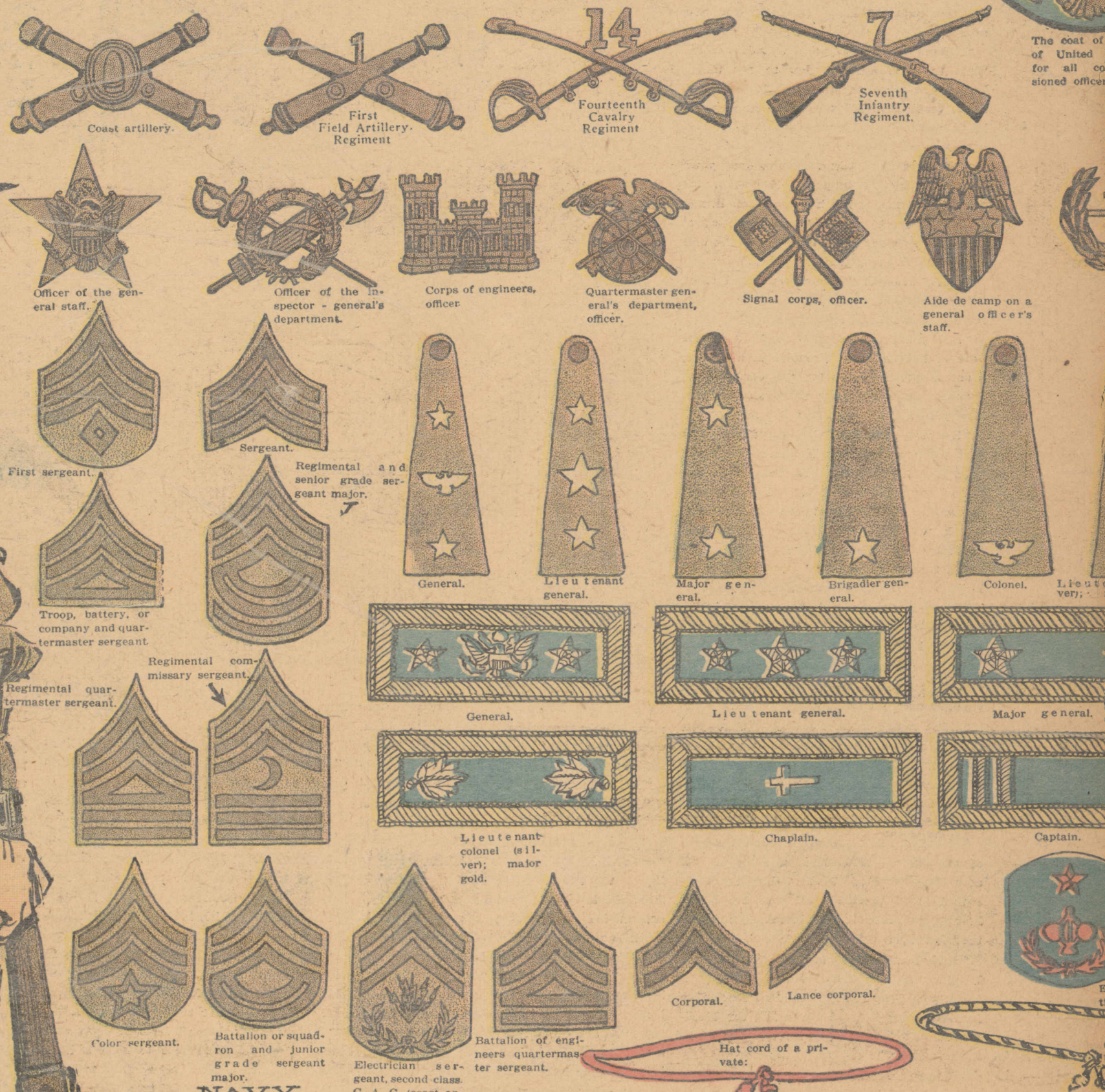
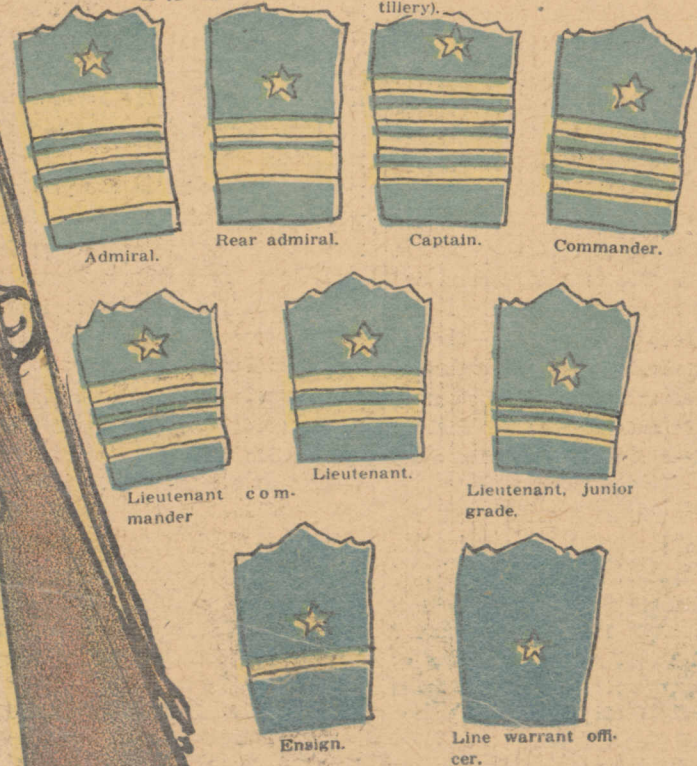


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Collar Devices.

Numbers on the collar devices indicate the number of the regiment to which the wearer is attached. Members of the militia are distinguished from members of the regular army in that the former wear bronze initials of their state as collar devices in addition to the devices shown above, which are indicative of the branch of the service they are in, while the regulars wear the initials "U. S." For instance, crossed swords with the number "1" and the initials "Ill." mean that the wearer is a member of the First Illinois cavalry. Members of volunteer regiments wear the initials U. S. V. The number "14" on the cavalry device above may be the Fourteenth cavalry, U. S. A., or of a state militia. The separate initials would indicate which.

Shoulder Straps.

Except for the braided strap of dress uniforms, the same insignia for each officer is to be found whether the officer is wearing service or dress uniform. All the designs are in silver except that of major, which is in gold, distinguishing it from the insignia of a lieutenant colonel, which is in silver.

In service uniforms the second lieutenant is distinguished by the fact that he wears a bronze coat of arms of the United States on his service cap and on his belt, and a gold and black braided hat cord.

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Sleeve and Collar Devices.

Sleeve and collar devices of noncommissioned officers and of privates are in cloth. The addition of servants to the chevrons, denoting lance corporal, sergeant, and sergeant major, gives the grade and branch of the service. For instance, a sergeant of the signal corps has three chevrons of a sergeant and immediately beneath them will be the design of crossed flags, denoting the signal corps.

Hat Cords.

The color of the hat cord indicates the branch of the wearer is in. Yellow for cavalry. Light blue for infantry. Red for artillery. Maroon for medical. Black for all staff departments. Red piped with white for engineers' corps. Black piped with red for signal corps. Buff for quartermaster corps. White with white edge for signal corps. Commissioned officers wear gold and black braid when wearing service hats. The coat of arms of the United States is worn by all commissioned officers on hats, caps, and belts.

The Navy.

Other branches than executive have distinctive designs. Other branches than executive have distinctive designs. These colors are: Medical—dark maroon. White. Constructors—purple. Civil engineers—blue. Professors of mathematics—olive green.