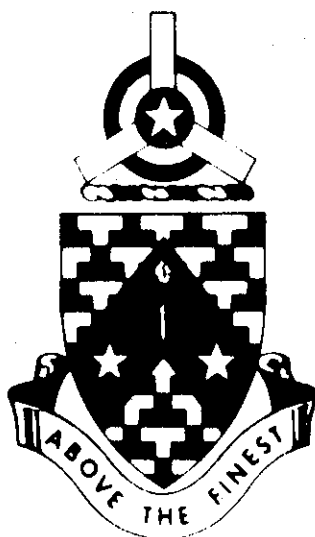


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**Part II**

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## PREFACE

This programed text is about Army uniforms; those you are required to have and some of the many varieties of optional wear that may be needed due to area, climate or functions are explained.

It will present information to you and require you to solve problems you will be faced with both now and in future assignments as a warrant or commissioned officer.

It is very important that you read each item carefully and respond when directed.

Start with page 1 and work each page in succession. Each page will usually ask you a question. The correct answer is printed on the top of the next page. When your response is correct, proceed to the next item. If you were incorrect, turn back and restudy the information before continuing on to the next page. When you have finished the text, complete the self evaluation exercise. Now begin by studying the performance objectives on page 1.

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### ARMY UNIFORMS (Part Two)

Upon completion of this text and without the aid of notes or references, you will be able to:

Recognize the required and optional uniforms authorized for wear by Army officers and warrant officers.

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## UNIFORMS

The appearance you make and the image you project depends to a great extent upon the uniform you have on and the way you wear it.

In order for you to project the desired image and be clothed in the proper uniform, it is essential that you understand the family of military uniforms and appropriate uniform regulations.

During this period we will discuss the uniforms of the Army and specifically the uniforms you will be required to possess and maintain. We will discuss when and how the uniforms are to be worn and clarify some of the specific regulations and guide lines concerning the wearing of badges and decorations.



"All right, you clowns—"

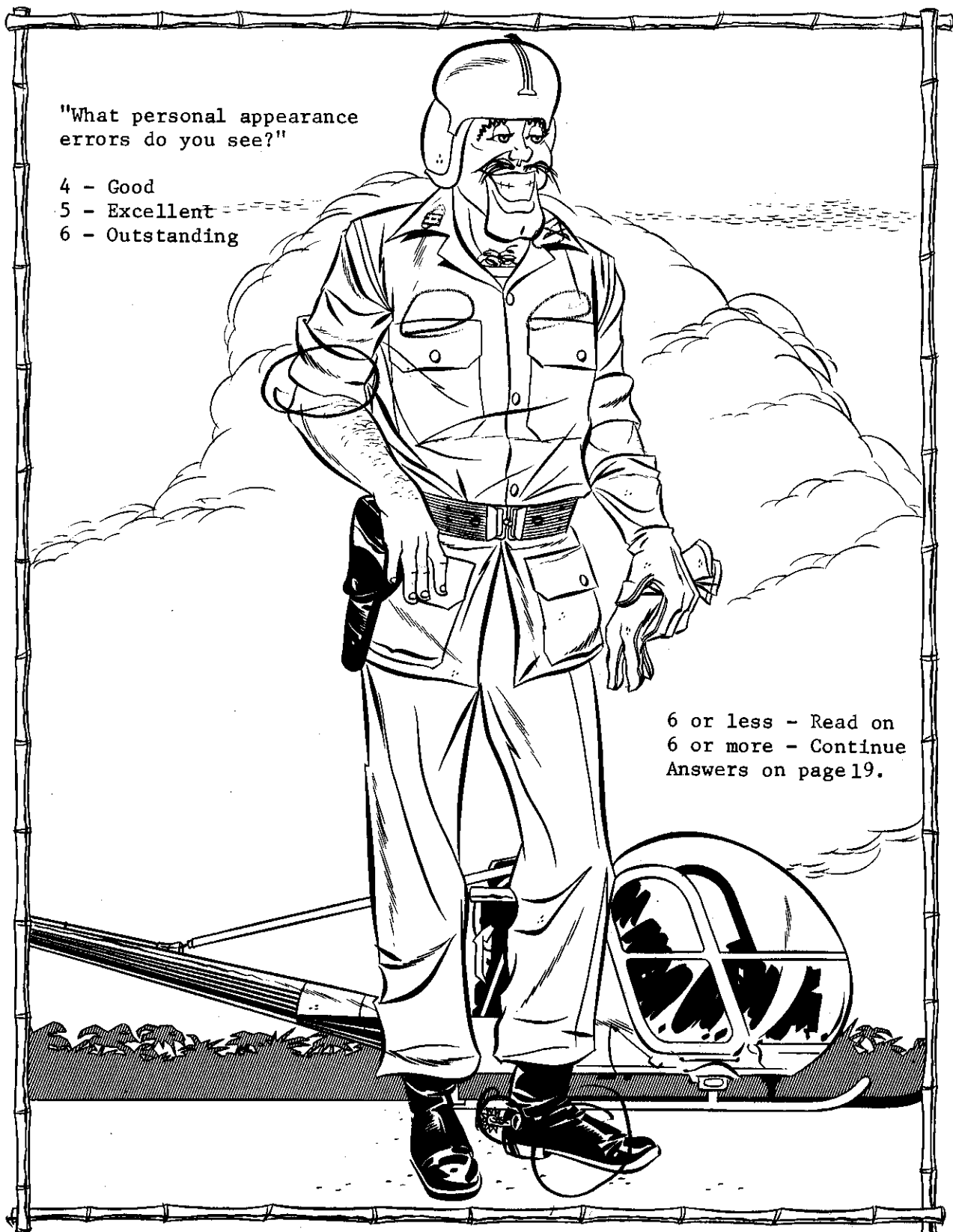
"Aviators reporting for flight training."

U. S. Army Aviation Digest

"What personal appearance errors do you see?"

- 4 - Good
- 5 - Excellent
- 6 - Outstanding

6 or less - Read on  
6 or more - Continue  
Answers on page 19.



There are <sup>nine</sup>~~ten~~ uniforms which are authorized for wear by members of the Army.

These <sup>nine</sup>~~ten~~ uniforms and the essential details of each will be discussed with specific emphasis on uniforms you will be required to have and maintain.

- \* Field and Work Uniform
  - \* Army Khaki Uniform
  - \* Army Green Uniform (winter)
  - \* Army Green Uniform (summer)
  - \* Army Blue Uniform
  - ~~\* Army Tan Uniform~~
  - Army White Uniform
  - Blue Mess Uniform
  - White Mess Uniform
  - Army Evening Dress Uniform
- \* Required Uniforms



"A uniform violator"

U. S. Army Aviation Digest



## ARMY UNIFORMS

Each uniform is made with a particular purpose in mind and is best adapted to a specific function and type of duty.

### FIELD AND WORK UNIFORM (Required)

The common field and work uniform is called the fatigue uniform.

The fatigue uniform is the only uniform which is always worn with boots.

As officers you will need several sets of fatigues depending upon your duty assignment and the laundry facilities.

A light weight variety extensively used in Southeast Asia is the jungle fatigue. It is not bloused at the waist to permit ventilation, dries quickly, and may be worn with the sleeves rolled up.

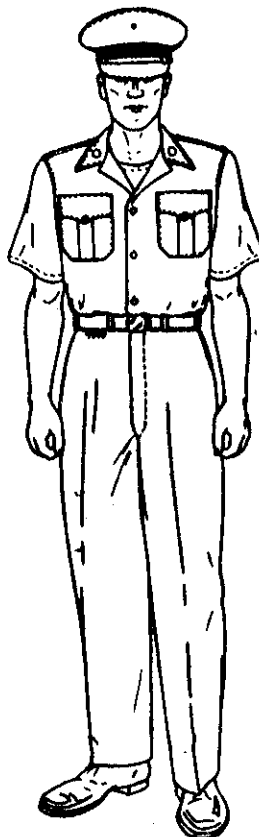


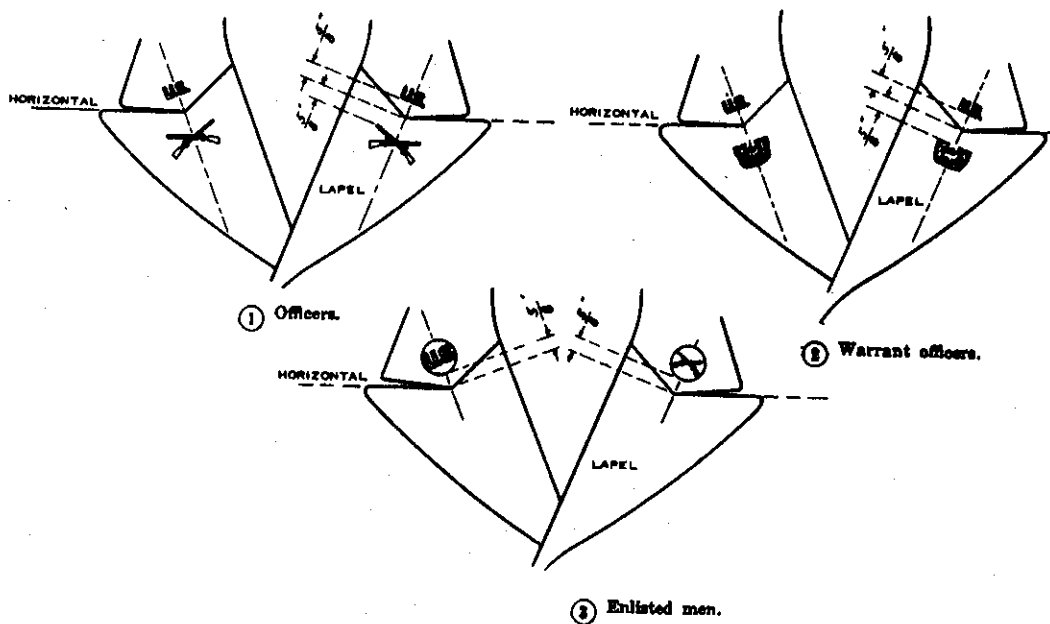
### ARMY KHAKE UNIFORM (Required)

The Army khaki uniform is the summer wear for the garrison soldier in staff, classroom, clerical, or administrative type duties. The uniform consists of long trousers and short-sleeve shirt.

This uniform is normally worn only during duty hours by officers. The green service cap and black socks and black low quarter shoes are appropriate accessories.

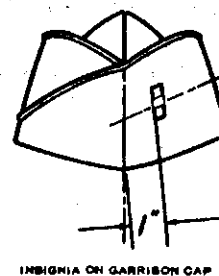
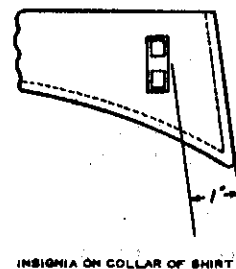
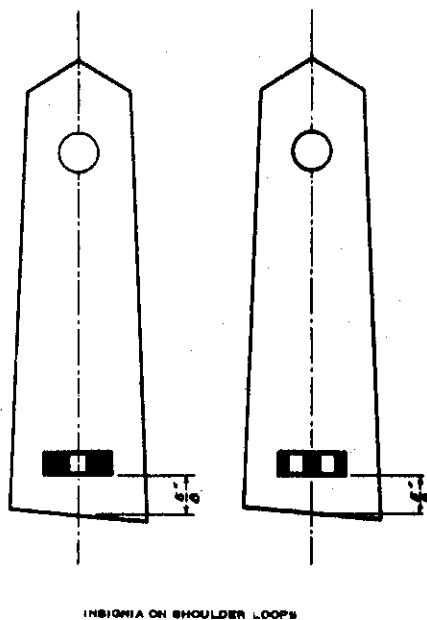
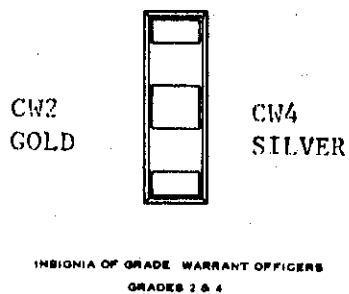
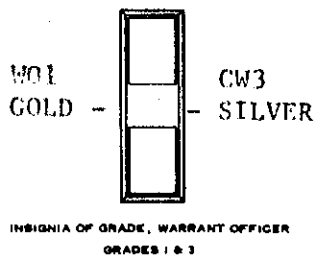
Tropical worsteds (T.W.'s) are an optional alternate for khakis for officers and warrant officers.





*Insignia on lapels.*

# AR 670-5



*Insignia of grade, Warrant officers.*

## ARMY GREEN UNIFORM

(Required)

This is the normal duty uniform for wear by officers, warrant officers and enlisted men.

It is considered a "Class A" uniform and is worn while in transit.

The Army Green is NOT worn to social functions after retreat. Sporting events and movies on post are not considered social events.

The Green uniform comes in several weights and fabrics: Wool Elastique, Wool Serge, all Wool Gabardine, and a Cloth Blend (polyester/wool). These vary in weights from 9 to 19 oz. A light weight green is a new addition to the family of Army uniforms and is required for all officers and warrant officers.

### ORNAMENTATION (ARMY GREEN UNIFORM)

A black band of mohair braid on the sleeve and up the side of the trouser legs denotes an officer and warrant officer from the enlisted uniform.

Headgear is the green service cap (flying saucer) or the garrison cap (overseas cap). The garrison cap may be worn in a transit or TDY status only.

The black web belt is an accessory common not only to this uniform, but to all of the required uniforms.

Footgear is black low quarter shoes and black socks.

## ARMY TAN UNIFORM

(Optional)

Army Tan uniform is authorized for officers during the summer season. It may be worn on duty or off duty, and to off duty social functions after retreat.

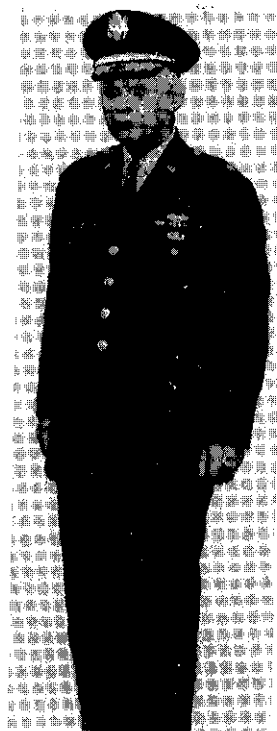
This uniform may be worn without the blouse with a tropical worsted shirt, short sleeved of the same weight and texture as the trousers, as an optional uniform for khakis.

The same headgear and footgear is worn as with the Army Green uniform.

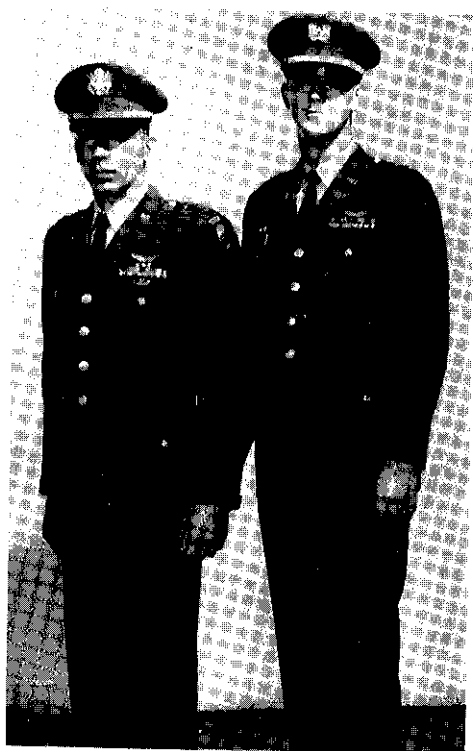
Tans will become obsolete as of the end of calendar year 1968.

## ARMY GREENS

### GENERAL OFFICER



NOTE The Differences In  
Hat & Lapel Insignia Sleeve  
Braid And Trouser Stripes.



COMPANY GRADE OFFICER (L)

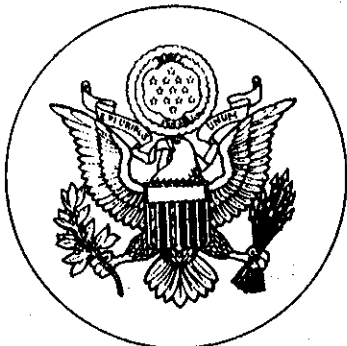
WARRANT OFFICER (R)



① Officers.

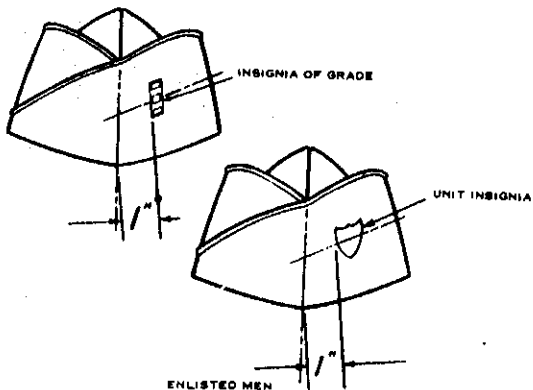


② Warrant officers.



③ Enlisted men.

*Insignia on service cap.*

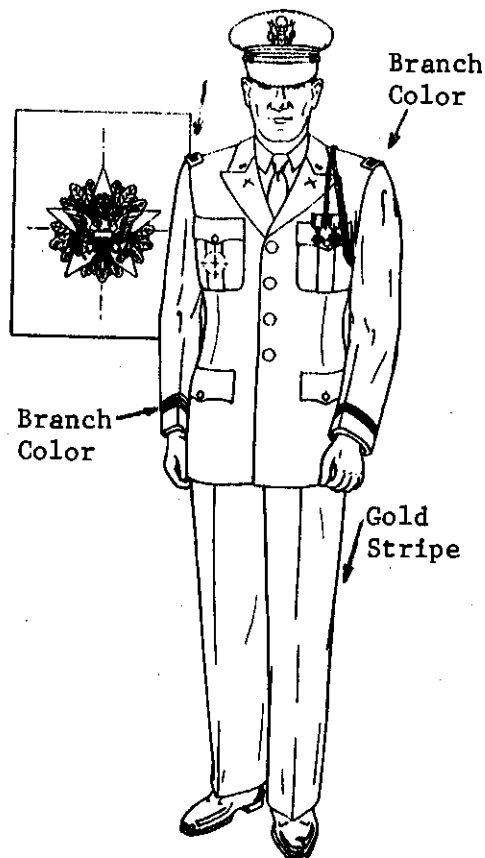


*Insignia on garrison cap.*

Which Army uniform will be obsolete  
in 1968?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: The Army Tan Uniform (31 Dec 1968).



#### ARMY BLUE UNIFORM

(Required)

Army Blue Uniform is the prescribed uniform for officers and warrant officers for social functions after retreat.

Headgear is of the same style as the green service hat, only dark blue in color.

Footgear is the standard black low quarters and black socks.

Shoulder boards denote the insignia of an officer's rank and the background color designates the officer's branch.

Shoulder patches are not worn on this uniform.

The blouse is dark blue and the trousers are sky blue. The blouse and trousers should be of the same weight material. The trouser legs have a stripe of gold philagree or nylon braid down the outside seam.

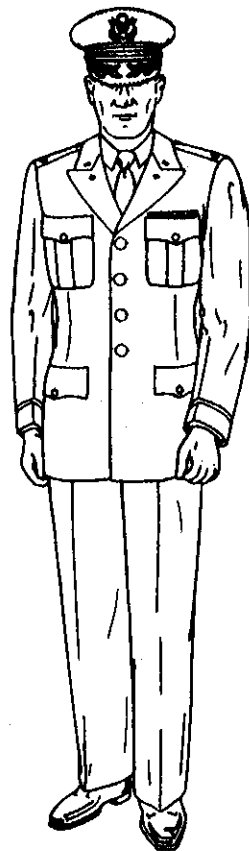
A plain white dress shirt with a straight collar and either a black four-in-hand tie or bowtie, depending on the time or invitation, will suffice for all occasions.

## ARMY WHITE UNIFORM (Optional with exceptions)

The Army White uniform is required only for those officers who are serving a tour of duty in Zones I or II as defined in TA 50-901; this includes areas such as Hawaii, South Pacific, Panama, Central and South America, Italy, Africa, etc. Major commanders are authorized to interpret or modify this policy to meet local existing conditions. It is worn under the same conditions as the Army Blue uniform for off-duty wear.

The Army White is of the same cut as the Army Tan or T.W.; insignia are the same and attached in the same manner. Unit shoulder patches are not worn on this uniform.

The white headgear is the same style as the green service cap. Officers are authorized, at their option, to wear the cap frame with removable cover of the same material as the white coat. Footgear is black low quarter shoes and black socks.



*Army White uniform.*

Where would you normally be required to have the Army White Uniform?

SELECT  
ALL  
APPLICABLE

- ☐ MacDill AFB, Fla. (HQ, US Army Strike Command)
- ☒ South America
- ☐ Ft. Huachuca, Arizona
- ☒ Panama, Canal Zone
- ☒ Eritrea, Africa

Answer: S. America; Panama Canal Zone; Eritrea, Africa

#### WHITE MESS UNIFORM (Optional)

White Mess Uniform is an optional uniform and may be required by direction from major commanders in certain areas.

It is worn after retreat to social functions of an official or private nature, such as formal dinners.

A vest or cummerbund is always worn under the jacket.

Headgear is white service cap and black shoes and socks are proper footwear. (Note: Waist coat styled jacket).



*Army White Mess uniform.*

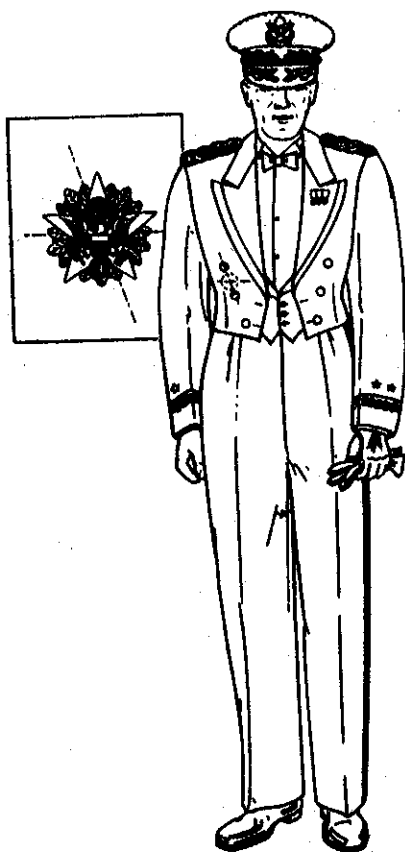
**TROUSERS DESIGN.** Cut on the lines of civilian dress trousers with a high waist, with or without pleats and with black silk or satin stripe, without cuffs and hip pocket.

**VEST DESIGN.** Single-breasted, cut low, with rolling collar, pointed bottom, and fastened with three detachable, extra small, white buttons. A black cummerbund may be worn in lieu of the vest.

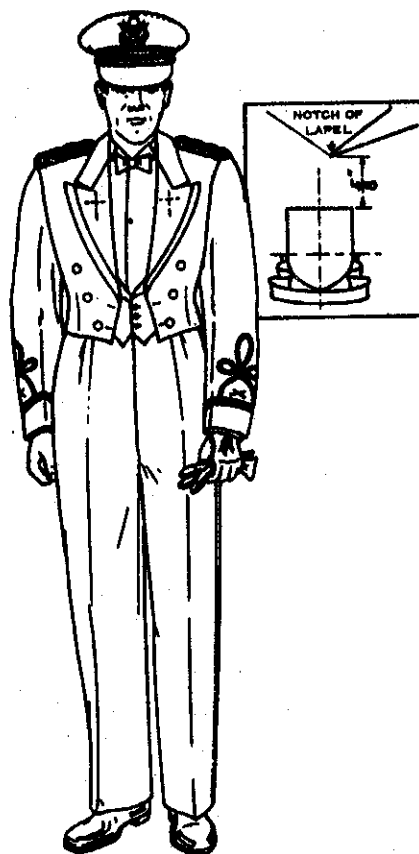
#### RANK & BRANCH DESIGNATION

On each sleeve a band of white braid 1/2 inch in width, the lower edge 3 inches from the end of the sleeve, surmounted by insignia of grade and insignia of branch. The insignia of grade consists of a knot composed of three loops, one large upper and two small lower loops, formed by a number of rows (varying according to grade) of 1/8 inch white soutache braid. The insignia of branch (metal or embroidery) will be worn in the center of the space formed by the lower curves of the knot and the upper edge of the sleeve band.





① General officers.



② Other than general officers.

## BLUE MESS UNIFORM

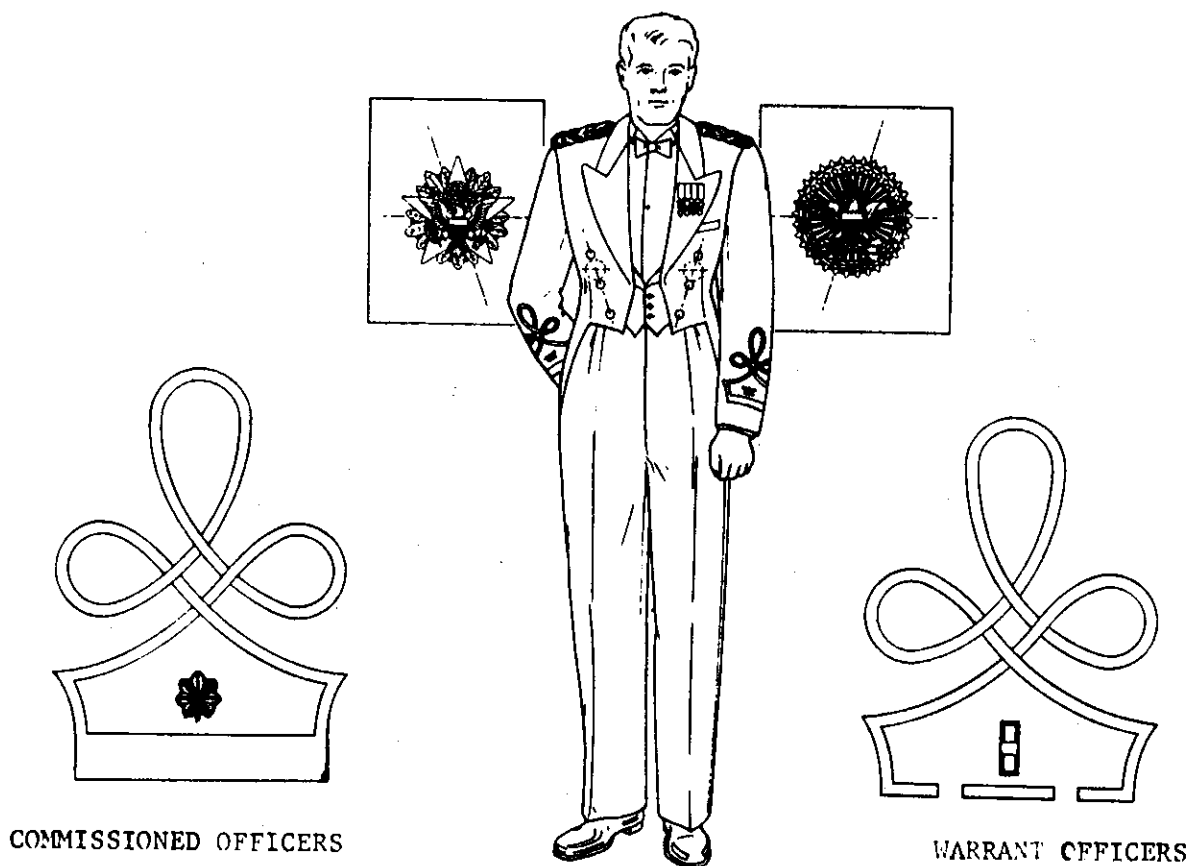
(Optional)

This uniform is the same as the Army White Mess in style and cut and Army Blue in color.

The facing on lapels of the jacket are the officer's branch color.

The jacket is waist coat styled, short in the back (without tails) and trousers are extra high waisted.

Distinctive insignia is centered on lapels of the jacket; the upper edge of insignia is  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch below the notch. Examples are aides to the President, the secretaries, chiefs of staff, and generals. (Distinctive insignia is not worn if miniature decorations and medals are worn.) (See right insert.)



*Figure 12-1. Army evening dress uniform.*

#### ARMY EVENING DRESS UNIFORM

(Optional)

This is worn to very formal social functions, especially to those which are private in nature.

This uniform is basically the same as a civilian tuxedo. (includes "coat-tails")

Accessories, including head and foot gear, are the same as for the Army Blue Uniform.

In all probability you will be issued this uniform with all accessories, if assigned attache or foreign embassy duty.

Technical Manual (700-8400-1) and Army Regulation 670-5 both cover uniforms and accessories and how they are to be worn.

A common violation of dress regulations is the unauthorized tailoring and wearing of improperly fitted trousers, referred to in military slang as "pegged" (tight) and "highwater" (too short).

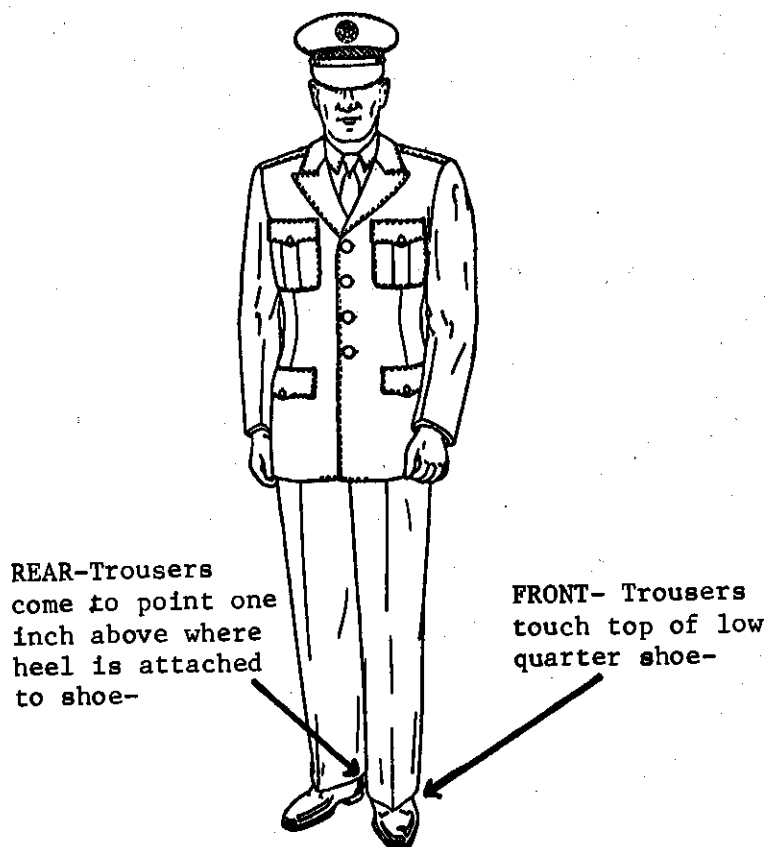
Length of trousers may be correctly determined in this manner: When standing erect, the trousers should come to the top front of the shoe without a break in the front crease of the trousers. The back of the trousers should come to a point one inch above where the heel is joined to the base of the shoe. All measurements are to be made while wearing the low quarter shoe.

To determine the width of the trousers, the following excerpt from the October 1967 official Army magazine, Army Digest, will prove helpful.

"It has been determined that a trouser leg width of 17 1/2 inches looks best with a uniform with a 30-inch waist.

With every inch of increase or decrease in the waist size, the trouser leg width should be increased or decreased one-eighth inch accordingly."

Remember -- YOU ARE THE ARMY. Wear your uniform proudly and properly.



REAR-Trousers  
come to point one  
inch above where  
heel is attached  
to shoe-

FRONT- Trousers  
touch top of low  
quarter shoe-

Army Green Uniform

Are "pegged" trousers acceptable for Army Tans or fatigues?

- a. yes
- ☒ b. no

A trouser leg (a. diameter ☒ b. circumference) of 17 1/2 inches looks best with a uniform with a 30 inch waist.

For each inch of increase or decrease of the waist the trouser leg should be increased or decreased (a. 1/8", b. 1/4", c. 1/2", d. 1 inch) accordingly.

This information concerning trousers is correct for the Army Tans and Greens as well as the Blues?

- ☒ a. True
- b. False

Assume that you are assigned to the Pentagon area as the General's pilot. You have been invited to a private formal social function and the guest list also includes prominent civilians, politicians and high ranking officers. Which uniform would be most appropriate for you to wear?

Evening dress

Invitations to the Commanding General's reception stated four-in-hand tie. This meant the \_\_\_\_\_ uniform was appropriate.

- ☐ a. White Mess
- ☐ b. Blue Mess
- ☒ c. Army Blue
- ☐ d. Army Evening Dress

Answers: b. no

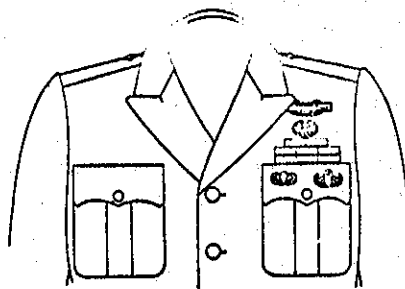
b. Circumference

a. 1/8"

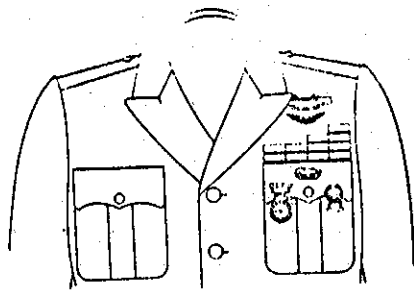
a. True

### Army Evening Dress Uniform

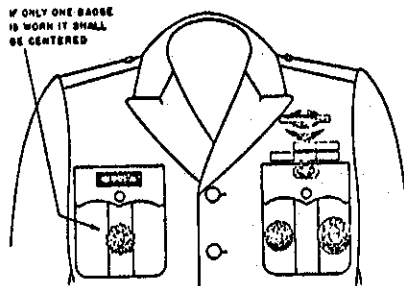
c. X Army Blue



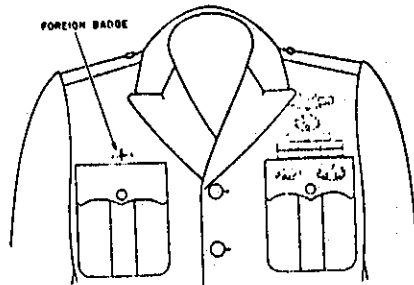
Combat Infantryman, Medical, Parachutist, and Ordnance Disposal Badges.



Combat Infantryman, Army Aviator, Parachutist, and Marksmanship Qualification Badges.



Combat Infantryman, Army Aviator, Parachutist, Army General Staff, Secretary of Defense, and Joint Chiefs of Staff Badges.



Combat Infantryman, Medical, Parachutist, Ordnance Disposal, and Foreign Badges.

WEARING BADGES, APPURTENANCES, AND UNIT EMBLEMS.

## UNIFORMS

There are four uniforms that are required for all officers and warrant officers.

These include:

- (1) The fatigue or normal field and work uniform. This will most likely replace your flight suit in Vietnam.
- (2) The Khaki summer duty uniform. You will report to Vietnam in this uniform (or TW's, your optional alternate) and then may use it again for R&R or leave.
- (3) The Army Green uniform. Depending on the time of year and your location, this uniform will be your duty uniform. It will also be your travel uniform when departing your last duty station or leave address enroute to the port of embarkation for Vietnam.
- (4) The Army Blue uniform is a required dress uniform for officers and warrant officers, primarily for social functions, but may be worn to civilian or community gatherings, business meetings, professional organizations, church or funeral. The military occasion may be a Commanding Officer's reception, either for an in-coming officer or departing commander. If you already have a set of blues, take more than extra preservative care by cleaning, pressing, storing, and moth-proofing before departing for Vietnam as this uniform is not required during this duty assignment.

Answers: Personnel appearance errors from page 3.

1. Unauthorized boots
2. Spurs
3. Sleeves rolled up
4. No name tag
5. No US Army
6. Branch insignia incorrectly worn.

## ARMY UNIFORMS

### SELF EVALUATION EXERCISE

Match the following uniforms with the appropriate function:

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| a. Evening Dress | 1. <u>a</u> Private, very formal official function with political and military leaders.                           |
| b. Khaki         | 2. <u>f</u> Winter meeting of a Board of Officers during duty hours.  |
| c. Tan           | 3. <u>e</u> A formal affair during summer, specifying white tie on the invitations.                               |
| d. Blue          | 4. <u>fb</u> Vietnam R&R uniform.   |
| e. White Mess    | 5. <u>i</u> Optional uniform, except may be required in certain tropical or "hot weather" assignments.            |
| f. Green         | 6. <u>d</u> A Commanding General's reception on January 1st.  |
| g. Fatigue       | 7. <u>g</u> Filling sandbags, qualification firing, gas chamber exercise, physical combat proficiency tests, etc. |
| h. Blue Mess     | 8. <u>e</u> An officers and wives function after retreat; optional, semi-formal, summer attire.                   |
| i. White         | 9. <u>h</u> Small military function, very formal dinner held during winter season in the evening.                 |



10. Which of the following are REQUIRED uniforms?

- a. Tropical Worsted
- b. Army Tans
- ☒ c. Field and Work Uniform
- ☒ d. Greens
- e. White Mess Uniform

11. Which of the following uniforms must be purchased by the newly appointed warrant officer?

- a. White Mess
- b. Army Evening Dress
- c. Blue Mess Uniform
- ☒ d. None of the above

12. The black low quarter shoes, black socks and web belt may be worn with which of the following choices?

- a. Army Blue Uniform
- b. Army Greens
- c. Army Tans
- ☒ d. All of the above

13. Both the Army White Mess and Blue Mess Uniforms are waist-cut styled jackets and may be worn with vest or cummerbund.

- ☒ a. True
- b. False

14. Why is it important to wear your uniforms properly?

- ☒ a. To present a neat appearance.
- b. Because of the regimentation and necessity to conform.
- c. To stand out in a crowd and make the scene.
- d. So that all individuals lose their identity, for the good of the service.

15. In what instance would a newly appointed Warrant Officer be required to outfit his wardrobe of authorized uniforms with five different types rather than four?

- ☒ a. When reporting for duty in the Panama Canal Zone.
- ☒ b. When the major commander deems it a requirement at the new assignment or installation of the officer.
- ☒ c. When assigned to any area as prescribed in Zone I or Zone II as defined in TA 50-901.
- ☒ d. All of the above.

Arrange these uniforms with the appropriate function:

- a. greens
- b. blues
- c. fatigues
- d. Khakis

- 16. c may be required wear to fly in during your combat tour.
- 17. d tropical worsted (TW's) is optional for this uniform.
- 18. a a black stripe distinguishes the officer from the enlisted man.
- 19. b could be the proper attire for the CG's reception at your next post.

## ARMY UNIFORMS

### KEY TO SELF EVALUATION EXERCISE

1. a. Evening Dress
2. f. Greens
3. e. White Mess
4. b. Khakis
5. i. Whites
6. d. Blues
7. g. Fatigues
8. c. Tans
9. h. Blue Mess
10. c. Fatigues (field and work)  
d. Greens
11. d. None of the above
12. d. All of the above.
13. a. True.
14. a. To present a neat appearance which adds a favorable impression of an officer by others.
15. d. All of the above.
16. c. fatigues
17. d. khakis
18. a. greens
19. b. blues