

SECTION 32. WEARING OF THE UNIFORM

1. **General:** Wearing of the Cadet Uniform is a distinct privilege. To wear the uniform improperly or in a slovenly manner at any time is an act of disrespect to SMA. Regulations carefully prescribe the correct manner of wearing the uniform and these regulations must be strictly obeyed. Each cadet is required to have three name stags in good condition at all times. Name tags are habitually worn as prescribed on the "C" coat, gray shirt, and "D" coat.

2. a. **Types of uniform worn by SMA cadets are enumerated in Appendix I.**

b. The uniform when worn off the Academy grounds will always be worn properly, i.e., blouses will be buttoned at all times and hats will be placed properly on the head. The practice of removing or unbuttoning the blouse in public or in walking around with an unbuttoned outer garment, will not be tolerated.

c. The white shirt is **never** worn except under the "C" coat or with white ducks without "C" coat when so prescribed.

d. When leaving the barracks for any reason, a complete uniform will be worn to include a tie and regulation shoes. The uniform to be worn during CQ is prescribed in Section 3.

e. Athletic sweater with appropriate letter may be worn on campus to classes and 2nd mess during school days. It may be worn on the grounds at any time other than in formation. It is **always** worn with a gray shirt. On occasion, this sweater may be worn by athletic teams leaving the grounds. The sweater with "S" is only to be worn by cadets who have earned the privilege in varsity or junior varsity sports.

3. **Insignia:**

a. Branch and School Insignia will be worn as shown in Figure 7.

b. Officer insignia of rank will be worn on the "C" coat as shown in Figure 8.

c. Insignia of rank and branch for officers will be worn on the grey shirts shown in Figure 9.

d. Insignia of rank for officers will be worn on the overseas cap as shown in Figure 10.

e. When wearing the "C" coat, officers will not wear insignia on the shirt; insignia will be worn on the shirt when the "D" coat is worn, or in Uniform "A".

4. **Decoration, Badges, Etc.**

a. Cadets are permitted to wear **ONLY** those decorations awarded by Staunton Military Academy, such as marksmanship medals, military medals, etc., or those medals won while a member of an SMA team in competitive events. National Rifle Association awards may be worn. Medals from the Boy Scouts, or other schools or camps are not authorized for wear on the SMA uniform.

b. In wearing badges, ribbons and other decorations, the following regulations apply:

(1) Authorized cadet medals normally will not be worn on the "C" uniform when ribbons and badges are being worn.

(2) Ribbons and badges will normally be worn on cadet "C" uniform except as subsequently indicated below or as directed.

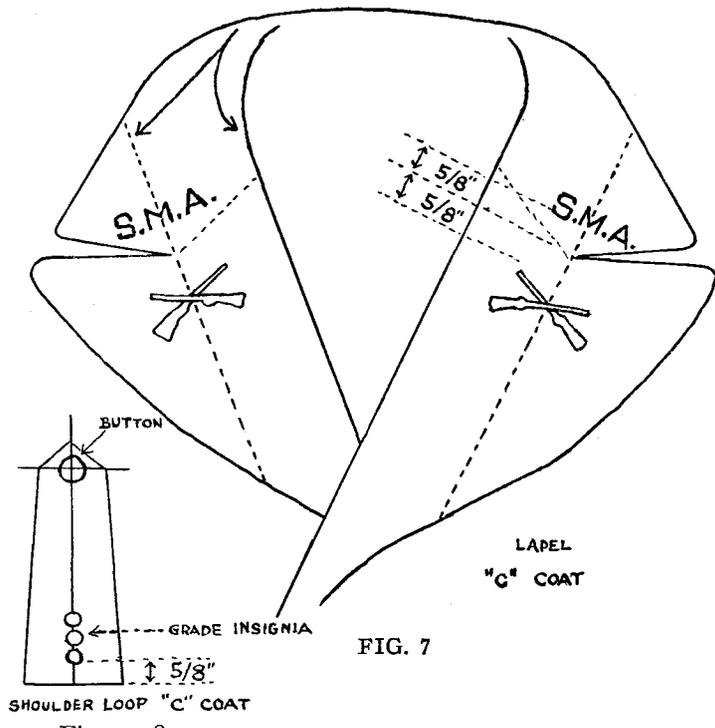


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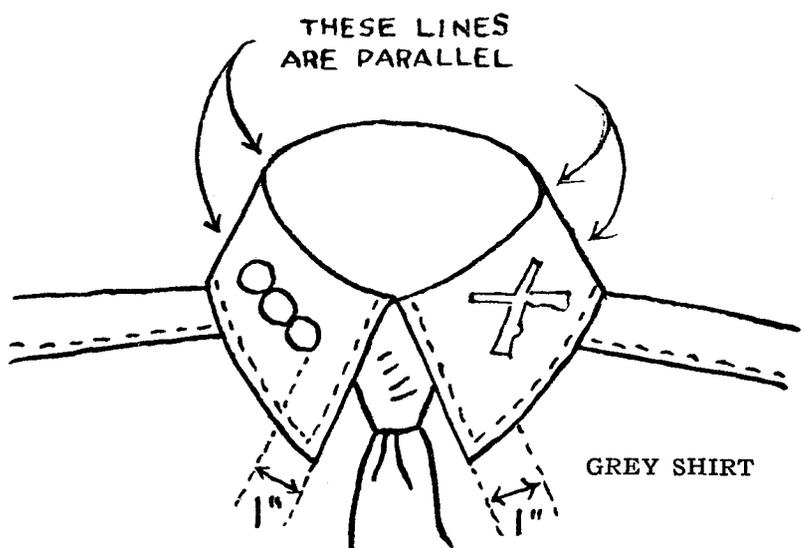


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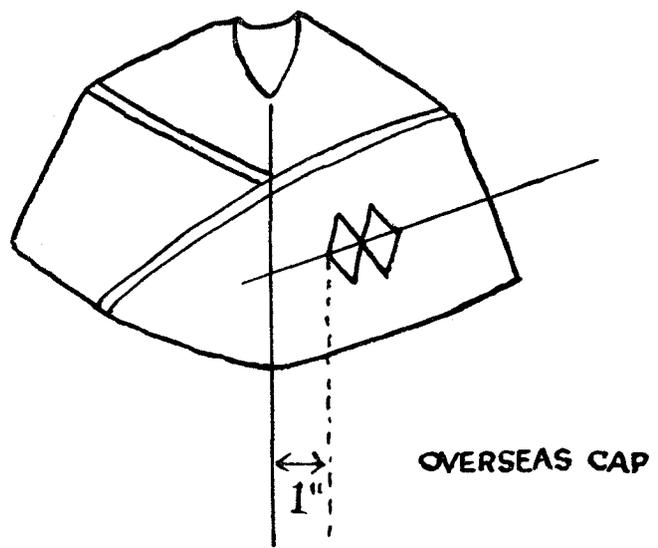


Figure 10

(3) Medals will be worn for formal occasions such as: Dances, parades, formal inspections. They may be worn on Sundays when the "C" uniform is prescribed.

c. Precedence in wearing ribbons will be: Superior Military School Cadet, Superior Junior Cadet Ribbon, Association of US Army Ribbon, Academic, Conduct Ribbon (Superintendent, Headmaster, Commandant, and Military Ribbons) and athletic ribbons.

d. Ribbons will be worn above the left breast pocket (3 to a row) with the highest ranking ribbon on the top row to the wearer's right. Badges will be worn on the pocket flap. (Figure 11)

e. Precedence among medals will be: Kable Legion of Honor, Citizenship Medal, Association of US Army Medal, Academic Medals, Best-Drilled Cadet Medal, SMA Varsity and JV Medals, SMA Intramural Athletic Medals and Junior School Medals.

f. Medals will be worn in overlapping rows above the left breast pocket. The highest ranking medal will be on top and to the wearer's right.

g. The Honor Committee star will be worn $\frac{1}{8}$ inch above and centered over the right breast pocket. The name tag will be worn $\frac{1}{8}$ inch below the top of pocket. (Figure 12)

h. The academic pins will be worn $\frac{1}{8}$ inch above and centered over ribbons on the left breast pocket.

i. Cadets who were members of the selected Honor Company for preceeding school year may wear the Honor Company pin on the center of the right "C" coat pocket. (Figure 12)

j. Band lyre will be worn centered, left sleeve, 6 inches above the edge of sleeve.

k. The Howie Rifles distinctive shoulder patch is worn on the right sleeve of the "C" coat and overcoat.

5. **Military Training Service Bars:**

a. Regulations prescribe that one silver bar may be worn on the right sleeve of the coat after successful completion of one year of Military Training.

b. Example: If a cadet has successfully completed MST I, MST II, and MST III, and is currently taking MST IV, he is entitled to wear only 3 bars.

6. **SMA Service Stripes:**

a. Regulations prescribe that one small black stripe may be worn on the sleeve above the broad black band for each year of attendance at the Academy.

b. Example: If a cadet entered the Academy in his Freshman year, attended that year, both Sophomore and Junior years, and is now a Senior, he is entitled to wear 3 stripes.

c. Attendance at the Junior School is credited in connection with this regulation.

7. **SMA Senior Cord:**

a. All bona-fide seniors, as determined by the Headmaster, are entitled to wear the senior cord.

b. Only the regulation senior cord will be worn.

8. The appropriate athletic or exercise uniform may be worn while participating in any sport, in going to and from the field or gymnasium and under circumstances where the changing to correct uniform would require cadets to return to barracks from the athletic field to change uniform. Example: Members of the track squad will be permitted to watch baseball games in the track uniform, etc. Each cadet is expected to have a complete set of SMA sweat clothes. The practice of wearing sweat clothes and/or athletic clothes which are not SMA or which are torn or otherwise unserviceable will not be permitted. Stocking caps or other than SMA uniform headgear are likewise not authorized. Only SMA athletic shorts may be worn as an outer garment when shorts are worn.

9. a. When overcoats are worn they will be buttoned up throughout except that cadets holding the rank of master sergeant or higher will wear the cape thrown back over the shoulder. When under arms the points of the collar will be turned under and the cape thrown back over the shoulders, red showing, and buttoned to hold the cape in place. Shoulder belts when worn will be over the cape.

b. Galoshes or rubbers may be worn during inclement weather.

c. Whenever the black tie is worn without blouse or jacket, it will be neatly knotted at the throat (not loose), and the ends will be tucked in between the second and third buttons of the shirt.

d. The cap is a part of the uniform and will be worn at all times when outside of buildings. Except when under arms, caps will be taken off or put on at the door of the classroom, Mess Hall, etc., and will never be worn inside of a room or hallway.

e. Wearing civilian type belts at any time will not be permitted. The black web belt with brass buckle is the only belt to be worn under the "C" coat or with fatigue clothing.

f. The use of "spray on" type shoe polish is prohibited.

LEFT BREAST POCKET

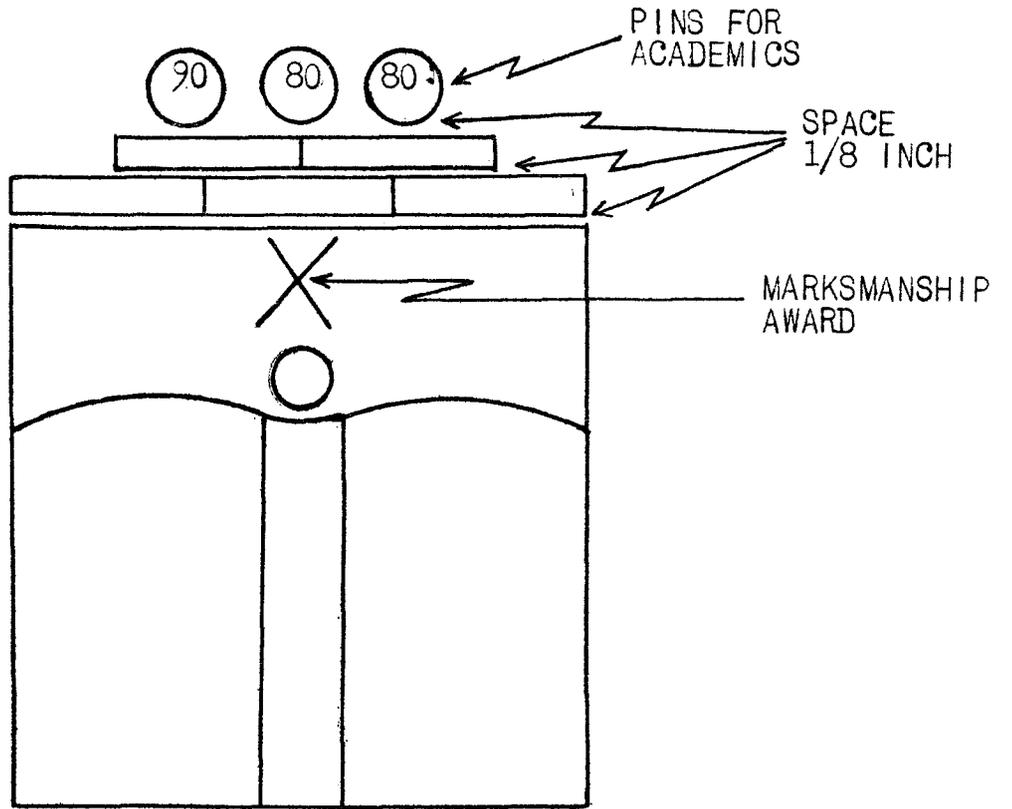


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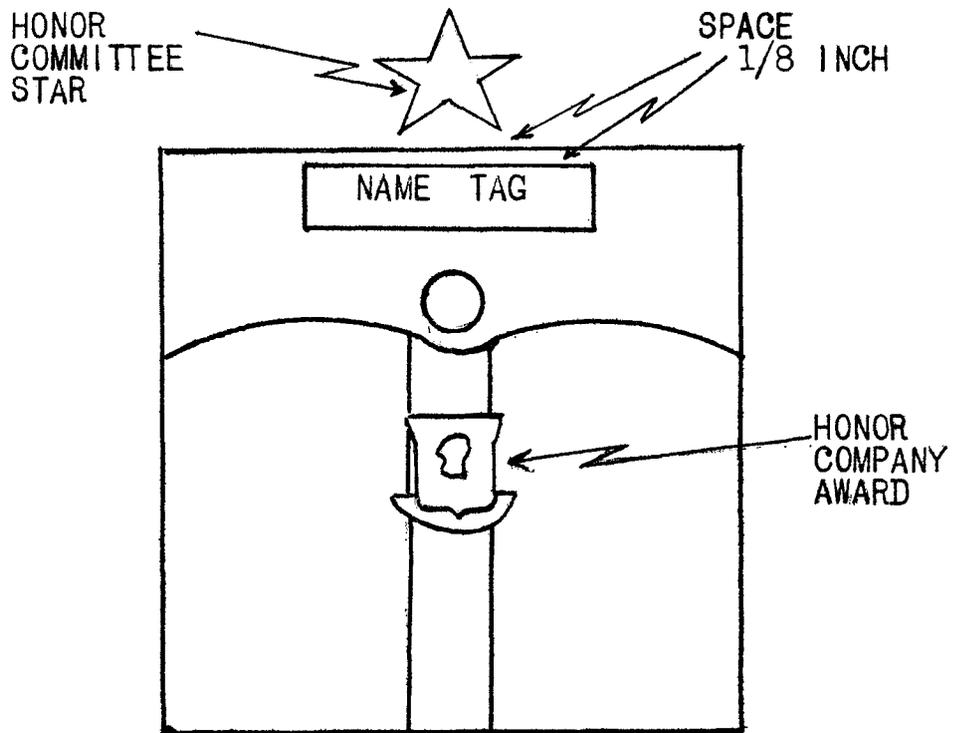


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