

Heer Officer Breast Eagles

Description

The breast eagle (or 'national emblem') was introduced in early 1934. Although the machine woven pattern with silver or aluminum thread was authorized, in most cases officers wore hand embroidered eagles. Enlisted personnel also frequently upgraded to the 'private purchase' type for their dress tunics. While made by hand, the eagles had a thin cardboard template base used as a pattern, so they tend to be consistent in size and shape. Most were made on dark green badge cloth, but field-grey was also used. Hand embroidered eagles on a white backing for the white tunic were produced, but in most cases the metal eagle was used. General officers, of course, wore gold eagles.



Standard pattern eagle with colored thread hi-lights.



Eagle with aluminum instead of colored thread hi-lights.



Variant on field-grey backing.



Metal pin-on eagle worn on the white tunic.



General officer.



General officer with green thread hi-lights on the wreath.

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