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## 7. BADGES, MEDALS, COMMENDATIONS AND AIGUILLETTES

### A. ORIGINATOR

- A. 1. [Corporate Procurement and Contracting Services, Corporate Management and Comptrollership.](#)

### B. REFERENCES

- B. 1. Ch. 1, Dress.

### C. POLICY

### D. GENERAL

### E. BADGES

#### E. 1. General

- E. 1. a. [Appendix 7-1](#) outlines the articles of uniform on which badges and medals are worn.
- E. 1. b. Officers do not wear appointment, flying, long service, sharpshooter (marksman-ship), specialist, branch or qualifying badges.

#### E. 2. Appointment

##### E. 2. a. Marine Division

1. This badge is restricted to former members of Marine Division.
2. Wear the badge 6.0 mm above the left breast pocket, or 6.0 mm above medals or ribbons.

##### E. 2. b. S/Cst. Member/Auxiliary Constable/Summer Student

1. S/Cst. members, auxiliary constables, Aboriginal Cadet Development Program (ACDP), summer students and community constables, wear the badge centered, 1.0 cm below the base of the cloth RCMP shoulder badge on shirt, patrol jacket, stormcoat, sweater and regimental parka.
2. S/Cst. members and auxiliary constables, wear the badge centered, 2.0 cm below the shoulder seam on the blue jacket.
3. Wear the badges during the appointment only.

#### E. 3. Corps Identity

E. 3. a. **Cap**

1. Wear the cap badge on the center front of the cloth cap.

E. 3. b. **Collar**

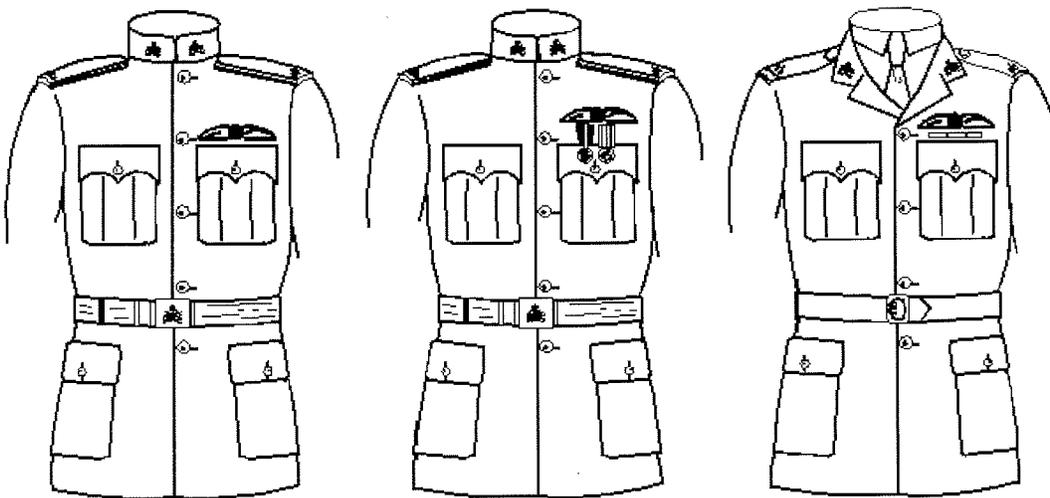
1. **Scarlet Tunic:** Place the center of the metal collar badge 5.0 cm from the front edge of the collar.
2. **Blue Jacket:** Place the bottom of the metal badge 1.3 cm above and parallel to the bottom edge of the collar.
3. **Mess Jacket:** Center the badge on the lapel, with the center 19.1 cm from the shoulder seam.

E. 3. c. **Shoulder**

1. **Cloth Badge:** Center the badge on the sleeve, with the top center edge 1.2 cm below the shoulder seam on the shirt, patrol jacket, stormcoat, sweater and regimental parka.
2. **Metal Badge:** Wear the metal shoulder badge on the shoulder straps, placing the base of the badge 3.0 mm above the shoulder seam on the scarlet tunic, blue tunic, blue jacket and officer mess jacket.

E. 4. **Flying**

- E. 4. a. You may wear the flying badge if you are an air service pilot permanently transferred to Air Services duties and have successfully completed the Pilot Understudy Program.
- E. 4. b. Wear the badge 6.0 mm above the left breast pocket or 6 mm above medals or undress ribbons.

E. 5. **Long Service**

E. 5. a. **One Row**

1. If you are 171 cm or taller, center the badge on the left sleeve, with the top point of the highest star 14 cm below the top of the sleeve seam.
2. If you are under 171 cm, center the badge on the left sleeve, with the top point of the highest star 12.7 cm below the top of the sleeve seam.



5 years



10 years



15 years



20 years

E. 5. b. **Two Rows**

1. At the start of 26 years of service, you must wear two rows of long service star badges.
2. If you are 171 cm or taller, the top point of the highest star must be 12.7 cm below the top of the sleeve seam.
3. If you are under 171 cm, the top point of the highest star must be 11.4 cm below the top of the sleeve seam.



25 years



30 years



35 years



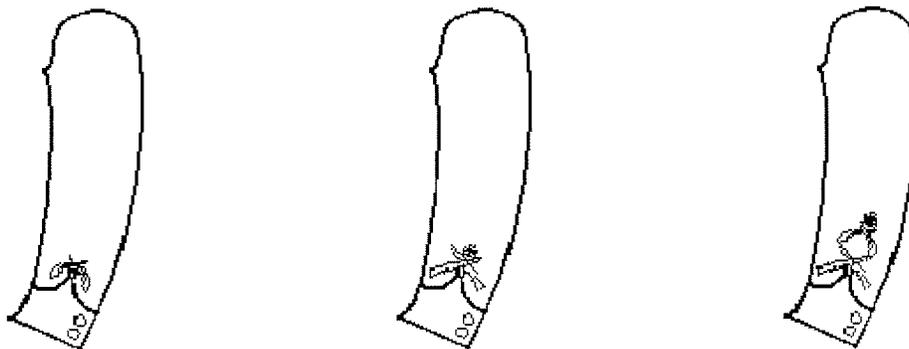
40 years

E. 6. **Sharpshooter**E. 6. a. **General**

1. Uniformed RMs who qualify annually may wear the applicable badges for one year from date of issue.

**E. 6. b. Cross Pistol/Cross Rifle**

1. Wear one badge on the left sleeve.
  1. If you are 171 cm or taller, center the lower edge of the badge 15.2 cm above the bottom of the sleeve cuff.
  2. If you are under 171 cm, center the lower edge of the badge 14 cm above the bottom of the sleeve cuff.
2. Wear both badges on the left sleeve, with the Cross Rifle badge on the bottom with the closest points of a lower and upper badge touching.
  1. If you are 171 cm or taller, place the lower center edge of the rifle badge 11.4 cm above the bottom of the sleeve cuff.
  2. If you are under 171 cm, place the lower center edge of the rifle badge 10.2 cm above the bottom of the sleeve cuff.

**E. 6. c. Cross Pistol Crown/Cross Rifle Crown**

1. Wear the badges on the left sleeve, with the closest points of a lower and upper badge touching as outlined in [E.6.b.1.](#)
2. If only one badge is worn with either badge as outlined in [E.6.b.](#), this badge is worn on top.
3. When both badges are worn, the Cross Rifle Crown will be worn at the bottom as outlined in [E.6.b.2.](#)

**E. 7. Rank - Officers**

- E. 7. a. When gold-cord shoulder boards are not required, place the base of the metal rank badge 1.0 cm above the top of the metal shoulder badge on the shoulder straps.
- E. 7. b. Wear the gold-cord shoulder boards with Full Dress Order only, as outlined in [App. 1-1, Part 1.](#) Place the base of the silver embroidered rank badge 3.0 mm from the bottom of the gold-cord shoulder board.

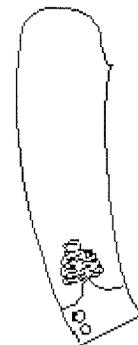
- E. 7. c. Wear rank epaulettes on shoulder straps on shirts, patrol jacket, stormcoat, regimental parka, sweater and officer nylon raincoat.

E. 8. **Rank - Non-Officers**

- E. 8. a. On tunics and jackets, position the badge on the right sleeve, leaving 3.0 mm space between the closest point of a lower and upper badge:

1. **C/S/M**

1. If you are 171 cm or taller, place the lowest point of the badge 12.7 cm above the bottom of the sleeve cuff.
2. If you are under 171 cm, place the lowest point of the badge 11.4 cm above the bottom of the sleeve cuff.



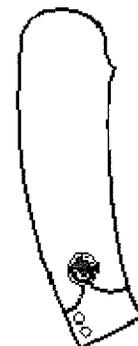
2. **S/M**

1. If you are 171 cm or taller, place the lowest point of the chevrons 8.9 cm above the bottom of the sleeve cuff.
2. If you are under 171 cm, place the lowest point of the chevrons 7.6 cm above the bottom of the sleeve cuff.



3. **S/S/M**

1. If you are 171 cm or taller, place the lowest point of the badge 15.2 cm above the bottom of the sleeve cuff.
2. If you are under 171 cm, place the lowest point of the badge 14 cm above the bottom of the sleeve cuff.



4. **S/Sgt.**

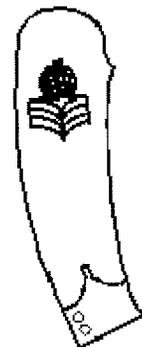
1. If you are 171 cm or taller, place the lower center of the reversed chevrons 12.7 cm above the bottom of the sleeve cuff.



2. If you are under 171 cm, place the lower center of the reversed chevrons 11.4 cm above the bottom of the sleeve cuff.

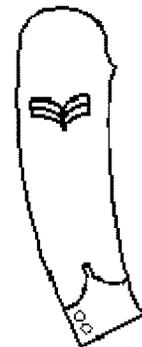
#### 5. Sgt.

1. If you are 171 cm or taller, place the top of the crown 12.7 cm below the top of the sleeve seam.
2. If you are under 171 cm, place the top of the crown 11.4 cm below the top of the sleeve seam.



#### 6. Cpl.

1. If you are 171 cm or taller, place the top center point of the chevrons 15.2 cm below the top of the sleeve seam.
2. If you are under 171 cm, place the top center point of the chevrons 14 cm below the top of the sleeve seam.



- E. 8. b. On shirts, patrol jacket, stormcoat, regimental parka and sweater, wear rank epaulettes on shoulder straps.

#### E. 9. Specialist, Branch and Qualifying

- E. 9. a. Members, other than officers, who are qualified for and have been presented with a specialist, branch or qualifying badge, may wear a maximum of two badges at the same time on the scarlet tunic or blue jacket. To determine if you qualify for a specialist badge, refer to 4.G.

- E. 9. b. The first badge is to be worn on the right sleeve in the following position:

1. If you are 171 cm or taller, place the center top edge of the badge 12.7 cm below the top of the sleeve seam.
2. If you are under 171 cm, place the center top edge of the badge 11.4 cm below the top of the sleeve seam.
3. If you are wearing the badge with a rank badge, position as follows, leaving

3.0 mm space between the closest points of a lower and upper badge:

1. S/M: Place the badge between the crown and chevrons.
2. S/Sgt.: Place the badge directly above the rank badge.
3. Sgt.:
  - If you are 171 cm or taller, place the badge between the crown and chevrons so that the top of the crown is 7.6 cm below the top of the sleeve seam.
  - If you are under 171 cm, place the badge between the crown and chevrons so that the top of the crown is 6.4 cm below the top of the sleeve seam.
4. Cpl.:
  - Place the badge above the chevrons.
  - If you are 171 cm or taller, place the center point of the chevrons 17.7 cm below the top of the sleeve seam.
  - If you are under 171 cm, place the center point of the chevrons 16.5 cm below the top of the sleeve seam.

E. 9. c. The second badge may be worn on the left sleeve with the sharpshooter badges.

1. Wear above Cross Pistol/Rifle badge, leaving 3.0 mm between the closest points of a lower and upper badge.
2. Wear at the bottom with a Cross Pistol Crown or Cross Rifle Crown badge, leaving 3.0 mm between the closest points of a lower and upper badge.
  1. If you are 171 cm or taller, place the center lower edge of the badge 11.4 cm above the bottom of the sleeve cuff.
  2. If you are under 171 cm, place the center lower edge of the badge 10.2 cm above the bottom of the sleeve cuff.

#### F. COMMENDATION INSIGNIA AND PIN

- F. 1. **Commissioner's Commendation:** An RM is awarded a rectangular blue/yellow enamel insignia, 10 carat gold base surmounted by a bison head. Other recipients are awarded an oval blue/yellow enamel pin, 10 carat gold base surmounted by a bison head.
- F. 2. **Commander's Commendation:** An RM is awarded a rectangular blue/yellow enamel insignia, sterling silver base, surmounted by a bison head. Other recipients are awarded an oval blue/yellow enamel pin, sterling silver base, surmounted by a bison head.

- F. 3. For an RM, wear the insignia on the left breast pocket flap of the scarlet tunic, blue jacket, shirt or in a similar position when in civilian attire.
- F. 3. a. When wearing medals on the uniform, center the insignia on the pocket, 6.0 mm below the pocket flap.
- F. 3. b. When wearing a mess jacket, wear the insignia 6 mm below the collar badge.
- F. 4. Other recipients, wear pins on left breast pocket or in a similar position on a dress or jacket.
- F. 5. With two insignias or pins, i.e. Commissioner's and Commander's commendations with single or multiple bison heads, wear the Commissioner's insignia or pin 6.0 mm above the Commander's insignia or pin.
- F. 6. **Vice-Regal and Territorial Commissioner's Commendation:** The commendation is worn by selected staff members performing commendable services.
- F. 6. a. Wear the commendation below the left shoulder, 6.0 mm above decorations on top seam of pocket flap or similar position on dress or jacket.

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## G. MEDALS

### G. 1. Positioning

- G. 1. a. Wear medals on the left breast of a tunic or jacket in the order of precedence outlined in 1.G.1.a.
- G. 1. b. Arrange medals in a single horizontal row, overlapping them when necessary, i.e. six or more in the case of regular size medals and nine or more in the case of miniature size medals, with the senior medal fully exposed and closest to the center of the body.
- G. 1. c. Wear the medals loose or court mounted with scarlet red court mounting cloth with the total length from top to bottom of 8.9 cm.
- G. 1. d. Place all medals so that the Sovereign's head is visible.
- G. 1. e. For a S/Cst. member, wear decorations and medals when ordered, or on occasions when they are worn by other members.

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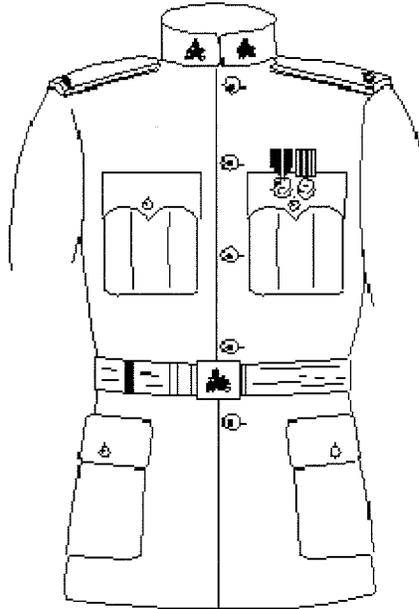
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### G. 2. Full-size

- G. 2. a. Fasten a full-size medal to the uniform in a horizontal line so that the lower edge of the medal is 1.3 cm above the button of the breast pocket, completely

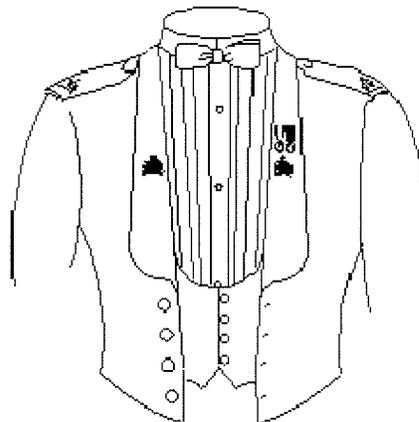
covering the undress ribbon.

- G. 2. b. Wear the clasp of the RCMP Long Service medal midway between the top and the bottom of the ribbon.



### G. 3. Miniature

- G. 3. a. Fasten a miniature medal to the uniform in a horizontal line, centered on the lapel, so that the bottom edge of the medal is 1.9 cm above the top of the collar badge.
- G. 3. b. Fasten in a similar position on dress or jacket.
- G. 3. c. Wear the clasp of the RCMP Long Service medal midway between the top and the bottom of the ribbon.
- G. 3. d. Do not have the medals protrude beyond the neck edge of the lapel or extend beyond the shoulder seam.

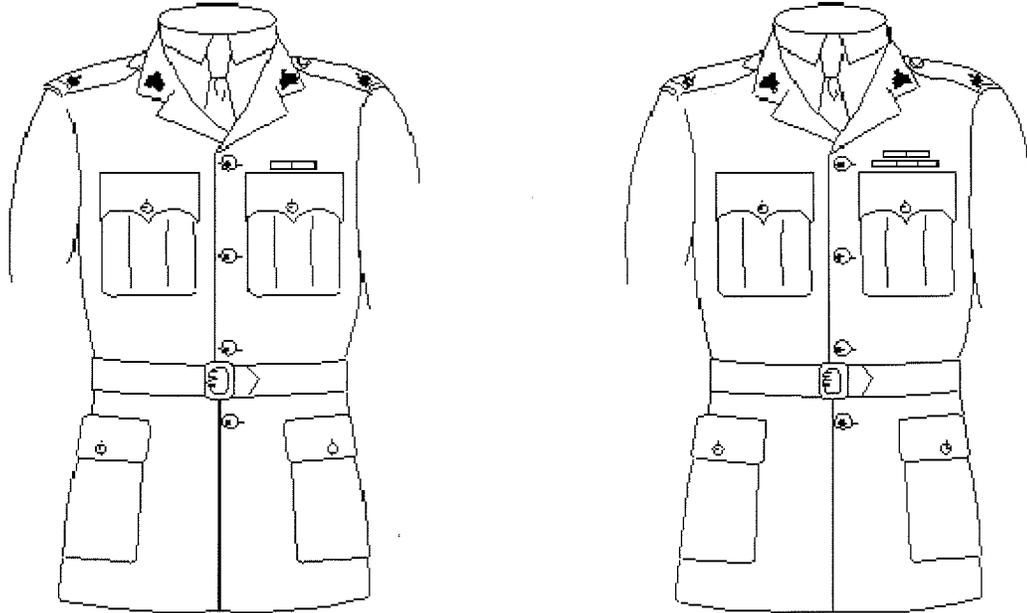


### H. UNDRRESS RIBBONS

- H. 1. Wear undress ribbons centered 4.0 mm above the breast pocket of the tunic, jacket

or shirt (optional), in the same order and on the same side of the uniform as medals.

- H. 2. When a large number of ribbons are worn, place one row above the other, with the shortest row centered on the top.
- H. 3. Center ribbons over the pocket but do not extend them beyond the pocket.



## I. AIGUILLETTES

### I. 1. General

- I. 1. a. The gold cord aiguillette is worn over the right shoulder when acting as an honorary aide-de-camp to the Governor General.
- I. 1. b. The gold cord, red and blue patterned stripe aiguillette is worn over the right shoulder when acting as an honorary aide-de-camp to the Lieutenant Governor.
- I. 1. c. The gold cord, red and blue patterned stripe aiguillette is worn over the left shoulder when acting as a personal aide to the Commissioner.

### I. 2. Positioning

- I. 2. a. Sew a 1.3 cm button, the same color as the cloth, to the garment under the right or left shoulder strap as close to the point of the shoulder as possible.
- I. 2. b. Attach aiguillettes to the button.
- I. 2. c. Attach the small eye loop above the gilt tips to the gilt metal button at the neck of the tunic or jacket.
- I. 2. d. On the mess jacket, sew a 1.3 cm button under the lapel and horizontal to the front collar stud. Attach the eye loop to this button.



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## J. NAME TAGS

- J. 1. The pin name tag will be worn centered, above the right breast pocket on the blue jacket, blue tunic and uniform shirt.

EXCEPTION: Scarlet Tunic

- J. 2. The pin name tag will be worn centered, on the right breast pocket flap on the patrol jacket and stormcoat.
- J. 3. For garments without breast pockets, position the name tag on the right breast as if there was a pocket.

## K. STUDS

- K. 1. Wear gold studs in the second, third and fourth button holes of the formal white dress shirt.

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