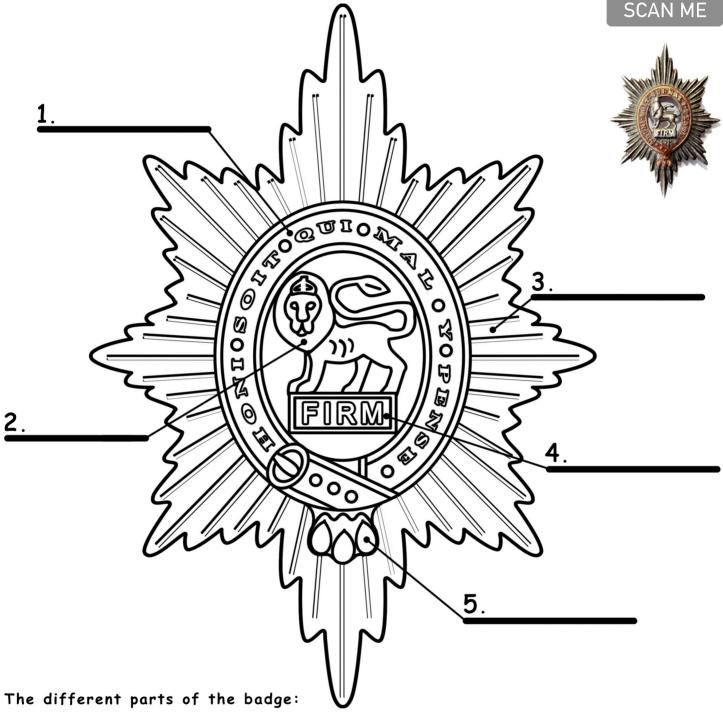
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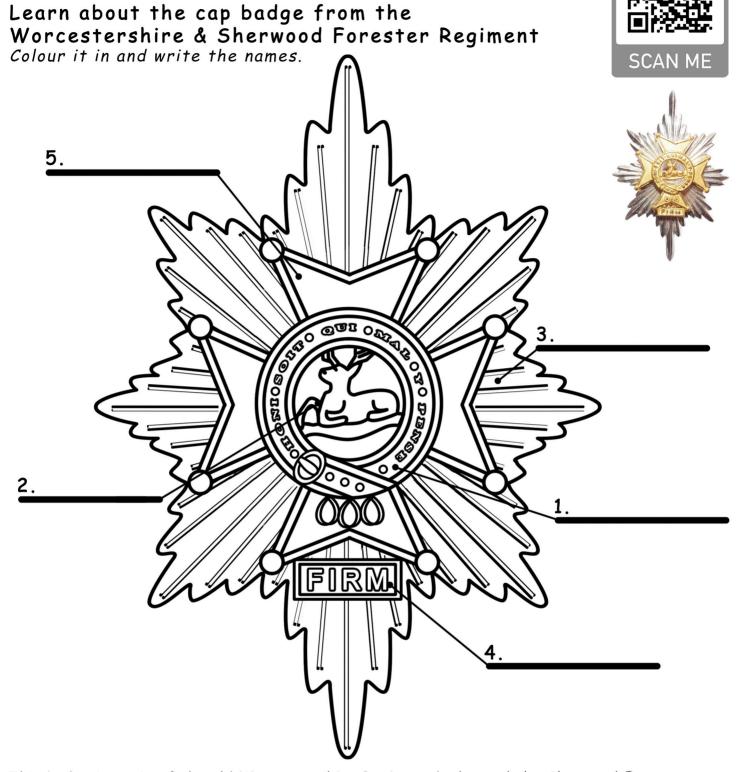




- 1. The <u>garter</u> motto is "Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense", which is the motto on the Royal Coat of Arms of Great Britain.
- 2. The <u>lion</u> is an old badge used by the regiment over 200 years ago.
- 3. The garter star has 8 points and was first used around 1777. It shows an old link to the Coldstream Guards, whose badge also uses an eight pointed star.
- 4. The regimental <u>motto</u> "FIRM" was first used in 1773 and shows that the regiment stands their ground and fights.
- 5. The droplets at the bottom of the garter may be three <u>pears</u>, reflecting the County of Worcestershire emblem.

This badge was worn by soldiers and cadets of the regiment, from 1923 until 1970, when the Worcestershire Regiment changed into the Worcestershire & Sherwood Forester Regiment. (Athough from 1958 to 1969 the 1st Battalion wore the Mercian Brigade badge).

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This badge is a mix of the old Worcestershire Regiment badge and the Sherwood Foresters badge. It was worn from 1970 until 2007, when the regiment then became the 2nd Battalion of the new Mercian Regiment.

The different parts of the badge:

- 1. The <u>garter</u> motto is "Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense", which is the motto on the Royal Coat of Arms of Great Britain. Taken from the Worcestershire Regiment cap badge.
- 2. The <u>stag</u> was used in the centre of the Sherwood Foresters badge, reflecting their home county.
- 3. The 8 pointed garter star comes from the old Worcestershire Regiment badge.
- 4. As well as the regimental motto "FIRM", which is also from the Worcestershire Regiment.
- 5. The <u>Maltese cross</u> was the main shape of the Sherwood Foresters badge, reflecting their military history.

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The badge of the Mercian Regiment is a <u>double headed eagle</u> wearing a <u>medieval crown</u>. It is used by all battalions of the regiment, including cadets, whilst its local battalion to Worcestershire and Nottingham is 2 Mercian. The cap badge does not show a motto, but the regimental motto is "Stand Firm and Strike Hard". FIRM was taken from the Worcestershire Regiment.

The design of the badge reflects the old Mercia Kingdom of England and from 1958 - 1969 an adapted version of the badge was used by the Mercian Brigade, which included the Worcestershire Regiment and Cheshire Regiment. It was redesigned in 2007 when the Mercian Regiment was created.

- 1 Mercian was from the Cheshire Regiment.
- 2 Mercian was the Worcestershire & Sherwood Forester Regiment.
- 3 Mercian was the Staffordshire Regiment, but now part of 1 & 2 Mercian.
- 4 Mercian is the Army's Reserve unit.