

## UNIFORMS

By the Congressional charters, CAP members are permanently granted the privilege, won in wartime, of wearing World War II military uniform garments with distinguishing CAP insignia. Main differences include the silver CAP in place of the US on Army uniforms, silver buttons, and a silver wing and propeller device in place of the gold and silver of the Air Force. The authority includes insignia of grade, up to colonel, as used by the Air Force and Army.

The CAP shoulder patch is a primary distinguishing feature worn at the top of the left sleeve on all outer garments, one-half inch below the shoulder seam. It is the emblem of the wartime Office of Civilian Defense, a white triangle on a blue circle with a red 3-bladed propeller in the triangle. The emblem was registered internationally during the war so a CAP member on active duty, if captured by the enemy, would be treated as a prisoner of war.

Caps. Silver CAP officers' cap insignia with enameled emblem is worn on the regulation officers' service (visor) cap. Officers may also wear the garrison (overseas) cap with proper designation of rank. Senior enlisted members wear either the service cap (visor) with CAP enameled metal disk or the garrison (overseas) cap without braid and with enameled or cloth CAP insignia. Female officers or enlisted personnel wear the garrison (overseas) cap.

Minimum uniform will consist of regulation army officers khaki or chino shirt; chino trousers or skirt; a tan web belt with plain brass buckle; tan shoes with plain toes, tan socks, tie, and overseas cap.

Wearing of uniform is required by all senior members when participating in military ceremonies or formations of an official nature. The use of the uniform at other times is optional except that it will not be worn while engaged in employment not connected with CAP activity. (Illustrations in Appendix.)

## INSIGNIA

The following insignia have been approved by the Civil Air Patrol for use by its members. Proper insignia must be worn on the authorized uniforms at all times.

Officers' insignia. Silver CAP cutout letters instead of the gold "U. S." will be mounted on the right side of the shirt collar and on each side of the blouse lapel. Insignia of rank, regulation Army type, will not be worn without the CAP label designation.

Silver buttons, stamped with the CAP emblem will be worn in lieu of regular Army gold buttons. Silver wings and propeller insignia will be worn in lieu of Air Force gold and silver wings and propeller insignia on the officers' uniforms when the service coat or jacket is worn.

Enlisted personnel. Enameled insignia with the Civil Air Patrol three-bladed propeller emblem will be used for either the garrison or overseas cap. Chevrons are regulation Army type and are mounted on both sleeves halfway between the elbow and the shoulder. Collar insignia requires silver CAP cutout letters centered on both sides of the collar of the service coat or jacket.

## DECORATIONS, AWARDS AND BADGES

All decorations and awards are approved by the National Commander of the Civil Air Patrol on personnel orders published by national headquarters. Recommendations for awards begin with the citation of the individual concerned by his immediate commanding officer, who forwards the necessary information to national headquarters for consideration.

When worn, decorations, service ribbons, badges and special insignia are worn on the service coat or jacket or on the shirt when worn as an outer garment. They will not be worn on the overcoat.

How worn. Service ribbons, awards, and badges are worn on the left breast in order of precedence from right to left of the wearer in one or more rows. They may be either sewed or attached by means of a bar. If more than one row is necessary, succeeding rows will be placed below and parallel to the first row with a space of 1/8 inch between rows. Not more than one service ribbon of any decoration or award will be worn on the uniform. A miniature bronze Oak Leaf Cluster or similar decoration will be worn on the appropriate ribbon of any decoration to represent each additional award of that particular decoration.

Aviation badges. CAP pilots and observers wings will be worn on the left breast above the service ribbons, if any. Aviation badges earned while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States or allied nations may be worn immediately above the right pocket of the service coat or jacket and immediately above the right pocket of the shirt when worn as an outer garment. Awards from other agencies--all decorations, awards, badges or special insignia earned through qualification and given by competent authority to CAP members for service performed in any branch

of service of the U. S. or its allies may be worn on the Civil Air Patrol uniform as prescribed in AR 600-40.

### Decoration for Senior Members

The National Commander of CAP has the authority to award decorations to senior members for superior performance of their duties. These awards include:

1. Distinguished Service Award--This decoration is given for heroism and exceptionally meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility that has contributed in a high degree to the successful accomplishment of the Civil Air Patrol mission.

2. Exceptional Service Award--Senior members who distinguish themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service are awarded this ribbon. Such service must be clearly exceptional. Superior performance of the normal duties of a position will not alone justify this award.

3. Meritorious Service Award--This decoration is given to senior members who distinguish themselves by particularly excellent service or by accomplishment less than required for the exceptional service award.

### Service Ribbons for Senior Members

Wing commanders are authorized to award service ribbons to senior members of the Civil Air Patrol in recognition of honorable volunteer service. The national commander will award such ribbons to the wing commanders for distribution. Only the highest service ribbon which a member has received will be worn.

1. Blue Service Ribbon--This honor is awarded to senior members who have performed at least 2,000 hours of honorable volunteer service in the Civil Air Patrol program, and who have been members in good standing for at least 6 years.

2. White Service Ribbon--After senior members have served at least 1,000 hours of honorable volunteer service in the Civil Air Patrol over a 4-year period they receive this service award.

3. Red Service Ribbon--This ribbon is given to senior members who have been members of the Civil Air Patrol in good standing for at least two years and performed at least 500 hours of honorable service.

Any award, decoration or service ribbon previously authorized by national headquarters, and awarded to any member of Civil Air Patrol, may continue to be worn,

but such award, decoration, or service ribbon will no longer be authorized for future awards.

### Insignia of Technical Specialists

Technical specialists are authorized insignia for wear centered on the outside half of the right sleeve of the service jacket, or shirt when worn as an outer garment. The following specialists insignia are authorized for qualified senior members:

Mechanic--Meshed gear and pinion.

Musician--Lyre emblem.

Photographic--Camera emblem.

Radio--Letter "R" surrounded by flashes of lightning.

Transportation--Wheel and winged hand emblem.

### Insignia of Active Duty Service

Senior members who have served on CAP active duty in war time operations may wear the following insignia:

Anti-submarine coastal patrol--Submarine and bomb emblem.

Courier--Winged feet emblem.

Missing aircraft search--Winged binoculars emblem.

Southern liaison patrol--Cactus with letters "LP".

Tow target and tracing--Sleeve target and crossed searchlight beam emblem.

Active duty service stripes are authorized for wear for each period of six consecutive months of official service or 180 non-consecutive days of official service in CAP war-time operations.

### Aeronautical Ratings

Senior members of the Civil Air Patrol are authorized aeronautical ratings after complying with prescribed training and other necessary requirements. The CAP flight program is designed to build an adequate pool of qualified pilots and observers to meet requirements for flight services and emergency missions.

1. CAP Pilot--Civil Air Patrol pilots are volunteer members who have completed ground flight training and hold a CAA Private Pilot's license.

2. CAP Senior Pilot--This rating is awarded senior members of the Civil Air Patrol with 2 years' service and 1,500 hours of certified pilot time. ACAA private pilot's license is also required.

3. CAP Command Pilot--Senior members holding a CAA private pilot's license, and

with 4 years service and 2,500 hours of certified pilot time, may wear the Command Pilot's badge.

4. CAP Observer--After ground and flight training as an observer a senior member of the CAP may be awarded this aeronautical rating.

5. CAP Glider Pilot--Active CAP senior members who are qualified by the CAA as glider pilots and who fulfill other standards established by the wing commander will be authorized to wear Glider Pilot wings.

More complete details covering the qualification and wearing of aviation badges are covered in the 50 Series of current Civil Air Patrol Regulations.

Illustrations of insignia, badges, etc., appear in Appendix.

### FUNDS AND PROPERTY

Funds of Civil Air Patrol are principally from local contributions and the proceeds of local CAP events, held by the respective units to aid in the local program. State funds have been granted to some wings. There are no federal funds currently available. Plans have been made for the raising of national funds to finance activities for which the federal aid, in the form of staff assistance and equipment, can best be backed by private donations. The Charter and bylaws permits assessment of CAP members to defray expenses of National or other worthwhile projects of CAP. Donations to CAP are deductible from income tax returns as gifts. Money spent by members in CAP work may be deducted.

Property owned by the various units of Civil Air Patrol includes that received from federal surplus, private gifts, and items bought by CAP funds. Other property is held on loan from the Air Force and other sources.

Each squadron furnishes gasoline, oil, and performs light maintenance during the period it is using the aircraft. The entire complement of light planes within a wing is also available for use during local or regional emergencies affecting the public welfare. Liaison officers are authorized a 2-engine transport type aircraft for administrative work.

Air Force and surplus materials are available to CAP. The CAP is offered countless items of obsolete and surplus equipment for increasing the efficiency and realism of the entire CAP training program. In the classrooms the CAP instructors use actual Air Force engines and related aviation equipment. Their teaching is easier because they may show students just about every important aircraft component part used by modern aviation. Later, members work with the equipment themselves and gain valuable aviation knowledge and skills first hand. This class of AF equipment is largely inoperative and is employed entirely for classroom instructional assistance.

Communications equipment supplied the CAP, however, is fully operative and is used for both instruction and as part of the nationwide CAP communication network established for emergencies.

Other Air Force training aids, including films, film strips, and other visual aids, together with charts and mockups, are furnished.

Aircraft on loan. Light, single-engine aircraft of the L-4 or L-5 variety are assigned to each wing to help carry out orientation and familiarization flights for Civil Air Patrol cadets. The aircraft are loaned to individual squadrons at the discretion of the wing commander, and the AF-CAP liaison officer.

## HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

### FOUNDING OF PATROL

Civil Air Patrol was formed in 1941, as its first general order stated, "out of the desire of the civil airmen of the country to be mobilized with their equipment in the common defense."

These airmen had much to offer. There were more than 100,000 civilian pilots, a like number of student pilots and ex-pilots, and many citizens of related skills. A privately owned fleet of some 25,000 planes was operating from 2,500 airfields which were bases for hundreds of flight schools and air services.

Forerunner movements were started in 1940. In 1941 national associations as well as many state and local groups were formed. As war clouds gathered, it was plain to civil air leaders that civil aviation, unorganized, was in danger of being grounded for the duration.

Unrestricted flying of private planes was seen as cluttering the interceptor board and as a menace to military traffic, for which the air had to be cleared. It was deemed an unwarranted use of war materials and a possible means of sabotage and espionage.

WEARING THE UNIFORM - CAP

WINTER

MALE



OFFICER PERSONNEL -  
Trousers, Pink Elastic;  
Battle Jacket and  
Flight Cap, Green  
Elastic



ENLISTED PERSONNEL -  
Battle Jacket and  
Flight Cap, Wool,  
Olive Drab (OD)

FEMALE



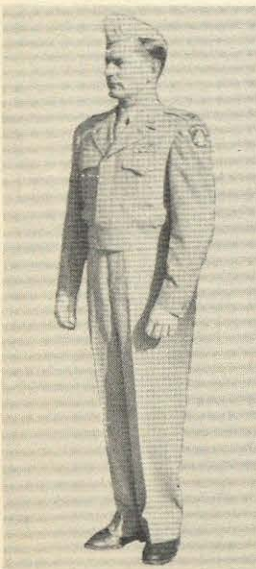
OFFICER PERSONNEL -  
Skirt, Pink Elastic;  
Blouse and Flight  
Cap, Green Elastic



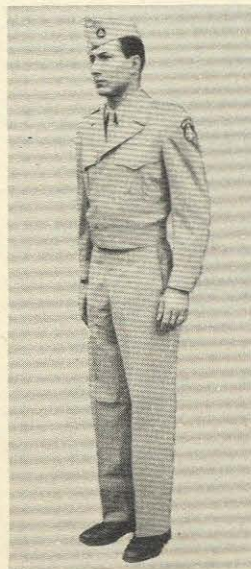
ENLISTED PERSONNEL -  
Skirt with shirt worn  
as outer garment,  
Wool, Olive Drab (OD)

SUMMER

MALE



OFFICER PERSONNEL -  
Battle Jacket and  
Flight Cap - Tropical  
Worsted



ENLISTED PERSONNEL -  
Battle Jacket and  
Flight Cap,  
Tropical Worsted

FEMALE



OFFICER PERSONNEL -  
Skirt, Blouse and  
Flight Cap-  
Tropical Worsted



ENLISTED PERSONNEL -  
Skirt with Shirt worn  
as outer garment,  
Tropical Worsted

WEARING THE UNIFORM - CAP CADETS

WINTER

MALE



OFFICER PERSONNEL -  
Trousers, Battle  
Jacket and Flight  
Cap - Wool, Olive  
Drab



ENLISTED PERSONNEL -  
Trousers, Shirt and  
Flight Cap, Wool, (OD)

FEMALE



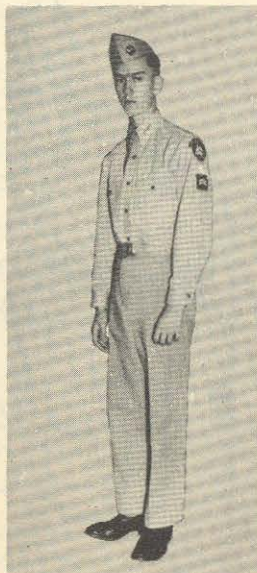
OFFICER PERSONNEL -  
Skirt, Blouse and  
Flight Cap - Wool,  
(OD)



ENLISTED PERSONNEL -  
Skirt, Shirt and  
Flight Cap - Wool,  
(OD)

SUMMER

MALE



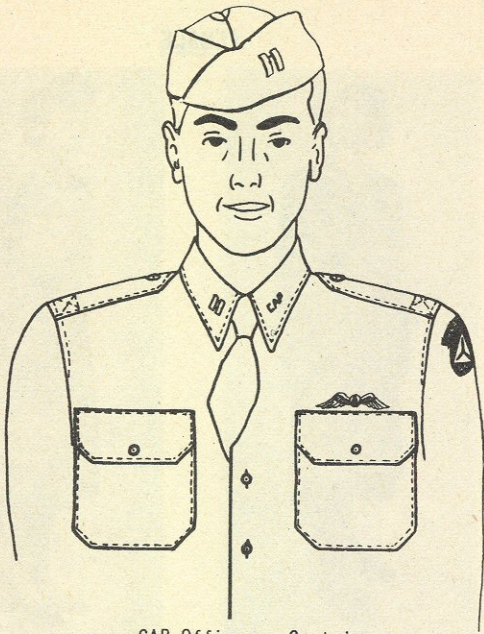
ENLISTED PERSONNEL -  
Trousers, Shirt and  
Flight Cap - Khaki

FEMALE

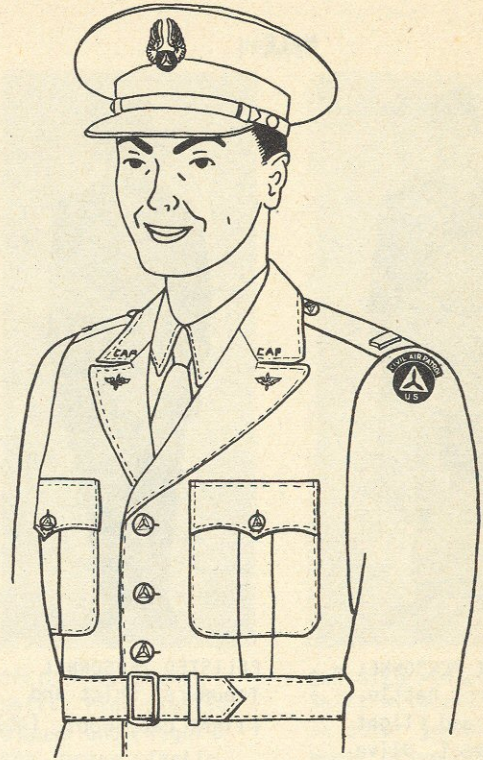


ENLISTED PERSONNEL -  
Skirt, Shirt and  
Flight Cap - Khaki

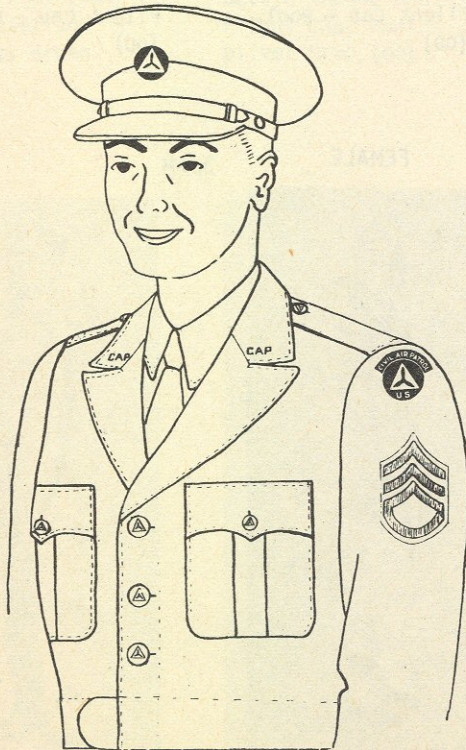
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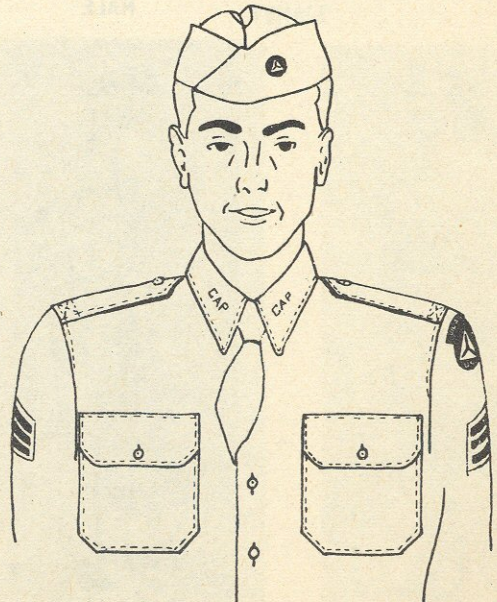
CAP Officer - Captain



CAP Officer - Lieutenant



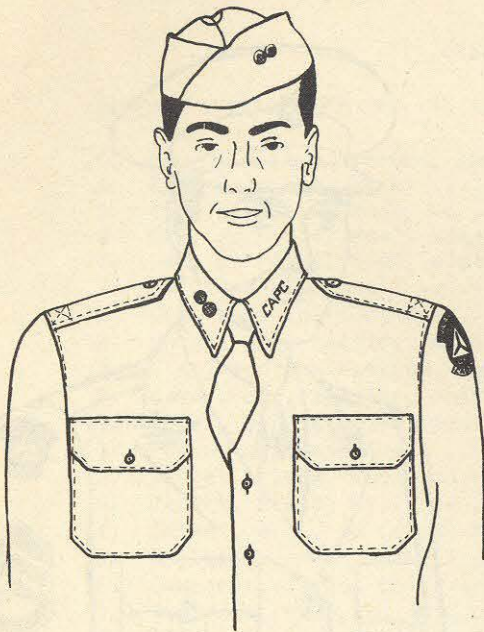
CAP Non Commissioned Officer - Staff Sergeant



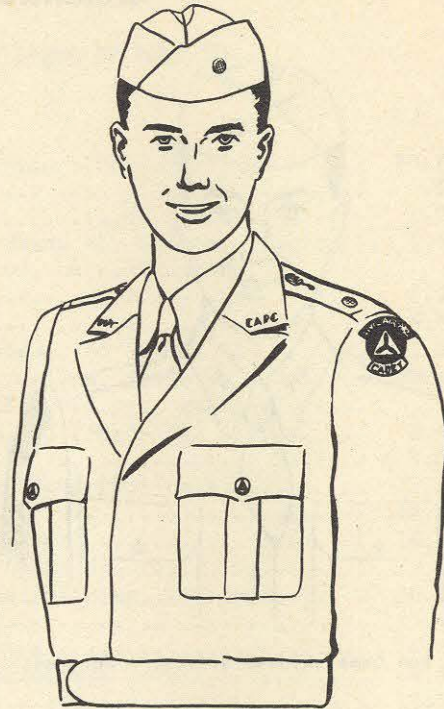
CAP Non Commissioned Officer - Sergeant

(INSIGNIA ON BLOUSE OR BATTLE JACKET, AND SHIRT WHEN WORN AS AN OUTER GARMENT)

# WEARING THE UNIFORM - CAP CADETS



Cadet Officer - 1st Lieutenant



Cadet Officer - 2nd Lieutenant



Cadet Non Commissioned Officer - Sergeant



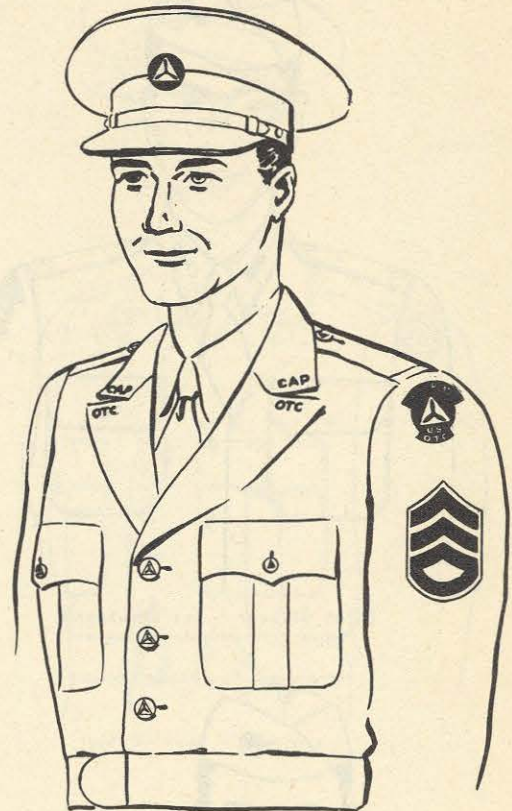
Cadet Member without rank or grade

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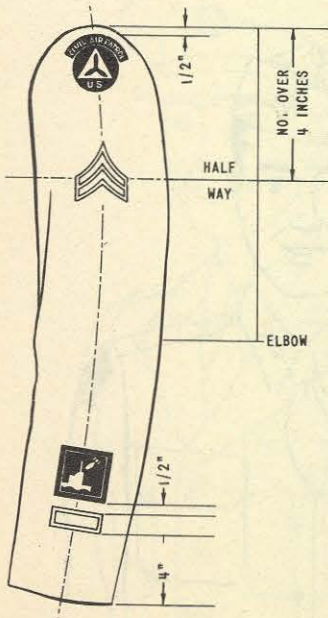
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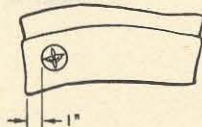
OTC Non Commissioned Officer - Sergeant



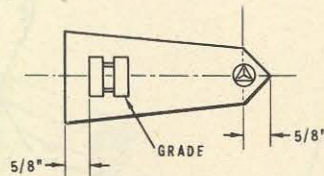
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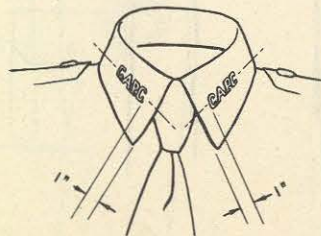
Insignia on the Sleeve



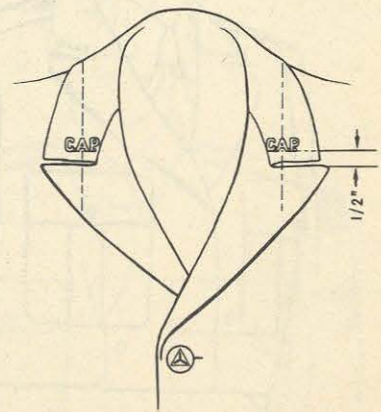
Insignia on the Cap



Insignia on the Shoulder Loop



Insignia on the Collar



Insignia on the Lapel



## PRESCRIBED ITEMS OF UNIFORM

TABLE I - MALE OFFICERS AND AIRMEN

1. Cap, garrison, cotton, khaki, Officer (Optional).....	\$0.78
2. Cap, garrison, khaki .....	.64
3. Cap, garrison, wool, od .....	1.93
4. Cap, garrison, wool, serge, od, Shade 33, Officer (Optional)	1.45
5. Cap, garrison, wool, elastique, od, dark, Shade 51, Officer (Optional) .....	1.93
6. Cap, service, fur, felt, od .....	9.79
7. Cover, cap, service, wool, elastique, od (Shade 51) .....	1.57
8. Coat, wool, elastique, dark, od, M-1944, Shade 51 .....	29.42
9. Cover, cap, service, uniform twill, 8.2 oz., khaki .....	.79
10. Cover, cap, service, wool, serge, od (Shade 33) .....	2.62
11. Frame, cap, service .....	4.05
12. Jacket, field, wool, od (officer type) (Optional) .....	22.51
13. Jacket, field, wool, od (EM type) .....	14.30
14. Jacket, wool, od (Shade 33) (Optional) .....	16.99
15. Necktie, cotton, mohair, khaki (Shade 6) .....	.30
16. Overcoat, field, OD-7, w/detachable lining, Officer's .....	40.25
17. Overcoat, wool, od .....	19.40
18. Raincoat, officers', double texture .....	16.82
19. Raincoat, rubberized, M-1938, dismantled .....	4.55
20. Shirts, cotton, khaki .....	2.71
21. Shirts, poplin, khaki, stand-up collar, 6 oz .....	2.09
22. Shirts, cotton, khaki, stand-up collar, 8.2 oz .....	4.15
23. Trousers, cotton, khaki .....	4.01
24. Trousers, field, officer's, wool, serge, od (Shade 33) (Optional) .....	10.55
25. Trousers, field, wool, serge, od (Shade 33) .....	8.63
26. Trousers, wool, elastique, drab, officer's, M-1944 (Shade 54) (pink) .....	11.13

TABLE II - FEMALE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED WOMEN

1. Cap, garrison, tropical worsted, knaki, women's .....	1.52
2. Cap, garrison, wool, od, officer's, women's .....	2.43
3. Cap, garrison, wool, od, Shade 37, women's .....	1.83
4. Gloves, leather, dress, women's .....	1.93
5. Jacket, wool, od, women's, officer's .....	17.86
6. Jacket, women's, tropical worsted, khaki .....	13.21
7. Jacket, women's, wool, od, Shade 37 .....	15.54
8. Necktie, cotton, mohair, khaki .....	.33
9. Overcoat, field, women's .....	26.16
10. Raincoat, parka type, women's .....	9.93
11. Skirt, summer, women's tropical worsted, khaki .....	5.55
12. Skirt, women's wool, od, Shade 37 .....	3.97
13. Skirt, wool, drab, light shade, women's .....	4.85
14. Waist, cotton, women's .....	1.84

# CAP INSIGNIA



SHOULDER PATCH



SHOULDER PATCH



CAP DISC - CLOTH



DISTINGUISHED



EXCEPTIONAL  
SERVICE AWARDS



MERITORIOUS



BLUE



WHITE  
SERVICE RIBBONS



RED



CAP DISC - METAL



CAP  
OTC

COLLAR INSIGNIA - METAL CUT OUT



LAPEL INSIGNIA  
CIVILIAN DRESS

# CAP INSIGNIA



COMMAND PILOT WINGS



SENIOR PILOT WINGS



PILOT WINGS



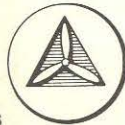
GLIDER PILOT WINGS



OBSERVER WINGS



SENIOR OBSERVER WINGS



LARGE BUTTONS  
SILVER

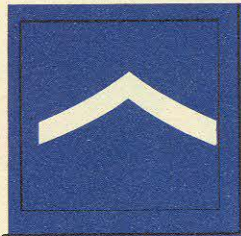


CAP INSIGNIA OFFICER - METAL



SMALL BUTTONS  
SILVER

CADET GRADES



CADET - PFC



CADET - CORPORAL

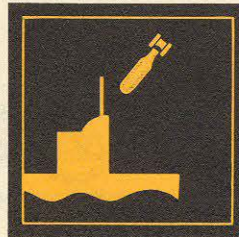


CADET SERGEANT

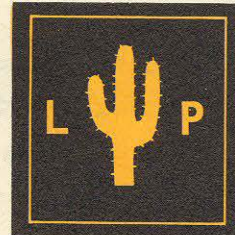


CADET FIRST SGT.

ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE



COASTAL PATROL



SOUTHERN LIAISON PATROL



FOREST PATROL



MISSING AIRCRAFT SEARCH

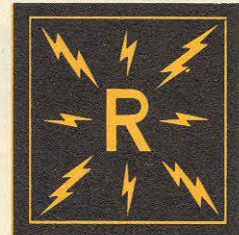


COURIER SERVICE

TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS



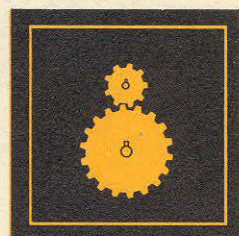
MUSICIAN



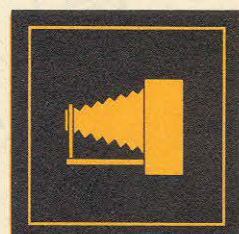
RADIO



TRANSPORTATION



MECHANIC



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# CAPC INSIGNIA



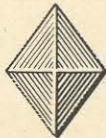
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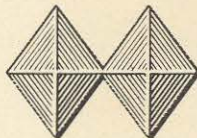
SLEEVE PATCH



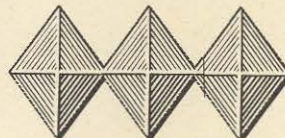
CAP DISC - CLOTH



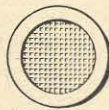
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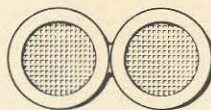
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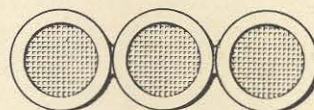
CADET COLONEL



CADET 2ND LT



CADET 1ST LT



CADET CAPTAIN



BLUE



WHITE

CADET MERIT RIBBONS



RED



COLLAR INSIGNIA - METAL CUT OUT



POCKET PATCH - CLOTH