TABS

TABS ON OVERCOATS OF HIGH RANKING OFFICERS



Marshal of the Soviet Union



General Officers, Artillery and Armored



General Officers, Air Force



General Officers, Justice

Tabs for dress/semi-dress officer's uniform

Tabs for service officer's uniform



Artillery



Air Force

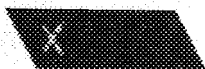


Infantry



Medical

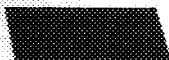
Tabs for officers' overcoats and for overcoats and dress/semi-dress uniforms of non-commissioned officers of extended enlistments, and overcoats of enlisted men and officer candidates:



Tabs for standing collars of dress/semi-dress uniforms of enlisted men, non-commissioned officers and officer candidates:



Infantry



Artillery



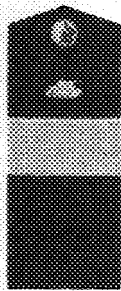
Officer candidate

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NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and ENLISTED MEN
SHOULDERBOARDS

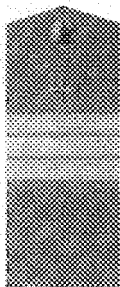
DRESS/SEMI-DRESS



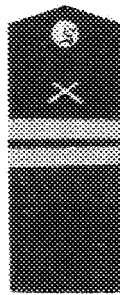
Sgt. Major



Senior Sgt.



Sergeant



Junior Sgt.

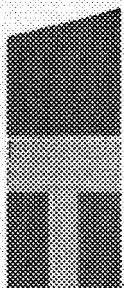


Pvt. 1st cl.

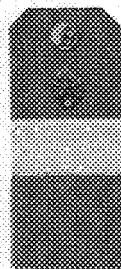


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FIELD and EVERYDAY



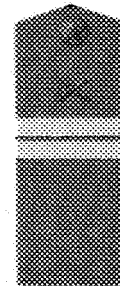
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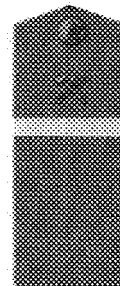
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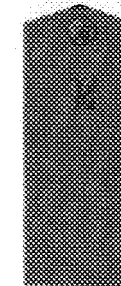
Sergeant



Junior Sgt.

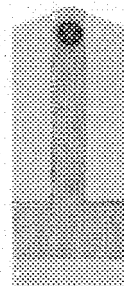


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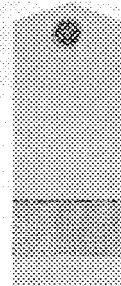


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MILITIA: DRESS and SERVICE (Rank stripes are in silver or white)



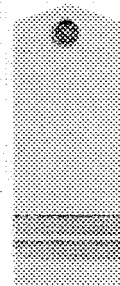
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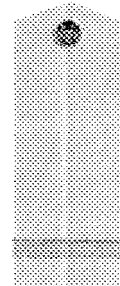
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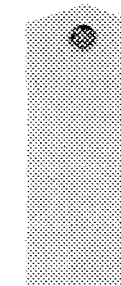
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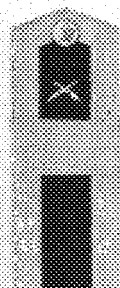


Pvt.

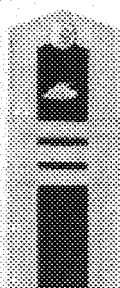
OFFICERS' CANDIDATES and STUDENTS OF SUVOROV MILITARY SCHOOLS



Sgt. Major



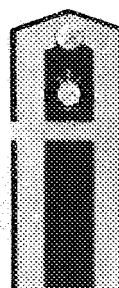
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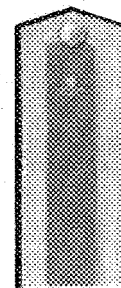
Sgt.



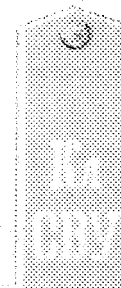
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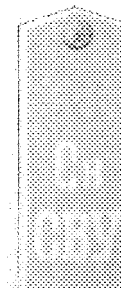
Pvt. 1st cl.



Off. candidate



Students of Suvorov
Military Schools



Note: Officer candidates wear uniforms of Army enlisted men. Students of Suvorov Military schools wear their own distinctive uniform similar to the

(All ranks not shown)

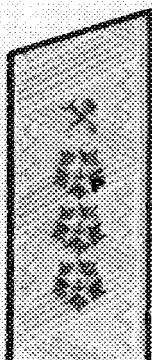
DRESS/SEMI-DRESS

SERVICE and FIELD

HIGH RANKING OFFICERS



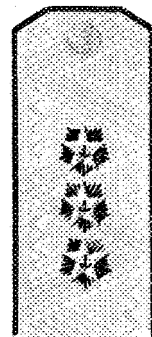
Admiral of the Fleet of the Soviet Union



Admiral-Engineer

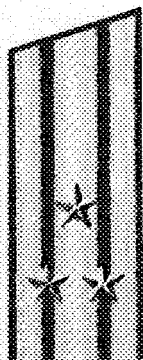


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Admiral

SENIOR OFFICERS



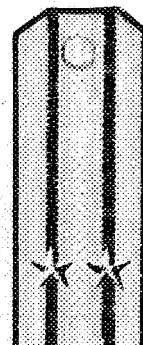
Captain 1st Rank



Major (Medical Service)

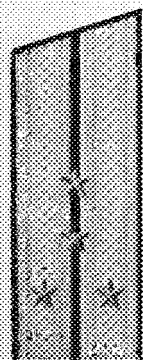


Captain 1st Rank

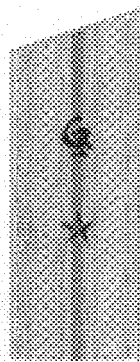


Captain 2nd Rank

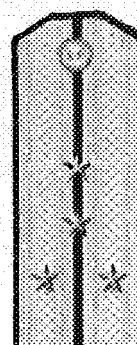
JUNIOR OFFICERS



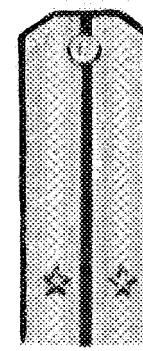
Captain-Lieutenant



Jr. Lieutenant



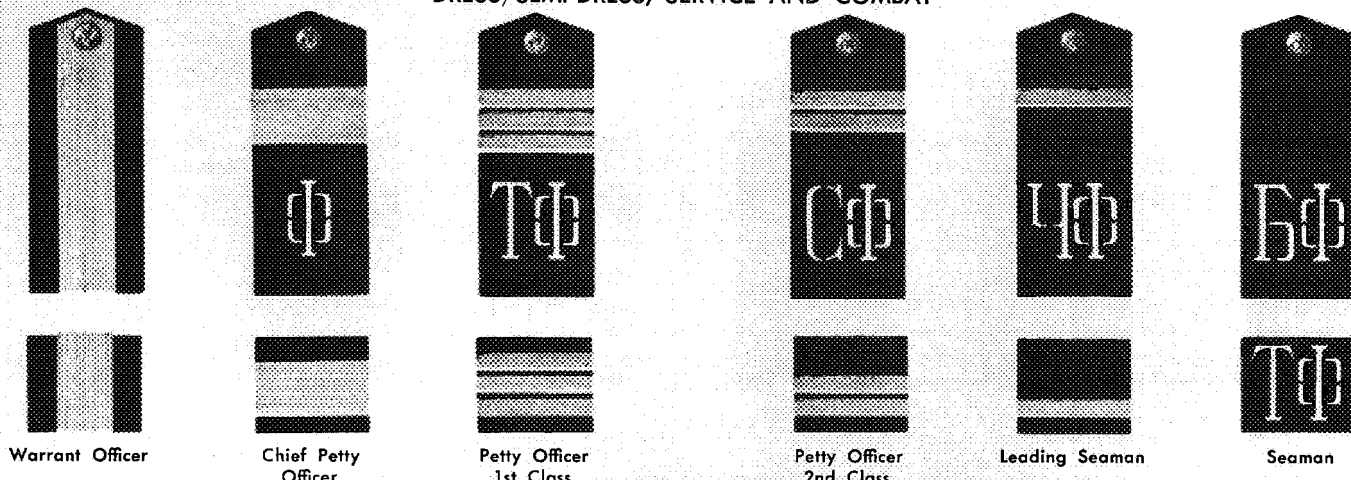
Capt. Lieutenant



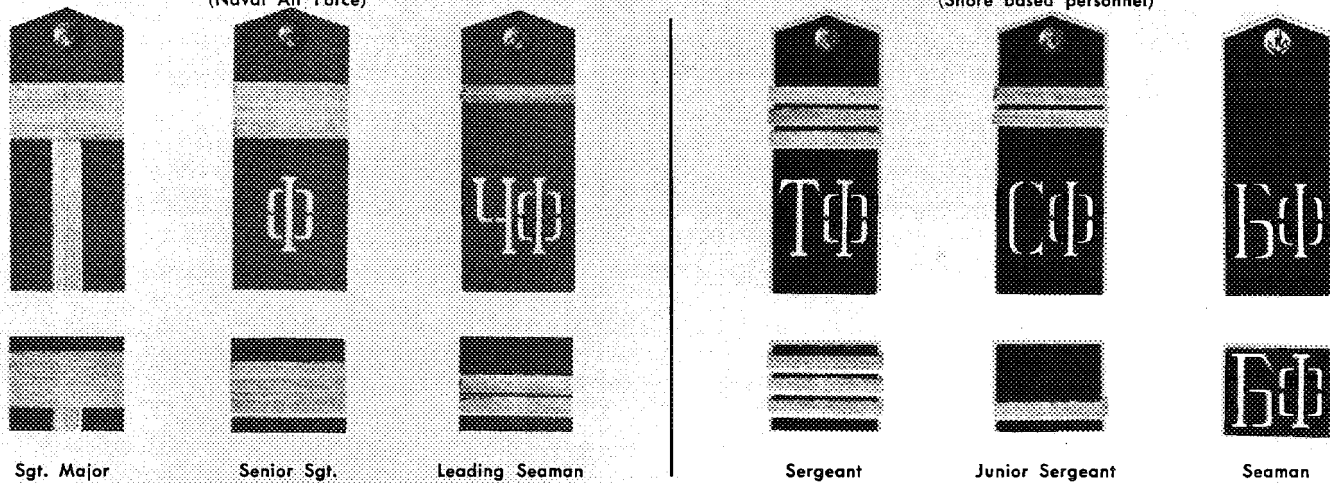
Lieutenant

PART III—NAVY

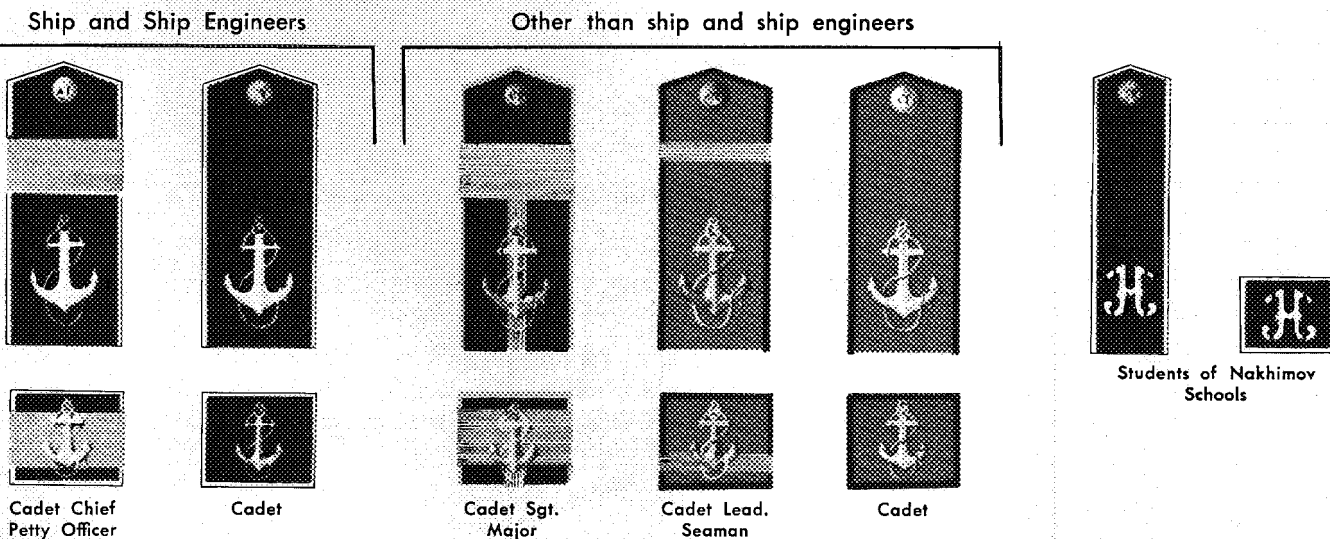
DRESS/SEMI-DRESS, SERVICE AND COMBAT



NAVAL AIR FORCE AND SHORE BASED PERSONNEL (All ranks not shown)



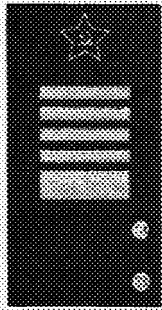
NAVAL CADETS and NAKHIMOV SCHOOLS



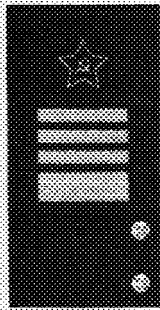
Note. Naval cadets and students of Nakhimov Schools wear seamen's uniforms.

* Petty officers and enlisted men wear either the regular shoulderboards or the short shoulderboards, depending on the type of uniform.

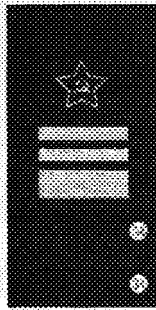
SLEEVE INSIGNIA WORN BY LINE AND LINE ENGINEER NAVAL OFFICERS



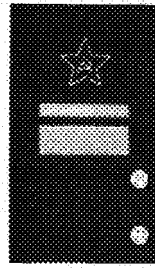
Admiral of the Fleet of the Soviet Union



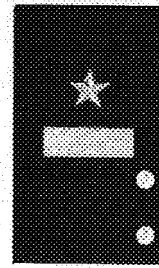
Admiral



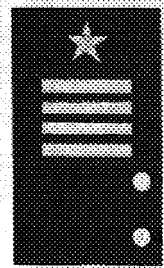
Vice-Admiral



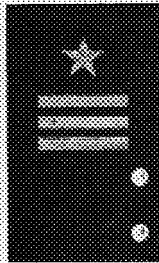
Rear-Admiral



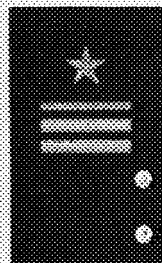
Captain 1st Rank



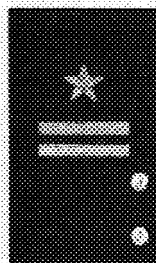
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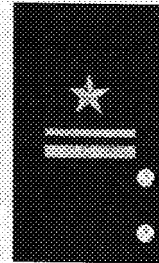
Captain 3rd Rank



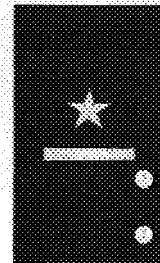
Captain-Lieutenant



Senior Lieutenant

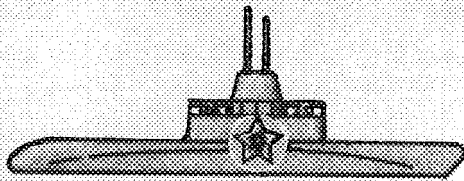


Lieutenant

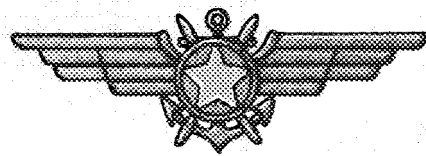


Junior Lieutenant

Special insignia worn on right breast

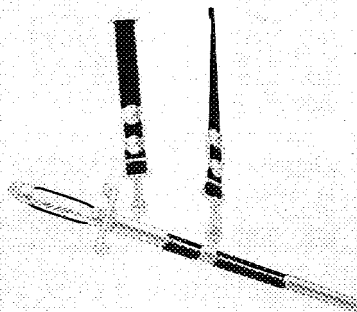


Submariner's badge

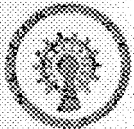


Aviator's wings

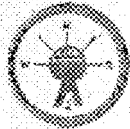
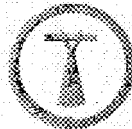
Dirk worn by officers and some petty-officers with dress uniform



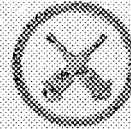
SPECIALTY BADGES WORN BY PETTY OFFICERS AND SEAMEN ON LEFT UPPER SLEEVE



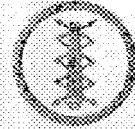
Quartermaster

Gyro Compass
Technician

Fire Controlman



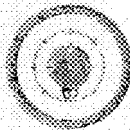
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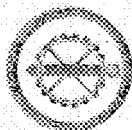
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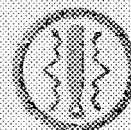
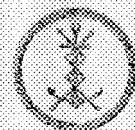
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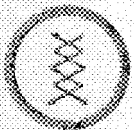
Mine Man



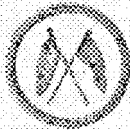
Torpedoman

Electrician-
Torpedoman

Radioman



Telegraphist



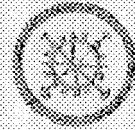
Signalman



Radio Technician



Diver



Machinist-Boilermaker



Damage Controlman



Machinist



Motorman



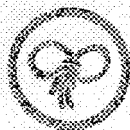
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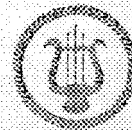
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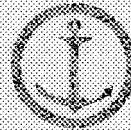
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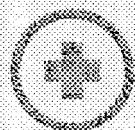
Rigger



Musician



Storekeeper



Hospital Corpsman