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Uniforms (uniforma)

1. Officers and enlisted men of the Rumanian Armed Forces are issued their uniforms. While officers can have alterations made at government expense, enlisted men have to pay for them.
2. The parade uniform is worn only during parades; the winter and summer uniforms are worn for duty in garrisons or in the field. [Redacted] whether or not the present winter and summer uniforms were intended for wear during actual combat. [Redacted] during combat officers would wear uniforms similar to those of the enlisted men, and [Redacted] during winter combat operations all personnel would wear a Soviet-style quilted winter uniform. [Redacted]
3. The color of the uniforms worn by officers and enlisted personnel of the Rumanian Armed Forces depends on the branch of service in which they serve. The colors are as follows:

<u>Branch of Service</u>	<u>Color of Uniform</u>
Judge Advocate Corps	Navy blue
Militia	Blue gray
Air Force and all other branches	Khaki

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Parade Uniform for Officers

<u>No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Overcoat	Choice wool	Full-length, Soviet-style with roll collar for general officers and Air Force field grade officers, and stand-up collar for all other officers. Two side pockets with flaps. Two inside pockets with plain, plastic buttons. Double row of five three-cm gold-plated buttons down the front, stamped with a plain five-pointed star. Single row of three one-cm gold-plated buttons, stamped as above, on the cuff. Split tail with single row of five khaki-colored buttons. Half belt in back, held by two gold-plated buttons, stamped as above.
1	Blouse	Choice wool	Long, Soviet-style, with roll collar for Air Force officers, and stand-up for all others. Two outside breast pockets with flaps and three-cm gold-plated buttons, stamped as above. Two side pockets with flaps and one-cm gold-plated buttons, stamped as above. Two inside pockets with plastic buttons. Two rows of two-cm gold-plated buttons down the front, stamped as above. Single row of three one-cm gold-plated buttons, stamped as above, parallel to the seam on the cuff.
1 pr	Breeches	Choice wool	Two side pockets without flaps. One rear pocket with a button. Watch pocket on right side. Two-cm piping, running parallel to the outer seam: red for general officers and branch of service color for all others.
1 pr	Trousers	Choice wool	Pockets and piping similar to those of the breeches.
1 pr	Boots	Leather	Black. Custom-made, Soviet-style. Worn with breeches.
1 pr	Low-quarter shoes	Leather	Brown or black (depending on color of uniform). Custom-made. Worn with trousers.
1 pr	Gloves	Leather	Brown.
1	Service cap	Choice wool	Soviet-style. Visor with embroidered gold oak leaves for general and combat field grade officers; plain for other officers. Blue headband for Air Force officers; red for other generals; and branch of service color for all other officers. Five-pointed red-enameled metal star emblem, with center of blue, yellow and red rings. /See Encl A/. Chin strap of gold threads.

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Parade Uniform for Officers (Cont'd)

<u>No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Sam Browne belt	Leather	Brown or black. Worn only by field and company grade officers.
1	Raincoat		Not issued, but could be purchased at government stores.

Winter Uniform for Officers

<u>No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Overcoat	Heavy wool	All items of the winter uniform are identical with those of the parade uniform, except for the material.
1	Blouse	Heavy wool	
1 pr	Breeches	Heavy wool	
1 pr	Boots	Leather	Black.
1 pr	Gloves	Leather	Brown.
1	Service cap	Heavy wool	
1	Sam Browne belt	Leather	Worn by field and company grade officers when on duty out-of-doors.
1	Raincoat		As above.

Note: Trousers and low-quarter shoes are not issued with the winter uniform.

Summer Uniform for Officers

<u>No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Blouse	Cotton	All items of the summer uniform are identical with those of the parade uniform, except for the material.
1 pr	Breeches	Cotton	
1 pr	Boots	Leather	Black
1	Service cap	Cotton	

Note: Trousers, low-quarter shoes and gloves are not issued with the summer uniform.

Shirts, Socks and Underwear for Officers

<u>No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	Shirts	Cotton	In the Rumanian Army, shirts are considered underwear. They are white, with long sleeves; without collar for stand-up collar blouse (with which a detachable collar is worn), and with collar for roll-collar blouse.
2 pr	Shorts	Cotton	White.

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Shirts, Socks and Underwear for Officers (Cont'd)

<u>No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Description</u>
1 pr	Drawers	Cotton	Long, white. For winter wear.
2 pr	Socks	Wool	White.
3 pr	Socks	Cotton	White.

Note: These items are standard issue to field and company grade officers.

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Winter Uniform for EM (Career NCOs, NCOs and Pvts)

EM are not issued a parade uniform, but wear the winter or summer uniform in parades.

<u>No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Overcoat	Wool	The material is inferior in quality to that used in the officers' uniforms. Full-length, Soviet-style with stand-up collar. Otherwise the overcoat is tailored like the officers', for the buttons, which are smooth and khaki-colored.
1	Blouse	Wool	Long, Soviet-style with stand-up collar. Otherwise the blouse is tailored like the officers', except for the buttons, as explained above. The outside breast pockets have one-cm buttons.
2 pr	Breeches	Wool	Two side pockets with flaps. Rear pocket on right side with button. Watch pocket on right side.
1 pr	Boots	Leather	Black. Not custom-made. Soviet-style.
1 pr	Service shoes	Leather	Black. Worn with leather leggings.
1 pr	Leggings	Leather	Black. Worn with service shoes.
1 pr	Mittens	Wool	Brown. With trigger finger.
1	Garrison cap	Wool	Cut in Soviet-style. The 2.5-cm star emblem <u>Encl A</u> is identical with that on officers' service cap. Branch of service insignia is often worn above the star.
1	Web belt	Canvas	Khaki. Six-cm wide. Worn at all times.

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Summer Uniform for EM

<u>No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Blouse	Cotton	All items of the summer uniform are tailored the same as those of the winter uniform, but are made of cotton instead of wool.
1 pr	Breeches	Cotton	
1	Garrison cap	Cotton	

Note: The boots, service shoes, leggings and web belt issued with the winter uniform are also worn with the summer uniform.

Shirts, Foot Wraps and Underwear for EM

<u>No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	Shirts	Cotton	White. Similar to officers' collarless shirt.
2 pr	Drawers	Cotton	Long, white
3	Foot wraps	Cotton	Squares of white cloth, worn in place of socks.

4. Shoulder Boards (Epoletti) and Rank Insignia

See Enclosure (A) for description and drawings of shoulder boards and rank insignia for officers and EM of the Rumanian Armed Forces. 7

5. Branch of Service Insignia and Colors

Insignia and colors for the various branches of the Rumanian Armed Forces are shown in Enclosure (B) 7

6. Lapel Tabs (Petlita)

Information concerning lapel tabs is given in Enclosure (A) 7

7. Decorations

medals and ribbons can be worn on either the right or left side of the blouse. insignia denoting special duty, such as pilots, bombardiers and navigators, is worn over the right breast pocket of the blouse.

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Enclosure A: Shoulder Boards and Rank Insignia of the Rumanian Armed Forces
 B: Branch of Service Insignia and Colors of the Rumanian Armed Forces.

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Enclosure (A)

**SHOULDER BOARDS, RANK INSIGNIA AND LAPEL TABS
OF THE RUMANIAN ARMED FORCES**

LEGEND:**1. OFFICERS (See pages 8, 9 and 10 of this enclosure.)****A. Parade and Garrison Shoulder Boards and Rank Insignia**

The shoulder boards were 14-15 cm long and 6 cm wide, and made of cardboard covered with cloth. Buttons were of gold-plated metal, stamped with a 5-pointed star, and 1.5 cm in diameter. Stars for rank insignia were of gold- or silver-plated metal. Branch of service insignia were of silver-plated metal and about 3 cm long.

(1) General Officers - Gold-embroidered background. No piping. No lengthwise stripe. Gold-plated, 3-cm stars. (Page 8)

(2) Field Grade Officers - Gold-embroidered background; .5-cm piping of branch of service color. No lengthwise stripe; 2-cm stars, gold-plated for non-combat and silver-plated for combat officers. (Page 9)

(3) Company Grade Officers - Background of branch of service color. No piping. One 2-cm, gold-embroidered lengthwise stripe; 1-cm stars, gold-plated for non-combat and silver-plated for combat officers. (Page 10)

B. Field Shoulder Boards and Rank Insignia

The shoulder boards were 14-15 cm long and 6 cm wide, and made of soft green cloth. Buttons were smooth and of dark green metal. Stars were of bronze-colored metal. Branch of service insignia were of bronze-colored metal and about 3 cm long.

(1) General Officers - Didn't wear field shoulder boards.

(2) Field Grade Officers - Green background. Two 2-cm lengthwise stripes of branch of service color; 2-cm stars. (Page 9)

(3) Company Grade Officers - Green background. One 2-cm lengthwise stripe of branch of service color; 1-cm stars. (Page 10)

C. Lapel Tabs

Tabs were made of cloth and 6 x 4 x 3 cm in size.

(1) General Officers - Air Force: Blue background; gold piping; gold-embroidered ~~leaves~~. All others: Red background; no piping; gold-embroidered ~~leaves~~. (Page 8)

(2) Field Grade Officers - Air Force: Blue background; gold piping; no decoration. All others: Background of branch of service color; no piping; no decoration. (Page 9)

(3) Company Grade Officers - Same as for Field Grade Officers. (Page 10)

2. By CAREER NCOs, NCOs and PVTs (See pages 11 and 12 of this enclosure.)**A. Garrison Shoulder Boards and Rank Insignia**

The shoulder boards were 14-15 cm long and 6 cm wide and made of

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cardboard covered with cloth. The background was the branch of service color. Buttons and branch of service insignia were the same as for officers. Rank insignia was of metal or cloth.

- (1) Platoonier (Career M/Sgt) - 1.5-cm stripe of gold-plated metal, in form of "M"; .5-cm gold-plated metal piping, on two longer sides. (Page 12)
- (2) Sergeant Major (Career SFC) - One 2-cm crosswise stripe of gold-plated metal. Piping as for (1), above. (Page 12)
- (3) Platoonier (M/Sgt) - Same as (1), above, with no piping. (Page 11)
- (4) Sergeant Major (SFC) - Same as (2), above, with no piping. (Page 11)
- (5) Sergeant (Sgt) - Three 1-cm crosswise stripes of yellow cloth. (Page 11)
- (6) Corporal (Cpl) - Two stripes as in (5), above. (Page 11)
- (7) Fruntas (PFC) - One stripe as in (5), above. (Page 11)
- (8) Soldat (Pvt) - No rank insignia. (Page 11)

B. Field Shoulder Boards and Rank Insignia

The shoulder boards, buttons and branch of service insignia were the same as for officers. Rank insignia were of yellow cloth.

Career grades had no piping. Stripes for all grades were the same size as on garrison shoulder boards.

G. Lapel Tabs

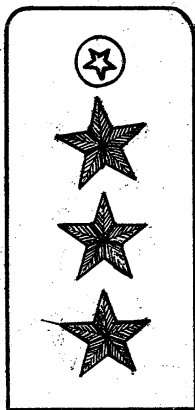
The lapel tabs for EM were the same as for field grade officers.

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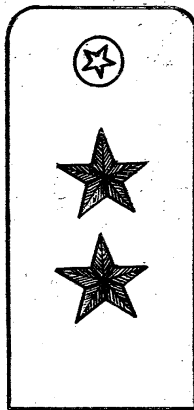
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SHOULDER BOARDS, RANK INSIGNIA AND LAPEL TABS

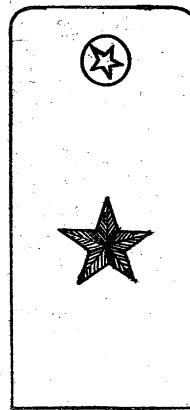
ROMANIAN GENERAL OFFICERS



GENERAL COLONEL
Lt Gen



GENERAL LIEUTENANT COLONEL
Maj Gen



GENERAL MAJOR
Brig Gen



Lapel tab



Star worn on Service
cap

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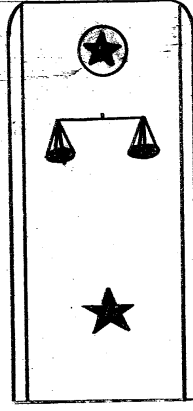


COLONEL
Col
(Air Force)

Parade
and
Garrison
Shoulder
Boards



LOCUTENENT COLONEL
Lt Col
(Armor)



MAJOR
Maj
(Judge Advocate)

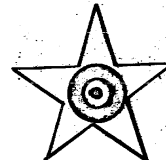


MAJOR
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Field
Shoulder
Board



Lapel tab



Star worn
on
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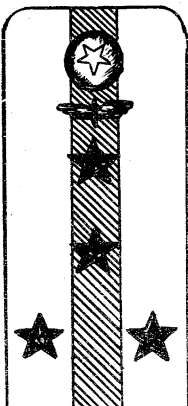
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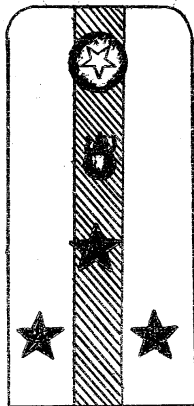
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Parade and Garrison Shoulder Boards

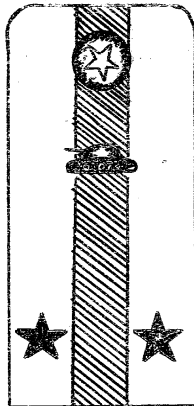
Field Shoulder Board



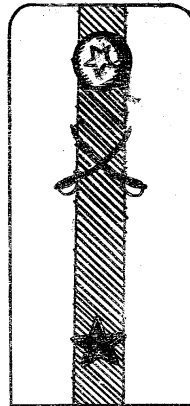
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Capt
(Air Force)



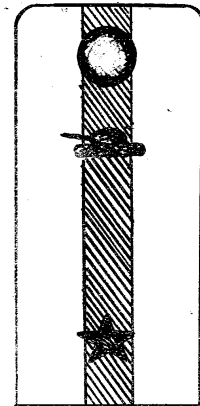
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Sr Lt
(Infantry)



LOCOTENENT
Lt
(Armor)



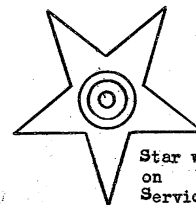
SUBLOCOTENENT
Jr Lt.
(Cavalry)



SUBLOCOTENENT
Jr Lt
(Armor)



Label tab



Star worn
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Service cap

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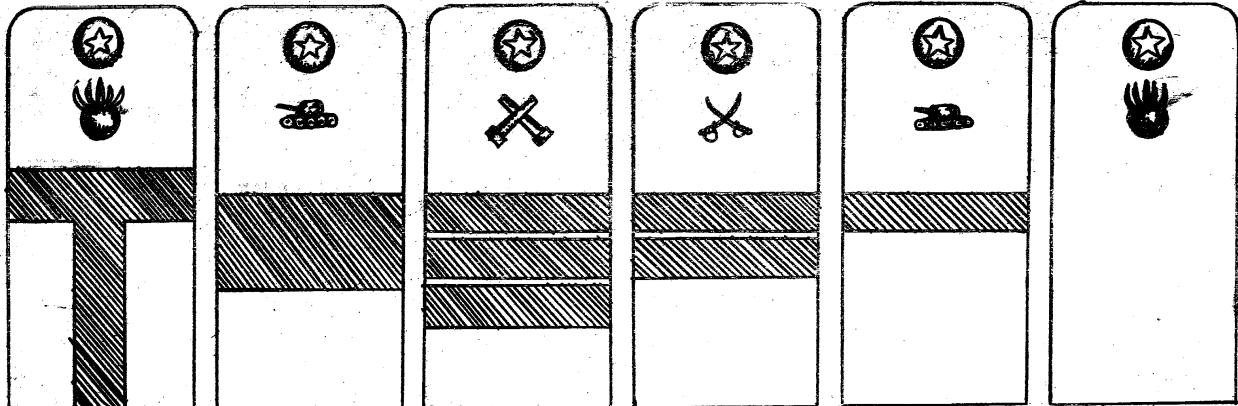
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SHOULDER BOARDS, RANK INSIGNS AND LAPEL TABS FOR ARMY NCOs and PVTs

Garrison Shoulder Boards



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M/Sgt
(Infantry)

SERGEANT
SFC
(Armor)

SERGEANT
Sgt
(Artillery)

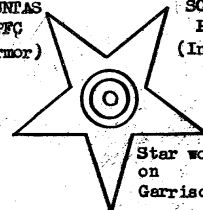
CAPORAL
Cpl
(Cavalry)

SERGEANT
SFC
(Armor)

SOLDAT
Pvt
(Infantry)



Lapel tab



Star worn on Garrison cap

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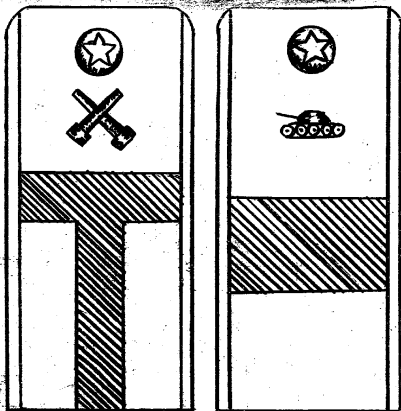
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SHOULDER BOARDS, RANK INSIGNIA AND LAPEL TABS - ROMANIAN CAREER NOCs

Garrison Shoulder Boards

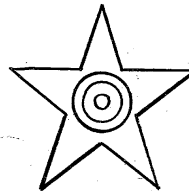


PLATONIER
M/Sgt
(Artillery)

SERGEANT MAJOR
SFC
(Armor)

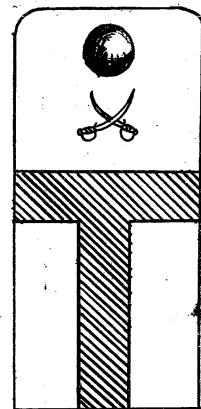


Lapel tab



Star worn
on
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Field Shoulder Board



PLATONIER
M/Sgt
(Cavalry)

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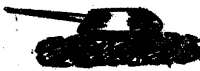


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Enclosure (B)

BRANCH OF SERVICE INSIGNIA AND COLORS
OF THE ROMANIAN ARMED FORCES

BRANCH OF SERVICE	INSIGNIA	COLOR
AVIATIE Air Force		Blue
ADMINISTRATIA Administration	Unk	Violet
ARTILERIA Artillery		Black
GRANICERI Border Troops	Unk	Light green
CAVALERIA Cavalry		Bordeaux
GENIU Engineers		Black
INFANTERIA Infantry		Red
JUSTITIA MILITARA Judge Advocate		Unk
MEDICINA Medical Corps		Crimson
MILITIA Militia	Unk	Red
VANATORI DE MUNTE Mountain Troops	Unk	Dark green
ACADEMIA MILITARA Military Academies	None	Yellow
MARINA Navy		Unk
TANCURI Tank Troops (Armor)		Black

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