

POCKET GUIDE OF

Uniform Insignia

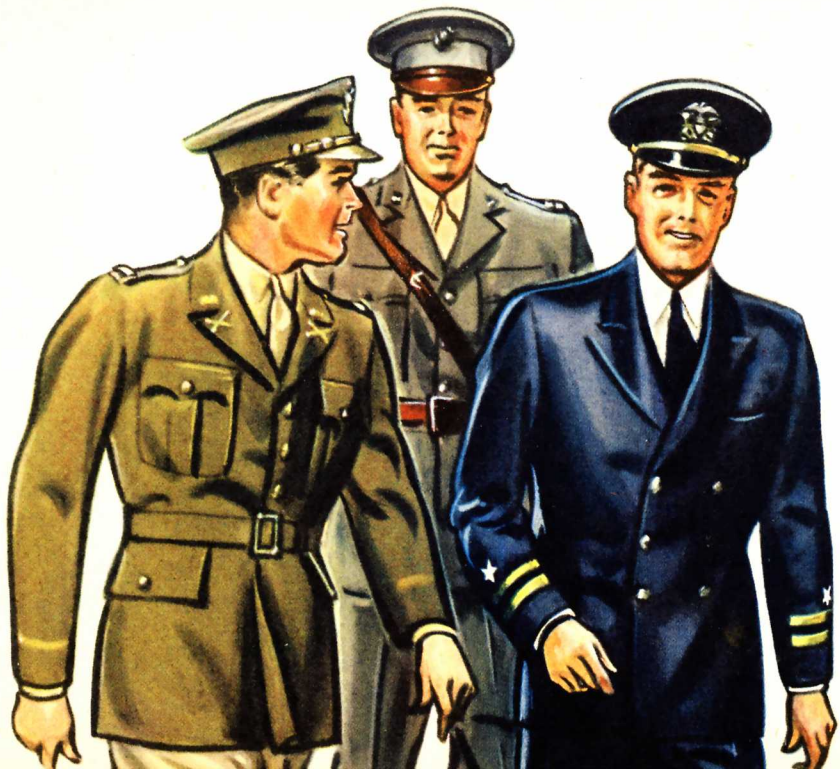


UNITED STATES ★ BRITISH EMPIRE ★ U. S. S. R.

FRANCE ★ CHINA ★ POLAND

Keep THIS BOOKLET!

★ it will help you recognize commissioned officers and national colors of the United Nations. You can tell rank of our Army officers by shoulder insignia. Navy rank is indicated by stripes on sleeves of the regular uniform and by shoulder epaulets on the overcoat and summer uniform. Both Army and Navy officers may wear garrison caps bearing insignia of rank. The following charts show equivalent grades of rank.



UNIFORM INSIGNIA



General



*Lieutenant
General*



*Major
General*



*Brigadier
General*



Colonel



Admiral



*Vice
Admiral*



*Rear
Admiral*



Commodore



Captain

UNITED STATES

ARMY

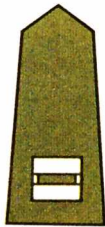
NAVY



*Lieutenant
Colonel*



Major



Captain



*First
Lieutenant*



*Second
Lieutenant*



Commander



*Lieutenant
Commander*



Lieutenant



*Lieutenant
Junior Grade*



Ensign

British Empire. British soldiers salute only when covered and then by raising the hand, palm outward, to the forehead in a circular motion. Noncoms do not salute each other, but salute all commissioned officers. Divisional insignia often appear on the sleeve near the shoulder and may carry the picture of anything from a tank to a Panda.



GREAT BRITAIN



CANADA



AUSTRALIA



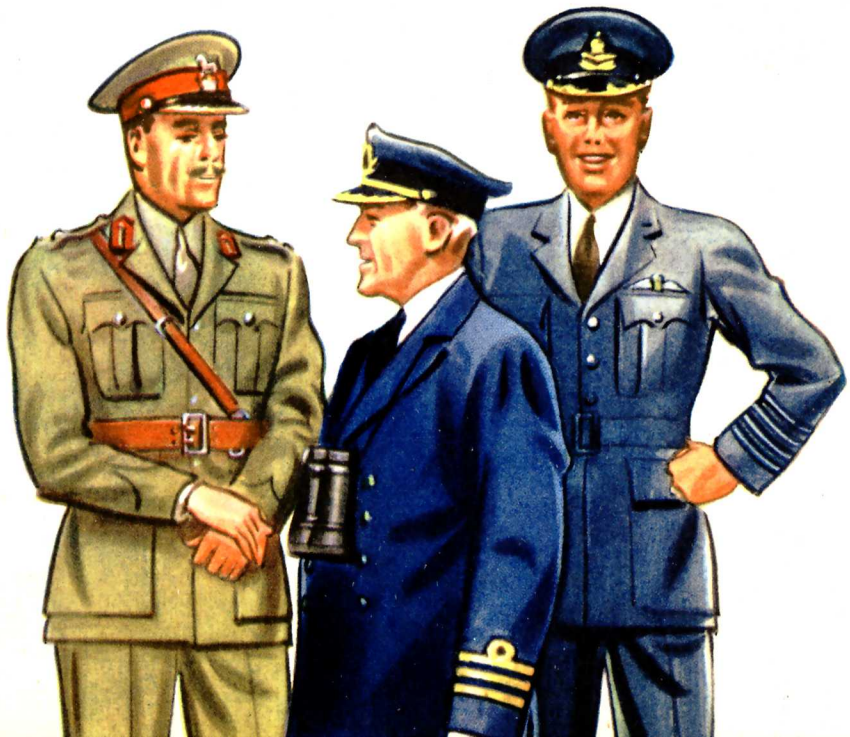
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EMPIRE OF INDIA



UNIFORM INSIGNIA



*Field
Marshal*



General



*Lieutenant
General*



*Major
General*



Brigadier



Colonel



*Admiral
of the Fleet*



Admiral



*Vice
Admiral*



*Rear Admiral
and Commodore
First Class*



*Commodore
Second Class*



Captain



*Marshal of
the R. A. F.*



*Air Chief
Marshal*



*Air
Marshal*



*Air
Vice Admiral*



*Air
Commodore*



*Group
Captain*

BRITISH EMPIRE

ARMY

NAVY

AIR FORCE



Second Lieutenant



Warrant Officer



Pilot Officer



Lieutenant



*Sub-Lieutenant
or Commissioned
Warrant Officer*



Flying Officer



Captain



Lieutenant



Flight Lieutenant



Major



Lieutenant Commander



Squadron Leader



Lieutenant Colonel



Commander



Wing Commander



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★ The only excuse a Soviet soldier has for not saluting while covered is that he is busy firing a gun. Every junior salutes his senior, even in the noncommissioned grades. In the armed forces of the Soviet Union "Hello" is used as a friendly greeting among all ranks and is pronounced and means the same to them as it does to us.



UNIFORM INSIGNIA



Marshal



General



*Colonel
General*



*Lieutenant
General*



*Major
General*



Colonel



*Admiral of
the Fleet*



Admiral



*Vice
Admiral*



*Rear
Admiral*



Commodore



Captain



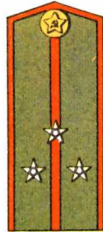
*Lieutenant
Colonel*



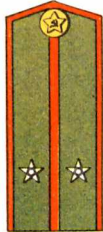
Major



Captain



*Senior
Lieutenant*



Lieutenant



*Junior
Lieutenant*



Commander



*Lieutenant
Commander*



Lieutenant



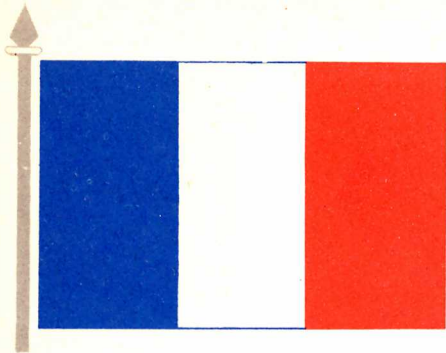
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Junior Grade*



Ensign

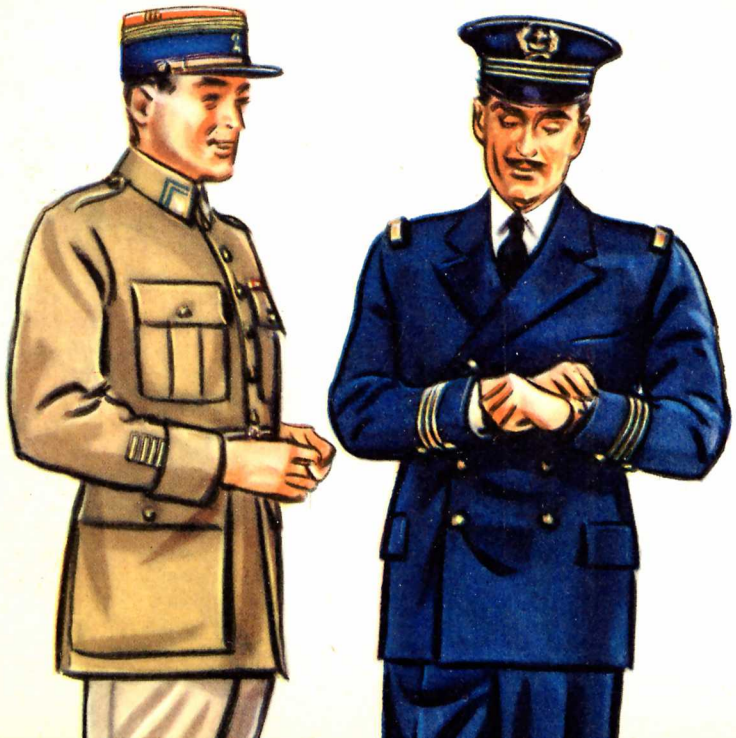
*No
Comparable
Rank*

ARMY **U.S.S.R** NAVY



FRANCE

★ “Mon Capitaine” (My Captain) is the way you may hear a French soldier address his commander. Usually the phrase “Je vous présente mes respects” (I present you my regards) will follow. French soldiers never salute uncovered, every junior salutes his senior, and privates are addressed as “Soldat” (Soldier). Otherwise French military courtesies vary but slightly from our own American traditions.



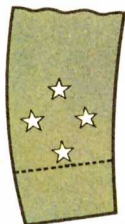
UNIFORM INSIGNIA



Marshal



*General
of an Army*



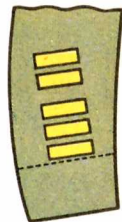
*General of
Army Corps*



*General
of Division*



*Brigadier
General*



Colonel

*No
Comparable
Rank*



*Admiral
of the Fleet*



*Vice Admiral
in Command of
Forces*



*Vice
Admiral*



*Rear
Admiral*

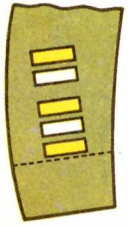


Captain

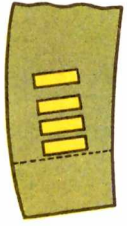
FRANCE

ARMY

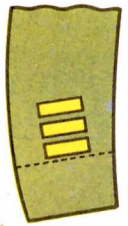
NAVY



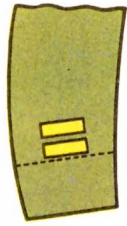
*Lieutenant
Colonel*



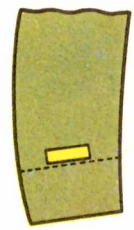
Major



Captain



Lieutenant



*Second
Lieutenant*



Commander



*Lieutenant
Commander*



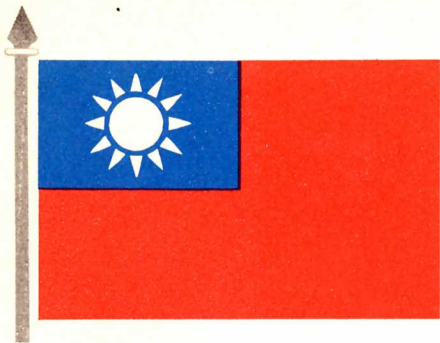
*Lieutenant
Senior Grade*



*Lieutenant
Junior Grade*



Ensign

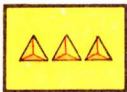


CHINA

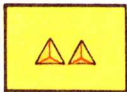
★ Outdoors, the Chinese soldier salutes by hand but inside he executes a slight bow from attention. A junior of any rank salutes his seniors and addresses them not by rank but by the job assigned, such as "Company Commander" or "Section Leader." The Chinese soldier sometimes wears a removable band around his left arm to denote his outfit, and he proudly stands at attention when he hears the phrase "Long live Generalissimo!"



UNIFORM INSIGNIA



General



*Lieutenant
General*



*Major
General*

*No Rank
Comparable
to
Brigadier
General*



Colonel



General



*Lieutenant
General*



*Major
General*

*No Rank
Comparable
to
Brigadier
General*



Colonel

CHINA

ARMY

AIR FORCE



*Lieutenant
Colonel*



Major



Captain



*First
Lieutenant*



*Second
Lieutenant*



*Lieutenant
Colonel*



Major



Captain



*First
Lieutenant*

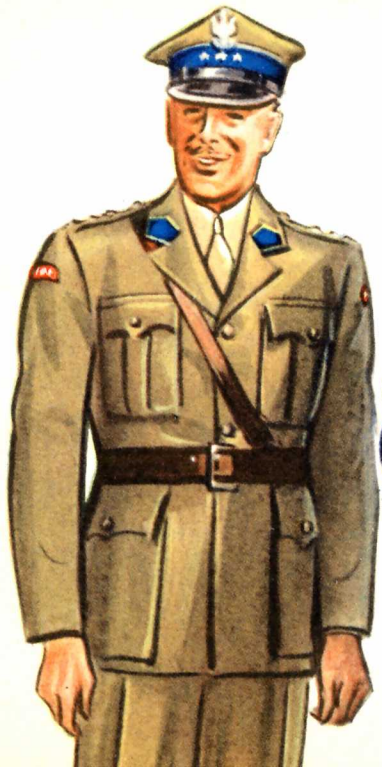


*Second
Lieutenant*



POLAND

★ The Polish Army carries regimental colors into battles, but never the National Flag, for the Nation's flag must not perish while regimental colors share the fate of the unit. Colors of units are therefore saluted. Often when a commander says "Czolem" to his men, as greeting, the group will chorus: "To the glory of our country!" Polish Army customs prescribe using "Mr." before all titles of rank.



UNIFORM INSIGNIA



*Marshal
of Poland*



*General
of Arms*



*General
of Division*



*General
of Brigade*

*No Rank
Comparable
to
Brigadier
General*



Colonel

*No
Comparable
Rank*

*No
Comparable
Rank*



*Vice
Admiral*



*Rear
Admiral*

*No Rank
Comparable
to
Brigadier
General*



Captain

POLAND

ARMY

NAVY



*Lieutenant
Colonel*



Major



Captain



Lieutenant



*Sub-
Lieutenant*



*Commander
Senior*



*Commander
Junior*



*Lieutenant
Commander*



Lieutenant



*Sub-
Lieutenant*

*M*ilitary courtesy varies but little in the armed forces of the nations fighting together for freedom. An American soldier will salute commissioned officers and pay respects to the anthems and colors of the United Nations just as he will those of his own country. Commissioned officers of our Allies may be recognized either by shoulder or sleeve insignia in every case and often by headdress, as this booklet shows. Military courtesy and discipline are important to cement men into armies, for man is the fundamental element in war—even a modern global war.

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