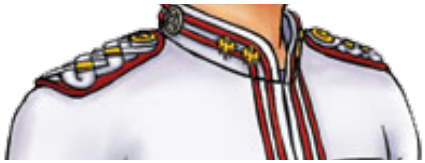


## IAN Officer Shoulder Boards



Canon - SITS 2

Prototype



← There are three types of shoulder boards available through BuSup. The grey Russian braid (far left) is used by junior officers (O1-O4). The silver Mylar braid (middle) is used by senior and one flag officer ranks (O5-F1). The gold Mylar braid (far right) is used by the balance of the flag ranks (F2-F6), though the F6 (Großadmiral der Flotte) has an alteration to the board.



← The SITS 2 manual also has diagrams of the various pins and pips that get inserted through the braid and the board. BuSup is just making these now and we hope to have them available soon.

The reason it is important to understand this now is that these pins and → pips have a split post that will go through the braid and board and then get bent on the reverse side.

**NOTE:** The picture shown to the right is **NOT** an IAN board. It is a military replica that is being used as an illustration of how the pins and pips will ultimately work with the IAN boards.



There are two main ways in which to mount the boards on your uniform jacket. Both are correct and we will leave it with you on which method you prefer. Both methods are detailed below.

### **Method I – The Westrovia Approach – Loops**

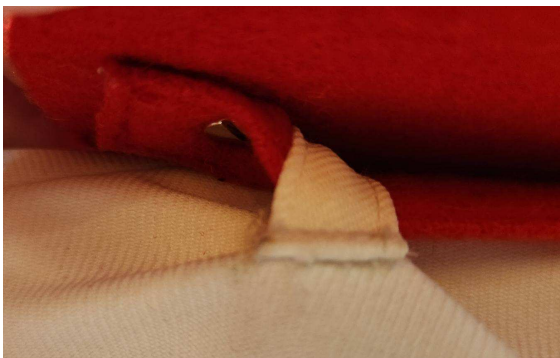


← In this method, two loops are sewn along the top seam of each shoulder of the coat. Here the seam is just behind the crest of the individual's shoulder, so the loops have been sewn in front of the seam. If the seam of your coat runs along the crest of your shoulder, you may want to have your loops cross over the seam.



← The shoulder boards come with a loop of their own on the back.

You will have to spend some time figuring out the best place → to sew on your white loops so that each board lies along the crest of the shoulder (front to back) and centered between the collar and the sleeve seam (left to right). You also want your loops to be both small enough and far enough apart so that the board will fit snugly and not slide around once secured.



← The circular button (or gilt pin) at the top of each board then goes through the board and red loop and holds the board in place.

## Method II – The Zoellerian Approach – Velcro



← In this method, the red loop on the back of each board is cut off and two strips of Velcro are placed on the back of each board.

← You will note that two thinner strips of Velcro have been used and a space left between them.

This is to allow for the split posts of the pips → to be able to come through and be bent back without having to worry about interfering with the Velcro.

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← In this method, two strips of Velcro corresponding to the Velcro on the boards are sewn along the top seam of each shoulder of the coat. Here the seam is just behind the crest of the individual's shoulder, so one of the Velcro strips has been sewn well in front of the seam. If the seam of your coat runs along the crest of your shoulder, you may want to have the Velcro spaced evenly across the seam.

**NOTES:** It is recommended that you use fabric Velcro that has adhesive on the back. You can peel and place the Velcro until you are happy with the placement. Then you can stitch the Velcro onto the coat as shown above. Sew the fully fabric part of the Velcro onto the coat and glue the 'scratchy' hook side of the Velcro onto the boards.