

## CHAPTER 3

# RANK BADGES AND INSIGNIA

### OFFICER

#### Description

**3.1** The badges of rank for Army officers, including the Governor-General and State Governors, are shown in [annex A](#) to this chapter. Metal rank insignia are produced in gold, silver or black finish according to the corps/regiment. Silver insignia are worn by Royal Australian Army Corps (RAAC), Australian Army Aviation (AA Avn) and Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps (RAANC) personnel. Black insignia are worn by 51 Far North Queensland Regiment (51 FNQR) and Sydney University Regiment (SUR) personnel. (SUR wear the insignia on a scarlet backing.) Rank slides are produced in gold/silver/black embroidered on khaki polyester material and black on Disruptive Pattern Camouflage Uniform (DPCU) material.

#### Wearing badges of rank

**3.2** Officer badges of rank are worn on both shoulders. The badges for general officers are worn in left and right sets with the point of the sword facing the front on each side. Badges of rank are worn as follows:

- a. Service Dress—metal insignia fixed directly to epaulettes.
- b. Polyester shirt:
  - (1) Ceremonial—metal insignia on khaki shoulder boards.
  - (2) General Duty—embroidered on khaki slides.
- c. Khaki lightweight sweater—embroidered on khaki slides.
- d. Utility jacket—embroidered on khaki slides.
- e. Safari jacket—metal insignia fixed directly to epaulettes.
- f. Overcoat Extreme Cold Weather—metal insignia fixed directly epaulettes.
- g. Mess Dress—in accordance with *Army Standing Orders for Dress (ASOD)*, volume 1, [chapter 10—'Mess Dress'](#).
- h. Patrol Blue and White Coats—metal badges of rank with wire prongs fixed to shoulder cords. Gold insignia are worn on silver cords and silver insignia are worn on gold cords.
- i. Combat Jacket—black embroidered on DPCU rank slide.
- j. General Duty Dress (DPCU)/field dress—black embroidered on a DPCU rank slide.

**3.3** Badges of rank are not worn on raincoat or overcoat lightweight.

### Positioning of rank badges

3.4 The order of placement from the point of the shoulder towards the neck is:

- a. metal shoulder titles; and/or
- b. royal cipher and crown; and
- c. badges of rank.

3.5 Metal insignia are positioned on shoulder straps as shown in [figure 3-1](#). These spacings may need to be adjusted on small shoulder straps or when other insignia such as royal cipher and crown are worn. Refer to part 3, [chapter 2—'Accoutrements and embellishments'](#) for position of rank badges on shoulder cords.

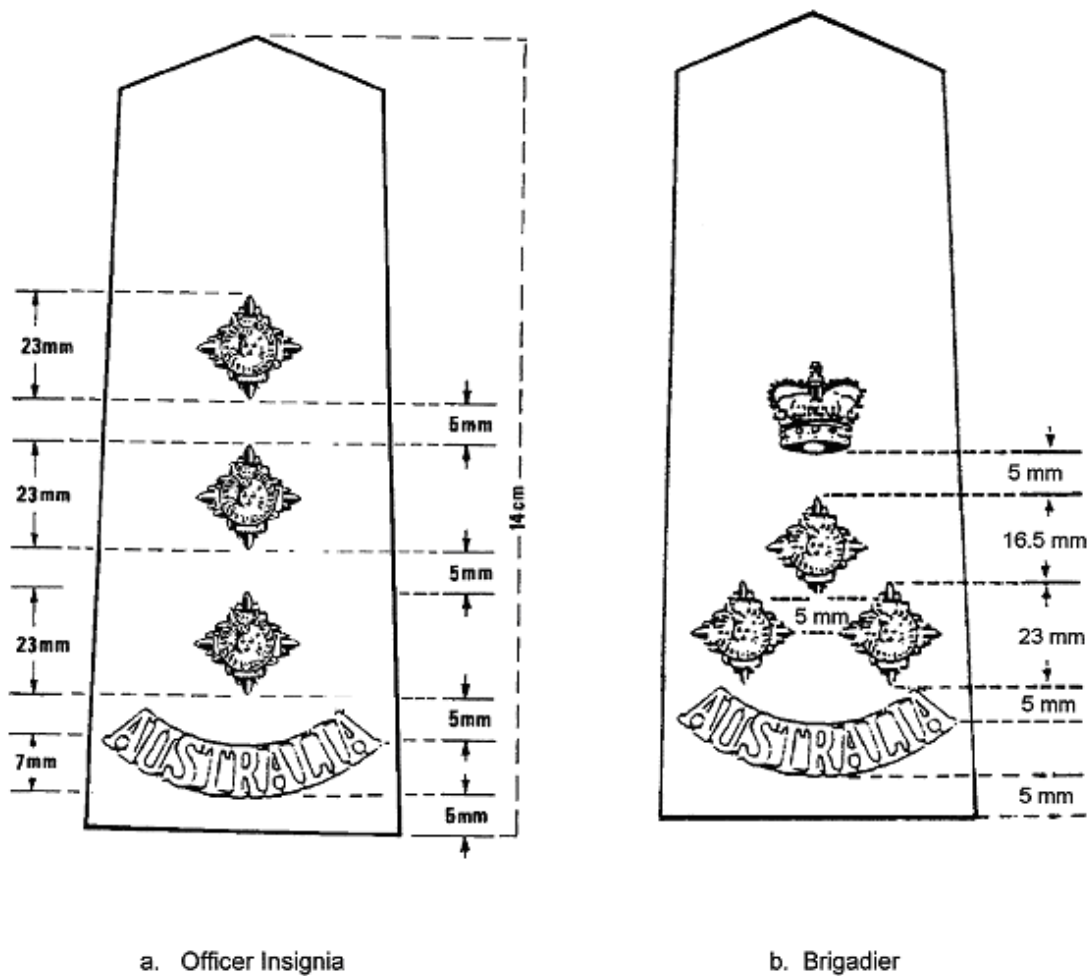


Figure 3-1: Positioning officer badges of rank

## WARRANT OFFICER

### Description

3.6 The badges of rank for warrant officers are shown in [annex A](#) to this chapter. Badges are produced as embroidered badges in full colour, or black. Black insignia is worn by 51 FNQR and SUR personnel. (SUR wear the insignia on a scarlet backing.)

3.7 The Regimental Sergeant Major of the Army wears distinctive badges of rank unique to the appointment.

### **Wearing of badges of rank**

**3.8** Badges of rank to be worn are as follows:

- a. Service Dress—large embroidered badge on khaki backing (curved shape).
- b. Polyester shirt—small embroidered badge on khaki backing (square).
- c. Utility jacket—large embroidered badge on khaki backing (curved shape).
- d. Safari jacket—small embroidered badge on khaki backing (square).
- e. Overcoat Extreme Cold Weather—metal insignia fixed directly epaulettes.
- f. Mess Dress—in accordance with ASOD, volume 1, [chapter 10—‘Mess Dress’](#).
- g. Patrol Blue White Coat—large embroidered badge on blue or white backing (curved shape).
- h. Khaki sweater lightweight—small embroidered badge on khaki backing (square).
- i. DPCU barracks dress/field dress—black embroidered on DPCU rank slide.
- j. DPCU rank is worn on working/protective dress.
- k. Combat jacket—black embroidered on DPCU rank slide.

**3.9** Badges of rank are not worn on raincoat or overcoat.

### **Positioning of rank badges**

**3.10** Badges are worn on both sleeves and are positioned on the upper sleeve of garments as shown in [figure 3–4](#) and [figure 3–5](#). If the sleeve of a short sleeved shirt is too short to accommodate the badges in the positions specified, Warrant Officer rank insignia may be placed with the bottom edge in line with the sleeve hem.

## **NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER**

### **Description**

**3.11** Badges of rank for noncommissioned officers are shown in [annex A](#) to this chapter. Badges are produced as embroidered or woven badges on appropriate background. Silver coloured embroidered badges are worn by members of RAAC, AA Avn and RAANC. Black insignia is worn by 51 FNQR and SUR personnel. (SUR wear the insignia on a scarlet backing.) All other corps wear gold coloured badges.

### **Wearing of badges of rank**

**3.12** Badges of rank are worn as follows:

- a. Service Dress—embroidered badge on khaki backing.
- b. Polyester shirt—embroidered badge on khaki backing.
- c. Utility jacket—embroidered badge on khaki backing.
- d. Safari jacket—embroidered badge on khaki backing.
- e. Mess Dress—in accordance with ASOD, volume 1, [chapter 10—‘Mess Dress’](#).
- f. Patrol Blue White Coat—embroidered on blue or white backing.
- g. Overcoat extreme cold weather—embroidered badge on khaki backing.
- h. Khaki sweater lightweight—embroidered badge on khaki backing.

- i. DPCU barracks dress/field dress—DPCU rank slide, black embroidered on DPCU backing.
- j. DPCU rank is worn on working/protective dress.
- k. Combat jacket—DPCU rank slide, black embroidered on DPCU backing.

**3.13** Badges of rank are not worn on raincoat or overcoat.

### Positioning of badges of rank

**3.14** Badges are worn on both sleeves and are positioned on the upper sleeve as shown in [figure 3-6](#) and [figure 3-7](#). The badges on both sleeves are to be level.

**3.15** The Staff Sergeant (SSGT) crown is separate from the chevrons and is to be positioned as shown in [figure 3-8](#) and [figure 3-9](#).

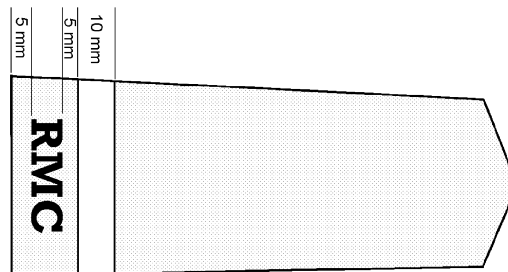
**3.16** If the sleeve of a short sleeved shirt is too short to accommodate the required number of embellishments, the embellishments are to be placed evenly on the sleeve so that the bottom edge of the lowest badge is not closer than 1 cm to the bottom edge of the sleeve. In this case, the rank insignia are to be placed in the same position on both sleeves. This situation is only likely to arise for a SSGT who is qualified in military skills or as a parachutist qualified to wear a trade badge.

## OFFICER CADET

### Dress embellishment

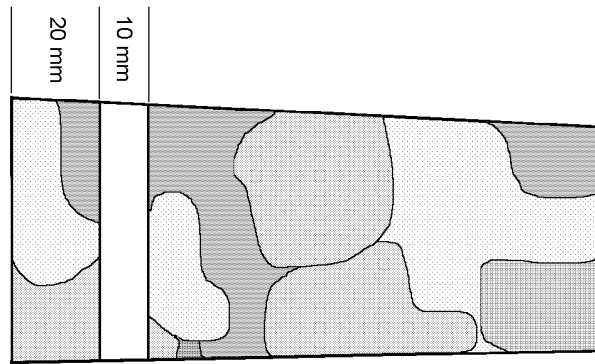
**3.17** Dress embellishments worn by officer cadets (OCDT) and Staff Cadets (SCDT) undergoing First Appointment Training are as follows:

- a. **Rank embellishment for General Duty and Ceremonial Dress.** On appointment as OCDT and SCDT, cadets are to wear hard shoulder boards with a 10 mm white stripe as shown in [figure 3-2](#). Unit titles are worn as shown.



**Figure 3-2: Rank embellishment for General Duty and Ceremonial Dress**

- b. **Rank embellishment for DPCU/Protective Dress.** Cadets are to wear DPCU slides with a 10 mm white stripe positioned 20 mm from the lower edge of the slide as shown in [figure 3-3](#).



**Figure 3-3: Rank embellishment for Disruptive Pattern Camouflage Uniform/Protective Dress**

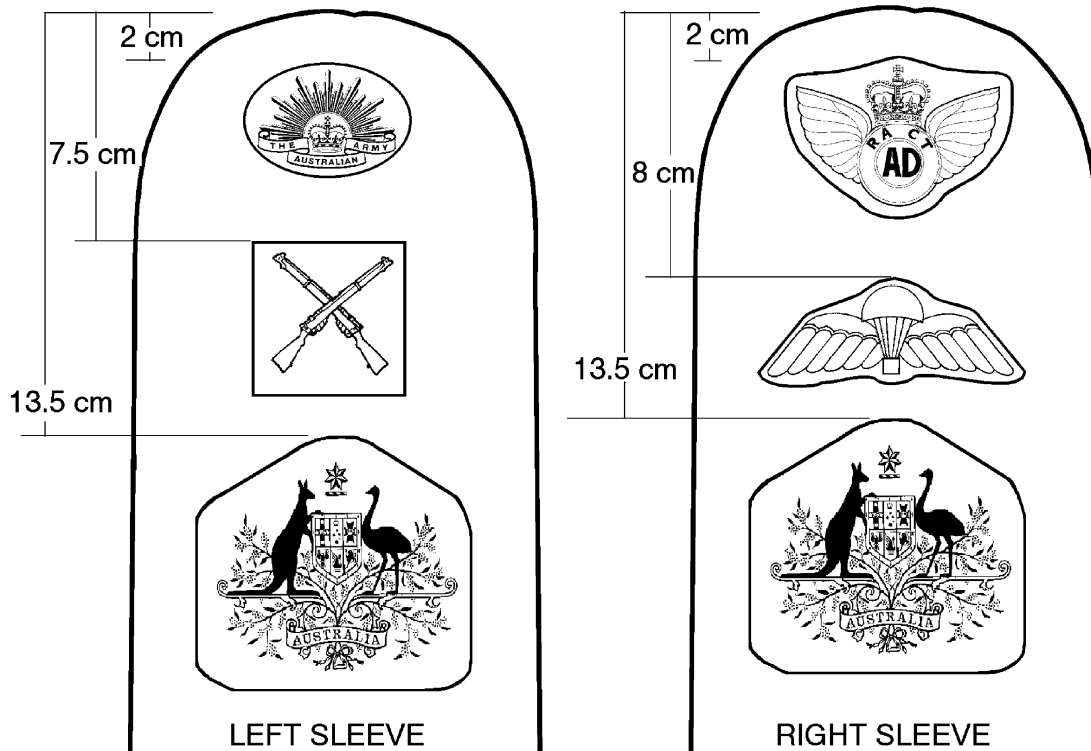
- c. **OCDT rank.** OCDT rank is to be worn on a khaki brassard on the right arm.

### POSITIONING WARRANT OFFICER BADGES OF RANK

3.18 Positioning of Warrant Officer badges of rank are as shown below.

#### SERVICE DRESS - UTILITY JACKET

WO2 - WO1



**Figure 3-4: Service Dress—Utility Jacket**

SHIRTS  
WO2 - WO1

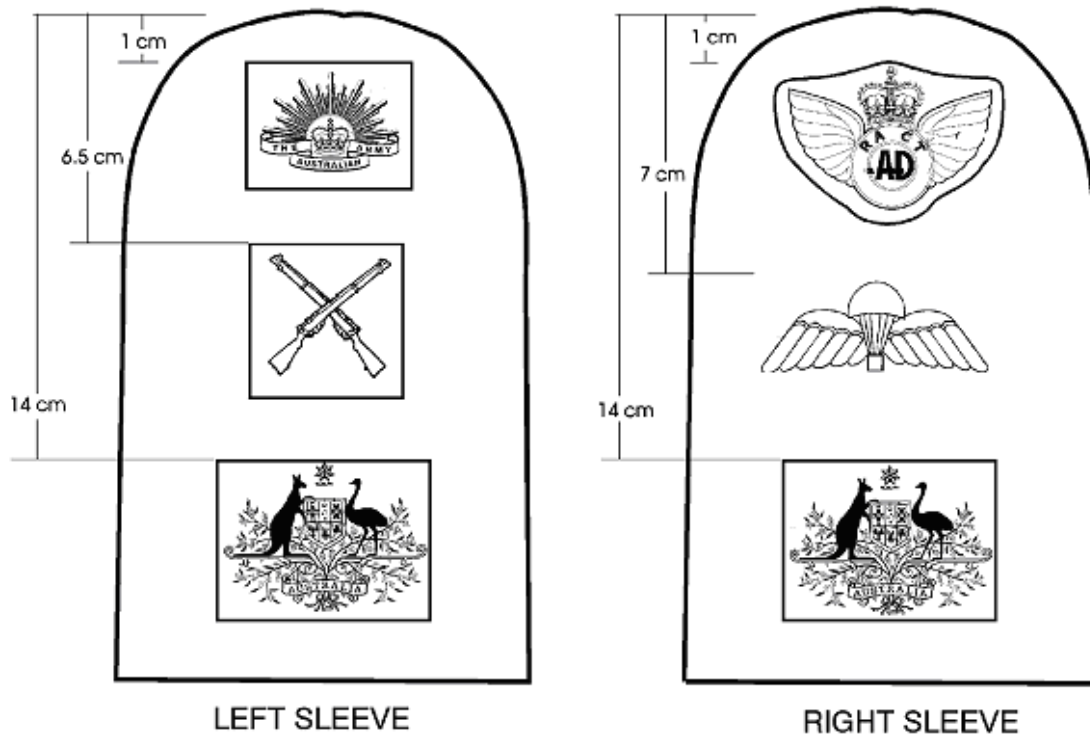


Figure 3-5: Shirts

### POSITIONING NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER BADGES OF RANK

3.19 Positioning of Noncommissioned Officer badges of rank are as shown below.

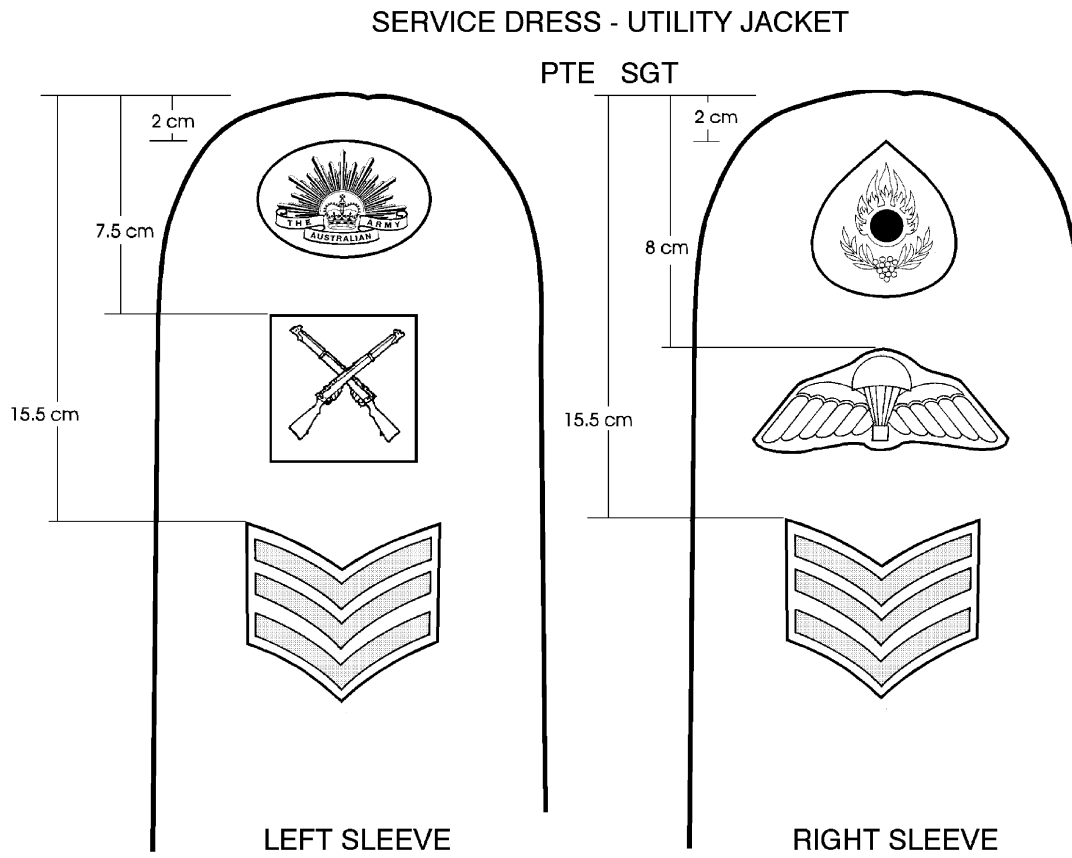


Figure 3-6: Service Dress—Utility Jacket

SHIRTS  
PTE - SGT

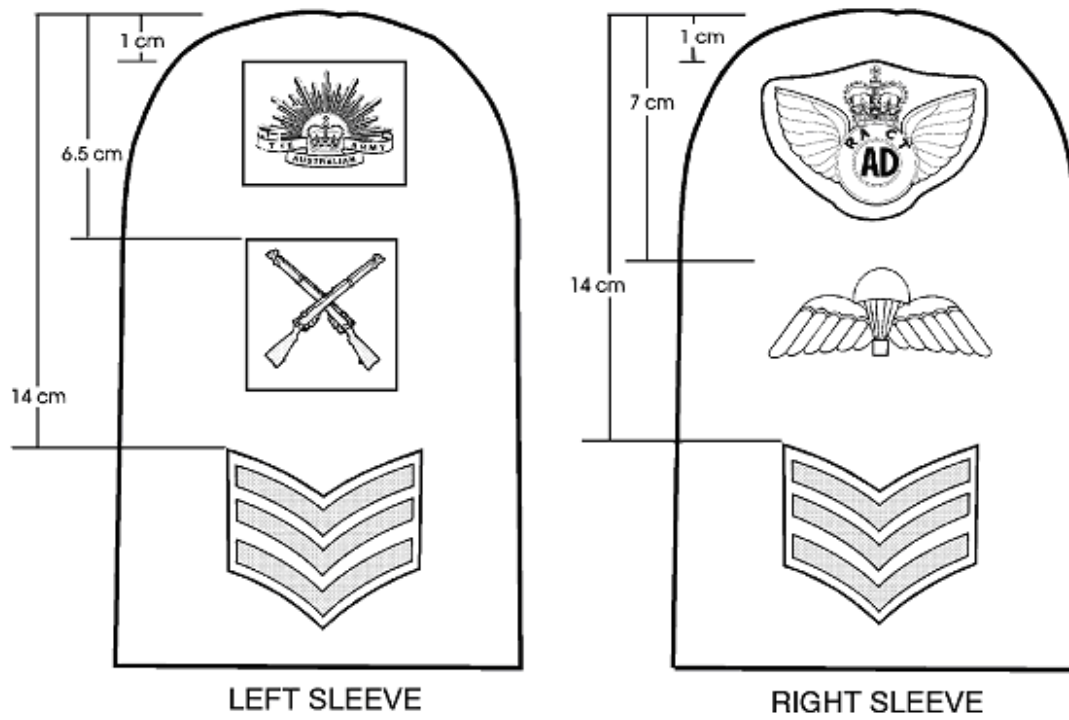


Figure 3-7: Shirts



### POSITIONING STAFF SERGEANT CROWN

3.20 Positioning of SSGT crown as shown below.

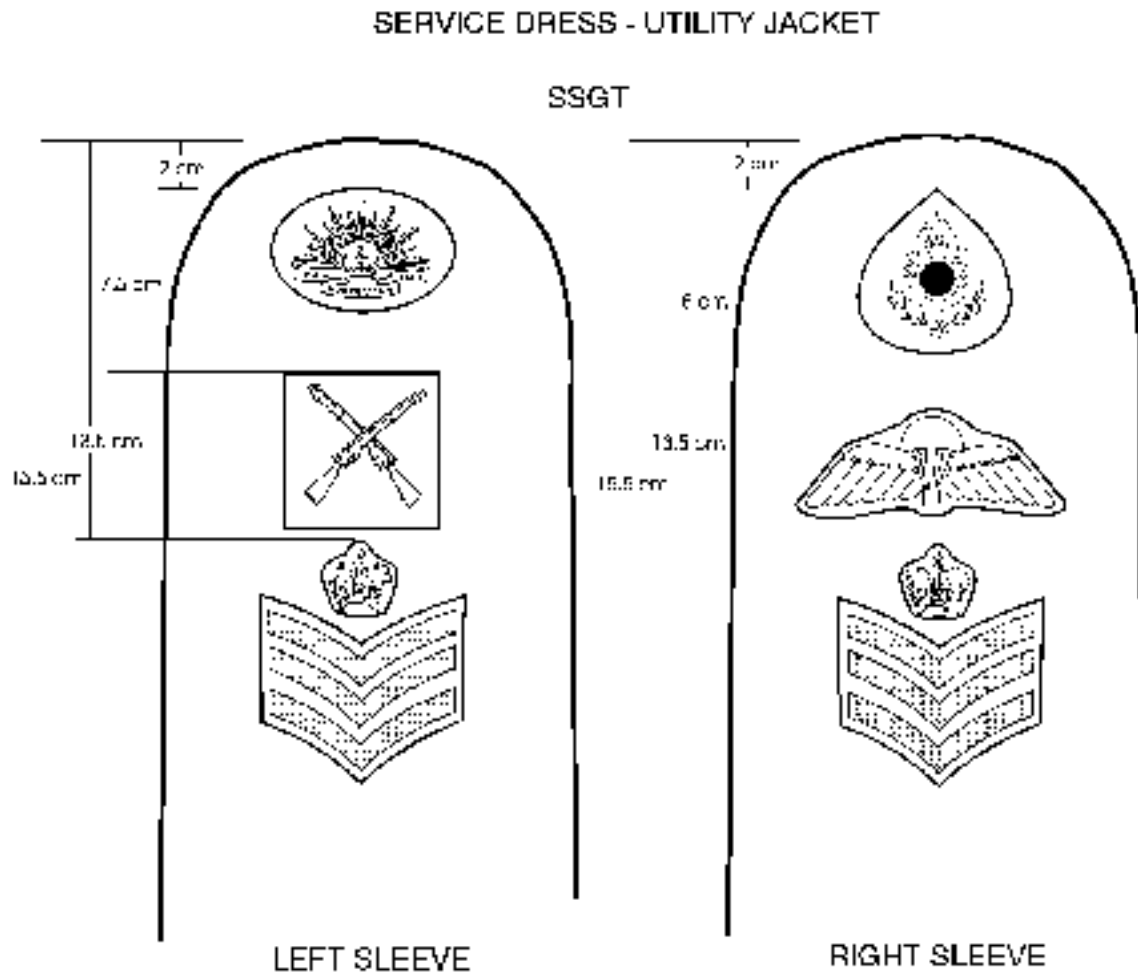


Figure 3-8: Service Dress—Utility Jacket

SHIRT  
SSGT

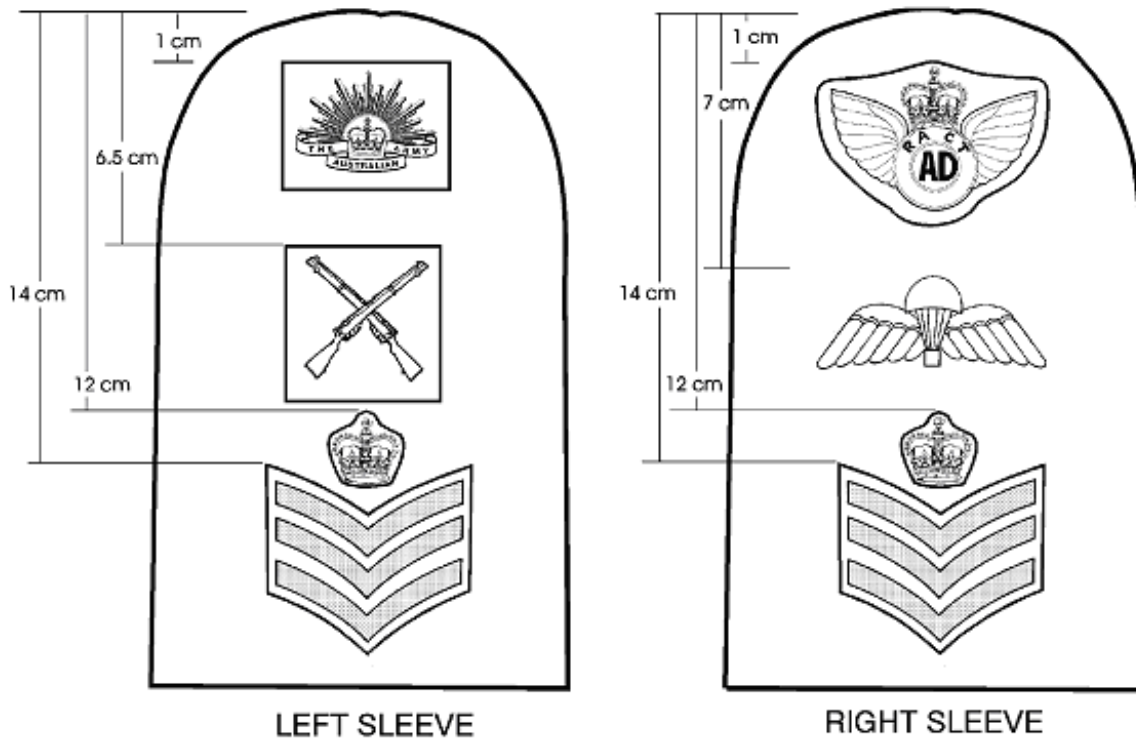


Figure 3-9: Shirt

Annex:

- A. [Appointment Insignia and Badges of Rank of the Australian Army](#)