The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in templates for locating the correct position on a shirt collar or jacket lapel of military or civilian uniforms at which an insignia should be attached in accordance with prescribed regulations.

An important object of the invention is to provide a single insignia locating template adapted for use with either a shirt collar as well as for jackets of different design to uniformly locate the correct position for attaching the insignia.

More specifically, the invention comprises a ring in the opening of which the insignia is centered and providing channel shaped clips of predetermined lengths projecting radially at the periphery of the ring to individually receive an edge of a shirt collar or jacket lapel and with a side edge portion of the clip held closely at the crotch portion of the collar or lapel to locate the insignia at a correct position on the garment.

Another object is to provide a device of this character of simple and practical construction, which is efficient and reliable in use, relatively inexpensive to manufacture and otherwise well adapted for the purpose for which the same is intended.

These together with other objects and advantages which will become subsequently apparent reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view;
Figure 2 is a front elevational view for use with a shirt collar;
Figure 3 is an enlarged sectional view taken on a line 3–3 of Figure 2;
Figure 4 is a front elevational view showing the template placed on a shirt collar;
Figure 5 is an elevational view showing the reverse side of the template for use with one style of jacket lapel, and,
Figure 6 is a similar view showing the template used with a jacket lapel of different design.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, wherein for the purpose of illustration I have disclosed a preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 5 designates the insignia locating template generally and which is constructed of sheet metal, plastic or other flat rigid material and shaped to provide a ring 6 having a plurality of arms 7, 8 and 9 projecting radially from the periphery of the ring at substantially equally circumferentially spaced relation to each other.

Arm 7 is substantially wider as well as longer than the remaining arms and is bent upon itself to form a channel-shaped clip 10 which faces inwardly toward the ring and at one side thereof. The side edges of the folded arm and clip diverge toward the outer end of the clip. Arm 8 is of a width slightly greater than arm 9 and slightly longer. Arms 8 and 9 are also bent upon themselves to form channel-shaped clips 11 and 12 which also face inwardly toward the ring, but at an opposite side of the ring from clip 10.

The ring 6 is of a diameter substantially equal to that of an insignia (not shown) of a type usually attached to a garment, and in order to properly locate the insignia in a prescribed position on a shirt collar 13 the clip 10 is engaged with the front edge 14 of the collar and with the upper side edge 15 of the arm 7 at the extreme converging top or crotch portion of the opposing edge portions of the pair of points 17 and 18 of the collar, and the insignia is then placed in the ring 6.

With the device placed on the collar in this position, the outer surface of ring 6 is marked with the letters "R" and "L" to designate the right and left sides or points 17 and 18 of the collar and the letters are positioned at predetermined spaced circumferential intervals and with the letters "R" diametrically opposite each other on the ring and the letters "L" likewise diametrically opposite. When the device is placed on the left side or point 17 of the collar, as shown in Fig. 4, the letters "L" will occupy a position in horizontal alignment with the center of the ring and therefore in alignment with the center and side edges of the insignia which is placed therein and by turning the insignia in the ring the same may thus be placed on and secured in a correct non-tilted position on the shirt. The clip 10 is constructed of a proper length and width to correctly space the ring and insignia with respect to the top, bottom and front edge of the collar.

When placing the device and insignia on the right collar point the letters "R" will align with the center of the ring and insignia to properly position the insignia on the left side of the collar. In order to correctly position the insignia on the lapel 20 of a blouse type jacket as shown in Fig. 5, the ring is reversed to engage the clip 12 with the upper edge 21 of the V-shaped notch 22 and the exposed surface of the ring when in this position is also marked with the letters "R" and "L" for alignment with the center and side edges of the insignia as heretofore explained.

The clip 11 is similarly used with the lapel 25 of a different style shown in Fig. 6, such as a military jacket commonly known as an "Ike" jacket, and the ring is also marked with the letters "I" in horizontal alignment with the center of the ring for accurately locating the insignia on the lapel.

The exposed surface of clip 10 is marked with the letter "S" to indicate said clip is to be used with a shirt, while the exposed surfaces of the clips 11 and 12 are marked with the letters "B" for blouse type jacket and "I" for an "Ike" type jacket, respectively.

From the foregoing, the construction and operation of the device will be readily understood and further explanation is believed to be unnecessary. However, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction shown and described, and accordingly all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. An insignia locating template comprising a ring adapted for placing an insignia therein, and a plurality of channel-shaped clips projecting radially from the periphery of the ring in circumferentially spaced relation thereon and adapted for selectively engaging garments...
of different styles to accurately position the insignia at a
prescribed location thereon, said template being adapted
for placing at either the right or left side of a garment,
and means on the ring aligning horizontally with the cen-
ter of the insignia when the template is directly placed
at either the right or left side of a garment.
2. The construction of claim 1 wherein at least one
of the clips is positioned at a reverse side of the ring to
the remaining clips.

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