

Heer Officials collar tabs

Description

Members classified as Officials (Beamten) of the German Army wore rhomboid-shaped collar tabs on their uniforms similar to their regular-army counterparts. The patches denoted the wearer's status and until 1940 their specialty. The design and construction of the patches varied, depending on the type of uniform worn, whether officer or enlisted, and the career level (lower, medium, elevated, high). After 1935, the collar tabs were made up of two parallel bars or litzen attached to a backing. The branch color (waffenfarbe) of the Officials was dark green, with a secondary color (nebenfarbe) denoting the particular trade or specialty. The secondary color was displayed as piping sewn to three sides of the collar tab, with no piping on the end facing the wearer's front. In 1940 new insignia was introduced that consisted of a single Prussian litze. All tabs now had a grey backing with dark green piping, and the HV shoulder board devices for officers changed from gold to silver. The War / Military Administration Officials were created in 1939 and were responsible for administration in the occupied territories. Officials of that organization with general rank wore tabs with a gold hand embroidered Abaesque design on dark green with secondary piping.



Standard officer's collar tab for the service uniform.



Officer's tab for the waffenrock. Hard to see, but the tab has black secondary piping.



Tab for the service uniform of an officer of the high grade career. Note the gold serrated litzen.



Enlisted man's collar tab of the lower or medium career.



New 1940 pattern collar tab for an officer's service tunic of the medium and elevated careers.



1940 pattern collar tab for an officer's service tunic. Gold litze indicates the high career.



1940 pattern collar tab for a general. (Dave Joyce)



High Career War / Military Administration Official. Wore a Wehrmachtadler device instead of the HV on shoulder boards.



Single litze tab for the high career. The single litze used from 1930 to 1935.



Collar tab for an Official of general officer rank.



Standard pattern shoulder board HV device. Came on both gold and silver / lichtmetall versions.



Wehrmachtadler device worn on shoulder boards by the War / Military Administration Officials.

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For those interested, a detailed article covering all aspects of German shoulder boards and straps can be found at http://www.wehrmacht-awards.com/uniforms_firearms/uniforms/shoulder_boards/index.htm

