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SA und SS

(Storm Troops and Hitlerian Bodyguard)

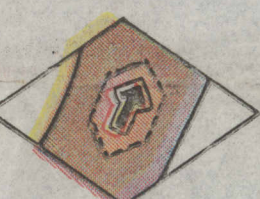
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(Organization Ranks Insignia)

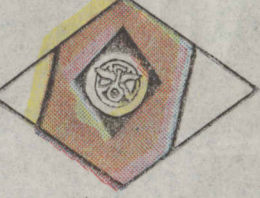
Oberster Führer der SA und SS: Adolf Hitler
(Highest Commander of the SA and SS: Adolf Hitler)



SA	Rank and Official Form of Address	Commands	Number of Next Lower Formations	Distinction	Special Distinguishing Features of the SA	Shoulder Straps on Right Shoulder	SS	SS
	Chief of staff (form of address: My Chief) Ernst Rohm	The entire SA and SS	—	—	Cap covering scarlet, gold on cord around collar, insignia, piping, and cap facing. Braid around cap facing 2 cm. wide.	Gold and silver plaited—in the middle, six-cornered star	The reich's leader of the SS is subordinated to the chief of staff	
	Chief leader of a corps	A corps	2 to 4 divisions	—	Cap covering of scarlet, silver cord, otherwise as above, leader's buckle.	Gold and silver plaited on cloth in color of the insignia. Shoulder strap is 25 mm. wide	Cap as above	
	Leader of a division	A division	2 to 4 brigades	—	Silver cord around collar, insignia, piping and cap facing. Otherwise as above. Braid of cap facing 2 cm. wide.	Older cap with silver piping; new cap with chin strap of silver cord. Piping of collar and insignia of silver. Otherwise as in SA	Cap as above	
	Leader of a brigade	A brigade or a battalion	3 and more regiments	The brigade wears a number determined by the highest staff of the SA	Cap covering in colors of division. Braid of cap facing for leaders of a regiment is 1 cm., for leaders of a brigade 1 1/2 cm. wide. Not a sign of rank, but shows only that wearer leads a regiment or brigade (by leaders of a division, a division).	Gold or silver plaited, 25 mm. wide, on cloth of color of the insignia	Cap as above	
	Chief leader (of a standard regiment)	—	—	It wears ordinarily number or insignia of army corps of old army	—	—	Cap as above	
	Leader of a standard (regiment)	—	3 and more district storms	—	—	—	Cap as above	
	Chief leader of a district storm (battalion)	A district storm	3 or more companies	The district storm is numbered consecutively with Roman numerals—1/4 is district storm I of regiment 4	Top of cap in colors of division. Gold or silver cord around collar and insignia. Piping braided with gold or silver cord. Right side insignia carries number of district storm and regiment	4 gold or silver cords together, 20 mm. wide, on cloth in color of the insignia	Cap as above	
	Leader of a district storm	—	—	—	—	—	Cap as above	
	Commanding chief of a storm (company)	A company	3 and more trains	The company is numbered consecutively with Arabic numerals—11/4 is company 11 of regiment 4	Top of cap in colors of division; two-color cord around collar; insignia and piping in colors of division. Right side insignia carries company and regiment number.	4 gold or silver cords together, 20 mm. wide, on cloth in color of the insignia	Storm of the SS. Storm number of silver. The different-colored trimmings designate the district storm	
	Chief leader of a storm	—	—	—	—	—	Motor storm (wears black trousers)	
	Leader of a storm	—	—	—	—	—	Motor storm (wears black trousers)	
	Chief leader of a train (platoon)	A train	2 to 4 squads	—	—	Chin strap of leather. Piping of collar in black silver. Arm bands trimmed in black. On the right side, insignia only, the numbers of the regiment; number of company and district storm on arm band	Railroad storm	
	Leader of a train	—	—	—	—	—	Railroad storm	
	Chief leader of a squad	A squad	—	—	Top of cap in colors of the division; two-color cord around collar in the color of the division.	4 two-colored cords together, 20 mm. wide, on cloth in color of the insignia	Marine storm (wears blue trousers)	
	Leader of a squad	—	—	—	—	—	Marine storm (wears blue trousers)	
	Leader of a file	—	—	—	—	—	Marine storm (wears blue trousers)	
	Lance corporal	—	—	—	—	—	Marine storm (wears blue trousers)	
	SA and SS man	—	—	—	—	—	Marine storm (wears blue trousers)	



Reich's school for leaders



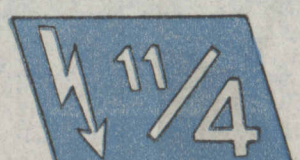
Motor storm



Reserve storm

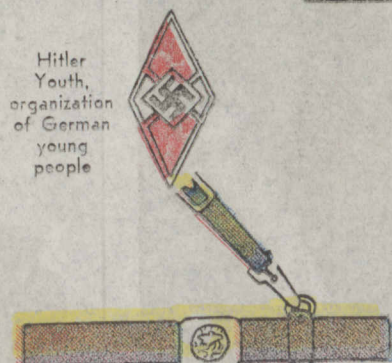


Band leader

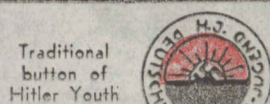


Telegraph storm (messengers, etc.)

UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA OF NAZIS. ON THE LEFT HALF OF THE PAGE, THE SA (STORM TROOPS); ON THE RIGHT HALF, THE SS (STAFF OF THE HITLERIAN BODYGUARD)

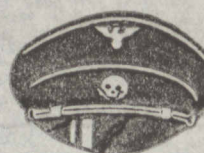


Storm trooper's buckle of the SA



Leader's buckle of the SA

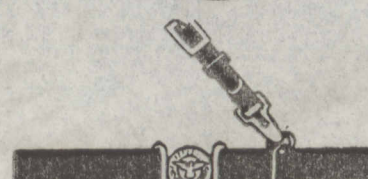
Party insignia



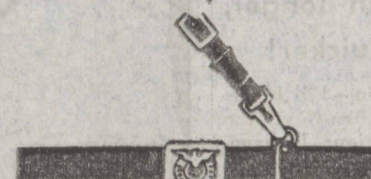
Older insignia of the young people's organization



Women's organization



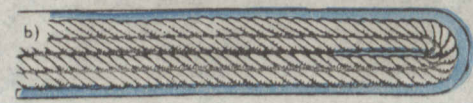
Leader's buckle of the SS



Ordinary member's buckle of the SS



a) Shoulder strap for SA men to chief leader of a train



b) Shoulder strap for leader of a storm to chief leader of a district storm (gold or silver)



c) Shoulder strap for regimental leader and chief leader



d) Shoulder strap for leader of a brigade to chief of staff

1. New cap for SS men (compare figure upper right) is worn with smaller service uniform. Leaders, beginning with leader of a storm, wear in addition silver cords. 2. Insignia for SA and SS leaders and men. Above the title: Rank insignia and civil insignia of the SA and SS. The reproduced insignia are those of the Highland and Bavarian east district divisions, with the exception of the railroad and marine storm. The SS insignia carry the numbers of a Württemberg regiment. . . . In the SA organizations the colors of the insignia, pipings, and shoulder straps are different, according to the division. The examples on this page are taken from the Highland and Bavarian east district divisions.

THE LEGENDS PRESENTED HERE ARE TRANSLATED FROM THE ORIGINAL OF A NAZI POSTER

Putting masculine Germany into uniforms of types portrayed above is only one aspect of complete regimentation of the German people—a regimentation which includes re-shaping of thought in the Nazi mold, suppression of rights, and control and censorship over newspapers. Under the Nazi system, to a greater degree, it is reported, even than under the kaisers, have German newspapers been shorn of freedom of expression. A pictorial review of the subject of the freedom of the press on pages 4 and 5 of this section.