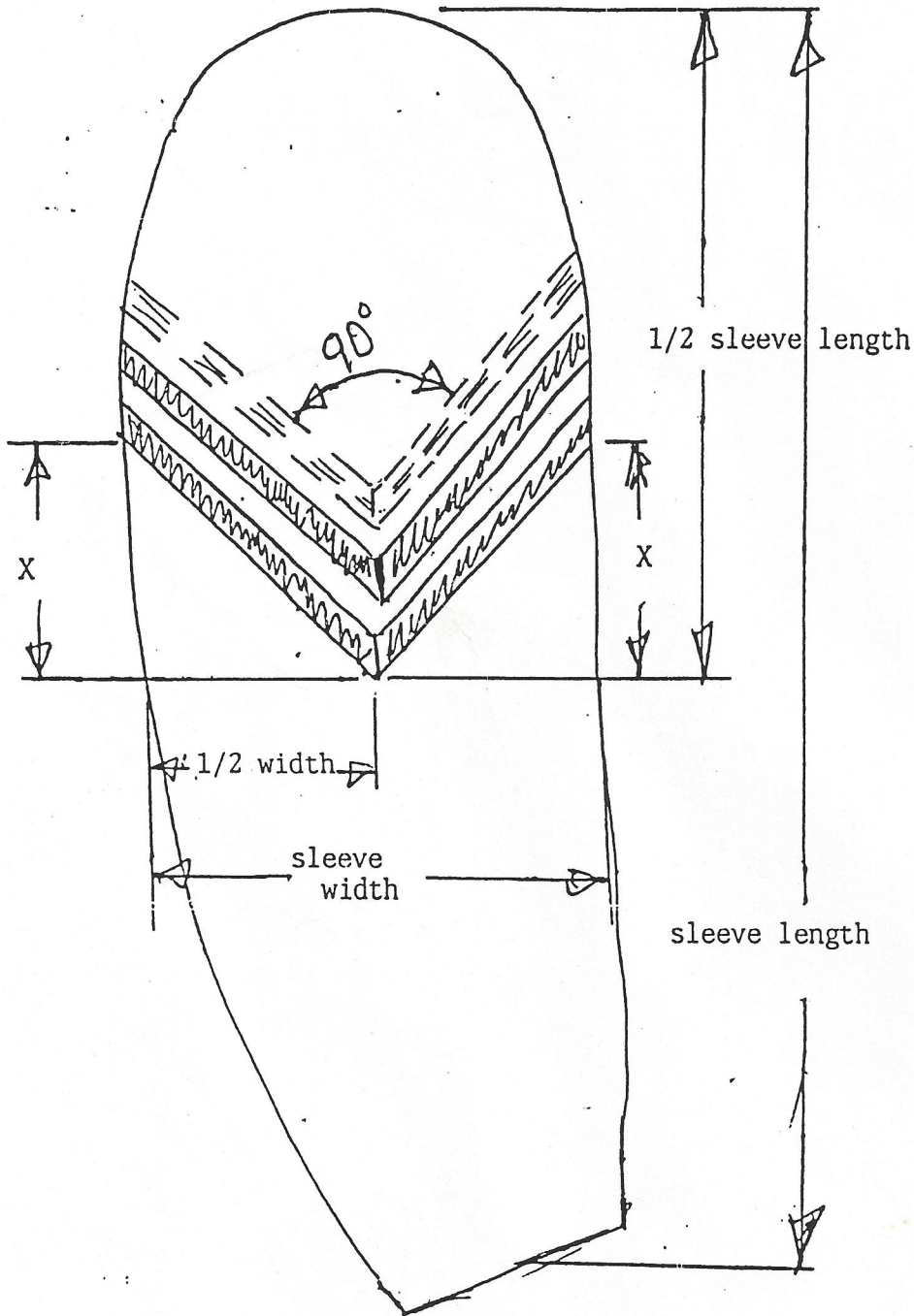


# INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOCATING AND SPACING OF SLEEVE STRIPES



The important aspect of sleeve rank stripes is getting them sewn on straight and at the correct location. Too many people locate either too high or too low and make them look awfully, shall we say "unique".

First measure the length of the sleeve at the centerline and mark with a chalk pencil. Next position something with a 90° angle on that mark, and make sure that the "X" distance is the same on both sides of the top of the "V". Chalk a line here and start hand sewing the stripes on with a whip stitch. Fold the ends in as you finish up to prevent raveling of the tape.

The distance between each stripe should be 3/8" for proper visibility, but various measurements were common. Do try to keep all of the stripes the same distance from each other on both sets of sleeves.

Regulation width of the tape was 1/2", but narrower widths have been observed on a few Confederate coats. If the tape color you purchased is sized at 1/2" wide fine, but in some cases only 3/4" width is available. In that case, the 3/4" must be folded to 1/2" and ironed with a steam iron to achieve the correct width. Sew to sleeves with the extra folded material sewn under the stripes. See the sketch below for explanation.

