

CHAPTER 4

DRESS EMBELLISHMENTS

GENERAL

4.1 This chapter describes basic dress embellishments and the general details on the method of wearing them. The complete details on the specifications and design of all embellishments is given in *Army Standing Orders for Dress* (ASOD), volume 2.

BADGES

General

4.2 The badges and insignia described in this chapter are worn on orders of dress as indicated. Rank insignia, name tag and the Army Badge are the only embellishments worn on Disruptive Pattern Combat Uniform (DPCU) and khaki field sweater. No embellishments are worn on raincoats or overcoats. The complete specifications for placement of badges and other dress embellishments is given in ASOD, volume 2.

Australian Army Badge (Rising Sun)

4.3 The Army Badge is the authorised emblem of the Australian Army. The Army Badge is worn on the left side of the hat Khaki Fur Felt (KFF) by all personnel. Selected personnel, as detailed in ASOD, volume 2, part 2, paragraph 2.3, wear the small collar badges in lieu of corps/regiment collar badges.

4.4 The Army Badge is worn as a unit badge by all Army Cadets at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA), Army Recruits and the Army component of the Australian Federation Guard. The badge is to be worn by individuals performing national representational duties when ordered (such as Equerry to the Queen).

4.5 An embroidered Army Badge on an appropriate coloured background is worn on the top of the left sleeve of Service dress, polyester shirt, safari suit, utility jacket, maternity blouse, sweater khaki lightweight, sweater khaki field, DPCU shirt, mess dress jacket and mess dress white jacket. The Army 'bullion' badge is worn on mess dress by officers of colonel rank and above. The embroidered badge on appropriate coloured backing is worn by all other officers on mess dress. The embroidered badge on white background is worn on mess dress white jacket, jacket Eaton Style and mess dress white shirt by all ranks.

Corps and regiment badges

4.6 Corps or regiment badges are worn on the front of caps, berets and hats KFF. On the hat KFF the badge is positioned centrally on the front of the puggaree with the base of the badge touching the brim of the hat. On berets, the badge is worn so that it is directly above the left eye when the beret is correctly aligned. Small corps/regiment collar badges are worn on the lapels of the Service dress jacket and mess jackets.

Aircrew badges

4.7 Aircrew badges are to be worn by qualified personnel on flying suits and all orders of dress except DPCU, sweaters, raincoat, overcoat or protective dress.

Infantry Combat Badge

4.8 The Infantry Combat Badge (ICB) is worn by eligible personnel on the left breast above medals or medal ribbons and aircrew badges. The ICB is not worn on DPCU, sweaters, raincoat, overcoat or any form of protective dress.

Parachutist badges

4.9 Appropriate parachutist insignia are worn by qualified personnel on the right sleeve. Eligible personnel may also wear the Parachute Jump Instructor (PJI) brevet with all parachute qualification badges. The PJI brevet is worn above the left breast pocket. Parachutist insignia are not worn on DPCU, sweaters, raincoat, overcoat or any form of protective dress.

Rank insignia

4.10 Appropriate rank insignia are to be worn on all orders of dress except raincoats and overcoats. Embroidered insignia are to be sewn on uniforms. Metal insignia are to be affixed to shoulder boards or directly to uniforms. Embroidered gold/silver/black on khaki rank slides are worn on polyester shirts in general duty orders, utility jackets, sweater khaki lightweight and on shirts in the office environment when jackets are removed. Embroidered black on DPCU rank slides are worn on DPCU shirts and sweater field khaki.

Recruit Instructor Badge

4.11 The Recruit Instructor Badge (RIB) is worn by eligible personnel on all ceremonial and general duty orders of dress. The Badge is worn on the left-hand side of the flap of the right breast pocket, centrally between the edge of the flap and the button. The RIB is not worn on Mess Dress, DPCU, sweaters, raincoat, overcoat or any form of protective dress.

Individual Service Commendation Badge

4.12 Personnel awarded a Service Commendation are to wear the badge signifying the award on all general duty and ceremonial orders of dress. The Badge is worn on the right above the pocket, AIRN Badge and unit citations, on shirts and jackets. A miniature badge is worn on the right lapel of mess dress and may be worn on civilian jackets. Only one Army Badge is worn irrespective of the number of commendations awarded. If commendations at different levels have been awarded, the badge of the higher award is worn. Where a joint and single-Service commendation have been awarded, both badges are to be worn, with the joint badge to the right.

Skill at Arms Badge

4.13 A Skill at Arms Badge (crossed rifles, sniper or Army Top 20) is worn by qualified personnel on the left sleeve of shirts and jackets below the Army Badge. Skill at Arms badges are not worn on DPCU, sweaters, raincoat, overcoat or any form of protective dress.

Trade qualification badges

4.14 Trade qualification badges are worn by qualified personnel on ceremonial, general duty and mess dress uniforms. Only one trade badge is to be worn at any time, irrespective of the number to which a member may be entitled. This badge is to be worn on the top of the right sleeve of garments. The badge to be worn is that of the trade to which a member is currently posted. If a member is not in a trade appointment, a choice may be made of any one badge to which the member is entitled.

Army Individual Readiness Notification badge

4.15 The AIRN Badge is worn by eligible personnel above the right breast pocket, below emblems of unit citations and individual commendation badges or medallions. It is not worn on maternity dress, mess dress (not including mess dress white shirt), raincoats or any form of protective dress.

Soldiers Medallion Badge

4.16 The Soldiers Medallion Badge is issued with the Soldiers Medallion for Exemplary Service. The badge is worn by eligible members on the right breast, centrally, above the AIRN Badge. The badge is not worn on mess dress, DPCU, sweaters, raincoat, overcoat or any form of protective dress. The badge is worn in the same manner as a commendation which is detailed in ASOD, volume 2, part 4, chapter 9, annex B

OTHER EMBELLISHMENTS

Emblems of unit awards

4.17 Emblems of unit awards are worn on the right side, above the pocket of the shirt, Service dress jacket and utility jacket. Miniature emblems are worn on the right lapel of mess dress. The embellishment is not worn on DPCU, protective dress, sweaters, raincoat or overcoat.

Emu tufts

4.18 Emu tufts of approved design and dimensions may be worn by all members of eligible units of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps (RAAC) as an Item of dress. Eligible units are listed in ASOD, volume 2, part 3, paragraph 2.28.

Emu plumes

4.19 Emu plumes, of approved design and dimensions, are worn by all RAAC members and members posted to RAAC units. The plume is worn on the hat KFF with ceremonial, general duty and barracks orders of dress; it is fixed centrally on the left-hand side, behind the puggaree.

Lanyards

4.20 A lanyard of appropriate colour is worn by eligible personnel on the right shoulder of ceremonial and general duty orders of dress. Lanyards of the battalions of Royal Australian Infantry regiments, University regiments, Special Air Service Regiment, 1 Commando Regiment, Regional Force Surveillance Unit and A Field Battery Royal Australian Artillery, are worn on the left shoulder. Lanyards are not worn with sweaters, DPCU, protective dress, raincoat or overcoat.

Nameplates

4.21 The approved pattern nameplate is to be worn at all times on general duty and ceremonial (not parade) orders of dress. It is worn centrally on the flap of the right breast pocket, with the top of the plate 5 mm below the upper edge of the flap, or in an equivalent position on the Sweater khaki lightweight and the Maternity Uniform. The Army nameplate is to show the last name only, and is to be in white letters on a black background. It is to be worn by all personnel except those posted to Army Headquarters, Headquarters Training Command—Army, Headquarters Australian Defence Force, Joint Service units and formations, Australian Defence Force Academy and Royal Military College, which are approved to wear distinctive nameplates. On re-posting from those organisations the standard nameplate is to be worn. The specifications of the standard Army nameplate are indicated in ASOD, volume 2, part 3, paragraph 2.41.

Name tags

4.22 A name tag with Australian Camouflage Pattern backing and embroidered black characters 15 mm high, depicting the family name in upper case is to be worn on DPCU and protective dress shirts and khaki field sweater. This tag is to be positioned centrally above the right breast pocket as set out in ASOD, volume 2, part 3, paragraph 2.45.

4.23 Direct embroidery of the family name on the garment is not to occur.

Orders, decorations and medals

4.24 Except for neck decorations, members who have been presented and are entitled to wear decorations, ribbon bars and medals are to wear them above the left hand breast pocket. Authorised unofficial medals such as Royal Humane Society awards, are worn on the right side. The Australian Order of Precedence and the method of mounting medals is set out in ASOD, volume 2, part 5. Orders, decorations and medals are worn with ceremonial orders of dress only. Miniature orders, decorations and medals are worn on Mess Dress and Mess Dress White Jacket.

4.25 Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals are worn on the left side, above the left breast pocket. Ribbons of unofficial awards are worn in the same location on the right side. Ribbons are worn on general duty orders of dress and Mess Dress White Shirt. Ribbons are not worn with sweaters, DPCU, Protective Dress, raincoat or overcoat.

Corps/regimental shoulder titles

4.26 Corps/regiment shoulder titles are worn by Other Ranks (OR) (less Regimental Sergeant Major—Army (RSM—A) and Level 3 Regimental Sergeant Major's (RSM)) in orders of dress 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 3A, 3B, 6C and 8; they are also worn on the utility jacket and the sweater khaki lightweight. The titles are worn on the lower edge of epaulets of the polyester shirt, sweater, utility jacket and safari suit jacket.

4.27 Corps/regimental titles are worn by Senior officers (Colonel and above) serving in corps/regimental appointments and officers of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (LTCOL) and below, with orders of dress 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B and 6C. The titles are worn on the lower edge of the khaki shoulder boards, with the exception of dress 3A, 3B and 6C where they are worn as for OR (see paragraph 4.26).

AUSTRALIA shoulder titles

4.28 Metal AUSTRALIA shoulder titles are worn by all ranks on orders of dress 1A, 1B, 1C and 6B. Officers are to wear the metal AUSTRALIA titles with dress 6A.

4.29 RSM—A and Level 3 RSM's are to wear AUSTRALIA titles on orders of dress 2A, 2B, 2C, 2E, 2F, 3A, 3B and 6C (as described in paragraph 4.26).

4.30 Officers are to wear embroidered rank cloth shoulder slides (incorporating the title AUSTRALIA) on orders of dress 2E, 2F, 8 and on sweaters and the utility jacket.

4.31 When visiting, or posted, overseas all ranks are to replace, where appropriate, corps/regimental shoulder titles with AUSTRALIA titles.

4.32 Australia shoulder titles are to be worn by all ranks of the Australian Federation Guard and officers on national representational duties (such as Equerry to the Queen).

Unit colour patch

4.33 An authorised unit colour patch (UCP) is worn by all members of units/regiments or formations. The UCP is worn centrally on the right side of the puggaree of the hat KFF. The UCP is removed on posting from the unit/regiment or formation. A register of approved UCP is included in ASOD, volume 2, part 6.