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1. There was no feature of the uniform worn by SOVROMTRANSPORT (SRT) officers, officer-candidates (cadetts), or crew to distinguish them as members of the Rumanian Merchant Marine. Only officers and officer-candidates wore insignia to denote rank which was shown by gold stripes on the lower part of the sleeves of jackets, topcoats, and raincoats.
2. The winter uniform worn by officers and officer-candidates consisted of jackets, trousers, hats, and topcoats all navy blue. Shoes and ties were black, shirts were white. The summer uniform was white with a high-collared jacket, white trousers, white shoes, and a white hat cover. No shoulder boards or trouser stripes were worn on winter or summer uniforms. The material of all uniforms was of very poor quality; no dress uniform existed for any of the personnel. SRT issued no uniform to crew members, and because of the high cost of uniforms, few crew members could afford to buy them. Uniforms were worn by officers and officer-candidates aboard passenger ships at sea, in harbors while on duty, and on national holidays.
3. The speciality of officers and officer-candidates was designated by the background color under the sleeve stripes. A black background was used for deck officers, light blue for radio officers, violet for engineers, and red for ships' doctors. (See pages 2 and 3 for sketches of details of the SOVROMTRANSPORT uniform.)

Soviet

4. Soviet Merchant Marine officers wore jackets, trousers, topcoats, shoes, and hats of black; the edges of the hats were very sharp. Crew members wore dark blue shirts with wide collars and black trousers. No shoulder boards, speciality insignia, or trouser stripes was worn by any personnel. Although  no feature on 50X1

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the uniform which designated the nationality of Soviet Merchant Marine personnel, officers wore gold stripes on the lower sleeve of jackets and topcoats. This stripe was wider than that worn by SOVROMTRANSPORT personnel. There was no background color under the stripes other than the material of the uniform.

- 5. Watchmen on duty aboard Soviet ships wore a striped ribbon of two red stripes and one white stripe on the upper half of the left sleeve. (See page 4 for sketches of details of the Soviet uniform.)

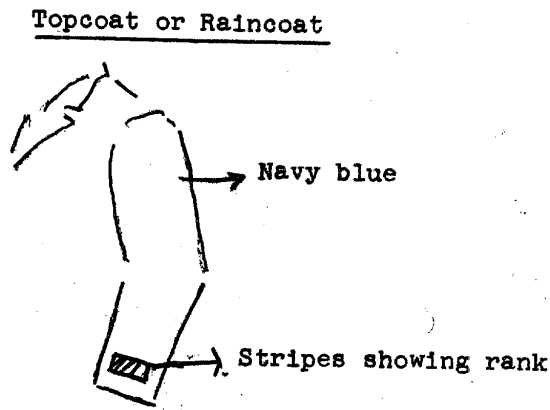
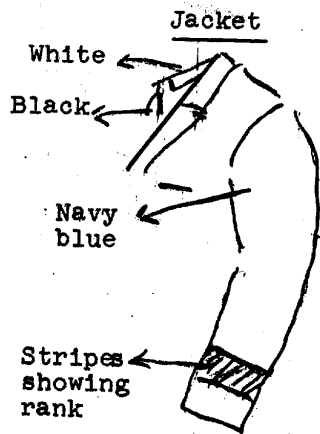
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- 6. [redacted] officers of the Bulgarian Merchant Marine only. Their uniform consisted of a black jacket, black trousers, and black shoes.

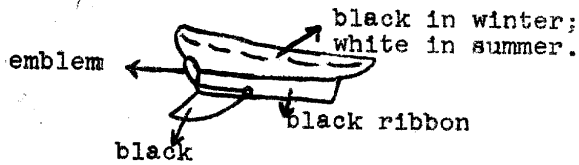
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(See page 5 for sketch of hat details.)

SOVROMTRANSPORT Uniform

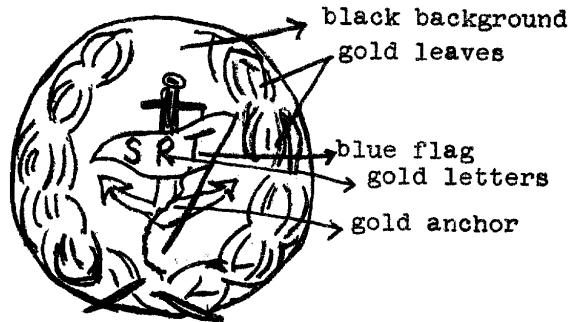




SOVROMTRANSPORT Hat



Emblem on SOVROMTRANSPORT Hat



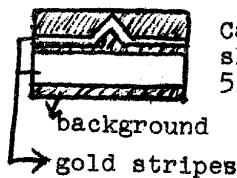
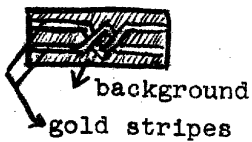
SOVROMTRANSPORT Sleeve Stripes

3rd or 4th officer



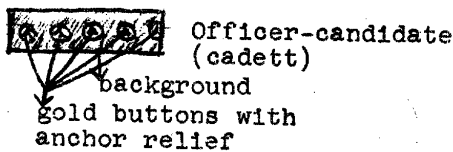
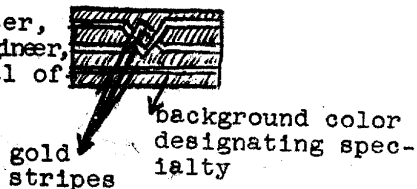
Captain of ship under 5,000 tn.

2nd officer



Captain of passenger ship or freighter over 5,000 tn.

1st officer, chief engineer, or medical officer



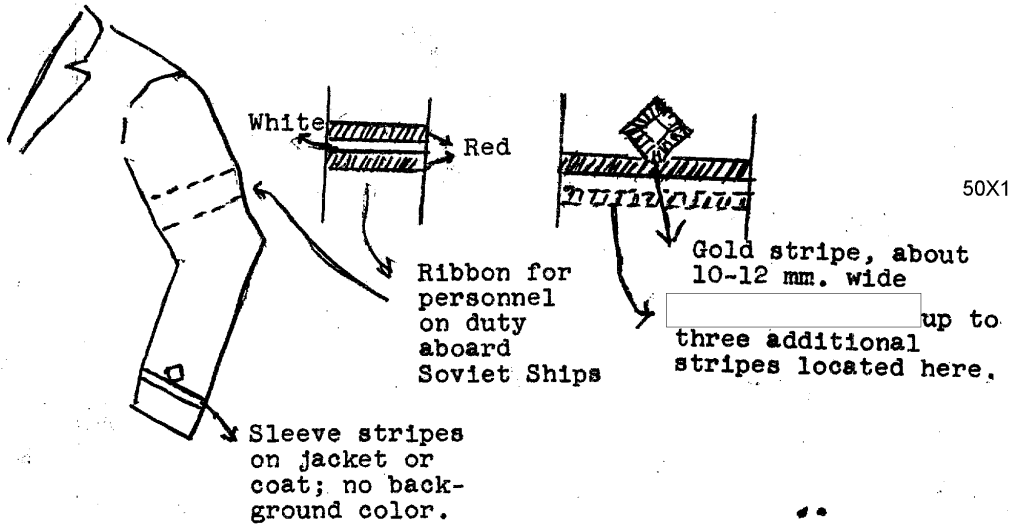
Officer-candidate (cadett)

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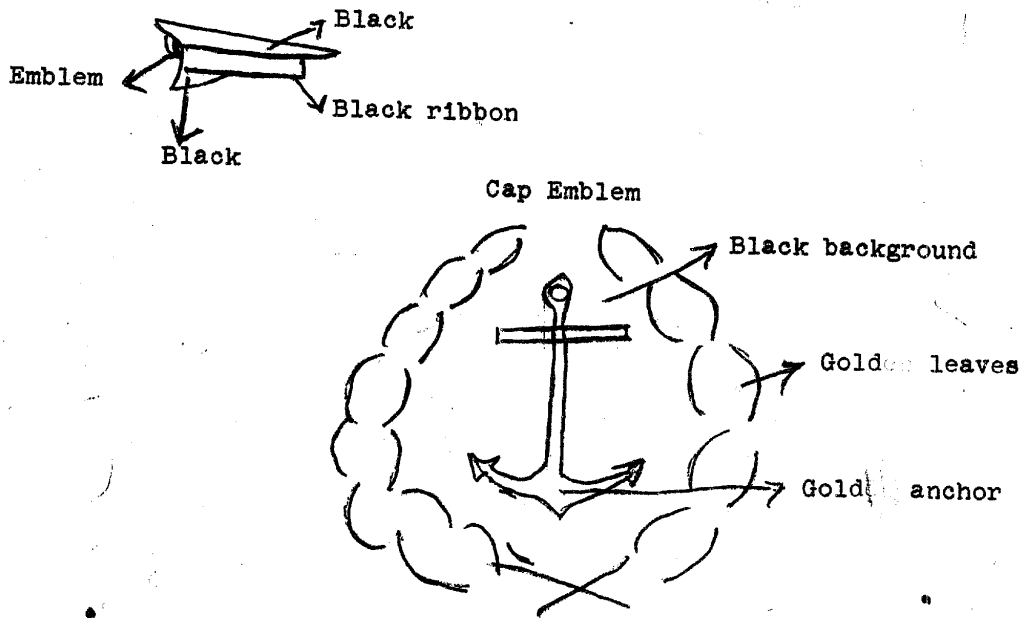
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Soviet Merchant Marine Sleeve Stripes



Soviet Merchant Marine Hat.



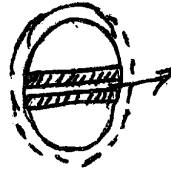
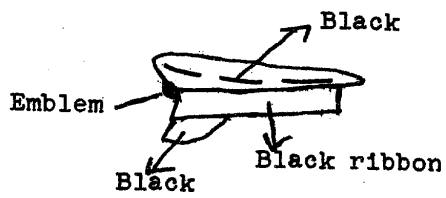
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Bulgarian Merchant Marine Hat



Inside of the hat were the  
Bulgarian national  
colors

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