

# Letter Carriers' Uniform: Hat Images, 1950s-1990s

## Hat Images, 1950s

**HEADWEAR**  
State Size and Style When Ordering

**Style A**  
Cadet Gray Serge crown with black open cane band. Perfect ventilation. Furnished complete with detachable braid band which fits on over cane band making it suitable for use the year around.



Style "B" same as "A" but with solid band and earflaps

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**Style C**  
For Summer wear, Cadet Gray Serge, bell crown with black cane band. Perfect ventilation, exceptionally light and cool.



**HEADWEAR**  
All Caps Made With Eyelets for Badges

**Style S or T**  
Semi-Military Style, with extreme bell, four inches high in front. Lined throughout.



Style S is Cloth—Style T is Serge

Style "T" may be had with open cane band for summer wear. Style "T" may be had with ear flaps for winter wear.

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**Style D or E**  
Regulation bell shape stiff crown. Suitable for wear throughout the year.



Style D is Cloth—Style E is Serge

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**Style M**  
(Cloth or Serge) State Fabric wanted

Combination Winter Cap, bell crown, black cloth trimmings. Has same appearance as Style D, but made with inside pull-down, lined with velvet, protecting head, ears, temples and forehead. An ideal cap for Winter.



**HELMET**

Built for service in sun and rain. Hard pressed fibre covered with water resistant regulation blue shirting. White under-crown. Green painted water-repellent underbrim. Rolled edge. The floating, suspended sweat band permits ventilation. Adjustable head size and chin strap. Cool, comfortable and durable.




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Advertisement for caps and helmets in Fechheimer's catalogue, 1950. The eight-point cap, at top left, above, was available by 1936. The safari-style helmet first appeared in ads in 1949.


**REGULATION HEADWEAR**



**SUMMER CAP:** All Wool Serge or Gabardine — Ventilated mesh braid band regulation buttons and maroon front cord — celluloid sweat protector — Leather sweat band — Eyelets for badge.

Prices


Style SS "Serge"	\$4.00
Style SG "Gabardine"	\$4.25



**WINTER CAP:** All Wool Serge, Gabardine or Doeskin — solid braid band — Regulation buttons and maroon front cord — Celluloid sweat protector — Leather sweatband — Eyelets for badge.


Prices

Style WS "Serge"	\$4.00
Style WG "Gabardine"	\$4.25
Style WD "Doeskin"	\$4.50



**HELMET:** Hard pressed fibre covered with Simpson PostWool, blue grey fabric. Water repellent underbrim — Rolled edge and floating suspended sweat band for ventilation and comfort. Maroon chin strap — Eyelets for badge.

Price \$3.00



**WINTER CAP (With earflaps):** All Wool Serge or Doeskin — Made exactly as Winter Cap but made with inside pull-down plush lined ear and temple protector.

Prices

Style FS "Serge"	\$4.75
Style FD "Doeskin"	\$5.00

Advertisement for caps and helmets in Fechheimer's catalogue, May 1956. The eight-point cap was the mandatory cap style beginning in 1955.

## Hat Images, 1960s

Letter carriers keep their heads about them. They insist upon quality headwear . . . the finest by Fechheimer. The Fechheimer name is their assurance of better fit, superior materials and expert workmanship. That's why you can rely on Fechheimer for headwear that looks far better, far longer.

**FUR CAP**  
No frostbitten ears with this warm fur cap which has pull down mouton flaps. Adjustable chin strap. Custom made with quilted, insulated satin liner. Sizes: 6½ to 7½.  
No. 574 (serge top) \$6.95  
No. 575 (deluxe—doeskin top) \$8.95

**WINTER CAP**  
Let smartness go to your head with this trim looking cap. Solid braid band. Regulation buttons and maroon front cord. Delusoid sweat protector. Leather sweat band. Eyelets for badge. Sizes: 6½ to 7½.  
No. WS Serge \$4.50  
No. WG Gabardine \$4.75  
No. WD Doeskin \$5.00

**WINTER CAP (with earflaps)**  
Identical to winter cap, but with inside pulldown, plush-lined ear and temple protector. Sizes: 6½ to 7½.  
No. FS Serge \$5.50  
No. FG Gabardine \$5.75  
No. FD Doeskin \$6.00

**PARKA HOOD**  
Best protection against sub-zero temperatures. Luxuriously lined with fine pile. Zipper attachment for coat or jacket. Adjustable to any size.  
No. GP Gabardine \$7.50  
No. SP Serge \$7.50  
No. DP Doeskin \$7.75

**MESH CAP**  
A cool head is a comfortable head. Completely ventilated, this lightweight nylon mesh cap will shield you from scorching sun rays. Water repellent with braid mesh sides and special leather sweat band made in full accordance with May, 1963, regulations that reinstated mesh cap as reimbursable. Sizes: 6½ to 7½.  
No. SM \$4.50

**SUMMER CAP**  
Cool comfort plus smart good looks. Ventilated mesh braid and maroon front cord. Leather sweat band. Eyelets for badge. Sizes: 6½ to 7½.  
No. ST Tropical \$4.50  
No. SS Serge \$4.50  
No. SD Gabardine \$4.75

**SUN HELMET**  
Ole Sol won't penetrate this helmet. Hard pressed fibre covered with cotton twill blue grey fabric. Water repellent underbrim. Rolled edge and floating suspended sweat band for ventilation and comfort. Maroon chin strap. Eyelets for badge. Adjustable to any size.  
No. HH \$3.25

Advertisement for caps, sun helmet, and parka hood in Fechheimer's catalogue, Fall-Winter 1965. The parka hood, fur cap, and mesh cap were introduced in the early 1960s.

## Hat Images, 1970s

Headgear pictured in Fechheimer's catalogue, Fall/Winter 1973. Note face mask, added in 1970.

**PILL BOX CAP**  
Certified and approved cap, oval pill box style. Fully lined. In matching Postal Blue gabardine. Regulation cord edge braid in the top crown seam and hairpin tab extension at each side. A metal eyelet is centered in the front for attachment of the postal badge. Sizes 21-23½ whole and half sizes.  
No. 11605 \$14.50

Advertisement for pillbox cap in Fechheimer's catalogue, Fall/Winter 1973. The pillbox cap for female carriers was introduced in 1969.

## Hat Images, 1980s



Headgear pictured in Fechheimer's catalogue, Fall/Winter 1984-85. The baseball-style cap was first available in 1982. Helmet color changed from blue to white in 1984.



WAVE cap pictured in Fechheimer's catalogue, Fall/Winter 1984. The WAVE cap for female carriers was first available in 1979.



Knit cap pictured in Fechheimer's catalogue, Fall/Winter 1986-87. The knit cap with emblem was introduced in 1986.

## Hat Images, 1990s



Sun visor pictured in Fechheimer's catalogue, Spring/Summer 1994. The sun visor was introduced in 1991 and was one of the first items to feature the new logo.



Face mask and knit cap pictured in Fechheimer's catalogue, Spring/Summer 1994.

**A. SUN HELMET**  
 • Traditional style • White  
 • Adjustable headband  
 11608 \$12.95

**B. MESH SUN HELMET**  
 • Traditional style • White  
 • Adjustable headband  
 • One size fits all  
 11609 \$19.95

**C.-E. CARRIER CAPS**  
 • Traditional style • Round shape  
 • Postal Navy Blue with Navy Blue braid  
 • Sizes: 7 1/4-7 7/8

**C. Carrier Cap**  
 11608 \$39.95

**D. Cap with lightweight mesh top**  
 11662 \$39.95

**E. Cap with lightweight solid top**  
 11661 \$39.95

**Carrier Cap with Ear Flaps (over sleeve)**  
 11660 \$46.95

**F. FUR CAP**  
 • Postal emblem on front • Ear flaps  
 • Postal Blue/heavy fur  
 • Sizes: S-XXL  
 11601 \$19.95

**G. KNIT CAP WITH FACE MASK**  
 • USPS logo • Postal Navy Blue • One size fits all  
 11623 \$11.95

**H.-I. BASEBALL STYLE CAPS**  
 • Postal emblem on front • Top vent holes  
 • Adjustable headband • Postal Blue • Sizes: S, M, L

**H. 11660 Mesh back summer cap \$8.95**

**I. 11661 Solid back winter cap \$8.95**

**F. SUN VISOR**  
 • Postal emblem on front  
 • Braid top stitching  
 • Adjustable headband • Postal Blue  
 11663 \$8.95

**J. SUN VISOR**  
 • Postal emblem on front  
 • Braid top stitching  
 • Adjustable headband • Postal Blue  
 11663 \$8.95

**K. KNIT FACE MASK**  
 • Postal Navy Blue  
 • One size fits all  
 11623 \$6.50

Advertisement for headgear in Fechheimer catalogue, Spring/Summer 1998. The "sonic eagle" logo began replacing the previous style patch on carrier headwear in 1995.