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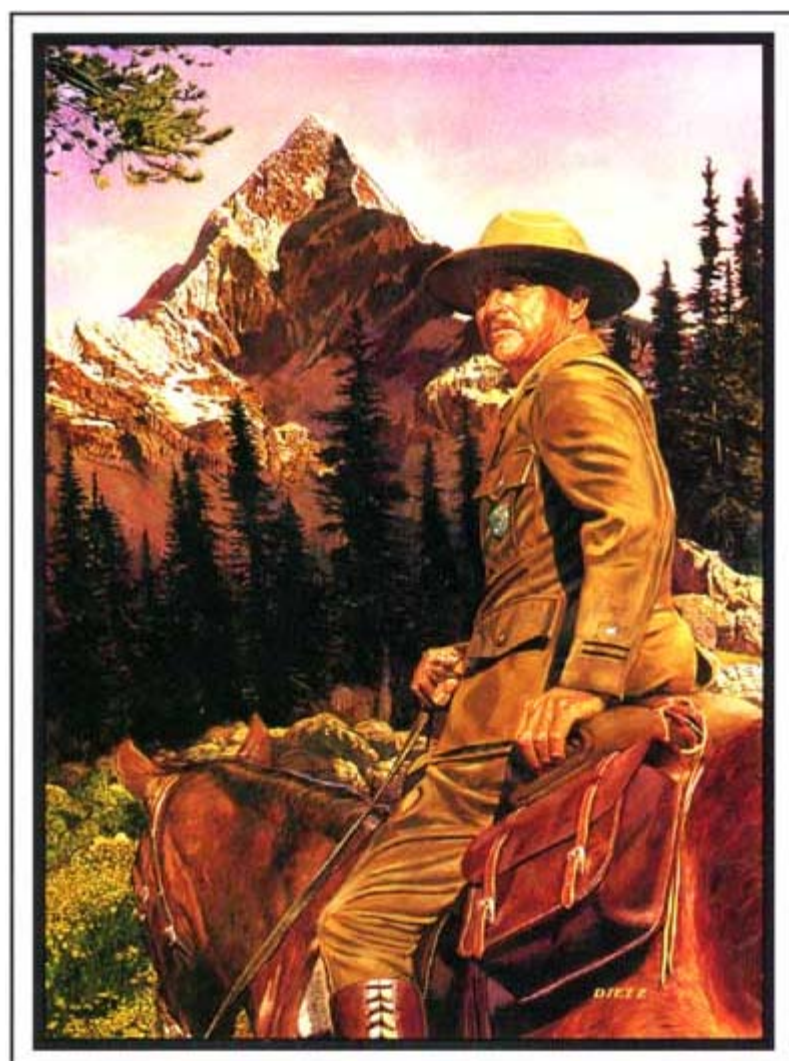
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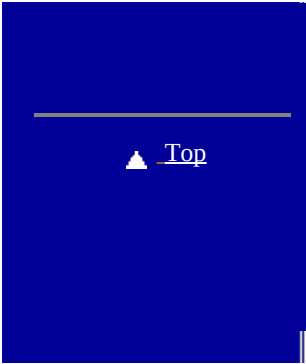
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Cover (shown at top left):

This painting depicts a 1920s ranger riding patrol in one of the Western parks. It is one of a series of six painted by James Dietz for the 1991 opening of the National Park Service Ranger Museum at Norris Soldier Station in Yellowstone National Park. The paintings were obtained through the aspicies of the National Park Foundation, who donated them to the National Park Service. It should be noted, however, that the color of the uniform is incorrect. It should be forest green instead of brown.

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Horace Marden Albright, 1922.

Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park, 1919-1929, (director, NPS, 1929-1933). Albright was one of the prime movers in uniforming the Service. Up to 1922, temporary rangers were not obligated to be uniformed, due to their low pay and usually short service. But that year, Albright made it a "condition of employment" for all rangers in Yellowstone to

be uniformed. This set a trend in the other parks. The decoration on his sleeve stands for nine years of service.

(each stripe, 1 year; star, 5 years)

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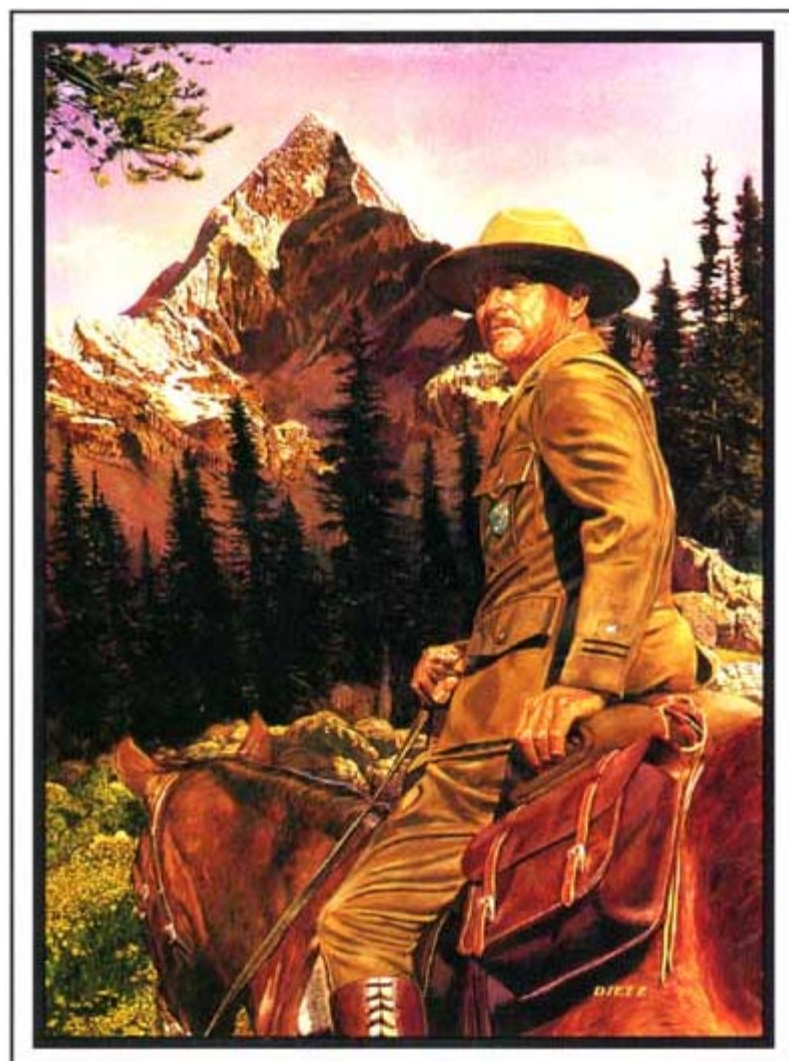
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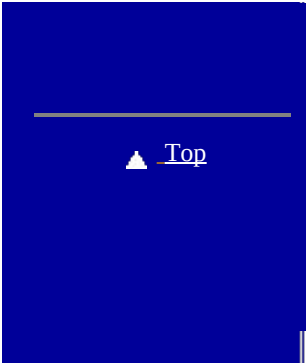
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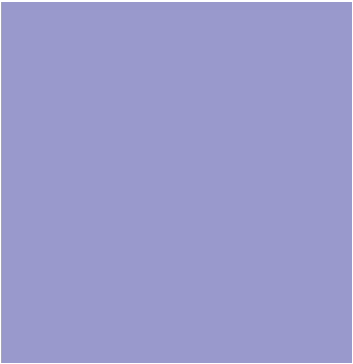


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Introduction

Uniforms had not been uppermost in the minds of the men in our national parks until the separation of the Forest and Park Services in 1905 and the uniforming of the rangers of the former. As the park ranger's desire for a national identity mounted, the Department "waffled", first with one style of uniform, then with another.

It wasn't until the formation of the National Park Service as a Bureau of the Department of the Interior in 1916, along with the subsequent arrival of its new director, Stephen T. Mather, and people in the field such as Washington B. Lewis and Horace M. Albright, that this desire acquired the impetuous needed to reach fruition.

The culmination of these efforts was the Uniform Regulations of 1920. Here at last was the cord that would bind all of the rangers throughout the Nation's parks into one cohesive unit.

Even so, these regulations were not the end of the journey, only a road map to show the way. As with any new organization, there were a lot of things to be resolved, a sort of ironing out of the wrinkles.

All kinds of ornamentation were tried, most of which were discarded, to distinguish the various grades within the Service. An "officer and men" mentality was prevalent throughout the Service with everyone but the "lowly" rangers, falling within the former category. This spawned a rather top-heavy organizational network.

As the National Park Service expanded and more and varied positions were generated, all of which fell under the "officer " category, they too began to lobby for their own group identity. Even the rangers, themselves, once they had worked their way up to Chief, or Assistant Chief Ranger, were striking for officer candidacy, and all of its privileges. (better material for uniforms, higher recognition, etc.)



This push became so acute that when the new uniform regulations for 1926 were being drawn up, it was decided to rethink the whole uniform strategy. The "officer and men" situation did not sit well with a lot of the Service personnel, even some of the officers, so when new uniform regulations finally came out in 1928 abolishing any distinction between personnel, it was, perhaps, the most momentous change to occur during the Park Service's existence.

Granted, those in positions of authority (superintendents, custodians, chief rangers, etc.) were still distinguished, but now, only by their badge. Gone were the myriad sleeve and other decorations denoting the various divisions of the former "officers." For some reason, it was considered advisable to maintain the sleeve differentiation for the rangers. These then became a source of pride for the rangers and though removed from the regulations in the late 1930s, continued to be worn as long as their uniform was serviceable. (A photograph taken in 1946 show two rangers still wearing them.)

As the decade drew to an end, the uniform committees continued to struggle with a number of thorny problems that had been proposed at the Superintendent's Conferences, notably a new badge and collar ornaments. Most of these finally resolved themselves through the inability of anyone coming up with something more appropriate.

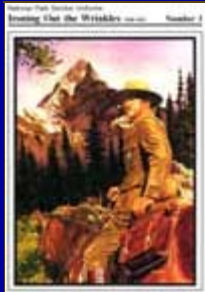
As with the other books in this series, this one could not have been written without the generous assistance of people throughout the National Park Service. Most of these have been recognized in the preceding books and I will forego mentioning them here. However, I would like to thank the Manager of Harpers Ferry Center, Mr. David G. Wright, John Brucksch and David Nathanson for their help in getting these published.

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With the creation of the National Park Service in August 1916 and the subsequent appointment of Stephen T. Mather as director, the desire of park rangers for a national identity mounted. Mather, aided by men like Horace Marden Albright and Washington Bartlett "Dusty" Lewis, set about making the Service a cohesive organization with regulations applicable to all the parks. Standard uniform regulations were a logical ingredient.

The 1920 National Park Service Uniform Regulations stipulated what the personnel of the Service were to wear, as well as what it was to be made of. An officer and ranger mentality pervaded the Service, no doubt a carry-over from the Army days in the parks, and this was carried through in the uniform regulations. Although all personnel were required to wear the same uniform, the officers' material was of a finer quality (12-14 oz forestry serge, versus 16-18 oz forestry cloth) than that provided for the rangers. This forestry green became the standard color for National Park Service uniforms and, except for minor color variations, remains so today.

Up until this time, only the hat, coat, shirt, breeches, and occasionally, the overcoat were stipulated. But with the new regulations all articles of the uniform, from hat to shoes, were covered.

Instead of "alpine", hats now were classified as "Stetson, either stiff or cardboard brim, "belly" color." This was a shortening of "Belgian Belly", named after the beautiful pastel reddish buff color of the underfur of the Belgian Hare from which many fine hats were made. [1]

Although it had been decided at the meeting that the coat have an open collar, with four buttons, when the regulations were published they still contained the original wording "or English convertible collar" which required five buttons. This was not corrected in supplementary regulation changes until 1928, even though all coats were made with four buttons and an open collar. The embroidered N.P.S. on the collar was eliminated



Collar ornament, 1920. This ornament, introduced in the 1920 Uniform Regulations, was made in three different metals. Gold (officers), silver

and replaced by a detachable pin insignia. This new insignia consisted of 1/4" letters with US centered over the top of NPS. The buttons remained the NPS style initiated in 1912 and still used today.

(rangers), and bronze (temporary rangers). *NPSHPC*
- *HFC*

After much discussion, it was concluded that a medium grey shirt would be preferable to the olive-drab previously worn. And since the coat would now be worn open, a tie would be needed. Black and dark green were debated with the consensus of opinion being that a dark green four-in-hand tie would be the most appropriate for the forest green uniform.

Footwear had been left to the discretion of the individual ranger, who had worn boots, or shoes with either canvas or leather leggings or puttees (a form of legging, but firmer, similar to the top of a boot). Colors had ranged from the tan canvas leggings to black shoes and all shades of brown in-between. Now tan or cordovan (preferred) colored riding boots or leather puttees, with matching shoes, were to be worn, with leather puttees and shoes prescribed for dress occasions.

Officers and rangers were further differentiated by their overcoats, with the former having a five-button ulster type and the latter a four-button mackinaw.

In addition, there were a number of other rank and service designations included. The regulations also specified that rangers wear their uniform whenever they would be in contact with the public while on duty and were also encouraged to wear it under the same circumstances while off duty.

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Deland Taylor, c.1920s.

Taylor was a temporary ranger at Shenandoah National Park. He is wearing a surplus Army coat.

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"Pert" - Forest Ranger, 1920.

Although this image identifies "Pert" as a Forest Ranger, his badge informs us that he is in fact a park ranger at Sentinel Point, Yosemite National Park.

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**John H. Wegner, c. 1920,
ranger, Yosemite National
Park.**

Wegner's clothes are starting
to show considerable wear. He
must not be meeting the
public today.

*Courtesy of Virginia Best
Adams (Mrs. Ansel Adams)
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**William Nelson, 1924,
custodian, Petrified Forest
National Monument.**

Custodians worn the same
insignia as the
superintendents.

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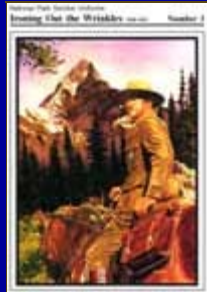
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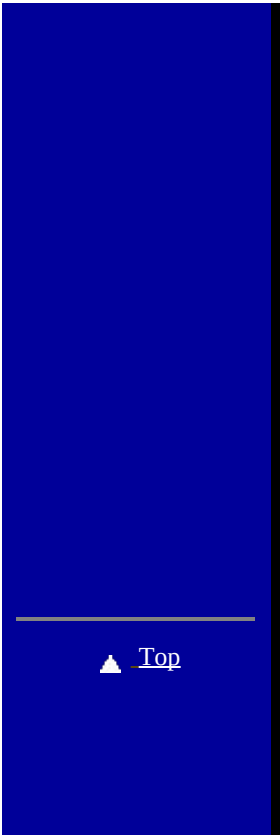
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE UNIFORM REGULATIONS - 1920-1932

The following Uniform Regulations were prescribed for National Park Service personnel during the years covered by this book. As you will note, these regulations were basically just modifications of the original 1920 Uniform Regulations. These revisions were not undertaken until the supply of old sheets were expended. At that time all the revisions authorized up to that time were included, a fact that one must take into consideration whenever trying to pinpoint the introduction of a specific item of uniform.

1920

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE UNIFORM BY OFFICERS AND RANGERS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

(1) The standard uniform for officers of the National Park Service shall consist of:

- (a) Coat of forestry serge 12 to 14 oz.; four button sack; either open or English convertible collar; pinch back and half belt in back; two breast pockets, pleated; two side pockets, bellows; all outside pockets with flaps fastened with Service buttons.
- (b) Riding breeches of same material; two side and two hip pockets and watch pocket; a double seat; with or without leather reinforcement inside knees; buttoned at knee opening.
- (c) Leather puttees and shoes to match, tan or cordovan color, latter preferred, except on dress occasions, when leather puttees are prescribed. Either spiral puttees or tan riding boots may be worn as a part of uniform.
- (d) Service hat — Stetson, either stiff or cardboard brim,

"belly" color.

(e) Shirt — grey wool or white shirt and collar.

(f) Tie — dark green four-in-hand.

(g) Collar ornaments, sleeve insignia and service stripes as herein-after prescribed.

(h) Overcoat of forestry cloth 16 to 20 oz.; five button ulster type, double breasted, English convertible collar; diagonal side pockets, pinch back with half belt and back vented from waist.

(2) Officers in the field service of the National Parks to whom are referred in these regulations as authorized to wear the officers uniform of the service are those employees holding appointments under the following designations;

Superintendents,	Assistant Superintendents,
Engineers,	Assistant Engineers,
Supervisors,	Assistant Supervisors,
Foresters,	Clerks.

and such other employees as the Director of the National Park Service may from time to time authorize.

(3) The standard uniform for Park Rangers shall be the same as prescribed for officers with the following exceptions:

(a) Coat and riding breeches to be made of forestry cloth 16 to 18 oz. instead of forestry serge.

(b) Overcoat of forestry cloth 16 to 20 oz., four button mackinaw type, English convertible collar, half belt in back.

(4) While temporary rangers are not required to equip themselves with the standard ranger uniform, its use by them is encouraged. In lieu of the standard uniform all temporary rangers, before reporting for duty, or as soon afterward as practicable, will provide themselves with the following prescribed temporary ranger uniform.

Riding breeches — Dux back.

Puttees — leather, tan or cordovan color, preferably latter.

Shoes — to match puttees.

Shirt — grey wool.

Tie — dark green four-in-hand

Hat — Stetson — either stiff or cardboard brim, "belly" color.

Collar ornaments and sleeve insignia as prescribed under paragraphs 5 and 9.

(5) The collar ornament prescribed for all officers and rangers of the Service shall be the standard NPS service device containing the letters

US, the various NPS service units to be differentiated as follows:

- (a) All officers, device of gold,
- (b) Chief Ranger, device of silver,
- (c) Asst. Chief Rangers, device of silver,
- (d) Park Rangers, device of silver,
- (e) Park Rangers, Temporary, device of bronze.

(6) The sleeve insignia for the Director of the National Park Service shall consist of a single gold star surrounded by four maple leaves, the whole surrounded by a circular frame. The entire device to be embroidered on forestry serge, the star in gold, the leaves in dark green, and the circular frame in light green silk.

(7) The sleeve insignia for the Assistant Director of the National Park Service shall be the same as that prescribed for the Director except that the star shall be of silver color instead of gold.

(8) Oak leaves have been adopted as the basic insignia of the field service other than Rangers, for sleeve insignia. Upon all are superimposed devices designating the particular division of the field service to which the officer is attached. The various designations shall be as follows:

Superintendents — Three leaves with three acorns superimposed

Asst. Supts. — Two leaves with two acorns superimposed

Engineers — Three leaves with T-square and triangle superimposed

Asst. Engineers — Two leaves with T-square and triangle superimposed

Foresters — Three leaves with crossed axes superimposed

Chief Electricians — Three leaves with lightning bolt superimposed

Asst. Electricians — Two leaves with lightning bolt superimposed

Clerks — Two leaves with ink bottle and quill superimposed

(a) Officers' sleeve insignia shall be embroidered on forestry serge.

(9) The Sequoia cone and foliage have been adopted as the basic insignia for the Park Ranger Service for sleeve insignia, the differentiation in rank being indicated by the number of cones. The various designations shall be as follows:

Chief Ranger — Three cones with foliage,

Asst. Chief Rangers — Two cones with foliage,

Rangers — One cone with foliage,

Temporary Rangers — Foliage only.

(a) Sleeve insignia of the Ranger Service shall be embroidered on forestry cloth.

(10) All Rangers shall be in uniform when on duty at park headquarters during the tourist season, when on official business either inside or outside of the park, and on any other occasion as directed by the Superintendent of the park to which they are attached. In addition to this the use of the uniform is encouraged on all occasions where contact is had with the public either on or off duty where the nature of the duties being performed makes it practicable.

(11) Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Engineers, and Assistant Engineers shall wear the uniform at all times when on duty during the tourist season and shall be required to transact all business either inside or outside of the park in uniform except when on duty in the District of Columbia, or as may be otherwise directed by the Director of the National Park Service.

(12) Other officers of the field service will not for the present be required to supply themselves with or wear the uniform but its use by all above included is urged so far as practicable.

(13) Collar ornaments shall be worn in pairs, one device on either side of coat or shirt collar.

(14) Sleeve insignia shall be worn on the upper right arm of coat or shirt.

(15) A service stripe of black braid 1/8" wide by 2 inches long, shall be allowed for each completed year of service, and a silver embroidered star for each completed five years. Service insignia shall be worn on the cuff of the left hand sleeve of coat, overcoat or shirt.

(16) Collar ornaments and sleeve and service insignia will be furnished by the Service upon requisition of the various park superintendents.

(17) These regulations shall be made applicable to officers and employees at Hot Springs Reservation with such modifications as in the discretion of the Director of the National Park Service may be appropriate.

(18) The above regulations shall but all officers and rangers are complete uniform equipment at become effective on July 1, 1920, urged to supply themselves with the earliest possible date.

Approved:

(sgd) Stephen T. Mather
Director, National Park Service
March 20, 1920

1923

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

(1) Each regularly employed officer of the field units of the National Park Service as hereinafter designated and each ranger, whether employed on a permanent or temporary basis, shall provide himself at his own expense with a regulation uniform as hereinafter specified and shall wear the same in such manner and at such times as specified in these regulations.

(2) The standard uniform for officers of the National Park Service shall consist of —

(a) Coat of forestry serge or whipcord 12 to 14 oz.; four-button sack; either open or English convertible collar; pinch back and half belt in back; two breast pockets, plaited; two side pockets, bellows; all outside pockets with flaps fastened with Service buttons.

(b) Riding breeches of same material; two side and two hip pockets and watch pocket; double seat; with or without leather reinforcement inside knees; buttons at knee opening.

(c) Leather puttees and shoes to match, tan or cordovan color, latter preferred. Except on dress occasions, when leather puttees are preferred, either spiral puttees or tan riding boots may be worn as a part of uniform.

(d) Service hat, Stetson, either stiff or cardboard brim, "belly" color.

(e) Shirt, grey wool or white shirt and collar.

(f) Tie, dark green four-in-hand.

(g) Collar ornaments, badge, sleeve insignia, and service stripes as hereinafter prescribed.

(h) Overcoat of forestry cloth 16 to 20 oz.; five-button ulster type, double breasted, English convertible collar; diagonal side pockets, pinch back with half belt and back vented from waist.

(3) Officers in the field service of the National Parks who are referred to in these regulations as authorized and instructed to wear the officers' uniform of the service are those employees holding appointments under the following designations:

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Clerks,
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Assistant Electricians,

and such other employees as the Director of the National Park Service may from time to time authorize.

(4) The standard uniform for Park Rangers shall be the same as prescribed for officers with the following exceptions:

(a) Coat and riding breeches to be made of forestry cloth or whipcord 16 to 18 oz. instead of forestry serge.

(b) Overcoat of forestry cloth 16 to 20 oz., four-button Mackinaw type, English convertible collar, half belt in back.

(5) The collar ornament prescribed for all officers and rangers of the Service shall be the standard Park Service device containing the letters U.S., the various service units to be N.P.S. differentiated as follows:

(a) All officers, device of gold.

(b) Chief Ranger, device of silver.

(c) Assistant Chief Park Rangers, device of silver.

(d) Park Rangers, device of silver.

(e) Park Rangers, Temporary, device of bronze.

(6) The badge prescribed for all officers and rangers of the Service shall be of the design designated below:

(a) Director and Assistant Director, round form of badge, gold plated.

(b) Superintendents and Custodians, round form of badge, nickel plated.

(c) Chief Ranger and Assistant Chief Rangers, shield form of badge, gold plated.

(d) Park Rangers and Park Rangers, Temporary, shield form of badge, nickel plated.

(7) The sleeve insignia for the Director of the National Park Service shall consist of a single gold star surrounded by four maple leaves, the whole surrounded by a circular frame. The entire device is to be embroidered on forestry serge, the star in gold, the leaves in dark green, and the circular frame in light green silk.

(8) The sleeve insignia for the Assistant Director of the Service shall be the same as that prescribed for the Director except that the star shall be of silver color instead of gold.

(9) Oak leaves have been adopted as the basis insignia of the field

service other than Rangers, for sleeve insignia. Upon all are superimposed devices designating the particular division of the field service to which the officer is attached. The various designations shall be as follows:

Superintendents — Three leaves with three acorns superimposed

Asst. Superintendents — Two leaves with two acorns superimposed

Engineers — Three leaves with T-square and triangle superimposed

Asst. Engineers — Two leaves with T-square and triangle superimposed

Foresters — Three leaves with crossed axes superimposed

Chief Electricians — Three leaves with lightning bolt superimposed

Asst. Electricians — Two leaves with lightning bolt superimposed

Clerks — Two leaves with ink bottle and quill superimposed

(a) Officer's sleeve insignia shall be embroidered on forestry serge.

(10) The Sequoia cone and foliage have been adopted as the basic insignia for the Park Ranger Service for sleeve insignia, the differentiation in rank being indicated by the number of cones. The various designations shall be as follows:

Chief Ranger — Three cones with foliage.

Asst. Chief Rangers — Two cones with foliage.

Rangers — One cone with foliage.

Temporary Rangers — Foliage only.

(a) Sleeve insignia of the Ranger Service shall be embroidered on forestry cloth.

(11) All Rangers shall be in uniform when on duty at Park headquarters during the tourist season, when on official business either inside or outside of the Park, and on any other occasion as directed by the Superintendent of the Park to which they are attached. In addition to this the use of the uniform is encouraged on all occasions where contact is had with the public either on or off duty where the nature of the duties being performed makes it practicable. Coat shall always, when worn, be kept fully buttoned.

(12) Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Engineers, and Assistant Engineers shall wear the uniform at all times when on duty during the tourist season and shall be required to transact all business either inside or outside of the Park in uniform except when on duty in the District of Columbia, or as may be otherwise directed by the Director of the National Park Service. Coat shall always, when worn, be kept fully buttoned.

(13) Other officers of the field service will not for the present be

required to supply themselves with or wear the uniform, but its use by all above included is urged so far as practicable.

(14) Collar ornaments shall be worn in pairs, one device on either side of coat or shirt collar.

(15) Sleeve insignia shall be worn on the upper right arm of coat or shirt.

(16) A service stripe of black braid 1/8 inch wide by 2 inches long shall be allowed for each completed year of service, and a silver star embroidered star for each completed five years. Service insignia shall be worn on the cuff of the left-hand sleeve of coat, overcoat or shirt.

(17) Each officer and ranger upon entrance on duty will be furnished, free of charge, two complete sets of collar ornaments, sleeve insignia, and service stripes. Each year thereafter one set of sleeve insignia and service stripes, or one new set for each uniform ordered, will be furnished by the Service. Any additional collar ornaments, sleeve insignia, or service stripes desired by employees will be furnished at cost prices.

Upon entrance on duty each Superintendent, Custodian and Ranger will be furnished with a badge for which a deposit of \$5 will be required. This sum shall be returned upon surrender of the badge for which it was deposited. If the badge should be lost a new deposit of \$5 will be required before a new badge may be issued. All employees now in the Service shall be required to make a like deposit for the badge now in their possession.

Badges are not to be sold or otherwise disposed of. They are issued to show authority and should not be allowed to fall into the hands of unauthorized persons.

(18) These regulations shall be made applicable to officers and employees at Hot Springs Reservation with such modifications as in the discretion of the Director of the National Park Service may be appropriate.

(19) The above regulations shall become effective March 1, 1923, but all Officers and Rangers are urged to supply themselves with complete uniform equipment at the earliest possible date.

(20) The foregoing regulations supersede all regulations previously issued on the same subject.

ARNO B. CAMMERER,
Acting Director,
National Park Service
Approved: February 16, 1923.

E.C. FINNEY,
First Assistant Secretary, Interior Department.

1925

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE NATIONAL
PARK SERVICE UNIFORM BY OFFICERS AND RANGERS OF
THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

- (1) Each regularly employed officer of the field units of the National Park Service as hereinafter designated and each ranger, whether employed on a permanent or temporary basis, shall provide himself at his own expense with a regulation uniform as hereinafter specified and shall wear the same in such manner and at such times as specified in these regulations.
- (2) The standard uniform for officers of the National Park Service shall consist of —
- (a) Coat of forestry serge or whipcord 12 to 14 oz.; four-button sack; either open or English convertible collar; pinch back and half belt in back; two breast pockets, plaited; two side pockets, bellows; all outside pockets with flaps fastened with Service buttons.
 - (b) Riding breeches of same material; two side and two hip pockets and watch pocket; double seat; with or without leather reinforcement inside knees; buttons at knee opening.
 - (c) Leather puttees and shoes to match, tan or cordovan color, latter preferred. Except on dress occasions, when leather puttees are preferred, either spiral puttees or tan riding boots may be worn as a part of uniform.
 - (d) Service hat, Stetson, either stiff or cardboard brim, "belly" color.
 - (e) Shirt, grey wool or white shirt and collar.
 - (f) Tie, dark green four-in-hand.
 - (g) Collar ornaments, badge, sleeve insignia, and service stripes as hereinafter prescribed.
 - (h) Overcoat of forestry cloth 16 to 20 oz.; five-button ulster type, double breasted, English convertible collar; diagonal side pockets, pinch back with half belt and back vented from waist.
- (3) Officers in the field service of the National Parks who are referred to in these regulations as authorized and instructed to wear the officers' uniform of the service are those employees holding appointments under the following designations:

Superintendents,
Assistant Superintendents,
Engineers,
Assistant Engineers,
Supervisors,
Assistant Supervisors,
Foresters,
Clerks,
Chief Electricians,
Assistant Electricians,

and such other employees as the Director of the National Park Service may from time to time authorize.

(4) The standard uniform for Park Rangers shall be the same as prescribed for officers with the following exceptions:

(a) Coat and riding breeches to be made of forestry cloth or whipcord 16 to 18 oz. instead of forestry serge.

(b) Overcoat of forestry cloth 16 to 20 oz., four-button Mackinaw type, English convertible collar, half belt in back.

(5) The collar ornament prescribed for all officers and rangers of the Service shall be the standard Park Service device containing the letters U.S., the various service units to be N.P.S. differentiated as follows:

(a) All officers, device of gold.

(b) Chief Ranger, device of silver.

(c) Assistant Chief Park Rangers, device of silver.

(d) Park Rangers, device of silver.

(e) Park Rangers, Temporary, device of bronze.

(6) The badge prescribed for all officers and rangers of the Service shall be of the design designated below:

(a) Director and Assistant Director, round form of badge, gold plated.

(b) Superintendents and Custodians, round form of badge, nickel plated.

(c) Chief Ranger and Assistant Chief Rangers, shield form of badge, gold plated.

(d) Park Rangers and Park Rangers, Temporary, shield form of badge, nickel plated.

(7) The sleeve insignia for the Director of the National Park Service shall consist of a single gold star surrounded by four maple leaves, the whole surrounded by a circular frame. The entire device is to be

embroidered on forestry serge, the star in gold, the leaves in dark green, and the circular frame in light green silk.

(8) The sleeve insignia for the Assistant Director of the Service shall be the same as that prescribed for the Director except that the star shall be of silver color instead of gold.

(9) Oak leaves have been adopted as the basis insignia of the field service other than Rangers, for sleeve insignia. Upon all are superimposed devices designating the particular division of the field service to which the officer is attached. The various designations shall be as follows:

Superintendents — Three leaves with three acorns superimposed

Asst. Superintendents — Two leaves with two acorns superimposed

Engineers — Three leaves with T-square and triangle superimposed

Asst. Engineers — Two leaves with T-square and triangle superimposed

Foresters — Three leaves with crossed axes superimposed

Chief Electricians — Three leaves with lightning bolt superimposed

Asst. Electricians — Two leaves with lightning bolt superimposed

Clerks — Two leaves with ink bottle and quill superimposed

(a) Officer's sleeve insignia shall be embroidered on forestry serge.

(10) The Sequoia cone and foliage have been adopted as the basic insignia for the Park Ranger Service for sleeve insignia, the differentiation in rank being indicated by the number of cones. The various designations shall be as follows:

Chief Ranger — Three cones with foliage.

Asst. Chief Rangers — Two cones with foliage.

Rangers — One cone with foliage.

Temporary Rangers — Foliage only.

(a) Sleeve insignia of the Ranger Service shall be embroidered on forestry cloth.

(11) All Rangers shall be in uniform when on duty at Park headquarters during the tourist season, when on official business either inside or outside of the Park, and on any other occasion as directed by the Superintendent of the Park to which they are attached. In addition to this the use of the uniform is encouraged on all occasions where contact is had with the public either on or off duty where the nature of the duties being performed makes it practicable. Coat shall always, when worn, be kept fully buttoned.

(12) Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Engineers, and

Assistant Engineers shall wear the uniform at all times when on duty during the tourist season and shall be required to transact all business either inside or outside of the Park in uniform except when on duty in the District of Columbia, or as may be otherwise directed by the Director of the National Park Service. Coat shall always, when worn, be kept fully buttoned.

(13) Other officers of the field service will not for the present be required to supply themselves with or wear the uniform, but its use by all above included is urged so far as practicable.

(14) Collar ornaments shall be worn in pairs, one device on either side of coat or shirt collar.

(15) Sleeve insignia shall be worn on the upper right arm of coat or shirt.

(16) A service stripe of black braid 1/8 inch wide by 2 inches long shall be allowed for each completed year of service, and a silver star embroidered star for each completed five years. Service insignia shall be worn on the cuff of the left-hand sleeve of coat, overcoat or shirt.

(17) Each officer and ranger upon entrance on duty will be furnished, free of charge, two complete sets of collar ornaments, sleeve insignia, and service stripes. Each year thereafter one set of sleeve insignia and service stripes, or one new set for each uniform ordered, will be furnished by the Service. Any additional collar ornaments, sleeve insignia, or service stripes desired by employees will be furnished at cost prices.

Upon entrance on duty each Superintendent, Custodian and Ranger will be furnished with a badge for which a deposit of \$5 will be required. This sum shall be returned upon surrender of the badge for which it was deposited. If the badge should be lost a new deposit of \$5 will be required before a new badge may be issued. All employees now in the Service shall be required to make a like deposit for the badge now in their possession.

Badges are not to be sold or otherwise disposed of. They are issued to show authority and should not be allowed to fall into the hands of unauthorized persons.

(18) These regulations shall be made applicable to officers and employees at Hot Springs Reservation with such modifications as in the discretion of the Director of the National Park Service may be appropriate.

(19) The above regulations shall become effective March 1, 1923, but all Officers and Rangers are urged to supply themselves with complete uniform equipment at the earliest possible date.

(20) The foregoing regulations supersede all regulations previously issued on the same subject.

ARNO B. CAMMERER,

Approved: July 2, 1925. Acting Director.

John H. Edwards, National Park Service,
Assistant Secretary,
Interior Department.

1926

The following regulations were drawn up for 1926, as a natural progression to preceding ones. Because of the cumbersome nature this engendered, it was decided to hold off their implementation until the entire system could be "re-engineered" (to use one of today's catch words). This "re-engineering" required two years and when it was completed, gone was the "officer and men" mentality, along with much of the superficial uniform adornment.

NOTE: The following regulations were never adopted and are only included here for informational purposes.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

Regulations Governing the use of the
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE UNIFORM

by

OFFICERS and RANGERS of the NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

(1) Each regularly employed officer of the field units of the National Park Service as hereinafter designated and each ranger, whether employed on a permanent or temporary basis, shall provide himself at his own expense with a regulation uniform as hereinafter specified and shall wear the same in such manner and at such times as specified in these regulations.

(2) The standard uniform for officers of the National Park Service shall consist of —

(a) Coat of forestry serge or whipcord 12 to 14 oz.; four-button sack; either open or English convertible collar; pinch back and half belt in back; two breast pockets, plaited; two side pockets, bellows; all outside pockets with flaps fastened with Service buttons.

(b) Riding breeches of same material; two side and two hip pockets and watch pocket; double seat; with or without leather reinforcement inside knees; buttons at knee opening.

(c) Leather puttees and shoes to match, tan or cordovan color, latter preferred. Except on dress occasions, when leather puttees are preferred, either spiral puttees or tan riding boots may be worn as a part of uniform.

(d) Service hat, Stetson, either stiff or cardboard brim, "belly" color.

(e) Shirt, grey wool or white shirt and collar.

(f) Tie, dark green four-in-hand.

(g) Collar ornaments, badge, sleeve insignia, and service stripes as hereinafter prescribed.

(h) Overcoat of forestry cloth 16 to 20 oz.; five-button ulster type, double breasted, English convertible collar; diagonal side pockets, pinch back with half belt and back vented from waist.

(3) Officers in the field service of the National Parks who are referred to in these regulations as authorized and instructed to wear the officers' uniform of the service are those employees holding appointments under the following designations:

Superintendents
Chief Clerks
Park Naturalists
Supervisors
Chief Electricians
Chief Park Rangers
Foresters
Assistant Superintendents
Engineers Assistant Engineers
Assistant Park Naturalists
Assistant Supervisors
Assistant Electricians
Assistant Chief Rangers

and such other employees as the Director of the National Park Service may from time to time authorize.

(4) The standard uniform for Park Rangers shall be the same as prescribed for officers with the following exceptions:

(a) Coat and riding breeches to be made of forestry cloth or whipcord 16 to 18 oz. instead of forestry serge.

(b) Overcoat of forestry cloth 16 to 20 oz., four-button Mackinaw type, English convertible collar, half belt in back.

(5) The collar ornament prescribed for all officers and rangers of the Service shall be the standard Park Service device containing the letters U.S.N.P.S., the various service units to be differentiated as follows:

(a) All officers, device of gold.

(b) Permanent employees, device of silver.

(c) Temporary employees, device of bronze.

(6) The badge prescribed for all officers and rangers of the Service shall be of the design designated below:

- (a) Director and Assistant Director, round form of badge, gold plated.
- (b) Superintendents and Custodians, round form of badge, nickel plated.
- (c) Chief Ranger and Assistant Chief Rangers, shield form of badge, gold plated.
- (d) Park Rangers and Park Rangers, Temporary, shield form of badge, nickel plated.

(7) The sleeve insignia for the Director of the National Park Service shall consist of a single gold star surrounded by four maple leaves, the whole surrounded by a circular frame. The entire device is to be embroidered on forestry serge, the star in gold, the leaves in dark green, and the circular frame in light green silk.

(8) The sleeve insignia for the Assistant Director of the Service shall be the same as that prescribed for the Director except that the star shall be of silver color instead of gold.

(9) Oak leaves have been adopted as the basis insignia of the field service other than Rangers, for sleeve insignia. Upon all are superimposed devices designating the particular division of the field service to which the officer is attached. The various designations shall be as follows:

- Superintendents — Three leaves with three acorns superimposed
- Asst. Superintendents — Two leaves with two acorns superimposed
- Chief Clerks — Three leaves with ink bottle and quill superimposed
- Clerks — Two leaves with ink bottle and quill superimposed
- Engineers — Three leaves with T-square and triangle superimposed
- Asst. Engineers — Two leaves with T-square and triangle superimposed
- Park Naturalists — Three leaves with bear's head superimposed
- Asst. Park Naturalists — Two leaves with bear's head superimposed
- Chief Electricians — Three leaves with lightning bolt superimposed
- Asst. Electricians — Two leaves with lightning bolt superimposed
- Unclassified — Two leaves only

- (a) Officer's sleeve insignia shall be embroidered on forestry

serge.

(b) Insignia of Chief Engineers and Chief Park Naturalist shall be the same as that of Engineers and Park Naturalists, except a two inch bar in pale green shall be placed at the base and outside of the circle.

(10) The Sequoia cone and foliage have been adopted as the basic insignia for the Park Ranger Service for sleeve insignia, the differentiation in rank being indicated by the number of cones. The various designations shall be as follows:

Chief Park Ranger — Three cones with foliage wreath.

Asst. Park Chief Rangers — Two cones with foliage wreath.

Park Rangers — One cone with foliage wreath.

Temporary Park Rangers — Foliage wreath only

Foresters — Three cones with foliage wreath and crossed axes.

Ranger Naturalists — Bear's head with foliage wreath.

(a) Sleeve insignia of the Ranger Service shall be embroidered on forestry cloth.

(11) All Rangers shall be in uniform when on duty at Park headquarters during the tourist season, when on official business either inside or outside of the Park, and on any other occasion as directed by the Superintendent of the Park to which they are attached. In addition to this the use of the uniform is encouraged on all occasions where contact is had with the public either on or off duty where the nature of the duties being performed makes it practicable. Coat shall always, when worn, be kept fully buttoned.

(12) Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Engineers, and Assistant Engineers shall wear the uniform at all times when on duty during the tourist season and shall be required to transact all business either inside or outside of the Park, in uniform except when on duty in the District of Columbia, or as may be otherwise directed by the Director of the National Park Service. Coat shall always, when worn, be kept fully buttoned.

(13) Other officers of the field service will not for the present be required to supply themselves with or wear the uniform, but its use by all above included is urged so far as practicable.

(14) Collar ornaments shall be worn in pairs, one device on either side of coat or shirt collar.

(15) Sleeve insignia shall be worn on the upper right arm of coat only.

(16) A service stripe of black braid 1/8 inch wide by 2 inches long shall be allowed for each completed year of service, and a silver star embroidered star for each completed five years. Service insignia shall be worn on the cuff of the left-hand sleeve of coat, overcoat.

(17) Each officer and ranger upon entrance on duty will be furnished, free of charge, two complete sets of collar ornaments, sleeve insignia, and service stripes. Each year thereafter one set of sleeve insignia and service stripes, or one new set for each new uniform ordered will be furnished by the Service. Any additional sleeve insignia, or service stripes desired for official use by employees, will be furnished at cost price. Additional collar ornaments will be furnished for official use upon the deposit with the superintendent or custodian of the cost price, the amount to be refunded upon the return of the additional collar ornaments. Badges and collar ornaments are to remain the property of the Government.

Upon entrance on duty each Superintendent, Custodian and Ranger will be furnished with a badge for which a deposit of \$5 will be required. This sum shall be returned upon surrender of the badge for which it was deposited. If the badge should be lost a new deposit of \$5 will be required before a new badge may be issued. All employees now in the Service shall be required to make a like deposit for the badge now in their possession.

Badges are not to be sold or otherwise disposed of. They are issued to show authority and should not be allowed to fall into the hands of unauthorized persons.

(18) These regulations shall be made applicable to officers and employees at Hot Springs National Park with such modifications as in the discretion of the Director of the National Park Service may be appropriate.

(19) The above regulations shall become effective immediately, and all Officers and Rangers are urged to supply themselves with complete uniform equipment at the earliest possible date.

(20) The foregoing regulations supersede all regulations previously issued on the same subject.

ARNO B. CAMMERER,
Approved: Acting Director,

JOHN H. EDWARDS National Park Service Assistant Secretary,
Interior Department.

1928

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service
Washington

May 15, 1928.

OFFICE ORDER NO. 152

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE NATIONAL
PARK SERVICE UNIFORM BY OFFICERS AND RANGERS OF

THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The following regulations governing the use of the National Park Service uniform are prescribed for the field units of the Service.

1. With such exceptions as the Director may make each departmental employee and such other employees as the Superintendent may designate in the field units of the National Park Service, whether employed on a permanent or temporary basis, shall provide himself at his own expense with a uniform as hereinafter specified, and shall wear the same in such manner and at such times as specified in these regulations:

2. The standard uniform for the National Park Service shall consist of:

(a) Coat, of forestry serge or whipcord; four-button sack; open collar; pinch back; two breast pockets, plaited; two side pockets, bellows; all outside pockets with flaps fastened with Service buttons.

(b) Breeches, of same material as coat; Full leg with two side and two hip pockets and watch pockets; buttoned at knee opening with or without double seat and reinforcement inside knees of same material as breeches.

(c) Trousers, of same material as coat; straight leg with one inch cuff; two side and two hip pockets; one watch pocket, may be worn in lieu of breeches by policeman at the Hot Springs National Park, and members of the clerical force.

(d) Leather leggings and shoes to match, or army officer's field boots, dark brown or cordovan color, latter color preferred.

(e) Hat, Stetson, stiff brim, "belly color."

(f) Cap, of forestry whipcord, of design approved by the Director of the National Park Service; shall be worn by rangers assigned to motorcycle duties and are to be worn by such rangers only when on motorcycle duty.

(g) Shirt, gray wool with collar attached, or gray or white shirt and collars.

(h) Tie, dark green, four-in-hand.

(i) Overcoat, of forestry cloth, four-button mackinaw type, double-breasted, English convertible collar, two side patch pockets, half belt in back.

3. The collar ornament for all employees of the Service shall be the standard Park Service device. They shall be worn in pairs, one device on either side of coat or shirt collar, or overcoat.

4. The badge is prescribed for the use of Superintendents and Rangers.

It shall be of the design as designated below:

- (a) Superintendents and Custodians, round form of badge, nickel plated.
- (b) Chief Ranger and Assistant Chief Rangers, shield form of badge, gold plated.
- (c) Park Rangers and Park Rangers, Temporary, shield form of badge, nickel plated. The superintendents may wear the badge concealed. All members of the ranger force shall wear the badge fastened to the plait of the left breast pocket, immediately below the button. All badges shall remain the property of the Government.

5. A sleeve insignia is prescribed for wear by the ranger force. The sequoia cone and foliage have been adopted as a basic insignia and the differentiation is indicated by the number of cones as follows:

- Chief Ranger — 3 cones with foliage
- Assistant Chief Ranger — 2 cones with foliage
- Rangers — 1 cone with foliage
- Temporary Rangers — Foliage only
- Ranger Naturalists — Bear with foliage

The sleeve insignia for rangers shall be embroidered on forestry cloth which shall be worn on the right sleeve midway between the shoulder and elbow.

6. Buttons of bronze of the standard Park Service design shall be worn on the coat and overcoat as prescribed.

7. Service stripe of black braid 1/8 of an inch wide and 2 inches long allowed for each completed year of service in a national park, national monument or the National Park Service. A silver embroidered star will be allowed for each completed five years of such service. Service stripes and stars shall be worn on the cuff of the left sleeve of coat and overcoat. The lower service stripe or star to be placed 2-1/2 inches from the end of the sleeve.

8. All employees shall be in uniform when on duty inside of the Park, and on all other occasions as directed by the Superintendent. Coat shall always, when worn, be kept fully buttoned.

9. Buttons, collar ornaments, sleeve insignias and service stripes and stars will be furnished for uniforms, free of charge, by the National Park Service. Collar ornaments are to remain the property of the Government.

10. Upon entrance on duty each Superintendent, Custodian, and Ranger will be furnished with a badge, for which a deposit of \$5 will be required of the rangers. This sum shall be returned upon surrender of the badge for which it was deposited. If the badge should be lost a new deposit of \$5 will be required before a new badge may be issued.

11. The above regulations shall become effective immediately.

12. The foregoing regulations supersede all regulations previously issued on the same subject.

STEPHEN T. MATHER

Director

Approved: May 16, 1928

JOHN H. EDWARDS,

Assistant Secretary,

Department of the Interior.

1930

Starting in 1930, National Park Service Uniform Regulations were issued to the parks under cover of Office Order's. Office Order 204 was issued on (date unknown), but unfortunately, no copy of this regulation has come to light, making it impossible to determine when the changes that appear in the revision of June 7, 1932, were prescribed.

1932

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Washington

June 7, 1932

OFFICE ORDER NO. 204 (Revised)

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE UNIFORM

With such exceptions as the Director may make, departmental employees and such other employees as the Superintendent or Custodian may designate in the field units of the National Park Service, whether employed on a permanent or a temporary basis, shall provide themselves at their own expense with uniforms which shall conform in all respects to the specifications hereinafter prescribed, and shall wear the same in such manner and at such times as provided for in these regulations:

1. The standard uniform for the National Park Service shall consist of —

(a) HAT — The Stetson hat, with three inch brim, belly color, equipped with the prescribed National Park Service leather hat band, shall be considered the standard headpiece for use in all National Parks and National Monuments, and except as mentioned in paragraph (b) shall be worn at all times when on duty, particularly when meeting the public.

(b) CAP — The English Army Officer type of cap, of the same material as the uniform, of design approved by the

Director, may be worn under the following conditions:

- (1) By all employees in the Eastern National Parks and National Monuments.
- (2) By rangers assigned to motorcycle duties in all the national parks and national monuments. A modified form of the National Park Service hat band shall also be worn with the cap.

Hat and cap bands must be procured from the Chief Engineer of the Service, at 409 Underwood Building, San Francisco, Calif., at the expense of the employee, as these bands are not furnished by the National Park Service.

(c) COAT — Four-button sack; open collar; pinch back; two breast pockets, plaited; two side pockets, bellows; all outside pockets with flaps fastened with Service buttons.

Material to be serge, whipcord, elastique, gabardine or tropical worsted cloth. Color — Forestry Green.

The nine ounce tropical worsted cloth is prescribed for summer use in the Eastern National Parks and National Monuments. In the Western National Parks and National Monuments any style of the above material may be worn, but the color must at all times conform to the standard forestry green shade. The material shall be uniform in each National Park and National Monument and will be prescribed by the Superintendent or Custodian.

(d) BREECHES — Of same material as coat; full peg with two side or top pockets; two hip pockets, and one watch pocket; buttoned at knee opening; with or without double seat and reinforcement at knees of same material as breeches.

Shall be considered the standard garment for all ordinary usage when on duty before the public and shall be worn at all times except as mentioned in paragraph (e).

(e) TROUSERS — Of the same material as coat; straight leg with one inch cuff; two side, two hip pockets and one watch pocket, may be worn in lieu of breeches —

1. In the Eastern National Parks and at the Colonial and George Washington Birthplace National Monuments.
2. By policemen at Hot Springs National Park.
3. By members of the clerical forces in any of

the National Parks and National Monuments.

4. By Superintendents, Custodians, Rangers or other field personnel when in attendance at public, semipublic or private occasions when such attendance is not actually in an official capacity, except that when giving addresses before the public, whether day or evening, the breeches should be worn in preference to trousers.

(f) LEATHER LEGGINGS AND SHOES TO MATCH - or Army Officer's field boots, dark brown, or cordovan, in color — latter color preferred, should be worn with breeches. Shoes, either brown or black, may be worn with trousers.

(g) SHIRT — Gray flannel of light, medium or heavy weight, with collar attached; or gray or white cotton with collar attached; or white cotton with detachable white collar.

(h) TIE — Dark green, four-in-hand.

(i) OVERCOAT — Of forestry cloth, four-button mackinaw type, double breasted; English convertible collar; two wide patch pockets; sewed-on half belt in back.

(j) RAINCOAT — Of a durable, lightweight waterproof material, double-breasted, full belted model, with set-in sleeves; color, deep sea green.

A raincoat of this type or its equivalent should be included as part of the standard uniform outfit and superintendents and other field officers are hereby instructed to urge upon all Park Service personnel in their several areas the desirability of using a standard type and color of raincoat throughout the Service generally.

2. BADGES, COLLAR ORNAMENTS, SLEEVE INSIGNIA AND BUTTONS:

(I) Badges are prescribed for the use of Superintendents, Custodians, Rangers and Fire Guards. They shall be of designs as follows:

(a) Superintendents and Custodians — Round badge, nickel plated.

(b) Chief Rangers and Assistant Chief Rangers — Shield badge, gold plated.

(c) Park Rangers, Ranger Naturalists, and Park Rangers (Temporary), Shield badge, nickel plated. Such badges to have identification numbers.

(d) Fire Guards — Shield badge, bronze metal, numbered serially. Superintendents may wear the badge concealed. Rangers shall wear the badge fastened to the plait of the left breast pocket, immediately below the button. Fire Guards shall wear the badge conveniently displayed on coat or shirt in same position as that for rangers.

All badges shall remain the property of the Government.

Upon entrance on duty, each Superintendent, Custodian, Ranger and Fire Guard will be furnished with a badge, for which a deposit of \$5 will be required of the Temporary Rangers and Fire Guards. This sum will be returned upon surrender of the badge for which it was deposited. If the badge should be lost a new deposit of \$5 will be required before a new badge may be issued.

(II) Collar Ornaments of gold for all officials and employees shall be the standard National Park Service device. They shall be worn in pairs, one device on either side of collar of coat, shirt, or overcoat.

(III) Sleeve Insignia indicating the various grades is prescribed for wear by the rangers only. The Sequoia cone and foliage have been adopted as the basic sleeve insignia and the differentiation in rank is indicated by the number of cones, as follows:

Chief Rangers — Three cones with foliage
Assistant Chief Rangers — Two cones with foliage
Rangers (Permanent) — One cone with foliage
Rangers (Temporary) — Foliage only
Ranger-Naturalists — Bear with foliage

The sleeve insignia for ranger shall be embroidered on forestry green cloth, which shall be worn on the right sleeve midway between the shoulder and elbow of coat and overcoat.

(V) Buttons of bronze, of a design approved by the Director of the National Park Service shall be worn on the coat and overcoat as prescribed.

(VI) Collar Ornaments, Sleeve Insignia, Service Stripes, Stars, and Buttons will be furnished for uniforms, free of charge, by the National Park Service. Collar Ornaments are to remain the property of the Government and must be surrendered upon leaving the Service.

3. The uniform when worn shall be complete in all details. The use of non-uniform articles of clothing with parts of the uniform is prohibited.

Superintendents and Custodians may, however, authorize the wearing of the gray flannel shirt with collar ornaments and breeches as required, instead of the coat, for patrol and other rough field duty. They may also authorize the use of the gray or white shirt without coat, during periods of unusually warm weather, when the wearing of the coat would result in discomfort. It should be remembered that the use of the complete

uniform is desirable at all times, and that the temporary discontinuance of the coat should not be prolonged longer than necessary.

4. The object of these regulations is to provide a neat and serviceable uniform that shall distinguish its wearer as a member of the National Park Service. Good quality material and a proper fit are essential to this end and Superintendents and other supervisory officials will see that the provisions of these regulations are carried out.

5. Executives of the Washington office may wear uniforms when on duty in the National Parks or National Monuments at their option.

6. The foregoing regulations cancel and supersede all regulations previously issued on the same subject.

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THESE REVISED
REGULATIONS.

HORACE M. ALBRIGHT
Director.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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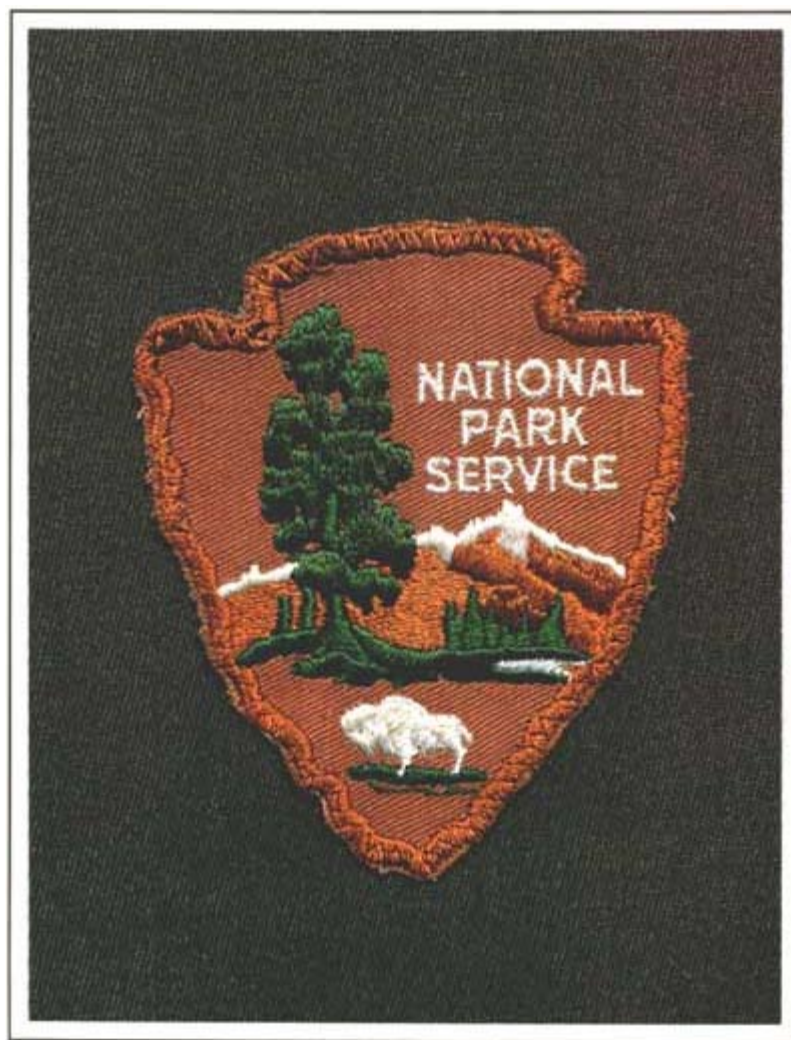
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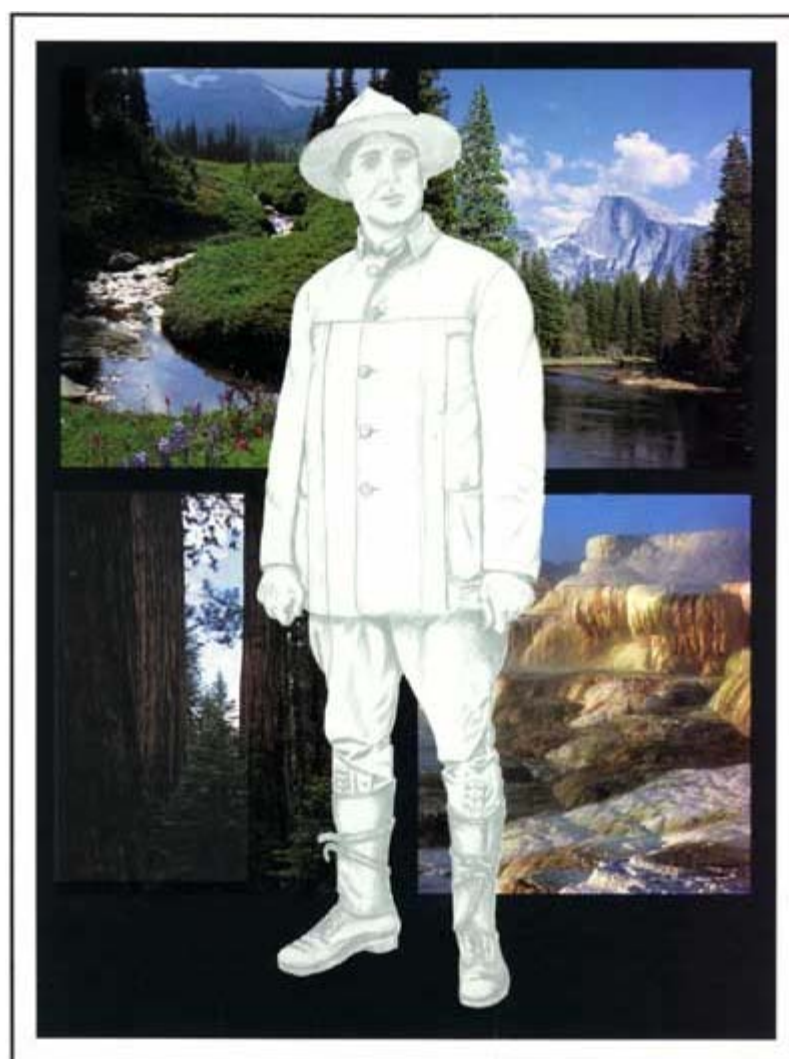
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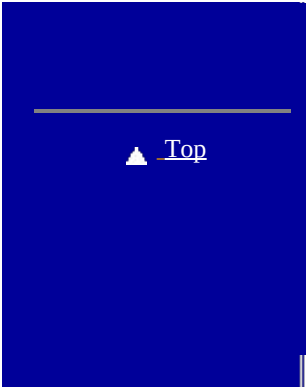
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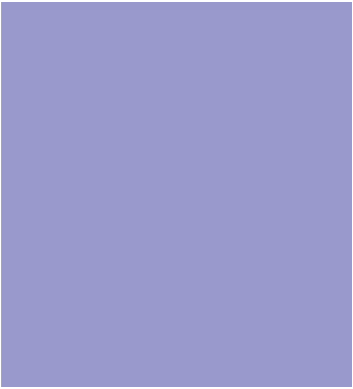


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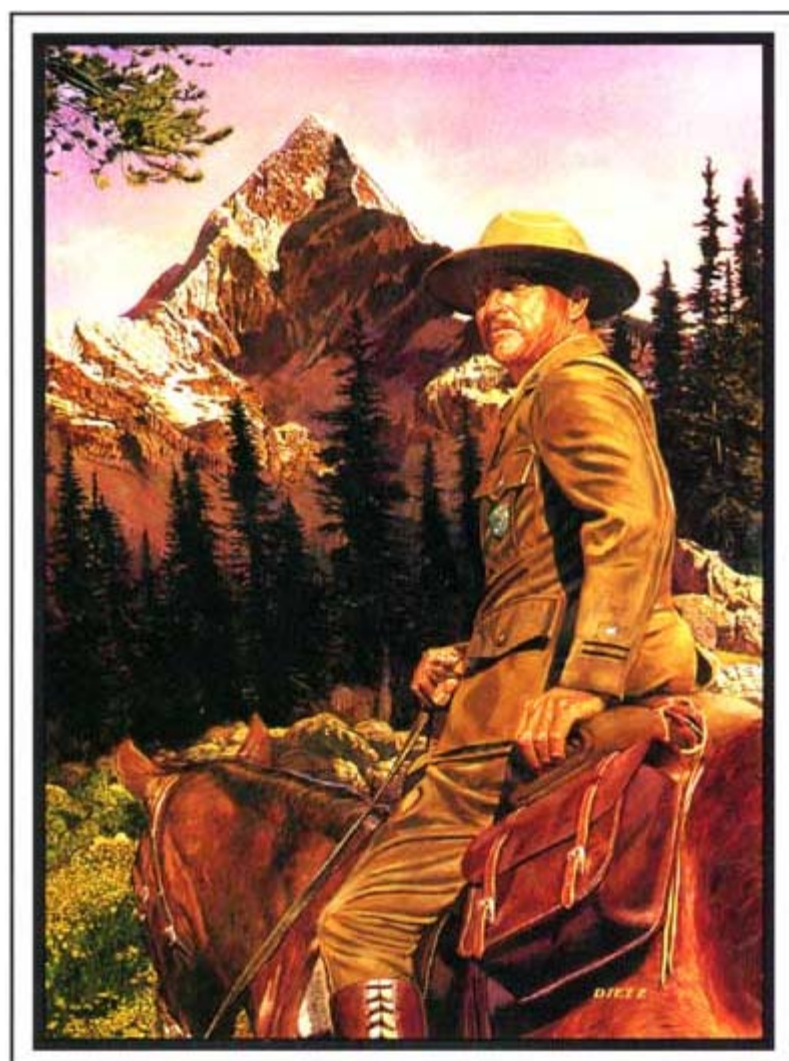
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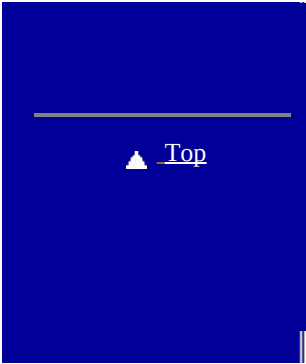
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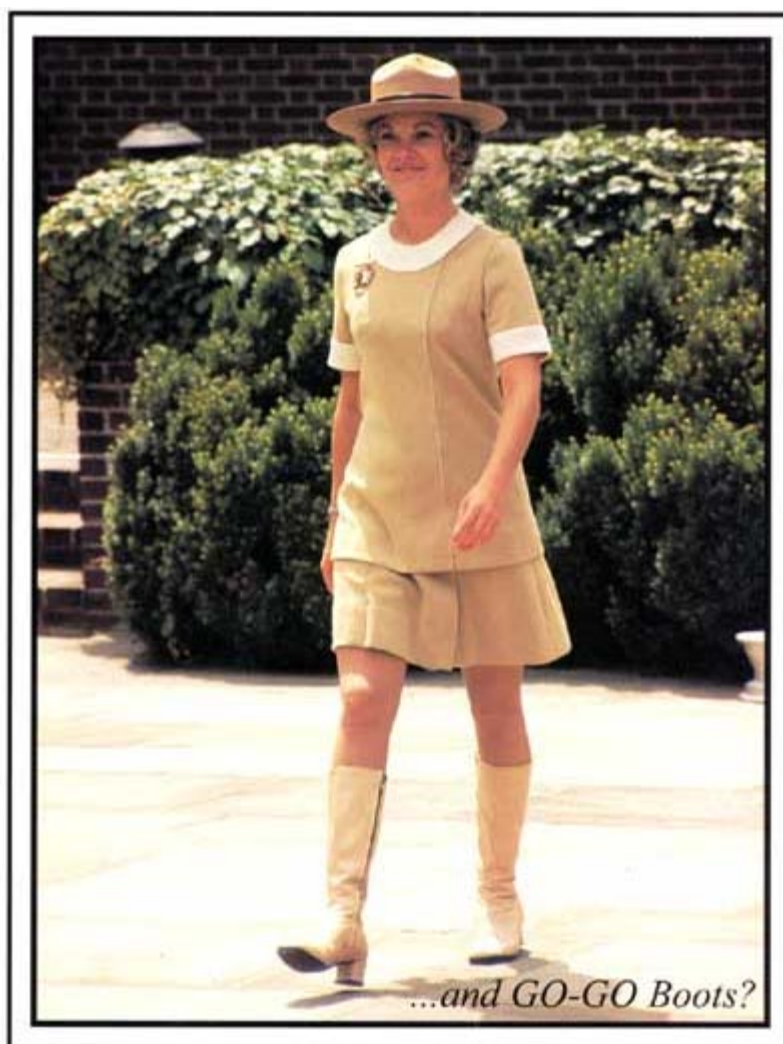
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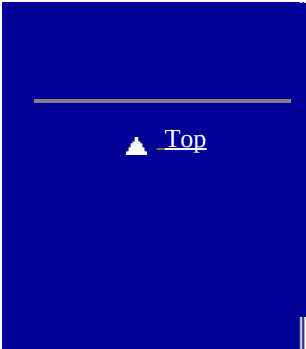
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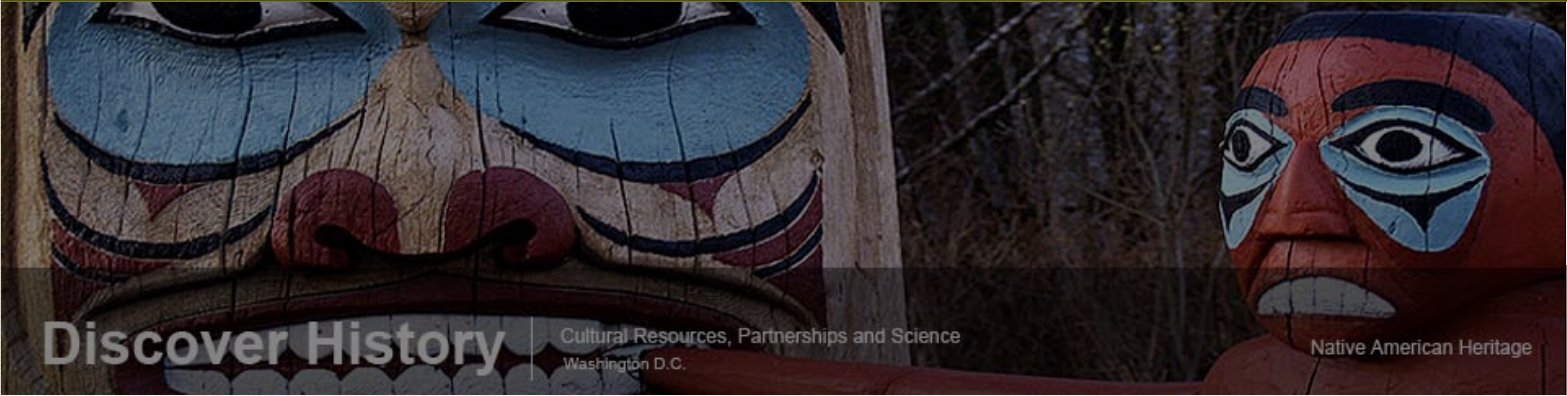
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