

**THE J.L. CHAPPLE
INDIAN ARMY COLLECTION**

CATALOGUE

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The J.L. Chapple collection of Indian Army badges, buttons and insignia was given to the National Army Museum between 2011 and 2013. This catalogue records each piece of the collection, arranged by regiment, and gives a brief description of the device, the type of crown used (where relevant), and the metallic or other composition of the device.

The catalogue is divided into sections covering:

- The Honourable East India Company
- Presidency Units disbanded during the eighteenth century
- Indian Army units disbanded before the 1922 reorganisation
- Post-1922 Cavalry, including successor units in the Indian and Pakistan Armies
- Post-1922 Infantry, including successor units in the Indian and Pakistan Armies
- Post-1922 Arms and Services (including Staff)
- Post-1947 Indian Army
- Post-1947 Pakistan Army
- Auxiliary Force (India)
- Imperial Service Troops/Indian State Forces

Gurkha insignia, including Assam and Burma Military Police units, are held in the Gurkha Museum, Winchester.

In compiling the catalogue, however, it was recognised that there were other items not held in the collection. These included buttons from the Bengal, Bombay and Madras Presidencies identified in the Gaunt pattern books, items known to be held, or which had previously been held in other private collections, details of pieces already held by the National Army Museum (NAM) prior to the donation of the J.L. Chapple collection, and items appearing in sales/auction catalogues.

Since the J.L. Chapple collection was handed to the NAM a continuing effort has been made to add as many of these additional items as possible, as well as including uniform items such as tunics and swagger sticks which were never a part of the J.L. Chapple collection. Medals have not been included.

The new categories in this on-line version are identified in **red font** as **PC** (personal collection), **NAM** (National Army Museum) followed by accession number, or **name of dealer** and date of sale in regard to auction houses/sales businesses.

This updating will be a continuing process, and the purpose of placing the catalogue here is to invite anyone to offer further additions that they either own, have seen in other collections or in auction/sales catalogues. Please contact us – details on the CONTACT page.

Abbreviations used in the catalogue are:

DEVICE DESCRIPTION

SBP	Shoulder Belt Plate	PBP	Pouch Belt Plate	PB	Pouch Badge
WBC	Waist Belt Clasp	m/f	Male/Female parts of WBC	SP	Shako Plate
SPC	Shako Plate Centre	HP	Helmet Plate	HB	Helmet badge
HPC	Helmet Plate Centre	coll	collar badge	cap	cap badge
pag	pagri badge	but	button	s/t	shoulder title
arm	arm badge				

MILITARY TERMS

regtl	regimental	fd offr	field officer	Offr	Officers
WO	Warrant Officer	OR	Other ranks	OSD	Officers' Service Dress

CROWN OR CREST

QVC Queen Victoria's Crown **GC** Guelphic Crown **IC** Imperial Crown
KC King's Crown (Edward VII, George V, George VI) **PoW** Prince of Wales
PWP Prince of Wales's badge of three plumes, coronet and motto Ich Dien

METAL/COMPOSITION OF DEVICE

aa	anodised aluminium	b	brass	bb	blackened brass
bm	blackened metal	bze	bronze	bi-m	bi-metal
bh	black horn	emb	embroidered	en	enamel
g	gilt	gm	gilding metal	s	silver
sp	silver plate	s & g	silver and gilt	wm	white metal