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46/96 Uniform — QARNNS Male Nurses — Officers and Ratings
standardization of Ward dress (U)

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Background

1. DCI 200/95 announced that adoption of RN ranks and titles by QARNNS Officers would include them in the RN rank and rate structure along with nurse ratings. This change would establish a corporate identity within the three nursing services in preparation for implementation of DCS15 when they would be working together in a tri service organization.

2. The purpose of this DCI is to introduce a change to the No. 8 Ward Working dress worn by QARNNS male officers and ratings in order to standardize specialist uniform in a joint nursing service environment.

Introduction

3. From 1 Apr 96, the "jacket, white, hospital, service" and "trousers, blue, working, worsted/polyester" will be worn by all QARNNS male nursing officers and ratings when in No.8 ward working dress. From that date the following standard dress table will apply to officers and ratings:

No 8 Ward Working Dress	Jacket, white, hospital service. Shoulder rank/rate badges. T shirt, white cotton. Trousers, blue, working, polyester/worsted. Socks black Shoes, black. Windproof jacket or raincoat as necessary.
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Officers will wear the QARNNS metal badge on the left breast of the jacket.

4. Relevant outfit/kit scales in BR81 (chapters 5 and 8 respectively) will be amended as follows:

a. *Officers.*

delete "coat, white, ward - 4 each".
add "jacket, white, hospital service - 6 each".
add "T shirt, white, cotton - 6 each".

b. *Ratings.*

"trousers, blue, working, worsted/polyester". Increase scale to two pairs.
delete "trousers, white, hospital service - 6 prs".

Supply Arrangements

5. In order to bring them up to the new scale, all serving QARNNS male nursing officers and ratings are to be given a gratuitous issue of the following items, details of which are to be entered in kit record books:

a. *Officers.*

jacket, white, hospital service - V053-99-132-6226/6236 - 6 each.
 'T' shirt, white cotton - V021 -99-124-1131/1133 or
 V021-99-978-4404/4408 - 6 each.

b. *Ratings.*

Trousers, blue, working, worsted/polyester
 V02399-978-5022/5055- 1 pair

New entrants are to be given the new scale with initial issues of uniform clothing.

Publications

6. BR 81 (RN and RM Uniform Regulations) will be amended. In the meantime a copy of this DCI is to be retained within the covers of the BR until its contents have been incorporated by routine amendment.