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Badges for Royal Marines Other RanksBACKGROUND

1. As a part of the review of the general proposals for the introduction of the new R.M. lovat uniform, the Committee recommended (No. 504) and the Board approved that:-

(a) Badges be worn on one arm only as follows:-

	<u>Blue No. 1</u>	<u>Lovat Worsted</u>	<u>Lovat Serge</u>
Chevrons	gold on blue	gold on green	gold on green
Specialist Qualifications	Nil	gold on green	Nil (but see note (i)).
King's Badge etc.	gold on blue	gold on green	gold on green

Note (i) The wearing of S.Q. badges on the second suit to be optional.

and (b) The gold on green chevrons worn on lovat uniform to be two thirds the size of the present R.M. Chevrons.

PRESENT POSITION

2. The R.M. Dress Committee have now considered in detail the effect of the introduction of the new uniforms on R.M. Badges generally. Their recommendations, which have been endorsed by C.G.R.M., are broadly as follows:-

(a) Ceremonial Blue No. 1 Dress Gold on blue (scarlet where appropriate). Rank, Branch (R.M. Band and Buglers only). Good Conduct, King's and Parachutists, badges only to be worn (This accords generally with the approved arrangements).

(b) Lovat Worsted (i) Full range of gold on green, Rank, Branch S.Q. and Miscellaneous badges to be worn. Good Conduct badges not to be worn. (This accords generally with the approved arrangements).
(ii) All gold on green badges to be two thirds the size of the present gold on blue equivalent (Note:- Previously the reduction in size applied only to gold on green chevrons 1(b) above)
~~As for Lovat Worsted~~
~~Gold on green Rank badges only except that S.Q.~~
~~Gold on green badges to be optional on 'second'~~
~~suit (as originally approved)~~

(c) Lovat Serge ~~Gold on green Rank badges only except that S.Q.~~
~~Gold on green badges to be optional on 'second'~~
~~suit (as originally approved)~~

(d) Khaki Drill Dress Khaki on Khaki drill Rank badges only to be worn to accord with the arrangements for ceremonial blues (Note:- The present practice of wearing khaki on khaki drill S.Q. badges with this Dress to be discontinued).

(e) Combat Dress Rank badges only to be worn.

(f) Raincoat Requirement for rank badges to be considered later.

3. The wearing of the R.M. Commando Flash, Dagger Formation Sign and Amphibious Warfare Flash after the introduction of Lovat Service Dress is still under consideration.

FOR CONSIDERATION

4. In order that procurement action can be taken, particularly for gold on green badges, the Committee is invited to consider and make recommendations upon the proposals in para. 2 above.

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er Majesty the Queen has approved a new uniform for the Royal Marines which will be the battledress and will also be worn as an alternative to blue uniform on certain occasions. The new uniform is of lovat shade and similar in design to the present blue dress for R.M. Officers. The buttons and metal badges are bronze and the clothes for other ranks are gold on green. A new design of khaki shirt is also being produced.

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From 1st April 1964 in ~~the U.K.~~ and on a date to be decided locally abroad, the new lovat uniform will become the normal dress of the day in temperate weather. The present blue uniform of officers and other ranks will be retained for ceremonial occasions, other than those of minor importance when Lovat Service Dress will be worn. On 1st April 1966 the new uniform will finally replace battledress and the second blue uniform which is provided at present; there will, therefore, be a transition period of 2 years during which these uniforms may continue to be worn for certain duties. Revised orders of dress will be promulgated separately.

3. These arrangements do not apply to the RMFVR, who for the present, will continue to wear their current uniforms.

4. It is anticipated that all entitled personnel serving in ~~the U.K.~~ will be in possession of a suit of the new uniform by the 1st April, 1964, and that entitled personnel serving overseas will have one before the end of 1964.

5. Details of the revised scales of kit for new entries, the arrangements under which serving personnel generally will be required to adjust their kit to these scales, and of the new items to be supplied from service sources are given in the Appendices to this Order as listed below. Detailed arrangements for the supply and distribution of the new items will be communicated separately to the Units concerned.

Appendix A - R.M. Officers -

Appendix B - R.M. Other Ranks.

Appendix C - New Service Items.