

## USA SECURITY AND PROTECTION BADGES

### A. FORD PROTECTION AND SECURITY BADGE SECTION SCOPE

This section is designed to provide a listing and images of the various types of Ford Motor Company protection and security badges and the variations within each type. If possible, examples of each type and variety are shown. It does not provide a list and images of all possible locations where protection and security badges were used. The number of Ford facilities that have existed over the history of the company makes that nearly impossible. An idea of the number is illustrated by Ken Coates comprehensive list of facilities that may have used metal badges and/or identification cards which can be found in the Location Guide section on page 171.

### B. FORD PLANT PROTECTION AND SECURITY UNIFORMS

Prior to World War II, security personnel at Ford plants wore no uniforms. Ford Bryan, who worked at the Rouge from the 1930s to the 1960s and who authored many books about Henry Ford, wrote that everybody knew the security people. They were known by their dress and their attitudes. They were better dressed than the workers and wore hats instead of caps. Further he indicated that they wore their badges under the lapel of their coat and flipped the lapel open when needed. There is no information as to what type of badge it might have been. The appendix has a history of the Ford security and protection service as part of an article on fantasy Ford guard badges.<sup>(21)</sup>

(21) Fantasy Ford Guard Badges Article – Page 240

With the start of World War II, all war production factories required a formal security service with armed guards that were sworn into the US Army Auxiliary Military Police. The Ford WWII plant protection uniforms shown below consisted of medium blue jackets with grey slacks. This uniform, with a different patch continued to be worn by all Ford security guards for many years following the war. A Willow Run security and protection history article can be found in the appendix.<sup>(14)</sup>

(14) Willow Run Security and Plant Protection History Article – Page 229

