

U.S.S. President Grant,  
May 10, 1918.

From: Act. Chaplain David Goldberg, U.S.N.  
To: Bureau of Navigation,  
Via: Commanding Officer.

Subject: Request for change of Insignia.

1. It is requested that I be permitted to substitute for the collar insignia of the Latin Cross, as worn by the Army and Navy Chaplains of the Christian faith, the collar insignia known as the "Shield of David", now worn by the Army Chaplains of the Jewish faith.

2. I give the following reasons for making the above request:

(a) It is unnatural for a Jewish Rabbi to be represented by an insignia which is decidedly non-Jewish.

(b) The sight of the insignia renders impotent the influence which I should have with my co-religionists in the service, were the insignia in any way expressive of my vocation.

David Goldberg

29-0-18. 1st Endorsement.

USS PRESIDENT GRANT

10 May 1918.

From: Commanding Officer.  
To : BUREAU OF NAVIGATION.  
Via : Commander, Cruiser Force.

1. Forwarded, approved.

C. J. Canty

23544

CAPTAIN'S OFFICE  
U. S. S. PRESIDENT GRANT

2 3544



REC'D  
17 JUN 1918 P.M.

N-21

2nd endorsement

June 14, 1918

From: Bureau of Navigation  
To: Act. Chaplain David Goldberg, USN.  
Via: Commanding Officer, USS PRESIDENT GRANT  
Subject: Request for change of Insignia.

1. Returned. Due to the fact that the shield of David is now used as an insignia by officers in the Army doing duty with the General Staff, it is impractical to adopt this insignia for chaplains of Jewish faith.

2. The Bureau desires that you send any other suggestions as you may desire.

*W. J. ...*

Captain, U.S.N.  
Acting Chief of Bureau  
17 June 1918.

2nd Endorsement

USS PRESIDENT GRANT  
Commanding Officer.  
Act. Chaplain David Goldberg, USN

1. Forwarded.

*C. E. ...*