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Enclosure A

Shoulderboards and Rank Insignia - Rumanian Officers

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Enclosure A

Shoulderboards and Rank Insignia - Rumanian OfficersLEGEND

1. Shoulderboard field. Combat officers wore yellow; non-combatants wore silver.
2. Shoulderboard stripe: approx 2½-mm wide. Color indicated the branch of service. He knew the following colors:

Infantry - red
Artillery, Engineer (Pioneer), Cavalry, AAA, and Tank
troops - black
Security (securitate) - blue
Border Guard - French green
Mountain Troops - forest green

Small metal insignia were pinned to the shoulderboard and identified the exact branch of service.

3. Piping: approx 1-mm wide. It was sewn around the edge of the shoulderboard. Its color was identical to that of the center stripe.
4. Stars: tan-colored and made of metal. They indicated rank.

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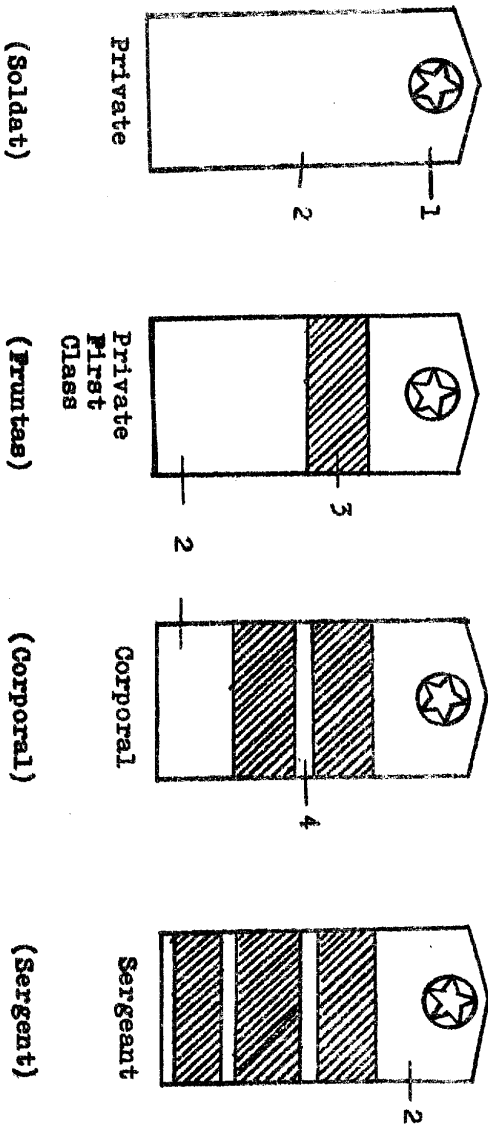
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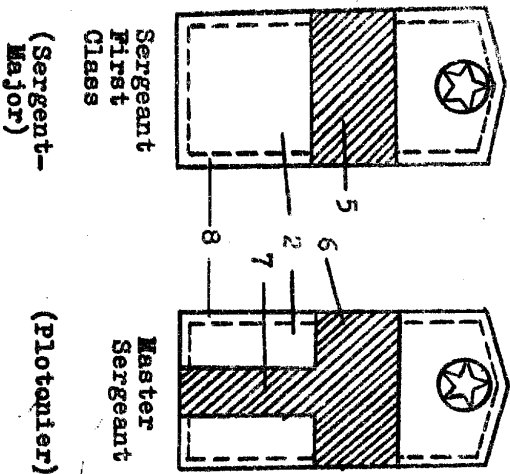
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Shoulderloops



Shoulderboards



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Enclosure B

Shoulderboards and Rank Insignia -- Rumanian NCOs and EM

LEGEND

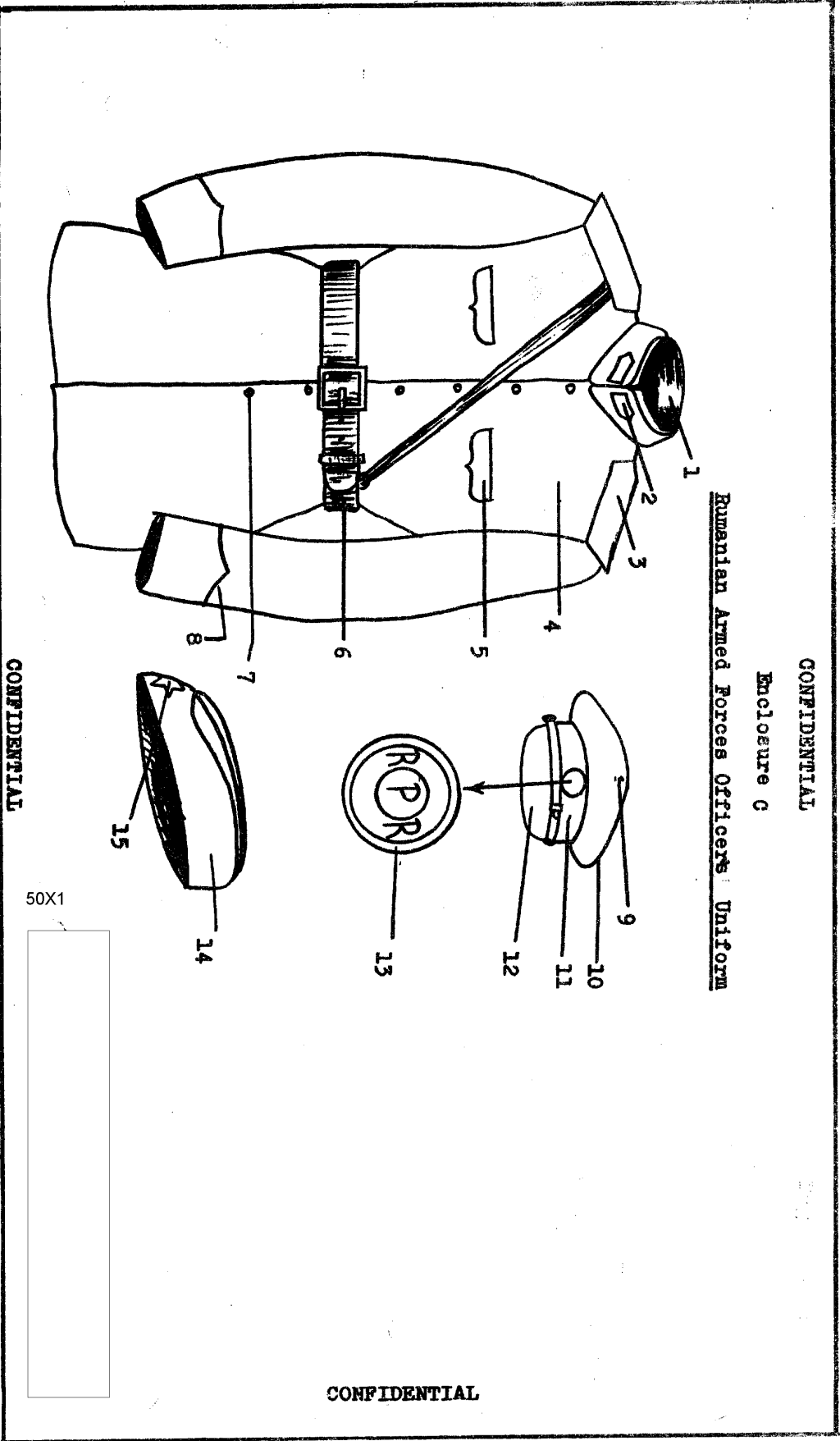
1. Button: made of brown-colored metal with star imprinted on face.
2. Shoulderloops/shoulderboards. Shoulderloops were worn by privates, PFCs, corporals and sergeants; their color was brown, similar to the uniform. Shoulderboards were worn by SFCs and master sergeants; they had a brown field.
3. Rank insignia: yellow metal, approx 8-mm wide.
4. Shoulderboard field: space between rank insignia was approx 5-mm, wide.
5. Rank insignia: yellow-colored metal, approx 16-mm, wide.
6. Rank insignia: yellow-colored metal, approx 16-mm, wide.
7. Rank insignia: approx 8-mm, wide.
8. Piping: yellow-colored, approx 4-mm, wide. Worn only by career NCOs.

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Enclosure C**Rumanian Armed Forces Officer's Uniform**

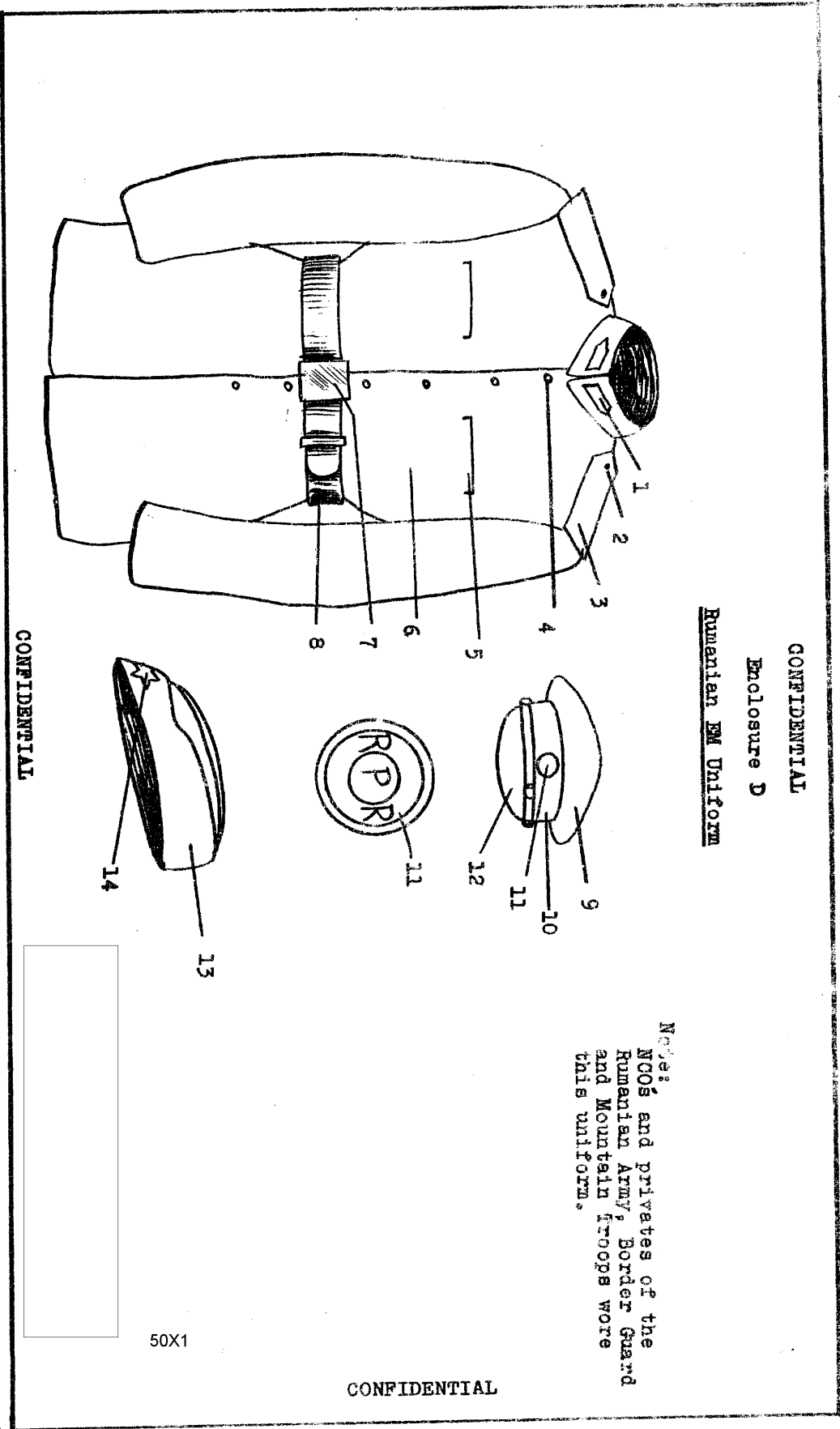
Note: Brown-colored trousers were worn by officers in the city. Source often saw a number of officers wearing breeches and black, finished leather boots. Wearing of the belt appeared to be optional, as a number of officers did not wear it while in the city.

LEGEND

1. White collar. It was slightly visible above the uniform collar, resembling a shirt.
2. Collar flash. Its color represented the branch of service. Source said red was for infantry; black for artillery, engineer, signal and tank troops; blue for Securitate; French green for Border Guard, and forest green for Mountain Troops.
3. Shoulderboards. See Encl A for details.
4. Uniform: brown in color, made of gabardine wool.
5. Breast pockets: with flaps. No side pockets.
6. Sam Browne leather belt.
7. Buttons: approx six silver-colored metal buttons with star imprinted on the face.
8. Piping: approx 3-mm wide. Color represented branch of service.
9. Service cap: brown.
10. Piping: approx 3-mm wide and sewn around the crown of the cap, its color indicated branch of service.
11. Cap band. See #2, above. Color indicated branch of service.
12. Visor and chin strap: made of black, finished leather.
13. Cap insignia: round, red, white and blue, with black letters "RPR" (Republica Populara Romana - Rumanian People's Republic).
14. Garrison cap: brown-colored. Presumed to be worn by reserve officers only, source also believed it was worn by all officers during training.
15. Star insignia: 5-pointed and tan-colored.

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Enclosure D

Rumanian EM Uniform

Note: Trousers and/or breeches were worn. With breeches, EM wore black leather, ankle-high shoes with a web-type black cloth attached to resemble a boot.

LEGEND

1. Collar flash: made of cloth and sewn to collar. Colors denoted branch of service, as red - infantry; black - tanks, artillery, AAA, signal, and engineer troops; blue - Securitate; French green - Border Guard, and forest green - Mountain Troops.
2. Shoulderloop button: made of brown metal.
3. Shoulderloop: same color as uniform worn by EM below rank of sergeant first class. SFCs and master sergeants wore shoulderboards.
4. Blouse buttons: approx six brown metal buttons with star imprinted on face.
5. Breast pockets: two, without flaps. Buttons were probably used to fasten the pockets.
6. Uniform: brown in color. Winter uniform was made of coarse wool; summer uniform was made of twill cloth.
7. Buckle: silver-colored, flat, with smooth finish.
8. Belt: brown leather, approx 5-cm. wide.
9. Service cap: brown in color, worn by career NCOs.
10. Cap band: color indicated branch of service. See #2, above.
11. Cap insignia: round, red, white and blue, with black letters "RPR" (Republica Populara Romana - Rumanian People's Republic) on the face of the insignia.
12. Visor and chin strap: made of black, smooth leather.
13. Garrison cap: brown in color, it was worn by active duty NCOs and all privates.
14. Insignia: made of yellow-colored metal and star-shaped.

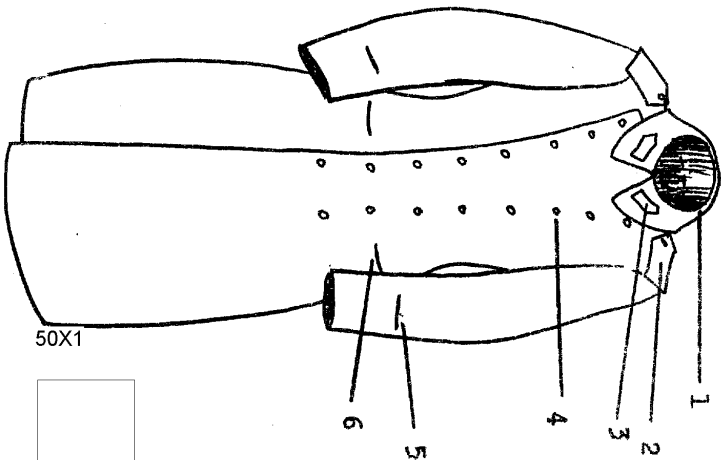
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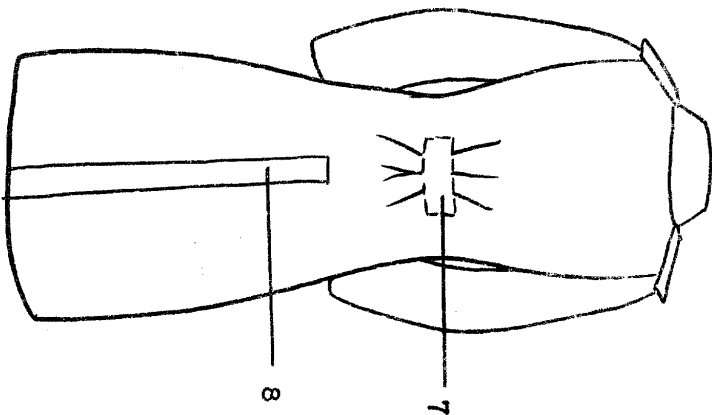
Note: Both officers and EM wore this type of coat

Rumanian Armed Forces Overcoat

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Enclosure E

Rumanian Armed Forces Overcoat

Note: The only difference between officer and EM coats was that the officer coat was of a better grade of brown material and form-fitting. EM overcoats were of coarse brown material. The overcoats had no belts.

LEGEND

1. Collar. Usually buttoned, but occasionally worn as a roll collar.
2. Shoulderboards. Worn by officers, SFCs and master sergeants. EM of lower rank wore shoulderloops.
3. Collar patch. Was of a solid color that indicated the branch of service.
4. Buttons: two rows of tan-colored metal buttons with a star imprinted on the faces.
5. Sleeve pockets: approx 12-cm. deep.
6. Side pockets: without flaps.
7. Pleat: approx 5-cm. wide.
8. Coat tail slit. There were about 10 metal buttons sewn underneath. No further details.

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