



RESTORING CANADIAN ARMY IDENTITY

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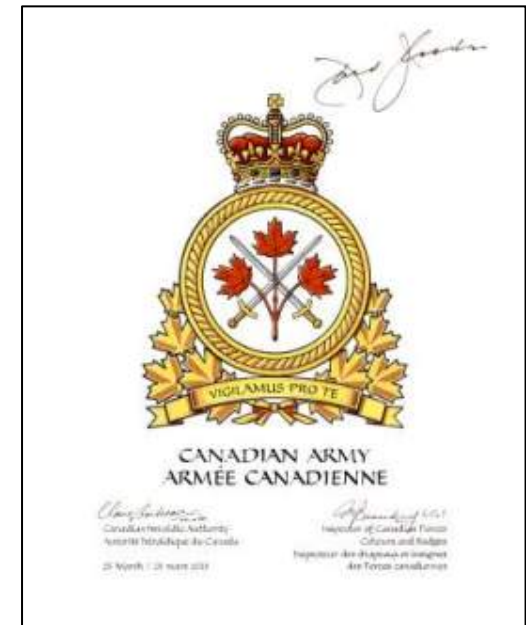
SITREP OVERVIEW

Restoration of Canadian Army. In 2011, the MND announced that Maritime Command and Air Command would be renamed back to the RCN and RCAF. Land Force Command was also restored to its historic identity as our Canadian Army (CA).

Names. Since the CA was restored, non-traditional names like 'Land' or 'Branch' or 'Area' have reverted to traditional Canadian Army names like 'Corps' and 'Division'.

Historic Device Badge. The Minister personally requested that our new CA Flag, our next pocket badge, and our public affairs products feature our historic CA badge. This day-to-day badge is based directly on our WW II to 1968 badge used by our historic Canadian Army (see above right).

Primary Badge. The Governor General also approved a new CA command badge (see below right).



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FORTS. FIERS. PRÊTS.

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Corps. On 19 Apr 13, the MND announced that our traditional Corps have been restored with new shoulder titles (English / French): RCAC / CBRC; RCE / GRC; RCCS / CTRC; RCIC / CIRC; and RCEME / GEMRC.

Division Names and Shoulder Patches. On 9 Jul 13, the MND announced that the CA would be composed of its traditional Divisions. The former Areas have become: 2 Div CA (SQFT), 3 Cdn Div (LFWA), 4 Cdn Div (LFCA), and 5 Cdn Div (LFAA). The Divisions will receive coloured shoulder patches for wear on DEU and they will also receive traditional flags.

NCM Rank Names. On 9 Jul 13, the MND announced that trained soldiers in our Corps will also formally restore their traditional NCM rank names (English / French): Trooper/Cavalier, Gunner/Artilleur, Bombardier, Master Bombardier/Bombardier-chef, Sapper/Sapeur, Signaller/Signaleur, Fusilier, Guardsman/Garde, Rifleman/Carabinier/Voltigeur, Colour Sergeant/Sergent Fourrier (Foot Guards), Craftsman/Artisan; plus Ensign/Enseigne (Foot Guards). Members of the CRPG/GPRC program will be called Ranger/Ranger.

Officer Rank Insignia. On 9 Jul 13, the MND also directed the change of CA officer rank insignia from the post-1968 naval style back to the traditional CA insignia based on the system used by armies throughout the world.



ROYAL CANADIAN CORPS METAL SHOULDER TITLES

The Armoured, Engineers, Signals, Infantry and Electrical and Mechanical Engineers will restore their historic Corps shoulder titles.

These Corps' metal shoulder titles will be worn by all Corps personnel who do not have a distinctive Regimental shoulder title.

The RCA / ARC was not affected.

CORPS	
ENG	FRE
RCAC	CBRC
RCE	GRC
RCCS	CTRC
RCIC	CIRC
RCEME	GEMRC



DIVISION FORMATION PATCHES

The MND spoke about soldiers proudly wearing their identifying patches.



2^e Division du Canada
2 Div CA

The CA will introduce a 2" x 3" Division patch in wool melton to be worn on the left shoulder of the DEU tunic.



3rd Canadian Division
3 Cdn Div

The left shoulder is the historically correct side for the Division formation patches.



4th Canadian Division
4 Cdn Div

Our Division pantone colours are based on WW I and WW II colours.



5th Canadian Division
5 Cdn Div



1 Cdn Div HQ
(Kingston)



DIVISION DISTINGUISHING FLAGS

These Flag designs will be distributed.



2 Div CA HQ CAMP FLAG



3 CDN DIV distinguishing flag

3 Cdn Div COMD in loc FLAG



4 CDN DIV vehicle pennant

4 Cdn Div COMD VEH PENNANT



RE-INTRODUCE Distinctive CA Button

The CA will re-introduce our distinctive button based on the CA historic badge announced by the MND.

Once again, this button will be worn by all CA personnel who do not have a distinctive Corps or Regiment button.

Colonels-to-Generals will also wear it.

Senior appointment/key position CWOs will also wear these buttons.

Sizes will be:

- » DEU tunic front closure (30 line).
- » DEU breast pocket (26 line).
- » Gorget patch (20 line).
- » Head dress (20 line).



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OFFICER RANK

CA Officers will restore their traditional rank insignia.

The insignia will be based on the pre-1968 Canadian pattern which has continued to be worn by the Ceremonial Guard on Parliament Hill, some Regular Force units on their full dress uniform, and many Reserve units on their patrol dress and mess dress uniforms.

The pattern is also used by all Commonwealth Nations and the international system of stars is worn by almost all armies of the world. The CA will restore gorget patches for the uniform collars of Cols-to-GOs.

There will be no change to Governor General/vice-regal badges of rank on the CA uniform.

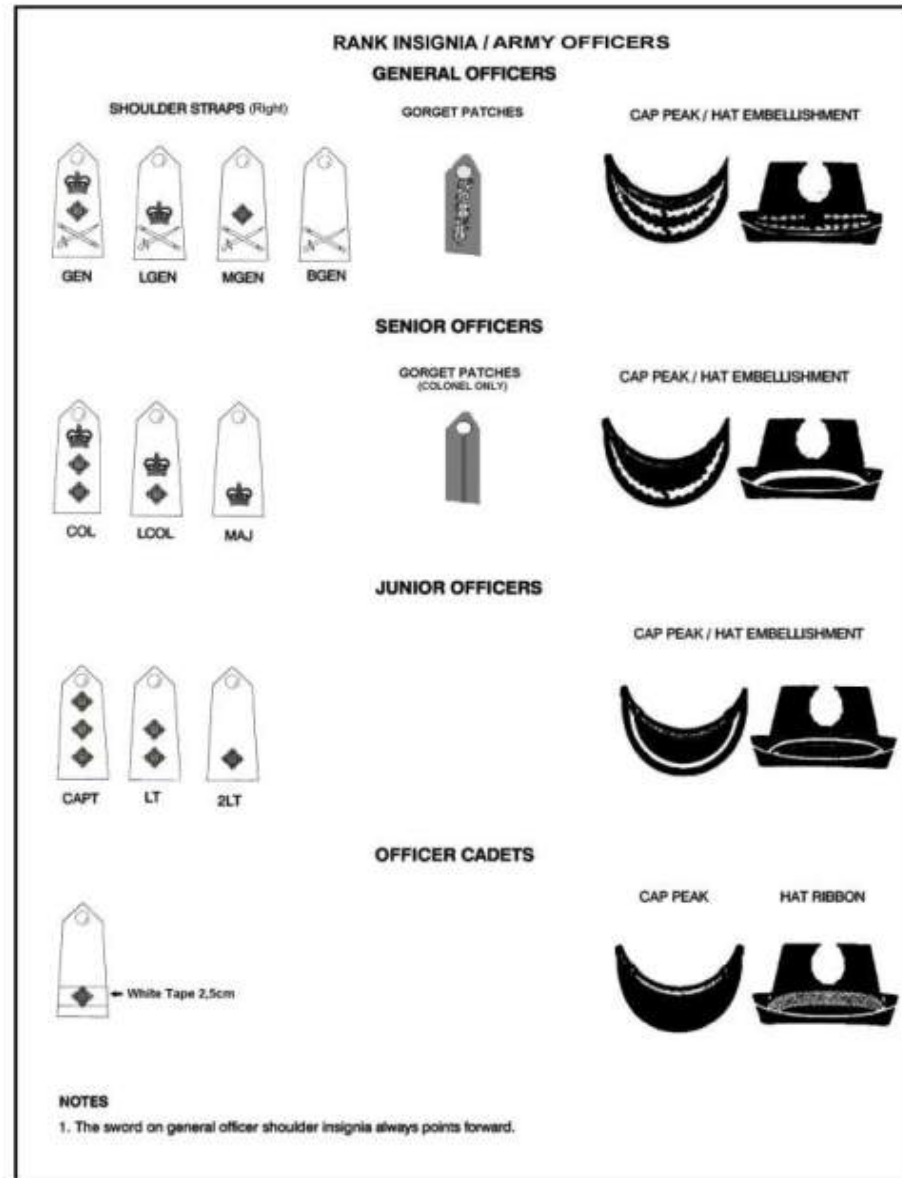


Figure 3-2-1 Army Officers' Rank Insignia

DEU TUNIC METAL INSIGNIA

DEU TUNIC VARIATIONS



Rifle/Voltigeur
Regiments may
wear blackened
rank insignia
along with their
blackened
buttons and
facings.



Regiments of Guards
(Horse and Foot) may
wear a star based on
The Order of the
Garter.



Regimental or Corps variances to the
star and crown patterns (as above) will
be supported IAW pre-1968 traditions
at non-public expense.



CADPAT & SLIP-ON EMBROIDERED RANK



DEU Slip-ons

EMBROIDERED SLIP-ONS

The tradition of a Corps coloured 1.5mm coloured border has been requested for DEU slip-ons.

1
GENERALS
COLONELS
RCA
LOGISTICS
MILITARY POLICE
(red)

4
RCIC
GENERAL LIST
(scarlett)

8*
MEDICAL
(dull cherry)

5 & 6
RIFLES/VOLTIGEURS
 (dark green)
 (red – QOR of C)

9*
DENTAL
(emerald green)

2
RCAC
(calvary gold)

3
RCE
RCCS
RCEME
(blue)

7*
CHAPLAINS
(purple)

2
INTELLIGENCE
(green)

*** GOs/Col**
 retain their
 Corps/Branch
 border colour



MESS DRESS

Embroidered stars and crowns which continued to be used by the majority of Reserve units will be restored to all units of the CA.

All newly promoted officers are required to wear the restored rank system of stars and crowns on the personal purchase mess dress uniform. Market cost is \$3.50-\$7.50 per item.

Officers with the current CAF rank may convert to the restored rank system now but they are also grandfathered to continue to wear their current rank insignia until they are promoted.



GORGET PATCHES

These traditional rank insignia of the general staff will be worn by Army Generals and Colonels on the DEU Order of Dress.

These devices replace the crossed swords.

These devices are not worn by Honouraries (Cols-in-Chief, Cols Comdt, Cols-of-the-Regt, or Hon Cols) who represent their units/Corps and not the general staff.

Army Colonels and Brigadier Generals of the Medical, Dental, and Chaplain Branches will once again wear their own distinct traditional colours.

The gorget patches are not symmetrical. There is a left and right design. Large gorget patches are worn on DEU jacket collar (3.5" x 1.25"). A smaller clip-on version is worn on open shirt collars (2" x 1"). Our restored CA button (20 line) will be used decoratively.

BGen-Gen
(red)



Colonels
(red)

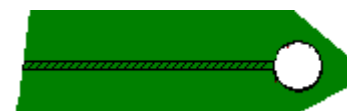
- RCAC
- RCA
- RCE
- RCCS
- RCIC
- RCEME
- Logistics



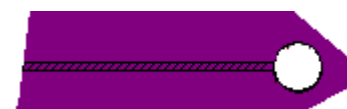
Medical Branch
(dull cherry)



Dental Branch
(emerald green)



Chaplain Branch
(Purple)



IMPLEMENTATION

A Master Implementation Plan will be released to our Divisions and Corps.

Due to scope of the changes and the requirement for contracting, procurement, and distribution, the Division and Corps identifiers will likely happen NMB the start of next FY 14-15 and the rank insignia changes later during 2014.

With the exception of Division patches which will become available through tailoring shops, the majority of dress items will become available through local Base Supply and/or members' Logistik Unicorps accounts (points). CANFORGENs will be issued next year.

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