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CFAO 26-4 -- IDENTITY DISCS

GENERAL

1. The use of identity discs to identify military casualties is an established international custom. The purpose of identity discs and the requirements for wearing them are outlined in the Geneva Convention and STANAG 2939.

ISSUING AUTHORITY

2. The issuing of identity discs to members of the Canadian Forces (CF) is the responsibility of NDHQ/NDIS (National Defence Identification Services).

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3. Identity discs and chains will be issued:
- a. on initial issue of a CAFIB 20 to members of the CF, Primary Reserve, Supplementary Ready Reserve and Cadet Instructors List;
 - b. when issued a CAFIB 20 on re-enrolment in the CF or Reserve Forces if the member does not possess a current disc;
 - c. on legal change of name;
 - d. as required by personnel attached to the CF, exchange personnel, and trainees from foreign countries; and
 - e. for replacement in case of loss or damage.
4. Units shall request identity discs directly from NDHQ/NDIS, and shall provide the Service number, initials and surname, religion (see Annex A, paragraph 3), blood group, and RH factor for each member, ie E45 160 247 AR Smith NRE A/RH/POS. For personnel on loan or attached to the CF, exchange personnel and trainees from foreign countries, units shall provide the Service number of the individual and the country the individual represents.
5. The identity disc will be enclosed in form DND 366, Identification Disc Receipt Envelope, and forwarded by NDHQ/NDIS to the unit concerned. Receipt of the disc shall be acknowledged by the member on form DND 366, which shall be placed on the document file of the member. Detailed instructions for processing an individual for an identity disc are contained in A-SJ-102-001/AG-000, Identification Handbook.
6. A new identity disc shall be requested when there is any change in the information shown on the disc or if the original disc is lost or damaged.

WEARING

7. Identity discs shall be retained by members at all times and worn around the neck and next to the skin:
- a. by members serving on active duty, at sea, or beyond the North American continent, or engaged in flying duties, or on a military exercise involving travel by Service aircraft; and

- b. by other members when directed by the commander of a command.

DISPOSITION OF IDENTITY DISCS OF CASUALTIES

8. The identity disc is scored by a horizontal groove so that the lower portion may be detached. If the wearer becomes a fatal casualty, the lower portion of the disc shall be detached and returned to NDHQ with the member's personal documents. The chain and upper section of the disc shall not be removed from the body.

DISPOSITION OF IDENTITY DISC ON RELEASE

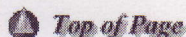
9. The identity disc of a member being released may be retained by the member or returned to the releasing unit and destroyed.

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ANNEX A -- INFORMATION TO BE SHOWN ON IDENTITY DISC UPPER HALF OF DISC

- 1. The upper half of the identity disc will be stamped with:
 - a. Service number;
 - b. initials and surname;
 - c. religion (see paragraphs 3 and 4);
 - d. blood group and RH factor;
 - e. CDN FORCES CDN or the name of the country the individual represents (see paragraph 4 of this order); and
 - f. DO NOT REMOVE/NE PAS ENLEVER on the reverse side.

LOWER HALF OF DISC

2. The lower half of the disc will be stamped as for the upper half except that the blood group and RH factor and DO NOT REMOVE/NE PAS ENLEVER will be omitted.

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RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

3. The religious denomination of the member will be abbreviated as follows:

Anglican	ACC
Atheist, Agnostic, or no religion ..	NRE
Baptist	BAPT
Christian Science	CS
Greek Catholic	GC
Greek Orthodox	GO
Jewish	JEW
Latter-Day Saints	LDS
Lutheran	LUTH

Muslim	MUS
New Apostolic Church	NAC
Other Protestant Denomination	OPD
Pentecostal	PENT
Presbyterian	PRES
Roman Catholic	RC
Salvation Army	SA
Unitarian Universalist	UNI
United Church	UCC

4. A member claiming a religious affiliation other than those shown above will be classified Other Denomination (OD).

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