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2015 Spring/Summer Show

Where: Franklin Marriott Conference Center / Hotel ~ Cool Springs
700 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin, TN 37067

When: Friday, April 3rd - Dealer Set up & Members Only 8 am - 12pm
Public Admitted 12pm - 6 pm

Saturday, April 4th- 8 am - 3 pm

Admission: \$5. for Non-Members. **TMCA Members get in Free - Wear badge,** Children under 12 free. Also admitted free, if in uniform: Members of US Military, Fire and Police, R.O.T.C. and military re-enactors.

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Contact Ronnie Townes @ 615-661-9379 or email TMCA to reserve.

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\$\$\$ Attention \$\$\$

To help save the club money and modernize the newsletter, starting in the Fall it will be online. If you would like to receive the hard copy newsletter versus the online format, please notify Emily.

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NOTE

Once again **OVMS** Members are admitted **FREE** to the upcoming TMCA Show.

Please bring your current **OVMS** membership badge to get in. Free!

Club News

ATTENTION

THIS SHOW IS FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN HISTORIC ARMS & MILITARY ANTIQUES, INCLUDING WAR SOUVENIRS TAKEN FROM DEFEATED ENEMIES. THESE OBJECTS HOLD THE INTEREST OF COLLECTORS TODAY FOR THE SAME REASONS THAT OUR SERVICEMAN TOOK THEM DURING AND AFTER THE WAR: THEY ARE HISTORIC ARTIFACTS.

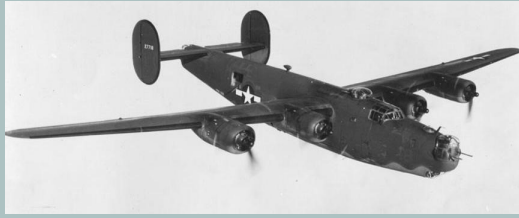
PLEASE DO NOT CONFUSE COLLECTOR INTEREST IN THESE WAR TROPHIES FOR ANY SYMPATHY WITH THE REGIMES THAT CREATED THEM. THANK YOU

Any of you who attended the past SOS show may have noticed this fantastic sign, created by Jeff Schrader of Advanced Guard Militaria.

The TMCA staff was highly impressed by this approach to the hobby and will be recreating, (with Jeff's permission) this sign for use at our shows.

The reality of today's politically correct society, is the fact that we have to be very careful about how we display Nazi flags, Political items, KKK memorabilia etc., or any other artifacts that may be offensive to some people. The future of the TMCA show and our hobby may depend upon this.





Cooper Mountain Crash

Several locals witnessed a B-24D Bomber crash in Morgan County, AL in 1945

Story by Clif Knight

Bob Jaques contributed to this article.

Morgan County, AL residents came face-to-face with a tragic wartime accident on a quiet, peaceful day Feb. 23, 1945, when a B-24D bomber spun out of control and crashed nose first on Cooper Mountain, killing all five members of its crew.

The plane, on a training mission from Courtland Army Air Field, captured the attention of several local residents as its crew performed stall and recovery maneuvers 5,000 to 6,000 feet in the air, approximately nine miles east of Hartsville and the same distance south of Somerville, AL.

Jean Ann Wigginton Schuck witnessed the accident as a 7-year-old.

"I didn't go to school that day because I was sick," she recalled. "I was sitting in front of the open fireplace when I heard the plane. It was so close and so loud my feet were vibrating on the floor. Next, I remember neighbors running from every direction to climb the mountain to get to the crash site."

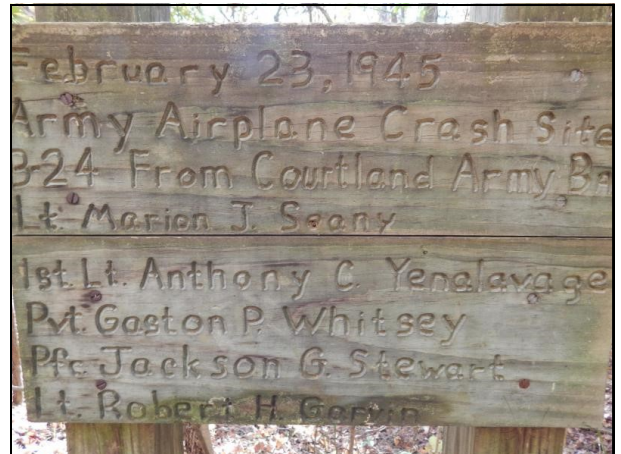
"Then, road graders and all kinds of heavy equipment arrived to make a road up the mountain," she added. "I often climbed the mountain with friends to view the crash site and marker."

The crash victims are identified in the Army Air Forces accident report as 1st Lt. Anthony C. Tenalavage (pilot) of Pennsylvania, 2nd Lt. Robert H. Garvin of Maryland, 2nd Lt. Marion J. Seaney of Indiana, Pvt. 1st Class Jackson G. Stewart of North Carolina and Pvt. Gaston P. Whitsey of Washington.

The report indicated the plane departed from Courtland Army Air Field at 6:05am on an orientation flight. Hartselle police reported the crash by telephone at 7:45 am.

Harold L. St. John viewed the plane for several minutes as it flew over his Somerville, Route Two, farm.

"I first spotted it circling shortly after 6 a.m. and thought it was flying over another plane that was down. The engines sounded like they were operating normally. It left headed toward Huntsville and gained altitude to 5,000 to 6,000 feet. A few minutes later, it returned. Its engines were popping and sputtering. It was flying at about 2,500 feet when its engines stalled and it fell like an auger, swinging around two or three times. I lost sight of it when it went behind the mountain. I heard its engines roar before it hit the ground and then I saw a black cloud of smoke rise above the trees."



TMCA member
Bob Jaques hunts for
crash relics on site.



The wreckage indicated that the plane hit the ground in a vertical position, since no trees on the heavily wooded mountainside had been sheared off, according to the accident report.

Families of the victims visited the crash site and erected a wooded marker that still stands. It bears the date of the crash, names of the deceased crew members and the words, "May They Not Have Died in Vain."

Hartsville aviation historian and TMCA member Bob Jaques said he first became aware of the crash about five years ago. He visited Maxwell AFB in Montgomery last year, where he obtained a copy of the accident report.

"I had often tried to get to the site but did not know exactly where it was other than on Cooper Mountain," Jaques stated. "A few weeks ago the property owner, who asked not to be identified, accompanied me to the site."

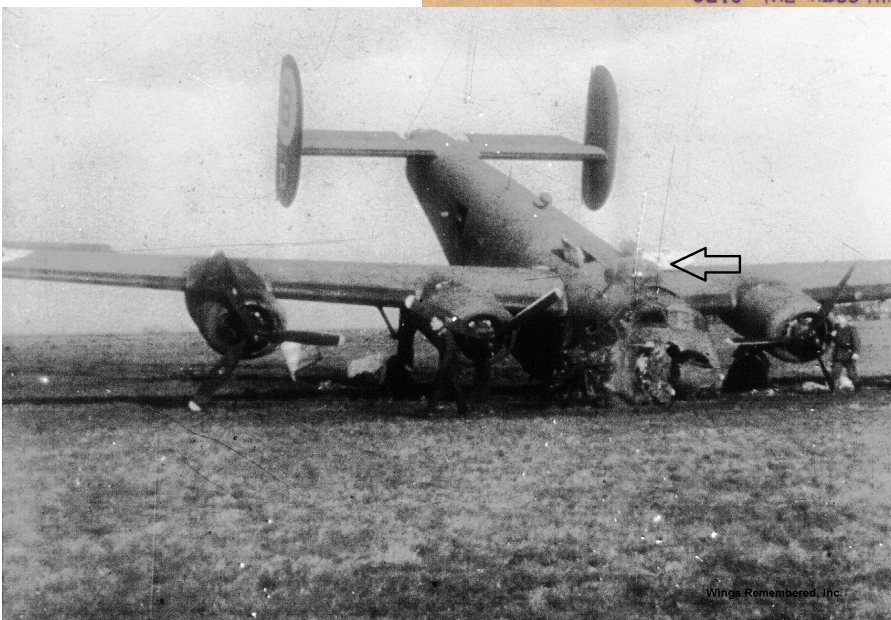
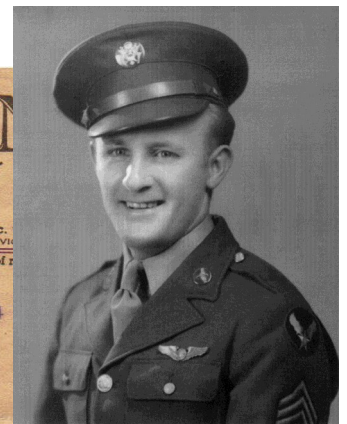
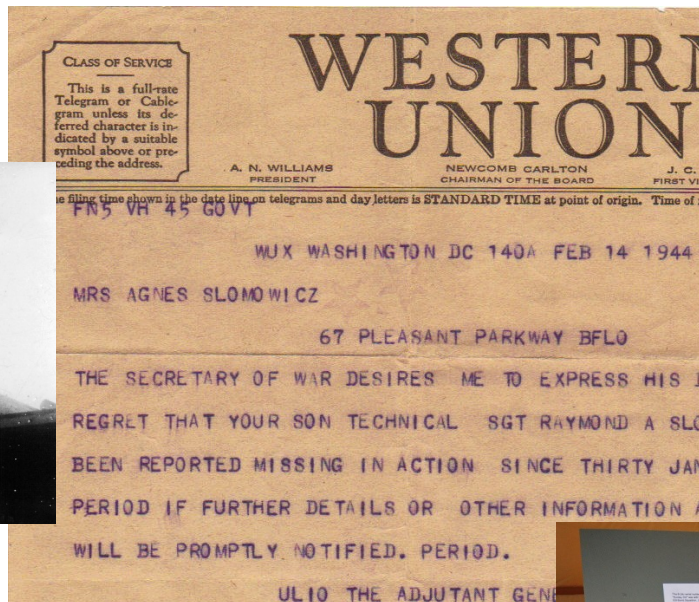
93RD BOMB GROUP B-24 "SUNDAY GIRL"

On 30 January 1944, the 93rd Bomb Groups target was Brunswick, Germany. B-24 Serial Number 42-73507 named "Sunday Girl" of the 328th Bomb Squadron was part of this mission. Approximately ten minutes from the target, this B-24 developed engine problems. The pilot Harold Killian decided to turn back for their base. After doing so and with one engine out, they dropped their bomb load on a secondary target a railroad yard. They came under attack by a flak unit and as a result they lost a second engine. The decision was made to land the B-24, the crew took their crash positions in the plane. As they made their landing the nose wheel collapsed destroying the nose section of the plane. The B-24 had crash landed on a farm owned by the Bouwman family that was located near Nijkerk (Gelderland), Holland. All ten members of the crew survived the crash landing. Six of the crew escaped and four were captured and taken to POW Camps.

Among the crew was Raymond Slomowicz the Flight Engineer / Top Turret Gunner. With the help of the resistance for a period of eight months, he was able to avoid capture returning to the US front lines.

The turret dome on display as seen in the photo was removed from the B-24 wreckage. It was found in the 1970's stored in an out building on the same farm where it had crash landed.

Charles Runion
Wings Remembered, Inc.



German Forestry Uniforms 1933-1945

Part one: Rank Insignia

by Stefany Zoebisch (Germany)

Forestry service and its uniforms has a very long tradition in Germany, from ancient feudal states to modern democratic Germany. For collectors one of the main interests is in those worn during the Third Reich period – but many collectors only know a small part of the forestry uniforms and insignias actually worn from 1933 to 1945.

During the relatively short period of 12 years, 4 different dress regulations for the forestry services were issued, giving the forestry officials a guide to dress orders, headgear, tunics, leg wear and – rank insignia.

As at this time, the Deutsche Reich still had several, partly “independent”, States, I will use the regulations for the State of Prussia as example. Other German States had different insignia and rank names.

1929 Dress Regulation

The first regulation, which was valid in the first 2-3 years of the Third Reich, was issued on April, 1st 1929 – still from democratic Weimar Republic. It was the first forestry dress regulation, which tried to introduce a more modern uniform compared to the old imperial uniform cut. But there remained a link, looking slightly like the WW1 military field tunics.

The only real change was made in the rank insignia.

The shoulder boards consisted of green woolen or silky lace, higher ranks (administration officials) had a woven-in thin golden lace. The base was made of dark green cloth for lower ranks, rank of “Revierfoerster” and up had the base made of dark green velvet. “Revierfoerster” and “Forstverwalter” spotted an additional golden lace between (or around) the green lace and the base.

Pips and acorns (only for “General’s”) were used to distinguish the ranks.

These shoulder boards were worn on both tunic types (called A- and B-Rock) and the greatcoat.

Beside the shoulder boards, embroidered collar tabs were worn on the B-Rock (B-Tunic) for special occasions, but were also allowed for daily dress (A-Rock).

They featured green silk embroidery of 4 oak leaves and 3 acorns for ranks from “Unterfoerster” to “Revierfoerster” (the trainees for normal service wore the same style of collar tabs but no shoulder boards) on green cloth (velvet for “Revierfoerster”), the ranks above had the same style of embroidery but executed in golden metal thread and always based on dark green velvet. (trainees for administration had those too, but no shoulder boards). General’s rank of “Landforstmeister” and “Oberlandforstmeister” had the collar tabs of the administration officials but with an additional edge of golden embroidery.

NOTE: I would like to thank our newest German Collector/Arthur for her excellent article. I have been collecting German Hunting & Forestry items for over 40 years and have never meet anyone with her great expertise and willingness to help a fellow collector. RT



Abb. 1.
Kragenspiegel
für Forstbetriebsbeamte



Abb. 2.
Kragenspiegel für Oberland-
und Landforstmeister



Abb. 3.
Achselstück für
Unterförster

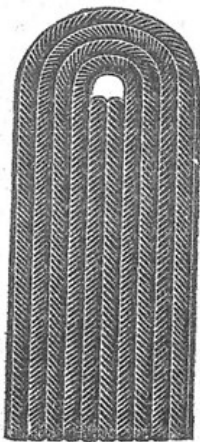


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Achselstück für
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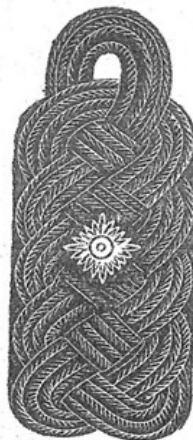


Abb. 6.
Achselstück für
Förster
(Hegemeister)



Abb. 7.
Achselstück für
Revierförster

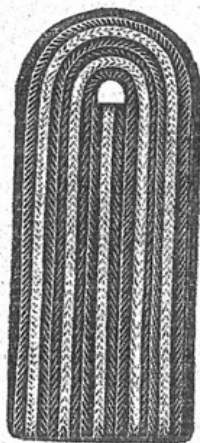


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Forstreferendare

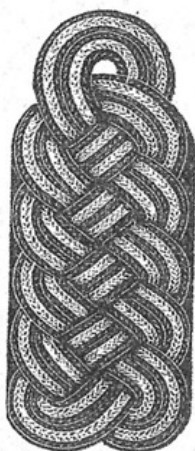


Abb. 9.
Achselstück für
Forstassessoren



Abb. 10.
Achselstück für
Oberförster
(Forstmeister)



Abb. 11.
Achselstück für
Landforstmeister

Copy of the original rank insignia as pictured in the 1929 dress regulation.

Ranks were as follows:

Forstschutzgehilfen, Forstaufseher, Forstlehrlinge, Forstbeflissene: no shoulderboards

Unterfoerster: 3 laces on green cloth base

Forstgehilfen: 5 laces on green cloth base

Hilfsfoerster: knotted lace on green cloth base

Foerster: knotted lace and one golden pip on green cloth base

Revierfoerster: knotted lace surrounded by golden lace on green velvet base

Forstverwalter: as Revierfoerster but with one additional golden pip

Forstreferendare: 5 laces with interwoven thin gold lace on green velvet base

Forstassessoren: knotted lace with interwoven thin gold lace on green velvet base

Oberfoerster/ Forstmeister: as Forstassessoren but with one additional golden pip

Forstraete: as Forstassessoren but with two additional golden pips

Oberforstmeister: as Forstassessoren but with three additional golden pips

Landforstmeister: as Forstassessoren but with two additional silver acorns

Oberlandforstmeister: as Forstassessoren but with three additional silver acorns



Shoulder board Forstrat 1929, Prussia, State Forest



Collar tab "Betriebsbeamte" 1929, Prussia

The school/ university personal (Professoren) had the shoulder boards of the Forstassessoren with two additional silver stars.

The community forestry service had the same rank system but their color was a grey-greenish lace on green cloth/ velvet.



Forstrat 1929, Prussia, Community Forestry

Private forestry service had no general dress regulation, neither the rank insignia nor the uniform was prescribed.

1934 Dress Regulation

After the national socialist takeover in January 1933 a new forestry uniform regulation was issued on January, 30th 1934. This was the start of the modern cut uniform for forestry service.

The old rank insignia were altered in parts. The green lace was still used but the administration officials lose the woven-in gold lace. Instead, the golden lace around the green lace (which was before only used for two ranks) was introduced for all ranks of the forestry administration up to “Landforstmeister”.

The “old style” (1929 pattern) knotted shoulder boards with interwoven gold lace were now only issued to the Generals.

All ranks now had velvet bases.

Pips and acorns were still used for distinguishing the ranks.

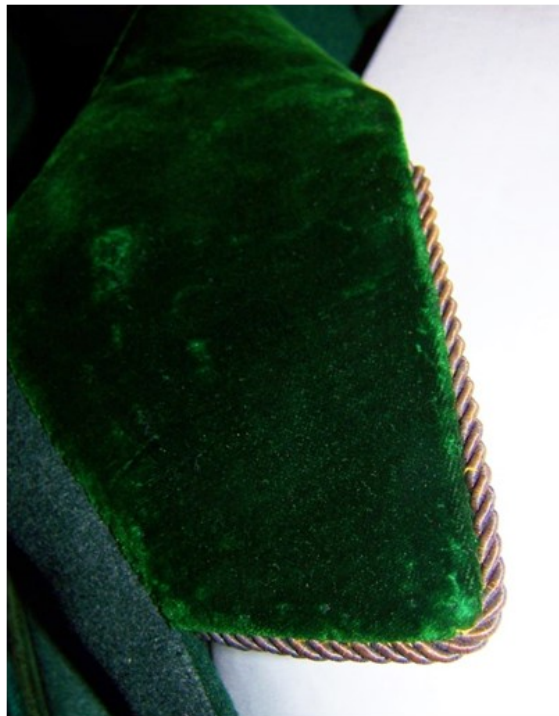
The most notable change was the introduction of a new type of collar insignia. They were now directly embroidered onto the velvet collar of the B-Rock and only used on this tunic for special occasions. The style of the oak leaves was also changed and a bit simplified.

From rank of “Revierforster” to “Forstamtmann” the embroidery consisted of two large oak leaves in light green silk and three (smaller) acorns in gold embroidery, “Forstmeister” and “Oberforstmeister” same style of embroidery but all in gold metal thread.

“Landforstmeister” to “Generalforstmeister” got a different, more elaborate design, consisting of three large oakleaves and two large acorns in gold metal thread.

The lower ranks (“Forstaufseher” to “Forester”) and trainees did not wear collar embroidery.

Around the collar of both tunics various cords were worn. For “Betriebsbeamte” it was of twisted green/gold cord and all gold cord for administration officials. It reached only around the collar edges.



“Landforstmeister” to “Generalforstmeister” had a golden cord around the complete collar.

Ranks were as follows:

Forstanwärter: no shoulder boards

Forstaufseher: two laces on velvet base

Unterfoerster: 5 laces and one golden pip

Hilfsfoerster: 5 laces

Foerster: knotted lace

Revierfoerster: knotted lace and one additional golden pip

Oberfoerster: knotted lace and two golden pips

Forstamtmann: knotted lace and three golden pips

Forstreferendar: 5 laces surrounded by a thin golden lace

Forstassessor: knotted lace surrounded by a thin golden lace

Forstmeister: knotted lace surrounded by golden lace and one golden pip

Oberforstmeister: like Forstmeister but with two golden pips

Landforstmeister: like Forstmeister with three golden pips

Oberlandforstmeister: knotted lace with interwoven thin gold lace, two silver acorns

Generalforstmeister: like Oberlandforstmeister but with three silver acorns



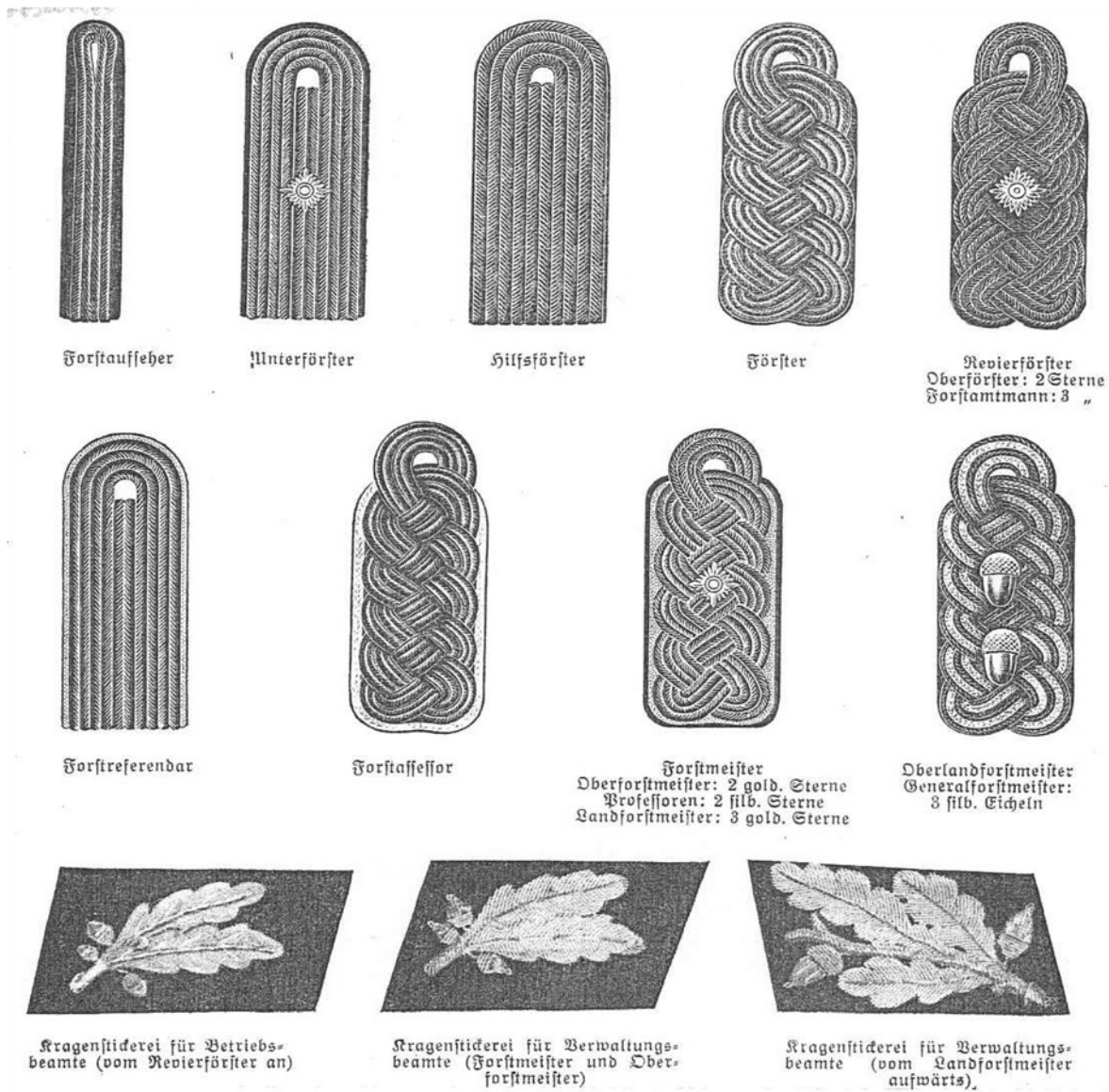
**Collar embroidery for rank of Revierfoerster,
Oberfoerster and Forstamtmann
1934 regulation**

**Shoulder boards for Unterfoerster,
Revierfoerster and Oberforstmeister
of State forestry service
1934 regulation**



**Forestry school/university teachers
wore knotted lace with golden lace
around and two silver colored pips.**





Original rank insignia chart of the 1934 dress



Community forestry had the same rank system, but lace and base were of grey color.

Revierfoerster, community service 1934 regulation

Private forestry still had no general regulation, though, for example in Thuringia, some States tried to give a regulation on rank insignia. The shoulder boards still followed the old imperial style and were made of (all shades of) brown lace with green “cuts”. Base was green cloth or velvet.



Oberfoerster, Forstmeister Oberforstmeister – Private forestry service 20’s until 1938

Military forestry service wore the insignia of the state forestry service.

1938 Dress Regulation

Only 4 years later, on April, 22nd 1938, the most notable and unusual change in rank insignia was issued. The so far traditional use of green lace for shoulder boards was dropped (only lower ranks had them partly) and replaced by a lace of mixed silver metal (aluminum) and green thread, called “aluminium-gruen” (aluminium-green). The golden lace which surrounded the administration official’s lace was changed in colour – to silver.

General’s shoulder boards were now made after the military generals pattern. Three laces, the outer ones in gold metal, the inner one of aluminum-green color, forming 4 knots.

The whole appearance was now more military than ever before.

The base material on the other hand remained unchanged – green velvet.

For A-tunic the shoulder boards were made in a dull aluminum-green (in reality it was a more greenish color) lace, while for B-tunic a bright aluminum version was used.

For all ranks pips were used – the acorns disappeared.

Another big change was made regarding the collar insignia. Collar tabs were now worn on both tunics and embroidery consisted of oak leaves and acorns, but in a completely new design.

Lower ranks (“Forstanwaerter” to “Unterfoerster”) had the oak leaves struck in aluminum, though in the first months embroidered examples appeared, but they were strictly forbidden by an additional issue of the Reichsforstmeister. The base material was either green cloth for A-tunic or green velvet for B-tunic.

Ranks from “Foerster” to “Landforstmeister” had silver embroidered oak leaves.

The so called “Betriebsbeamte” (forestry officials doing the jobs in the forests) had silver aluminum stitching in the lower corners and 1-3 embroidered oak leaves in the middle of the collar tab.

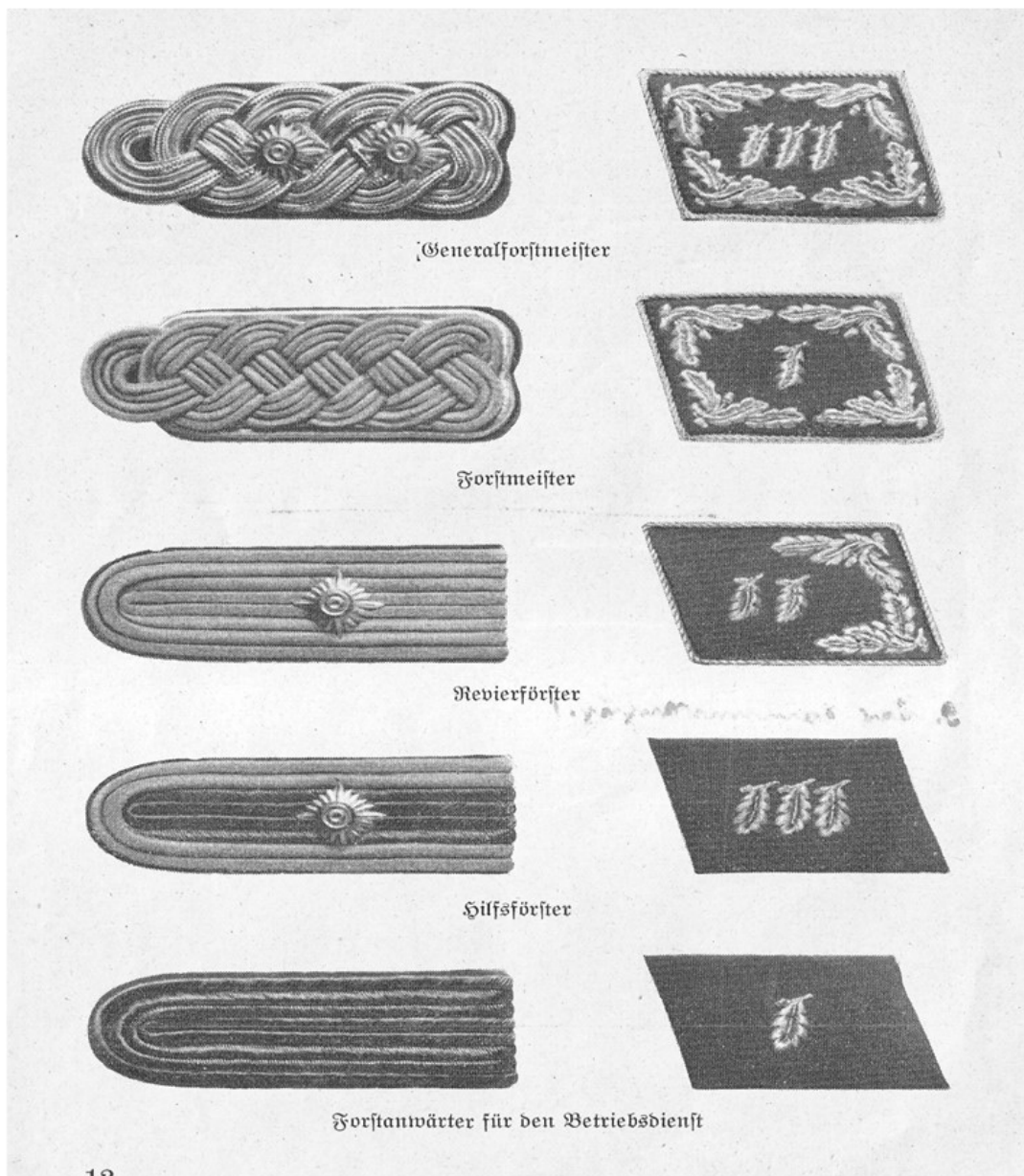
The “Forstverwaltungsbeamte” (administration officials) collar tabs had additional aluminum embroidery in the upper two corners (so in all for corners) and 1 -3 oak leaves in the center of the collar tab.

The General’s (called “Forstdirektoren” (forestry directors) collar tabs followed the administration official’s pattern, but the whole embroidery was executed in gold metal thread.



A-Tunic and B-Tunic shoulder boards side by side for rank of Forstaufseher, Foerster and Oberforstmeister, 1938

The collar tabs for ranks “Foerster” and above were edged by a silver cord, gold cord for generals, and a silver/gold cord bordered the whole collar.



1938 Ranks

A special rank was introduced by Hermann Goering for himself – “Reichsförstmeister”.

His shoulder boards were made in the same style like that for the Generals and had two crossed oak leaves applied.

His collar tabs were even much more special. Basic color was white instead of the usual green, grey, brown or black color and showed a gold embroidered swastika surrounded by a golden aureole with oak leaves in all four corners.

In 1938 for the first time all four forestry branches got a specific base color each.

Green was as before used for the State Forestry,

Grey for the Community Forestry,

Brown for Private Forestry, and finally

Black for the Forestry Service of the Army and Air Force (in 1939).



Branch Colors: Green, Grey, Brown, Black

Ranks were as followed:

Forstanwaerter: 4 green laces; 1 metal oak leaf on collar tab.

Forstaufseher: 2 aluminum-green and 2 green laces, 2 metal oak leaves on collar tab.

Hilfsfoerster: as Forstaufseher but with 1 golden pip; 3 oak leaves on collar tab.

Unterfoerster: as Forstaufseher but with 2 golden pips; 4 oak leaves on collar tab.

Foerster: 4 aluminum-green laces; oak leaves in the lower corners and 1 oak leaf in the center, silver cord around the collar tab.

Revierfoerster: as Foerster but with 1 golden pip; collar embroidery as Foerster with 2 oak leaves in the center.

Oberfoerster: as Foerster but with 2 golden pips; collar embroidery as Foerster with 3 oak leaves in the center.

Forstamtman: 2 knotted aluminum-green lace; oak leaves in all 4 corners and 1 in the center.

Forstmeister: as Forstamtman with additional thin silver lace around; collar embroidery as Forstamtman.

Oberforstmeister: as Forstmeister with 1 golden pip; collar embroidery as Forstmeister with 2 oak leaves in the center.

Landforstmeister: as Forstmeister with 2 golden pips; collar embroidery as Forstmeister with 3 oak leaves in the center

Oberlandforstmeister: 3 knotted laces, gold –alum.-green –gold; golden oak leaves in all 4 corners, one oak leaf in the center.

Ministerialdirigent: as Oberlandforstmeister with 1 silver pip; as Oberlandforstmeister with 2 oak leaves in the center.

Generalforstmeister: as Oberlandforstmeister with 2 silver pips; as Oberlandforstmeister with 3 oak leaves in the center.

Reichsforstmeister: as Oberlandforstmeister with 2 crossed oak leaves; gold embroidered swastika with aureole on white cloth/velvet.



**Shoulder boards and the matching collar tabs for ranks
“Forstanwärter” to “Landforstmeister”**



Forstanwaerter, Anwaerter, Forstreferendar and Forstassessor wore the shoulder boards of the “Betriebsbeamte”, but, as they were in training for the administration, with additional thin silver lace around.

Teachers/ Professors had the same boards as the State Forestry but with silver pips.

The Army (December, 16th 1938) and the Air Force (July, 1st 1938) took over the rank system for their forestry personnel and got a new branch color: black



Insignia set for Heeresoberfoerster/ Oberfoerster der Luftwaffe, 1938 regulation

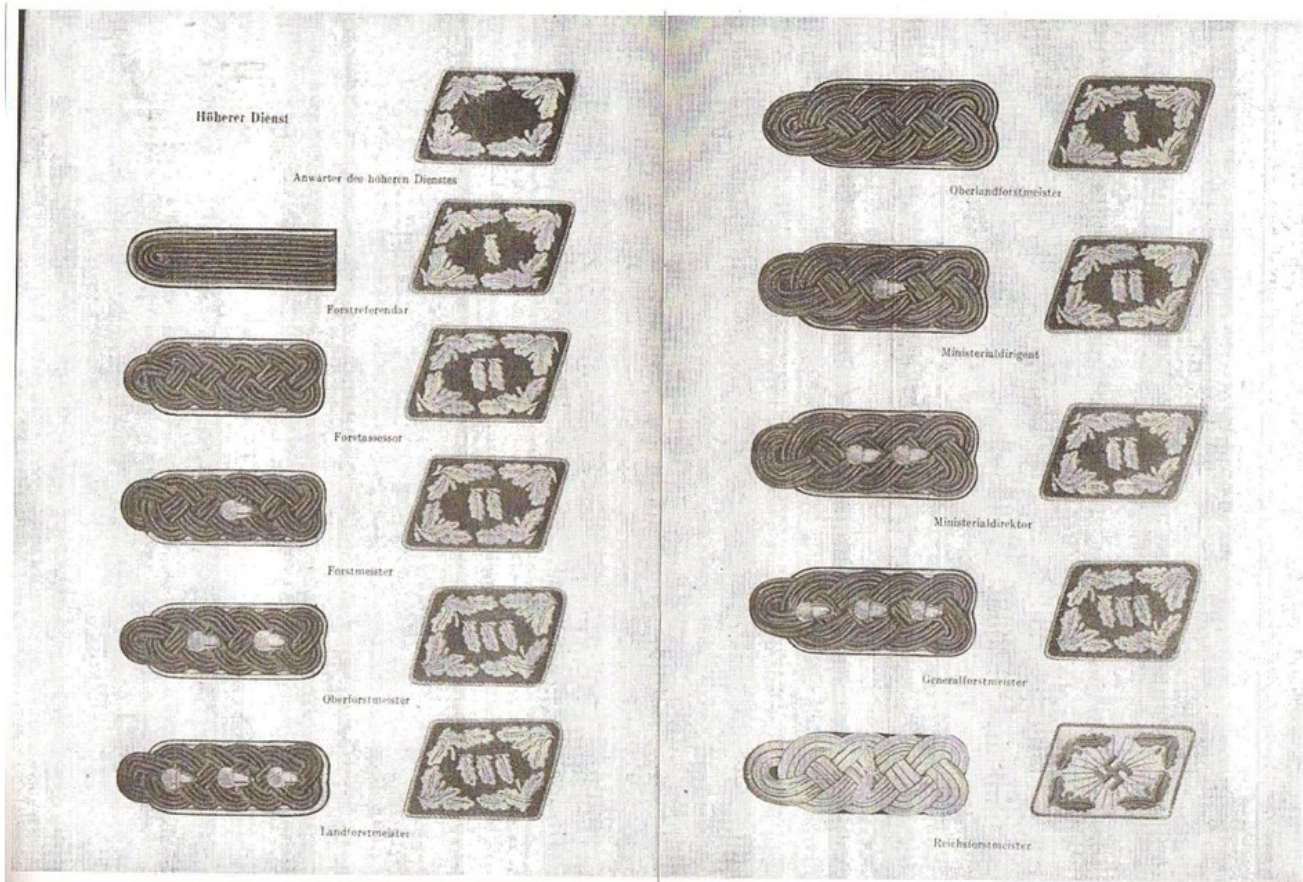
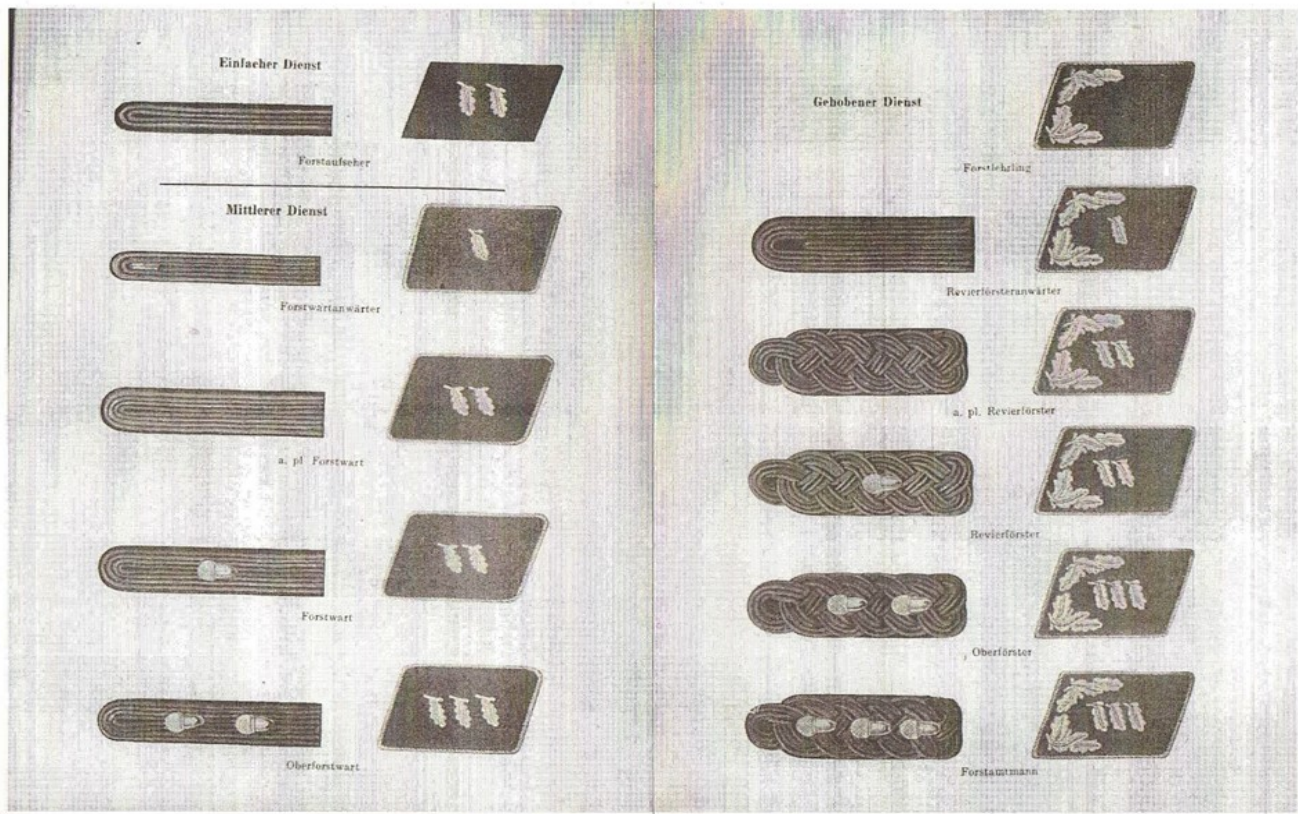
1942 Dress Regulation

In 1941 for some reason a new design for the forestry shoulder boards was chosen, but due to “delivery difficulties”, the old shoulder boards were allowed for wear until November 1942.

This regulation marked the return to the traditional green lace. The shoulder boards now had all green lace for all ranks, with the administration officials having an additional thin silver lace around and the generals the same thin lace but in gold.

The lower ranks got also a new design for the collar tabs, having now embroidered oak leafs and silver cord around the tab. Only the lowest rank still retained the two oak leafs struck from aluminum. The pattern for the higher and administrative service remained unchanged, but two additional ranks with new design were introduced: “Forstlehrling” (Forestry Trainee) and “Anwaerter fuer den hoeheren Forstdienst” (Aspirant for forestry administration). Those two ranks wore collar tabs only.

The rank devices now consisted of silver colored acorns for the “normal” forestry personal, gilt acorns for generals.



Original ranks charts for shoulder boards and collar tabs, 1942

Again Hermann Goering created his own rank insignia. The shoulder boards followed military pattern with two gold metal thread laces and one inner silver metal thread lace. The rank device was two crossed silver oak leaves.

The collar tabs remained like his 1938 pattern.

Ranks were as follows:

Forstaufseher: 2 laces; 2 oak leaves struck from aluminum.

Forstwartanwaerter: 3 laces; 1 silver embroidered oak leaf.

Supernumerary Forstwart: 4 laces; 2 embroidered oak leaves.

Forstwart: 4 laces with one silver acorn; 2 embroidered oak leaves.

Oberforstwart: 4 laces with two silver acorns; 3 embroidered oak leaves.

Forstlehrling: no shoulder boards; oak leaves in the lower two corners.

Revierfoersteranwaerter: 5 laces; like Forstlehrling with 1 oak leaf in the center.

Supernumerary Revierfoerster: knotted laces; like Forstlehrling with 2 oak leaves in the center.

Revierfoerster: knotted laces with one silver acorn; like supernum. Revierfoerster.

Oberfoerster: knotted laces with 2 silver acorns; like Forstlehrling with 3 oak leaves in the center.

Forstamtman: knotted laces with 3 silver acorns; like Oberfoerster.

Anwaerter fuer den hoeheren Forstdienst: no shoulder boards, oak leaf embroidery in all 4 corners.

Forstreferendar: 5 laces with silver edge; like Anwaerter f.d. Hoeheren Forstdienst with 1 oak leaf in the center.

Forstassessor: knotted laces, silver edge; like Anwaerter with 2 oak leaves in the center.

Forstmeister: knotted lace, silver edge and 1 silver acorn; like Forstassessor.

Oberforstmeister: knotted laces, silver edge and 2 silver acorns; like Anwaerter with 3 oak leaves in the center

Landforstmeister: knotted laces, silver edge and 3 silver acorns; like Oberforstmeister.

Oberlandforstmeister: 3 knotted laces (4 knots), gold edge; gold embroidery in all 4 corners 1 embroidered golden oak leaf in the center.

Ministerialdirigent: like Oberlandforstmeister plus 1 golden acorn; like Oberlandforstmeister but with 2 oak leaves in the center.

Ministerialdirektor: like Oberlandforstmeister plus 2 golden acorn; like Oberlandforstmeister.

Generalforstmeister: like Oberlandforstmeister plus 3 golden acorns; like Oberlandforstmeister but with 3 oak leaves in the center.

Reichsforstmeister: 3 knotted laces with two crossed silver oak leaves; golden embroidered swastika with aureole on white cloth/velvet, oak leaves in all 4 corners.



Rank shoulder boards and their collar tabs, 1942 . The Generals ranks shoulder boards are originals, but are from West Germany and date from 1950`s and 1990`s. Collar tab is a copy – and only shown to give an impression on how they looked.

After May 1945 a time of “chaos” in forestry insignia followed, as the Allies changed the regulations several times within a short period. Collar tabs seems to have been abolished, but photos give evidence of ignorance by forestry personnel. Shoulder boards were part of the uniform in most occupation zones.

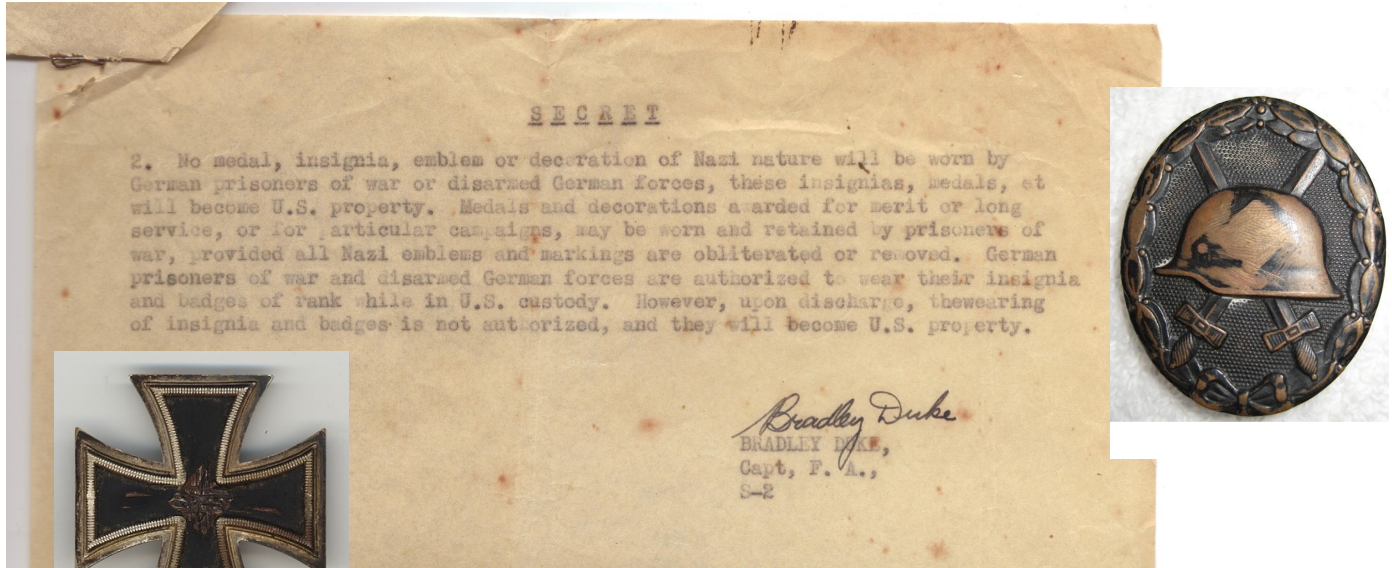
From 1949 to 1955 collar tabs again were officially part of the uniform in West Germany. But after 1955 they were abolished forever. The 1942 shoulder boards remained in use until 2004/05.

In the GDR (DDR) the Soviet occupation forces introduced a new uniform in 1946 with no rank insignia, but until 1955 many foresters wore what was still available with or without rank insignia.

The 1955 dress regulation introduced shoulder boards again to show the rank, but were different from those of pre 45.

Ever wonder why so many German relics are de-Nazified, and just who did it?

This "Secret" directive dated 1 August 1945 was sent to the 977th Field Artillery Battalion and it will give you some idea of the attitude about the swastika back in 1945. Allied Occupation Forces directed the Germans to destroy the swastika, and even today, German Law makes it illegal to even display a swastika openly. Most of the de-nazification to relics was actually done by the Germans themselves shortly after the end of the war.



*"Don't be afraid to collect a de-nazified relic, the damage is part of its history"
The value will be much lower, so pay accordingly.*

SECRET

2. No medal, insignia, emblem or decoration of Nazi nature will be worn by German prisoners of war or disarmed German forces, these insignia, medals, will become U.S. property. Medals and decorations awarded for merit or long service, or for particular campaigns, may be worn and retained by prisoners of war, **provided all Nazi emblems and markings are obliterated or removed.** German prisoners of war and disarmed German forces are authorized to wear their insignia and badges of rank while in U.S. custody. However, upon discharge, the wearing of insignia and badges is not authorized, and they will become U.S. property. Bradley Duke Capt, F.A., S-2



Left photo:

This police buckle was given to me by Heinz Gonnermann, a former Luftwaffe Fallschirmjager. When I asked Heinz for the story behind the buckle, he stated: A friend in the Police had given it to him while Heinz was still young and in the Hitler Youth. Following the war, when Heinz returned home, his parents asked him to throw it away. Heinz wanted to keep it in honor of his friend, so his parents made him de-Nazify it in accordance with new local directives concerning Nazi emblems. Heinz himself hammered out the swastika.



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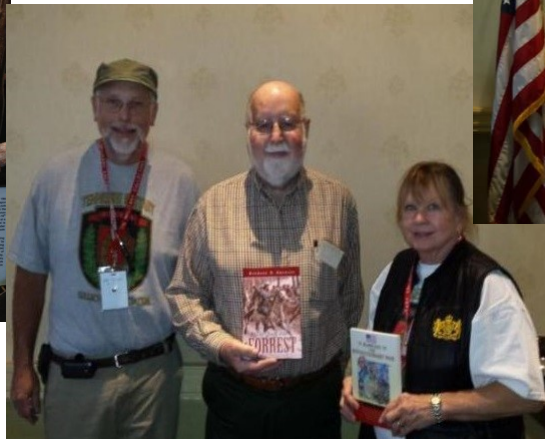


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Ron Rubles fantastic display of ancient Chinese weapons.

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