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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

To

Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs
(except Nagaland, NEFA).

New Delhi-11, the

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Subj- Home Guards - standardisation of Badges of
Rank, Unit and Car Flags, Efficiency Badge
and Allied Insignia.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the views of the State Governments/UT Administrations were called for regarding standardisation of a flag for the Home Guards vide this Ministry's letter No. 7/8/65-ER dated the 16th February, 1965. This Ministry had also (vide letter No. 7/15/65-ER dated 10th March, 1965) asked for the views of the Commandants General regarding a design for the efficiency badge to be awarded to Home Guards after the completion of advanced training.

2. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Lt. Gen. Umrao Singh, Adviser to the Government of Rajasthan (Civil Defence) was appointed by this Ministry for the purpose of standardising badges of rank, unit, and car flags, the efficiency badge and allied insignia for the Home Guards. The recommendations of the Committee have been accepted by this Ministry with minor changes.

3. The approved pattern of badges of rank and allied insignia, as in the Appendix were forwarded by this Ministry to the Commandants General Home Guards vide letter No. 18/8/65-CD dated 30.9.66. The replies received indicate that no difficulty is anticipated in the implementation of the recommendations.

It will be appreciated that standardisation of badges of rank, flags and allied insignia are essential for the Home Guards organisation as these are likely to make them look more smart, raise their morale and create them esprit de corps. It has, therefore, been decided that the recommendations of the Committee as accepted by this Ministry may please be implemented as early as possible.

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It may be mentioned that :-

(a) According to the existing scheme of Home Guards, there is presently no provision for the post of Joint Commandant General; but the badges of rank for the same have been indicated for use when and if this rank is authorised.

(b) Serving officers of the Armed Forces and Police, on deputation to the Home Guards, are to continue to wear the badges of rank of their respective services.

(c) Black facing colour has been adopted to distinguish it from the dark blue facing colour authorised for the Police.

(d) In those States, where the existing badges of rank are of different pattern, they may gradually switch over to the new badges when convenient. It may please be ensured that at all times uniformity within the States with regard to Badges of Rank is maintained.

Yours faithfully,

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APPENDIX I

HOME GUARDS

(1) Badges of Rank

- (a) Commandant General-in-Chief A Dove and crossed Baton and Sword.
- (b) Commandant General A Maple leaf
Crossed Baton and Sword.
- (c) Deputy/Joint Commandant General/Regional Commandant (Commissioner's Division). A dove and 3 maple leaves in a triangle.
- (d) Commandant-District A dove and 2 maple leaves.
- (e) Senior Staff Officers A dove and a maple leaf.
- (f) Battalion Commander
- (g) Divisional Commander
- (h) Battalion-Second-in-Command and Dy. District Commandant A dove.
- (j) Company Commander/Senior Instructor/Battalion Staff Officer. 3 maple leaves.
- (k) Company Second-in-Command/Senior Platoon Commander Junior Instructor. 2 maple leaves.
- (l) Platoon Commander One maple leaf.
- (m) Battalion Sergeant Major. Ribbon cross and a dove.
- (n) Battalion Q.M. Sergeant. Ribbon cross and two discs.
- (o) Coy. Sergeant Major. Ribbon cross and one disc.
- (p) Coy. Q.M. Sergeant. Ribbon cross.
- (q) Sergeant. Three Ribbon bars.
- (r) Section leader Two ribbon bars.
- (s) Asst. Section leader One Ribbon bar.

(2) Star Plates

- (a) DGCD
(Ex-officio Commandant
(General-in-Chief) Three white stars on a
black plate.
- (b) Commandant General Two white stars on a
black plate.
- (c) Deputy/Joint Commandant
General/Regional
Commandant (Commissioner's
Division) One white star on a
black plate

(3) Head Band

Woolen or silken black band of 1.75" wide with the Home Guard emblem in white metal is to be worn on the cap or turban, as applicable, by the Commandant General-in-Chief, Commandant General and Deputy/Joint Commandant General/Regional Commandant.

(4) Gorget Patches

Gorget Patches are to be of black Woolen material 1" wide with a 3/20" wide sliver threaded stripe down the centre and 1/2" white metal button at the top. To be worn on both collars by the Commandant General-in-Chief, Commandant General and Deputy/Joint Commandant General/Regional Commandant.

(5) Medals

Full medals are to be worn on ceremonial occasions only. Medal ribbons are to be worn with shirt sleeves and bushshirts on all occasions, except when ordered otherwise (e.g. for Training or during Operations).

(6) Efficiency Badge

Efficiency badge is to be a black circular disc of metal or cloth of 1 1/4" in diameter with a white metal dove with its beak facing forward embossed thereon. It will have an attached pin at the back and is to be worn on the left sleeve mid-way between the shoulder and elbow. The efficiency badge is to be granted to Home Guards who have successfully completed their advanced training.

(7) Hackle

The Hackle is to be of black and white plumes. It is to be worn on ceremonial occasions on the beret above the left eye or centre front of the turban, as applicable.