

**Lovat Uniform & Blue Uniform**

Proposal to remove SQ badges from Lovat and place on blue uniform

SQ badges to be discontinued on Lovat uniform in 1985

New Gold on blue badges for Blue Uniform in 1985

Wef 1 Jan 1985

Dress Cttee 12.3.80

DCI(RN) 409/84

**King's and Prince's Badges on JWH**

To be worn with immediate effect (as soon as suitable badges available) on the left arm 2" below the shoulder seam on the JWH

RMRO 126/86)

**Caterer**

'K' with crown and 2 stars

Approved by

NDUCC – Jun 1971

**Gunnery**

No longer required in Sep 1974

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**Band Branch Badge**

To be cloth instead of anodised on all uniforms (G on B for Blues) (G on Gr for Lovat) (K on KD for KD). Metal badges were unsuitable because lugs chaffed the shirt and made holes and on to BM tunic had holes and had to be replaced. In April 1970 Treasury approval awaited for gratuitous issue (badges cost 14/6d each). (Initial expenditure £1,750)

Replaced out of KUA on normal kit maintenance w.e.f. 1 May 1970.

RMRO 93/70

Proposal to do away with stars and crowns and only have simple and plain branch badges throughout RN & RM turned down by NUDCC in 1967

Issue of Gold on Blue SQ badges – end of 1984  
(Included RM Caterer)

**RM Provost**

SQ badge provided in 1964

V 54/5/62

Badges, SQ (contd)

**Snipers**

*Guards Division wear similar badge to RM*

28 December 2005

**BADGES, BAND**

**RNSM**

To wear the same badge as RM on caps – 13 Sep 1946

RMRO 1172/46

G&L 1946/300

**Portsmouth Group**

Wearing Royal Cyphers on headdress

RMRO 369/55

**Depot Band (1925)**

POW plume worn above normal cap badge by Depot Band

Museum Photos

3/89

## BADGES OF RANK – OTHER RANKS

### **Bandmasters 1<sup>st</sup> Class**

To wear lyre encircled by a laurel wreath surmounted by a Crown

RMRO 1172/46  
G&L 1946/300

### **Staff Bandmasters**

New badge approved by CGRM – Nov 1962

V 54/4/62

### **Staff Clerk**

Crown and laurel wreath with a star above

Major Percy Turner

### **WO1's Badge**

To be the same as FCPOs

DCI(RN)U 459/71(6)

Proposal by WO1 Tappin to introduce a more distinctive badge of rank for JWH

See RMRO 90/75

### **Combat Clothing**

K on K badges of rank for combat clothing to be discontinued in 1973.

Black embroidered on green to be issued – to be worn on right sleeve only.

Slip on and brassards not to be worn.

Combat smock, combat shirt, OG shirt and JWH

### **Synthetic Gold Chevrons**

Trials in 1981 – *Cost one fifth and do not tarnish*

RM 19/13/118 Pk III

### **RMA & RMLI**

Gold lace chevrons worn by L/Sgts and A/Bdr RMA  
Worset chevrons by L/Sgts and L/Cpls RMLI

KR&AI(1906)  
Art 1138

**BADGES, COLLAR**

Lyre collar badges abolished

1970

**CLOTH INSIGNIA**

**3 Cdo Bde formation sign – Fighting Knife**

Not worn in B/D by a man qualified as a parachutist and with a King's Badge.

Suggestion for wear on peak of Arctic cap in 1983

## GORGET PATCHES

Captain General wearing bronze buttons on gorget patches  
in Lovat Dress G&L Cover  
Christmas 1974

## LANYARDS, OFFICERS

RMLI changed to Green Appx – July 1902

### Notes on Officers' Blue Lanyard

1. Not noted in Blue Undress pre WWII – only in Drill Order.
2. Not noted in KSD pre WWII
3. Not shown in KD pre WWII
4. First shown in Blue Undress Appx – June 1948
5. First shown in Battledress Appx – June 1948
6. 'Whistle Cord' NOT 'Lanyard', Method of wearing G&L 1951/186, 221,257

Worn as privilege by Officers and WO1s of the East Surrey Regiment, a custom continued on amalgamation by the Queen's Regiment. Proposed in 1971 should be worn by all ranks of 1 and 6(V) Bns Queen's.

## LANYARDS, UNIT

Introduced into Commandos in Hong Kong – Dec 1947  
Comacchio Company – old Gold and Scarlet

To be confirmed  
RMRO 63/81

Commando Logistic Regiment – Blue

Change No 3 to  
BR/81 (P928/72)

Yellow Lanyard of 41 Cdo previously worn by No 5 Army  
Cdo

Lt Col P R Thomas

White Lanyard worn by 1 RM Bn and then passed to 42  
Cdo.

Red Lanyard of 45 Cdo worn by 'Whisky' Coy (13 Coy)  
RNLMC - 17 May 1974

G&L 1974/239\*

44 RM Cdo wore a dark blue plated lanyard on the  
right shoulder.

Maj Gen Owen – confirmed  
by Capt H D Phillips

May be worn in blue uniform where local circumstances  
make it necessary when authorised by senior officer

(RM 13/2/45)  
RMRO 282/45

## LANYARDS, UNIT

### Clasp Knife & Lanyard

1. Only to be worn with 'Fighting Order' RMRO 336/53

2. Knife lanyards, when ordered, to be worn on the right shoulder. GORM 90/27

3. Lanyard is to be worn in an ordinary loop GORM 2/29

### 41 Commando

Origin of yellow unit lanyard RMHS SP 8 p44

Request by R Netherlands MC landing craft detachment to  
wear green lanyard in 1986

## PROVOST/POLICE

### RM Provost – 1945 – Caps

In blue uniform to wear RM Police blue caps fitted with red MP cap cover and RM badge

RMRO 895/45

### Provost Sergeant

Badge of rank – three inverted chevrons on the right arm below the elbow

Sword Staff Sergeants to be worn with appropriate orders of dress (not B/D). Belt, sword staff sergeants as appropriate in buff or brown leather.

No special issue of chevrons for this purpose.

RMRO 197/58

### Unit Police

To wear white web belt with white web brace attachment over the right shoulder in all orders of dress. SNCOs not to wear the scarlet sash.

RMRO 19758

RMRO 215/67

### Admiralty Constabulary Capes

For unit provost – badges of rank to be worn on the collar – to be as for SNCOs' mess dress – December 1964

### SQ Badge and 'MP' armbands

Provided for RM Provost in 1964

V 54/5/62

Reserve, RM

**RESERVE, ROYAL MARINES**

Change in title from RMFVR to RMR

RMRO 193/66

Suggestion for RMR to have Lovat trousers and JWH as  
replacement for battledress

March 1973

COMUKAMPHIPFOR. Letter from CG to Senior RM Officers  
Role and battle staff created. Announced 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001.  
Vests Spring 2002.

WINGS Letter from Wing Commander CJ Morris RAF

WW1 to 1959 – Pilots ALL qualified with FAA and wore RN wings  
1960s – Helicopter pilots awarded Army wings.  
1966/1984 BR81 Wear wings depending on who trained pilot.  
Both appear in Blue, Lovat and stone.  
Miniature on navy blue background for mess

Observer badges

Qualified "Light Helicopter Observers" wear army observer badge. Pre 1974 army practise was to wear the brevet on lower left sleeve, 1/4 inch over cuff – not certain if this was ever the case in RM. Switched to left pocket for Army 1974. (RM10/13/148 confirms RM Observers wear gold and silver thread badges on both blue and lovat uniform)

Air Gunners

Left breast – both pilot and observer badge appear in Dress Regulations in bullion versions – (Gold/silver on blue for blues and lovats, light blue/gold for No5W the AG badge only appears light blue/gold on blue.)

APJI – those qualified wear army pattern badge, exists in same pattern as normal wings but not stone – (KD worn)

Parachute badges

WW2 – KSD wings for BD. Blues – pale blue or white on blue.

Red on blue – unofficial – does not appear in any photos

SBS pictured wearing wings on left breast pocket in blues WW2 – unofficial.

30 AU wore wings on left arm – unofficial

Other pictures show wings on lower left arm – unofficial and unit unknown

The army pattern badge is worn, 2" below right shoulder seam

Blue tunics – full size, gold and silver wire on dark blue

Lovats – 2/3 size gold and silver wire on green

Mess – miniature (2" by 3/4") gold and silver wire on scarlet

Khaki – full size, white/ light blue on khaki drill

Combats – as khaki.

Jerseys – as khaki – frequently excluded from dress regs.

46 COMMANDO BADGE. RMR 50 Anniversary Booklet

"In 1951 RMFVR Centres were given mobilisation responsibilities for certain units and sub-units, 48 (City of London) Commando RMFVR, 47 Commando RMFVR, Nos 4 and 5 SBS RMFVR, 535 Raiding flotilla 536, 537, and 53 Assault Flotillas (later Squadrons) and four naval beach units. In a 1956 change of organisation in the RMFVR, 47 and 48 Commandos were disbanded and 46 (VR) Commando was Formed and carried out annual training as a unit." *Does this explain why so many post war 46 commando titles exist?*

"...it was not until 1966 that the RMFVR became the RMR."

## ROYAL MARINE BAND SERVICE SHOULDER TITLE (RMRI 106/?)

The bugler section and musician section officers and trained ranks to wear on jersey wool heavy with effect from 1/10/1979.

## 3 COMMANDO BRIGADE FORMATION INSIGNIA (RMRI 009/1997)

From 1<sup>st</sup> March 1997.

Black on green "Royal Marines Commando Flash" to be worn on both sleeves of outer garments of combat dress (arctic, temperate, tropical and dessert). Attached centrally 7mm below the shoulder seams. (General Service)

3 Cdo Bde RM, "red field service fighting knife" on a black background on the left outer sleeve on all types of combat dress. On leaving the Bde badge is to be removed. Army ranks continue to wear after leaving the brigade.

## ANODISED BUTTONS RM15/12/57

Approved for Other Ranks and SNCOs (subject to trials) 21 June 1954

Admiralty Uniform and clothing Committee (AUCC 24/61)

Gradual Introduction agreed 12 April 1962

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## GIT BADGES AND BUTTONS FOR SENIOR NCOS RM(15/12/57)

No more stock available – anodised buttons and badges issued to newly appointed NCOs 18 June 1962

## PROVOST BADGE (AUCC 26/62)

Army type MP arm bands.

New SQ badge, oak leaves below letters MP with crown above for MP 1 and star above for MP 2.

## BUGLER QMS (AUCC 26/62)

Bugle Major (Colour Sergeant) promoted Bugler QMS to wear rank insignia as for RSM and QMS.

## STAFF BANDMASTER (AUCC 26/62)

New badge – lyre surmounted by a crown surrounded by a laurel leaf suggested.

## ANODISED BADGES BR93 1<sup>ST</sup> Feb 1963

Following badges introduced-

Lion and crown with pin

Globe and laurel, lion and crown

Globe and laurel

Lyre

Letters RM

Royal Arms

Crown in wreath

Letters RMFVR

Button RM large

Button RM small

## LOVATS (AVSO2)

Introduced 1<sup>st</sup> April 1964 – (not introduced to RMR until 1975)

Bronze badges introduced

### Beret Badges

Lion and crown

Globe and laurel

Globe and Laurel, lion and crown

### Collar Badges

Globe and laurel, small

Lyre

### Shoulder Badges

Letters RM

### Gold on Green Badges (cloth)

RSM – Royal Arms

QMS – Crown in Wreath

Colour Sergeant – Crown

Bandmaster, lyre, oak leaf and crown

Bandmaster of staff band, lyre

Bugle major, bugle

Drum major, drum

Staff Bandmaster, lyre, laurel wreath and crown

Chevrons, 1, 2, 3 and 4 bars

## CORPS BELT

## RMRO 191/66

Compulsory item of kit from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1967.

Replaced blue belt for issue to new entrants August 1966.

## BLUE UNIFORM

## (DGST(N) 1404/1972-73)

Rough serge replaced by Army No1 worsted fabric

## RANK, BRANCH, SQ AND OTHER BADGES AFTER 1 APRIL 1964

(RMRO30/64)

### Lovats Best Suit

- GCB will not be worn
- all other badges to be worn
- gold on green, 2/3 size. Band badges will be metal as present
- same position for wearing as on present blue suit
- bronze beret, collar badges and letters RM to be worn

### Second Lovat Suit

- rank, branch, King's, Parachute and Royal Yacht badges only
- SQ badges may be worn (at man's expense)

### Blue and Khaki Drill Uniforms

- rank, GCB, Kings, Parachute and Royal Yacht badges will be worn as at present
- Band and buglers branch badges only will be worn
- SQ badges will not be worn

### Obsolescent Uniform

- after 1<sup>st</sup> April 1964, RM Commando Flashes, the dagger formation sign and Amphibious Warfare Flash will not be issued to regular corps or worn by them
- can be worn on BDs during transition to Lovats.
- Branch, skill and misc badges will continue to be issued to RMFVR only until stocks are exhausted

### SQ BADGES ON BLUE UNIFORM (RM15/12/63) 8th Jan 1980

Proposal to end wearing SQs on lovats and reintroduce wearing SQs on Blues  
Existing SQ badges (number of ranks qualified for each)

AE 1 (10)	SPTI (10)	SA1 (51)
AE2 (23)	PT1 (56)	SA2 (42)
AE3 (61)	PT2 (53)	SA3 (43)
DL1 (25)	SC1 (34)	K1 (33)
DL2 (32)	SC2 (47)	K2 (59)
HW1 (50)	SC3 (74)	K3 (143)
HW2 (106)	D1 (74)	TRADESMEN (394)
HW3 (246)	D2 (96)	TEL TECHS (56)
LC1 (48)	D3 (432)	CATERER (6)
LC2 (79)	Yeo of Signals (3)	PW1 (154)
LC3 (234)	S1 (78)	PW2 (180)
ML1 (20)	S2 (93)	SNIPER (134)
ML2 (68)	S3 (243)	MARKSMAN (2000)
MP1 (16)	C1 (73)	
MP2 (42)	C2 (78)	
	C3 (110)	

27<sup>th</sup> May 1986 – draft RMRO agreeing transfer to blue badges

### MUSCIANS BADGES (misc notes)

Lyre badges in gold wire to be issued at the end of 1967.

### LANYARDS (ROYAL MARINES DRESS COMMITTEE 21/3/1984)

Cdo units started to wear them in 1948.

### KINGS BADGE/PRINCES BADGE

(ROYAL MARINES DRESS COMMITTEE 21/3/1984)

proposal to introduce badge for wear on JWH, agreed and introduced by RMRO 126/86)

### SLIP ON RANK BADGES (AMD BR81 28/2/79)

Officers

JWH – Black on green

Combats – army pattern brown on DPM

Training – black on green

Shirt Sleeve Order – metal bronze

Lovat – lovat coloured socks

WOs/NCOs

JWH – army pattern dark brown on green

Combat and training – army pattern brown on DPM  
Lovat/Shirt Sleeve Order – stay-bright on leather wrist band or white on stone chevrons as appropriate as worn as present.

**ADC BADGES – (Army Dress Regs 1934)**

Worn by ex – ADCs Royal Cypher and Crown worn in miniature, immediately below the crossed sword and baton for generals, immediately above the stars for Colonels and Brigadiers, the crown of the Royal Cypher will also serve as the crown for the badge of rank.