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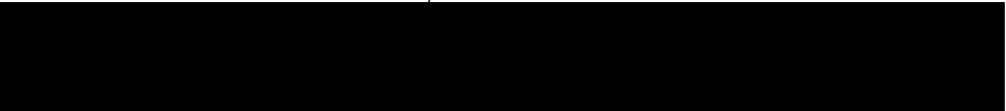
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- C-2 1. The members of the North Korean Peace Preservation Corps (Po An Tae 保安隊), Peace Preservation Office (Po An So 保安署), regular Constabulary (Kyong Pi Tae 警備隊), Railway Constabulary and Coast Guard Constabulary wear their insignia on collar tabs similar to those worn by Japanese Army personnel.
- C-3 2. Members of the Peace Preservation Corps (Po An Tae) wear light red collar tabs with a red border. Gold stars and gold lines on the tabs designate rank.
- C-6 3. Members of the Peace Preservation Office (Po An So) wear light red collar tabs.
- C-6 4. Members of the regular Constabulary and the Railway Constabulary wear light red collar tabs with a black border.
- C-6 5. Members of the Coast Guard Constabulary also wear light red collar tabs with a black border, but the tabs differ slightly from those worn by members of the regular Constabulary and the Railway Constabulary.
- C-6 6. Members of the Coast Guard Constabulary wear khaki uniforms.
- C-6 7. Members of the Railway and regular Constabulary, Peace Preservation Corps and Peace Preservation Office wear black uniforms.

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- F-6 8. The officers of the Railway Constabulary wear uniforms different from those of the enlisted men. The officers' uniforms resemble those of the Soviet Army and the People's Army of North Korea. The insignia are worn on shoulder boards instead of on collar tabs.

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- C-2 9. Members of the People's Army, or Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Schools, wear uniforms similar to those worn by the Soviet Army troops, with high stand-up collars and with the insignia on shoulder boards. The shoulder boards are similar to those used by the Soviets, but are slightly narrower.

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- C-6 10. The branch of service of members of the People's Army, or Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Schools, is designated by the color of the shoulder board. A red background is used by the infantry, artillery and cavalry; a blue background by the air force; and a black background by the signal corps. There is a large star on the shoulder board in the same position as the large star with the hammer and sickle device on the shoulder board of the Soviet soldier's uniform. However, instead of the hammer and sickle, the Korean national emblem is placed inside the star. Smaller stars and stripes are used to denote rank. The officers' shoulder boards have both the smaller stars and stripes to denote rank, but the enlisted men's shoulder boards have only stripes to denote rank. There is no difference between the uniforms of the officers and enlisted men except that the uniforms of the officers are made from better material than those of the enlisted men.

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