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Hungarian Army Insignia of Grade

2. Military grade in the Hungarian Army is indicated by Soviet-style shoulderboards, which are worn on the shoulders of the coat and overcoat, for all officer grades and for all except the four lowest grades of enlisted personnel who wear their insignia of grade sewn directly on the shoulder loops of their coat and overcoat. [See on file notice.] The shoulder loops are approximately 1.5 inches wide and 5.5 inches long and of the same color and made of the same soft material as the uniform. The Soviet-style shoulderboards vary in width from 1.5 inches to 2.5 inches, depending upon the grade, and are about 5.5 inches long. They are made of stiff cardboard and which material is sewn. They are attached to the overcoat or coat by means of cloth loops and strings. [See on file notice.] Shoulderboards for the fifth [sergeant, ormaster] and sixth [sergeant first class - Torzsormester] grades are covered with a wool material which is the same color as the branch color of the wearer's branch of service. Shoulderboards for officers are covered with a silk and cotton material which has cotton threads running lengthwise and mechanical silk threads going crosswise on the shoulderboards for the officer's tunic or field uniform, while on the shoulderboards for the officer's dress uniform the material has yellow metallic threads. Insignias of grade are worn by and are the same for all branches of the service. I remember the following information about each of them:

(a) Private [Honved] - The shoulder loop has no insignia of grade sewn to it because a private has no insignia of grade [See on file notice].

(b) Private First Class [Orvezeto] - One transverse gold stripe, which is about .25 of an inch wide, is sewn on near the outside end of the shoulder loop [See on file notice].

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(c) Corporal [Bikaravazeto] - Two transverse gold stripes, each about .25 of an inch wide, are sewn on near the outside end of the shoulder loop [See on file notice].

(d) Junior Sergeant [Bikaravazeto] - Three transverse gold stripes, each about .25 of an inch wide, are sewn on near the outside end of the shoulder loop [See on file notice].

[Redacted] Note: The rest of the ranks, beginning with sergeant [Ormerster] wears the Soviet-style shoulderboards instead of insignia of grade sewn on their shoulder loops.

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(e) Sergeant [Ormerster] - The shoulderboard has one transverse gold stripe, which is about one inch wide near the outside end of the shoulderboard [See on file notice].

(f) Sergeant First Class [Tortormester] - Has two gold stripes which are T-shaped. The transverse stripe of the "T" is about one inch wide and the long stripe is about .25 of an inch wide [See on file notice].

(g) Junior Lieutenant [Bhadony] - Shoulderboard is 2.25 inches wide and has a gold-colored background material down the center of which runs one long stripe which is the color of the wearer's branch of service color. There is one, small, five-pointed gold star on the branch color stripe [See on file notice].

(h) Lieutenant [Bhadony] - Same as the insignia for junior lieutenant except it has two small, five-pointed gold stars, one on either side of the branch color stripe [See on file notice].

(i) Senior Lieutenant [Bhadony] - Same as the insignia for a junior lieutenant except that it has three small, five-pointed gold stars arranged in a triangular position so that one is on the branch color stripe and the other two are on either side of the branch color stripe [See on file notice].

(j) Captain [Bhadony] - Same as the insignia for a junior lieutenant except that it has four small five-pointed gold stars, two of which are on the branch color stripe and the other two are located so that one is on each side of the branch color stripe [See on file notice].

(k) Major [Bhadony] - Shoulderboard is 2.5 inches wide and is covered with a gold-colored material on which are two branch color stripes running the length of the shoulderboard. There is one medium size five-pointed gold star between the two branch color stripes [See on file notice].

(l) Lieutenant Colonel [Alexades] - Same as the insignia for major except that it has two medium size, five-pointed, gold stars, one being sewn on each of the branch color stripes [See on file notice].

(m) Colonel [Alexades] - Same as the insignia for major except that it has three medium size five-pointed gold stars, one on each branch color stripe and one between the stripes [See on file notice].

(n) Brigadier General [Vezereznagy] - Shoulderboard material is gold colored. There is no branch of service color stripe. It has one large, five-pointed, gold star [See on file notice].

(o) Major General [Altabornagy] - Same as the insignia for a brigadier general except it has two large, five-pointed, gold stars [See on file notice].

(p) Lieutenant General [Vezereznagy] - Same as the insignia for a brigadier general except that it has three large, five-pointed, gold stars.

3. Late in 1956, I saw uniforms in the Hungarian Quartermaster Testing Laboratory in Budapest which were for officers of the Hungarian River Patrol. The insignias of rank were on the sleeves of these uniforms. I do not know whether or not the wearing of insignia of rank on the sleeves of officers of the Hungarian River Patrol has received official acceptance.

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Hungarian Army Insignia of Branch

4. The arm or service to which an enlisted man or officer belongs is indicated by the color of the background material on his collar tabs and by means of small, yellow, metallic emblems which are worn on the collar tabs. In addition, all ranks which wear the Soviet-style shoulderboards, and this would be all except the four lowest ranks of enlisted personnel, display their color of branch on their shoulderboards and on the hat band of their service cap. Collar tabs are displayed on the collar lapels of the coat and overcoat of both commissioned and enlisted personnel. I remember the following information about the metallic emblems and the color of the collar tabs of sixteen arms or services:
- (a) Infantry [Vezekes] - Color - light green; emblem - crossed rifles [See on file]
 - (b) Engineers [Utassz] - Color - dark green; emblem - anchor with small crossed hammer and shovel [See on file]
 - (c) Air Force [Repulo] - Color - light blue; emblem - wing [See on file]
 - (d) Armor [Pancso] - Color - black; emblem - small tank [See on file]
 - (e) River Patrol [Vizparto] - Color - dark blue; emblem - anchor [See on file]
 - (f) Signal [Harado] - Color - yellow; emblem - crossed bolts of lightning [See on file]
 - (g) Artillery [Arto] - Color - bright red; emblem for field artillery - crossed cannon with two small cannon balls underneath; emblem for antitank artillery - crossed cannon with long barrels [See on file]
 - (h) Quarter-master / Arm. Insignia Ordnance and Finance - Hadtap (gazdasagi) - Color - bright orange; emblem - small hammer and wrench [See on file]
 - (i) Sports Director [Atyveszemarto, sportvezeto] - Color - gray; emblem - wears the emblem in form of the arm in which he holds and handles sports, physical training and weapons training [See on file]
 - (j) Mechanized [Gepvaros] - Color - brown; emblem - wheel with spokes [See on file]
 - (k) Map Service [Terfektar] - Color - green; emblem - triangle with compass [See on file]
 - (l) Cavalry [Lovas] - Color - yellow; emblem - crossed sabers [See on file]
 - (m) Paratroops [Ugrosarado] - Color - light blue; emblem - white skull and crossed boots [See on file]
 - (n) Medical [Orvos, egészséggy] - Color - black; emblem - cup with snake [See on file]
 - (o) Judge Advocate [Hadtap] - Color - bright purple; emblem - unknown [See on file]
 - (p) Transportation [Vonat - szállito] - Color - green; emblem - wheel with a half wing [See on file]
5. As I remember, CBR [Chemical, bacteriological and radiological] officers wear the branch color of the unit to which they are assigned.

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Uniforms of the Hungarian River Patrol

6. Winter uniform of Enlisted Personnel [See on file item #1] - Enlisted personnel of the Hungarian River Patrol are issued two winter uniforms. One uniform is for dress and the other is used for training purposes. The winter uniform consists of a collar, blouse and trousers. The blouse is made of a medium weight, dark blue, wool material and has long sleeves which button at the wrist. The trousers are made of a heavy weight, dark blue, wool material with a rectangular flap on the front of the trousers [See on file notice] which buttons at the top on each side. The trousers are worn tucked inside black, 3/4 length, leather boots. Socks are not worn, instead wrap around cotton strips are used. Two types of collars are issued with the winter uniform: a dress collar and a training collar. The dress collar is white wool and is attached in front to the blouse by means of buttons which are inside the blouse and cannot be seen. The back portion of the collar hangs loosely on the wearer's back, is rectangular shaped [See sketch of rear portion of the collar -- on file item #4], and has three or four white stripes on it. The training collar for the winter uniform is also wool, but is a light blue collar and has three or four white stripes. A wide black, leather belt is worn with the winter or summer uniform on the outside of the blouse around the wearer's waist. This belt has a large nickel-plated buckle on which is attached the anchor insignia of the Hungarian River Patrol. Two long sleeve, cotton, winter T-shirts, which have horizontal, blue and white stripes, are issued to each enlisted man. This shirt is worn under the blouse.
7. Summer Uniform of Enlisted Personnel [See on file notice] - Enlisted personnel are issued two uniforms: one for dress and one for training purposes. [See on file notice] The summer uniform is made of cotton and consists of a blouse and trousers. The blouse and trousers are dark blue and made of cotton material. There are two types of collars: one collar for dress and one for training purposes. They are both made of cotton and the dress collar is white while the training collar is light blue. Two summer, cotton T-shirts are issued to each enlisted man. They have horizontal blue and white stripes, short sleeves, and are worn under the summer blouse. There is also a rectangular flap in front on the summer trousers and this flap buttons at the top on each side. The trousers are worn tucked inside the black, 3/4 length, leather boots. These boots are worn with either the summer or winter uniform.
8. Overcoat of Enlisted Personnel [See on file notice] Each enlisted man in the Hungarian River Patrol is issued a dark blue, wool scarf and a heavy, dark blue, wool overcoat. The overcoat has a lined, cotton padded back and is warm and dressy. It is double-breasted and has two rows of large, yellow buttons on which is embossed the national emblem of the Hungarian People's Republic. It has two pockets with rectangular flaps. Near the bottom of each sleeve are three small, yellow buttons. Collar tabs are worn on the collar lapels of the overcoat. The collar tabs have a dark blue, background material on which is worn the yellow, metal, anchor insignia of the Hungarian River Patrol. Insignia of grade is worn on the shoulders of the overcoat, either on the shoulder loops or as shoulderboards depending upon the rank. The back of the overcoat [for a back view, see on file notice] has a deep, reverse pleat running the length of the coat. This pleat is held together at the waist in back by means of a short cloth belt and at the bottom by means of buttons.
9. Headwear of Enlisted Personnel, [See on file notice] Each enlisted man is issued two caps: one winter cap and one summer cap. The winter cap is made of a dark blue, wool material while the summer cap is made of a dark blue, cotton material. On the hat band at the front of each cap are the words "Dunai Flotilla." Two long straps hang down at the back of each cap and at the bottom of each strap there is an anchor emblem [See front and side view sketches of a cap. See on file item #2].


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 the following sketches:

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1. Hungarian Army Insignia of Grade
2. Hungarian method used to hold shoulderboards
3. Hungarian Army Insignia of Branch
4. Uniform of enlisted personnel of Hungarian River Patrol
5. Overcoat of enlisted personnel of Hungarian River Patrol

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2.		ORSZEG	PFC
3.		TIZEDES	CORPORAL
4.		SARKASVEZES	JUNIOR SERGEANT
5.		ORMESTER	SERGEANT
6.		TORZSORMASTER	SERGEANT FIRST GRADE
7.		ALHADNAGY	JUNIOR LIEUTENANT
8.		HADNAGY	LIEUTENANT
9.		FOSZADNAGY	SENIOR LIEUTENANT
10.		SZAZADOS	CAPTAIN
11.		ORNAGY	MAJOR
12.		ALEZADOS	LT COLONEL
13.		EZADOS	COLONEL
14.		VEZASERNAGY	BRIGADIER GENERAL
15.		ALVEZASERNAGY	MAJOR GENERAL
16.		VEZASERNAGY	LIEUTENANT GENERAL

(SHOULDERBOARDS ARE
APPROXIMATELY —
1.5 INCHES WIDE
2.5 INCHES LONG)

NOTE — COTTON THREADS
GO LENGTH OF
SHOULDERBOARD —
SILK THREADS
GO ACROSS WIDTH

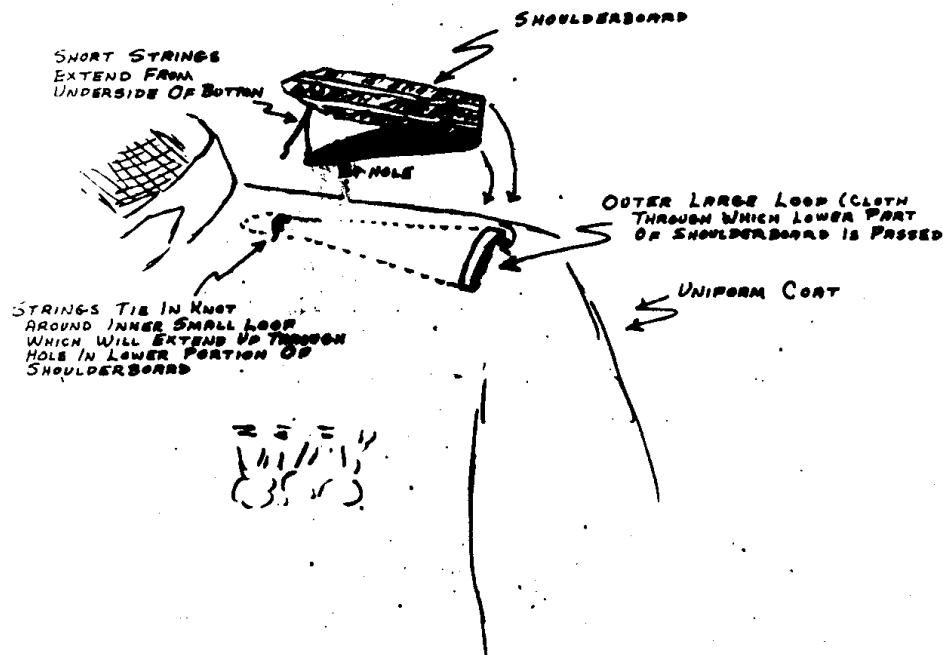
HUNGARIAN ARMY INSIGNIA OF GRADE
(ALL BRANCHES OF SERVICE USE THESE RANKS)

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HUNGARIAN
METHOD USED TO HOLD SHOULDERBOARDS
TO UNIFORMS

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	INSIGNIA AR YELLOW	SERVICE BRANCH	BACKGROUND COLOR
1.		INFANTRY	LIGHT GREEN
2.		ENGINEER	DARK GREEN
3.		AIR FORCE	LIGHT BLUE
4.		ARMOR	BLACK
5.		RIVER PATROL	DARK BLUE
6.		SIGNAL	DARK BLUE
7.		CANNON - FIELD ARTILLERY LONG CANNON - ANTI-TANK	BRIGHT RED
8.		QUARTERMASTER	BRIGHT PURPLE
9.		SPECIAL SERVICES	GREY
10.		MECHANIZED	BROWN
11.		MAP SERVICE	GREEN
12.		CAVALRY	YELLOW
13.		PARATROOPS	LIGHT BLUE
14.		MEDICAL	BLACK
15.		JUDGE ADVOCATE	BRIGHT PURPLE
16.		TRANSPORTATION	GREEN

HUNGARIAN ARMY INSIGNIA OF BRANCH

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**UNIFORM OF ENLISTED
PERSONNEL OF
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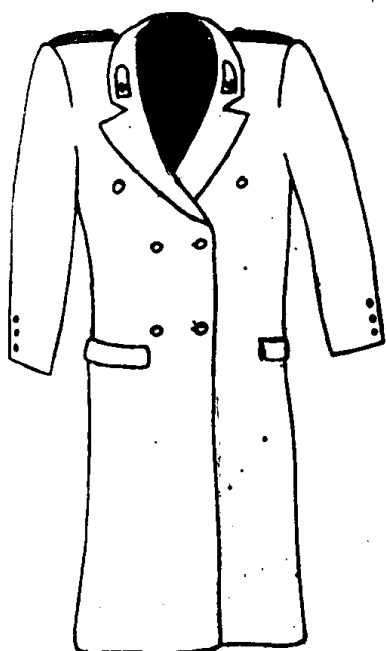
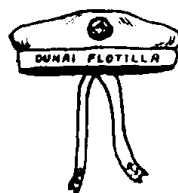
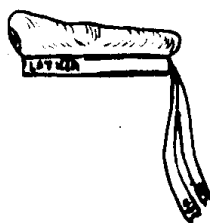
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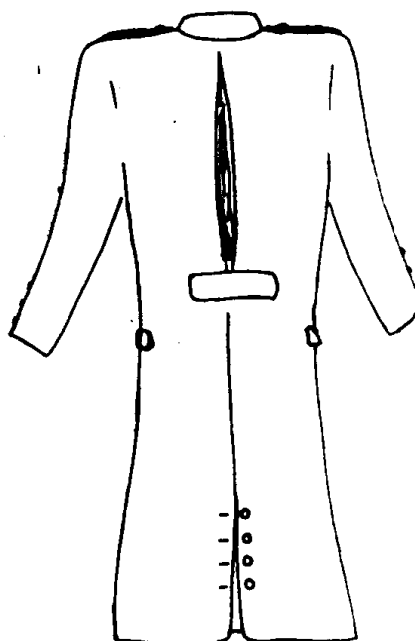
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CAP



FRONT



BACK

OVERCOAT OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL
OF HUNGARIAN RIVER PATROL

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