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Introduction

1. This DCI announces the introduction of a new style white bush jacket and skirt for wear by female Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior Rates.

Background

2. The announcement that women were to serve at sea in HM Ships was made in Feb 90. Many of the then existing women's uniform garments were unsuitable for wear onboard ship, and although some interim designs were introduced quickly, it has been necessary to re-design or modify these and most other garments in the range.

Design

3. The style of the bush jacket is based on that worn by male Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior Rates but with cloth belt loops and tailored for the female form. The skirt is to the same design as the officers blue skirt. Both garments are made in easy care white polyester/viscose. The bush jacket has modified shoulder flaps so that either shoulder straps or badges may be worn as appropriate.

Out fit scales and relevant dress tables

4. Details of Tropical outfits/Kit scales are in ANNEX A and B respectively. Owing to reorganization of the Rank/Rate structure in the Nursing service and to closer affiliation with the RN, revised uniform Scale and Dress tables for QARNNS Officers and Senior Rates will be promulgated separately.

Introductory arrangements

5. New entrants:

a. *Officers:* Will be entitled to a gratuitous issue of two bush jackets and two skirts on the first occasion of need. Existing outfits include two pairs of white trousers. The outfit for QARNNS Officers is one Bush jacket and skirt. Trousers are not included.

b. *Ratings:* Artificer Apprentices and Technicians will be entitled to a gratuitous issue of one bush jacket and one skirt on the first occasion of need. Existing kit scale includes two pairs of white trousers. QARNNS Senior Rates are not issued with trousers.

6. Serving personnel:

a. *Officers:*

Appointed afloat: Officers with a seagoing liability will be entitled to a gratuitous issue of two bush jackets and two skirts when next appointed afloat to an area where tropical uniform will be worn. The outfit for QARNNS Officers is one Bush jacket and skirt. At sea, trousers would

normally be worn with the bush jacket. There is no change to the existing scale of two pairs of white trousers for RN Officers. QARNNS Officers would be issued with trousers, if required when appointed.

Appointed ashore: Officers (with or without a seagoing liability) whose next appointment is ashore where tropical uniform will be worn are entitled to a gratuitous issue of two bush jackets and four skirts. The outfit for QARNNS Officers is one Bush jacket and skirt. Trousers will not normally be worn ashore.

b. *Senior Ratings and Junior Ratings on Advancement to Petty Officer:*

Drafted Afloat: Those with a seagoing liability will be entitled to a gratuitous issue of one bush jacket and one skirt when next drafted afloat to an area where tropical uniform will be worn. At sea, trousers would normally be worn with the bush jacket. There is no change to the existing kit scale of two pairs of white trousers for RN Senior Rates. If required QARNNS Senior Rates would be issued with trousers when drafted.

Drafted Ashore: Those (with or without a seagoing liability) whose next draft is ashore in an area where tropical uniform will be worn are entitled to a gratuitous issue of one bush jacket and four skirts (QARNNS Senior Rates one skirt). Trousers will not normally be worn ashore.

7. Initial issues are to be made complete with the following accessories for wear on the bush jacket:

a. *Officers.*

Stock No	Description	Scale	Note
V066 99 137 4684	Button, anodised, RN Officer's, size 1	4 each	Forepart
V066 99 137 4685	Button, anodised RN Officer's, size 2	4 each	Pockets
V066 99 977 3313	Split rings	8 each	
V066 99 973 0644	Belt Buckles	1 each	

b. *Ratings.*

V066 99 136 9632	Buttons RN	4 each	Forepart
Y066 99 8691196	Anodised 7/8 inch buttons RN	6 each	Pockets and shoulder flaps
V066 99 977 3313	Anodised 30 ligne		
V066 99 973 0644	Split rings	10 each	

Supply arrangements

8. The new bush jacket and skirt will not be stocked items. As from 1 Sept 95 they will be supplied by means of a supply/fit contract. Supply arrangements for new entrant Officers at BRNC Dartmouth will be managed by the Supply Officer in the course of initial outfitting.

9. Detailed instructions regarding contract supply of bush jackets and skirts to non BRNC new entrant Officers, serving Officers, serving Senior Rates, entitled Artificer Apprentices and Technicians and Junior Rates on advancement to Petty Officer will be given at the Clothing Stores in the establishments listed in ANNEX C. There may be some local variations but generally the procedure will be as follows:

- a. *Authorisation*: No work will be undertaken by the contractor or his agent unless proper authorization is provided. This is to be obtained by entitled personnel from one of the clothing stores listed in ANNEX C before making a visit to the contractor or his agent. Kit record books will be required when attending the clothing store. Authorization to order outfits/scales of bush jackets and skirts will be issued by the Supply Officer for handing to the contractor or his agent when attending for initial measuring.
- b. *Initial measuring*: Personnel are individually responsible for arranging appointments for initial measuring with the contractor or his agent. Locations of the current agent are listed in ANNEX D.
- c. *Interim fittings*: Fittings will be arranged as necessary between the contractor or his agent and individual Officers, Warrant Officers or Senior Rates.
- d. *Inspection and Acceptance*: Inspection of finished garments and acceptance by the receiving Officer, Warrant Officer or Senior Rating shall take place at a final fitting session arranged with the contractor or his agent. The contractor shall provide a 'Certificate of Satisfaction' (currently provided by the agent) before finished garments are issued.
- e. *Issue*: All issues are to be entered in kit record books.

10. *BR81 (RN & RM Uniform regulations)*. A copy of the scales and Dress tables attached to this DCI are to be placed within the covers of the BR until incorporated by routine amendment.

ANNEX A

1. RN Female Officers

Tropical outfit

a. Items provided by means of a cash grant

Courtshoes, white

1 pr

Sandals

1 pr (a)

b. Items provided by contract

Jacket bush, white, womens, P/V and white skirt

2 (b)

Jacket, mess, white PV, womens

2

c. Items issued from Service sources

Bag, shoulder, plastic, white

1

Belt, buckles

2

Buttons, anodised, RN officers, size 1, with split rings

4

Buttons, anodised, RN officers, size 2, with split rings

12

Sandals, leather, RN or shoes, gymnasium, white

1 pr

Shoes, white canvas, leather-soled, womens

1 pr

Shorts, white tropical, womens

2 prs (c)

Socks, wool, thin, white

6 prs (c)

Stockings, white, cotton and wool

6 prs (c)

Trousers, white, tropical, womens

2 prs (c)

Notes

- Payable on first appointment to shore establishments where tropical clothing is worn, but not to officers who have previously been issued with sandals in tropical outfits.
- For officers appointed to a shore establishment the allowance for the skirt is increased to 4
- Not provided to officers without a seagoing liability.

2. RN Female Ratings

Tropical Kit Scale

Issued on first occasion of need

	PO Wren and and Above	ART TECNICIA NS	APP Below	LDG Wren and Notes
a. Items provided by means of a cash grant				
Sandals	1 pr	1 pr	1 pr	(b)
b. Items provided by contract				

Dress	Description	Occasions For Wear	Notes
No.5W White Dress	Tricorne hat	As for No.5 Dress	a. Sword and undress sword belt worn in this Dress on the occasions laid down for No.5 Undress. On these occasions the Dress will be known as 'White Undress with Sword' short title 'No.5W with Sword'.
	White bush jacket		b. Exceptionally approval may be given for stone-coloured bush jackets and trousers to be worn in certain appointments where a specific need is established.
	White trousers		
	Shoulder straps		
	White shoes (Black shoes may be worn on shore in bad weather) (see Note 1)		
	Medal ribbons		

Dress	Description	Occasions For Wear	Notes
No.9W Tropical Dress	<p>Tricorne hat or beret</p> <p>White tropical shirt (or for officers of Commanders rank and above at their option bush jacket)</p> <p>Shoulder straps</p> <p>White shorts</p> <p>White stockings and white shoes; or boots; or sandals (Black shoes may be worn with white stockings in bad weather)</p>	On tropical stations on ordinary occasions of duty and working and on non-ceremonial occasions at the discretion of the Senior Officer.	<p>a. The white tropical skirt is appropriate to female officers serving in Shore Establishments.</p> <p>b. The tricorne hat is to be worn when attending church services.</p>
No. 12W Tropical White Long Dress	<p>White tropical shirt (or for officers of Commanders rank and above at their option as appropriate white bush jacket)</p> <p>Shoulder straps</p> <p>White trousers</p> <p>Tricorne hat or beret</p> <p>White shoes or sandals (black shoes or boots may be worn ashore in bad weather)</p>	On tropical stations on ordinary occasions of duty and working and on non-ceremonial occasions at the discretion of the Senior Officer.	<p>a. The Tricorne hat is to be worn when attending church services.</p>

2 RN Female Ratings Dress Tables

2. Hot Climates — Female RN Ratings

Dress	PO Wren and above	Leading Wren and below	Occasions for wear	Notes
Dress No.6	ART APP and Technicians			
	Tricorne hat	Cap	a. As for No.1 Dress	(a)
	White bush jacket	White jumper	b. Ratings landed in formed parties under arms are to wear black boots	(b) (c)
	White trousers	White trousers		
	Shoulder badges	Vest cotton uniform		
	White socks	Black scarf		
	White shoes (or black boots or shoes as ordered)	Lanyard		
	Medals	White socks		
		White shoes (or black boots or shoes as ordered)		
		Medals		
Dress No 7	Tricorne hat	Cap	a. As for No.2 Dress	(a)
	White bush jacket	White jumper		(b)
	White trousers	White trousers		(c)
	Shoulder badges of rank	Vest cotton uniform		(d)
	White socks	Black scarf		
	White shoes (or black boots or shoes as ordered)	Lanyard		

Dress	PO Wren and above	Leading Wren and below	Occasions for wear	Notes
Dress No.7	ART APP and Technicians			
		White socks		
	Medal ribbons		White shoes (or black shoes or boots as ordered)	
		Medal ribbons		
Dress No.7A	Tricorne hat or beret as ordered		a. Warrant Officers, CPO'S and PO'S only at the discretion of the Senior Officer as an alternative to No.7 Dress when the occasion does not demand No.7 plain clothes are inappropriate.	(d)
	White collar - attached shirt			
	Black day tie			
	White trousers			
	Shoulder badges of rank			
	White socks			
	White shoes (black shoes or boots may be worn in bad weather)			
Dress No.7N	Tricorne hat or beret as ordered	Cap or beret as ordered	a. In hot climates as an alternative to No.10 Dress.	(a) (d) (e)
	White tropical shirt	Vest, cotton uniform or Summer blouse	b. As an informal shore-going rig at Senior Officers discretion.	
	White trousers	White trousers		

Dress	PO Wren and above	Leading Wren and below	Occasions for wear	Notes
Dress No.7N	ART APP and Technicians			
	White socks	White socks		
	White shoes (black boots or shoes may be worn in bad weather)	White shoes (black boots or shoes may be worn in bad weather)		
Dress No. 10	Tricorne hat or beret as ordered	Cap or beret as ordered	a. In hot climates on ordinary occasions of duty and working when white uniform is appropriate Sunday routine at sea in harbour.	(a)
	White tropical shirt	Vest cotton uniform	b. Ceremonial at sea unless No.6 or 7 is ordered.	(c)
	White shorts	White tropical shorts	c. At Commander-in-Chiefs discretion, under conditions of great heat, white canvas shoes with white socks or sandals may be worn.	(d)
	Warrant Officers, CPO's, PO's: White stockings	Blue stockings		(e)
	White shoes (At the discretion of the Senior Officer present blue stockings and black shoes may be worn. In adverse weather conditions black shoes may be worn with white stockings)	Black shoes		

Notes

- a. The tricorne hat is to be worn when attending church services.
- b. Flat shoes are to be worn with trousers and court shoes are normally to be worn with skirts other than on parade.
- c. Optionally, white sandals may be worn in place of white shoes on non-ceremonial occasions
- d. The white tropical skirt should normally be worn by Senior rates serving in Shore establishments. Trousers/shorts are normally for wear on board ships.
- e. The white tropical dress is normally for wear by junior rates serving in shore establishments only.

ANNEX C

Contract supply of bush jackets and skirts authorizing clothing stores

BRNC Dartmouth
 HMS *Cochrane*
 HMS *Collingwood*
 HMS *Daedalus*
 HMS *Dolphin*
 HMS *Drake*
 HMS *Dryad*
 RNH Haslar
 HMS *Heron*
 HMS *Nelson*
 HMS *Neptune*
 HMS *Raleigh*
 HMS *Seahawk*
 HMS *Sultan*
 HMS *Warrior*

ANNEX D

Contract supply of bush jackets and skirts

Contractor's agent — locations**1. Portsmouth:**

Louis Bernard Menswear Limited
 4/5 Queen Street
 Portsmouth
 Hants

200/95 Uniform — QARNNS and QARNNS (R) Officers — adoption of RN Ranks
— changes to rank insignia, other badges and uniforms (U)

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Introduction

1. This DCI promulgates full details of new badges and the changes in rank insignia and uniforms for QARNNS and QARNNS(R) Officers following adoption of RN ranks and titles which will be announced concurrently in a separate DCI.

Background

2. The unique design of QARNNS badges for Officer's has existed since 1902. A ratings section of QARNNS was formed in 1959 which has since adopted RN titles and rate badges. When DCS15 is implemented, personnel from all three nursing services will be working together in a tri service organization. The adoption of RN titles and rank insignia for QARNNS and QARNNS(R) Officers will include them in the RN rank and rate structure along with nursing ratings and establish a corporate identity within the three nursing services.

3. The QARNNS and QARNNS(R) will remain separate services identified by Queen Alexandra's monogram, and will retain the suffix QARNNS or QARNNS (R).