

## DRESS REGULATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL MARINES.

1. General Officers of the Royal Marines wear the same uniform and badges as is prescribed for General Officers of the Army. White cap covers will, however, be worn with blue uniform between the prescribed dates.

Honorary Colonels Commandant of Royal Marine Groups may, on special occasions, wear regimental uniform with badges of rank of Colonel.

2. *Aides-de-Camp*.—An officer of the Royal Marines who is A.D.C. to the Sovereign shall wear the uniform prescribed in the Dress Regulations for the Army.

Officers who vacate the appointment of Aide-de-Camp to the King on promotion to the substantive rank of Major-General will cease to wear the Royal Cypher and Crown. Ex-Aides-de-Camp to the King who have not been promoted to the substantive rank of Major-General will continue to wear the prescribed insignia on retirement. In order to distinguish Aides-de-Camp to the King from those officers who have vacated the appointment, the latter will wear the prescribed insignia in miniature.

Colonels who have vacated the appointment of Aide-de-Camp to the King will, on retirement, wear the Royal Cypher (in miniature) immediately above the stars. The crown which forms part of the badges of rank will also serve as the crown which is part of the Royal Cypher and Crown.

3. *Badges of Rank*.—The rank of Officers is to be distinguished by badges worn on the shoulder-straps, unless otherwise ordered, as laid down for the Army. Commissioned Branch officers are to wear the letters "W.O." in a wreath. Senior Commissioned Branch Officers are to wear one star. All officers are to wear gilt letters "R.M." below badges of rank on the serge frock, khaki drill, greatcoat and waterproof coat.

*Badges of Rank*—size.

Mess Jacket, scarlet and white  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch

Other garments  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.

4. *Brigadiers and Colonels* are to wear regimental uniform, but scarlet cloth stripes  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide are to be worn on blue trousers and the Imperial Crown is to be worn in place of the Corps badge on the forage cap, and beret.

Let gorget patches with crimson gimp cord and small buttons are to be worn with all orders of dress.

On the serge tunic and drill jacket the patches are to be  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches long and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide, triangular at the points and shaped to fit the collar above the lapel.

With blue and khaki battledress and on bush jackets the patches are to be similar in design but 2 inches long to the point and 1 inch wide. The patches are to be worn horizontally on each side of the opening to the collar of the battledress blouse, point to the rear, the top of the patch to be  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from the top of the collar.

11.—Uniform for all Officers of Royal Marines unless otherwise stated.

5. *Cap Forage*.—Universal (Army) pattern. Blue cloth with scarlet band with scarlet welt on top, scarlet welt around crown. The gilt buttons to be of the Lion and Crown pattern (special). The

peak to be ornamented with gold embroidered oak leaf for Field Officers and plain for other officers. The badge to be worn in front on the scarlet band to consist of a gilt metal laurel wreath surrounding a silver globe, and to be surmounted by gilt metal Lion and Crown half-way up the rim of the cap which is to be stiffened in front at an angle of 45 degrees.

White Cap covers when worn are to reach to the top of the scarlet band; the metal Lion and Crown is to be worn outside the cap cover. The material for White Cap covers is to be pique.

6. *Frock, Serge*.—Blue angola, tartan or serge, single breasted, cut as a lounge coat to the waist with back seam, very loose at the chest and shoulders, but fitted at the waist; military skirt to bottom edge; length of skirt 13 inches for a man 5 ft. 9 ins., varying in proportion to height; step collar, depth of opening about 3 inches; two cross-patch breast pockets above,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide and  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches deep to top of the flap, box pleat in centre  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide, three pointed flap  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches deep; two expanding pockets below the waist plaits at the sides,  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide at the top and  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches at the bottom, 8 inches deep to top of the pocket and fastened at the top with a small button, flap with button-hole to cover pockets,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches deep,  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. The top of the pocket should be sewn down at the corners; inside watch pocket. Two brass waist hooks, four regimental buttons down front, the bottom one just below the bottom edge of belt when worn. Gilt letters "R.M." on shoulder-straps. Pointed cuffs  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide rising to 6 inches at the point; with two small buttons on outside seam; shoulder-straps of the same material as the frock, fastened with a small regimental button; badges of rank in metal.

Collar badge gilt metal laurel surrounding silver globe to be worn on the step of the collar. To be lined or not, as required, with lining of similar colour to the frock. Blue cloth belt with plain brass buckle is optional.

7. *Trousers*.—Blue serge or tartan, with a scarlet welt  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide down each side seam.

8. *Boots*.—Black ankle laced boots with plain toe cap for blue uniform.

9. *Greatcoat*.—Universal pattern as described in Dress Regulations for the Army except that the two rows of regimental buttons down the front shall be 11 inches apart at the top.

10. *Waterproof Coat*.—Khaki double texture twill, North Devon style, single breasted, step collar, fly front, slit at back with gusset, fitted for riding, belt at waist, patch pockets with horizontal flaps, gilt metal badges of rank and shoulder titles on detachable shoulder-straps.

11. *Sword*.—Hilt, steel, half basket, pierced with scroll design and Royal Cypher and Crown chased. Black fish-skin grip, bound with three strands of silver wire, back chequered to pommel, with flat part near guard for the thumb, straight blade, grooved and spear pointed. Blade, full size— $32\frac{1}{2}$  inches long and 1 inch wide at the shoulder; hilt, total length  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches; grip, total length, 5 inches to  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches to suit size of hand; weight, approximately 2 lbs. 2 ozs. without scabbard.

*Scabbard*.—Leather scabbard to be the same as that described in Dress Regulations for the Army.

**Sword Belt and Knot.**—"Sam Browne" Army pattern. When the belt is worn without the sword, the frog is not to be worn. Sword knots are to be worn short, i.e., wrapped around, tight to the guard. Field and mounted officers are to wear the sword knot long.

12. **Drill Clothing.**—Tunic—to be made of khaki drill and cut to the pattern of the serge frock (paragraph 6).

Trousers—of similar pattern to blue serge trousers (paragraph 7) but of khaki drill, without welts.

13. **Battledress, Blue and Khaki.**—Service articles but with the collar of the khaki battledress faced with similar material. Battledress blouses are to be worn with the collar and top button undone. Woven arm badges "Royal Marines" are to be worn 1 inch below the shoulder seams.

Badges of Rank are to be as follows:—

Blue battledress—gilt as for blue serge frock; no letters "R.M."

Khaki battledress—worsted on the scarlet infantry background; no letters "R.M."

14. **Beret.**—Service article, with officer's pattern badge. To be worn in the same manner as for N.C.O's and men. (Page 142 para. 18).

15. **Whistle and Lanyard.**—Whistle: White Metal (Army pattern).

Lanyard: (Army pattern) the colour being blue.

When worn, the lanyard to be looped tight over the left shoulder, the whistle being carried in the left breast pocket.

16. **Mess Jacket.**—Scarlet cloth, blue cloth round cuffs,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches deep, roll collar, no shoulder-straps; four small gilt buttons with Lion and Crown mounted in silver down the front, dummy button holes. Badges of rank and Corps badges in gilt metal, except that the Globe will be in silver, on each side of the collar. The position of these badges will be as follows:—

Corps Badge—Centre of badge to be  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches from the neck point of the shoulder seam.

Badges of rank—Space of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch between top of Corps badge and nearest part of first badge of rank.  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch space between nearest part of other badges.

17. **Mess Vest.**—Blue cloth, plain roll collar, four small buttons (special) pocket each side.

18. **White Mess Jacket.**—Plain white drill, similar in pattern to the scarlet mess jacket and having the same badges.

19. **White Mess Vest.**—Plain white drill, similar in pattern to the blue mess vest.

20. **Helmet—Universal Pattern.**—This head-dress will be worn by all officers and Branch officers of all Royal Marine Bands. The helmet is of cork, covered with white cloth or fine drill in six seams, bound with buff leather at the bottom; above the peak (which is pointed) and running around the helmet, a buff leather band  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch wide.

The head-piece let in with zig-zag ventilator. Gilt side hooks and gilt curb chain.

At top of helmet a gilt collet  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch wide to receive ball and base. Gilt ball in a leaf cap on a bright gilt dome base, the diameter of which is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch full, and circumference at point of contact with helmet 6 inches. A Zinc button, covered with white cloth is worn on all occasions when the ball is not used.

The plate to be a gilt 8 pointed star with dead and bright rays with crown above; on the star to be mounted a dead gilt laurel wreath and saw pierced garter with regimental motto "Per Mare per Terram," above the garter a gilt scroll "Gibraltar," and below it a gilt anchor, and in the centre a silver globe. Under the saw pierced garter, blue enamel.

The bottom central ray of the plate is to come halfway over the leather band.

### III.—Articles of approved pattern as supplied through service sources.

21. The following articles are supplied:—

Anklets, web.

Badges, cap, gilt.

Battledress—blouse, khaki.

—trousers, khaki.

—blouse, blue.

—trousers, blue.

Beret, blue.

Boots, ankle, black (Army pattern).

Collars, stiff, white, double.

Gloves, brown cape.

Overalls denim, blouse and trousers.

"Sam Browne" belt, right brace and frog.

Shirts, white.

Shirts, white tropical (naval officers).

Shorts, khaki.

Socks, black.

Socks, khaki.

Stockings, khaki.

Ties, black.

### IV.—Optional articles of dress.

22. **Shoes.**—Black Oxford patent leather, plain fronts, may be worn with Nos. 4, 9 and 9A Dress.

23. **Field Boots.**—Black leather (Army pattern) may be worn by officers appointed as Adjutants.

**Leggings.**—Black grained Infantry Officers pattern may similarly be worn.

**Spurs.**—Light hunting (Army pattern) with black straps and shields are to be worn with field boots and leggings.

24. **Breeches.**—Blue cloth, with  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch scarlet welt down each side seam. A slit with lace-holes, to be provided in front of each leg. May be worn by officers appointed as Adjutants.

25. **Boat Cape.**—Blue cloth, lined crimson, 4 button four, lion head fastenings and chain at neck. Two pockets inside. Collar 2 inch stand;  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inch fall. To be of a length to reach to a point 2 inches above the knee. This garment may be worn with No. 4 or No. 9 dress.

26. **Bush Jacket.**—Army pattern may be worn with No. 7 dress when not parading with troops.

### V.—Medals and Medal Ribbons.

27. Medals and Medal Ribbons are to be worn as laid down in Dress Regulations for the Army.

28. When no medals are worn, ribbons  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch long are to be worn without intervals on the left breast on blue uniform, khaki drill, blue and khaki battledress. Order of precedence of wearing is to be from right to left, starting with the top row. Normally, if the total number of ribbons does not exceed five, they are to be worn in one row, but in no case is

the row to extend to the right further than the outer edge of the lapel or to the left further than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from the shoulder seam. The row is to be sewn  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the top seam of the left breast pocket—centrally above the pocket button. With Khaki drill, the ribbons are to be worn on a metal bar or bars.

29. When more than five ribbons are worn or where the space available does not permit five ribbons being worn in one row, any additional row or rows are to be worn above the first row, the lower row to be full. Rows of ribbons are to be  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch apart, but this may be reduced if rendered necessary by the number of rows and the space available. The additional row or rows are to be sewn as nearly central above the pocket button as practicable, but it is in no case to extend beyond the same limits as the bottom row.

30. Miniature medals are to be worn on the lapel of the Mess jacket  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch below the Corps Badge. They are not to extend beyond the lapel on the inner

## VI.—Uniform and Equipment.

31. The following uniform and equipment is to be provided:—

Item	No.
<i>From Civilian Sources</i>	
Tunics, blue serge .. .. .	2 No.
Trousers, blue serge .. .. .	2 Pr.
Greatcoat .. .. .	1 No.
Stars for battledress .. .. .	1 Pr.
Boots, ankle, black (plain toe cap) .. .. .	1 Pr.
Shoes, black (Naval Officers Pattern) .. .. .	1 Pr.
Forage cap blue, complete with badge .. .. .	1 No.
Covers, cap .. .. .	2 No.
Lanyard, blue .. .. .	1 No.
Whistle .. .. .	1 No.
Cane, regulation .. .. .	1 No.
Waterproof coat .. .. .	1 No.
Mess Jacket .. .. .	1 No.
Mess waistcoat .. .. .	1 No.
Shirts, evening .. .. .	3 No.
Shirts, khaki .. .. .	3 No.
Collars, khaki .. .. .	6 No.
Ties, khaki .. .. .	2 No.
Trunk .. .. .	1 No.

### Items for Free Issue

Blouses, khaki .. .. .	1 No.
Trousers, khaki .. .. .	1 Pr.
Blouses, blue .. .. .	1 No.
Trousers, blue .. .. .	1 Pr.
Boots, ankle, black (Army pattern) .. .. .	1 Pr.
Anklets, web .. .. .	1 Pr.
Beret, blue .. .. .	1 No.
Plat cap badge .. .. .	1 No.
Gloves, brown cape .. .. .	1 Pr.
Sam Browne belt, right brace and frog .. .. .	1 Set
Overalls, denim .. .. .	1 Pr.
Shirts, white .. .. .	4 No.
Collars, white .. .. .	12 No.
Ties, black .. .. .	2 No.
Socks, black .. .. .	6 Prs.
Socks, khaki .. .. .	3 Prs.
Collars, evening .. .. .	6 No.
Ties evening .. .. .	1 No.

(Cash grant includes the cost of refitting battledress).

### Articles issued on Loan.

The following articles are issued on loan to all officers as required:—

- Anklets, web, white.
- Belts, web, white.
- Boots, Despatch riders.
- Breeches, Despatch riders.
- Camp Equipment.

- Cape A/G.
- Compass, prismatic.
- Field glasses.
- Helmet, steel.
- Pistol .38.
- Respirator A/G. and case.
- Web equipment, officers, 1937 pattern.

## VIII.—Notes.

33. *Orders of Dress.*—Officers of the Royal Marines are to conform to the provisions of the King's Regulations for the Army in regard to the different orders of dress, unless otherwise provided for by special order for the Royal Marines. When embarked they will conform to the orders for the dress of Naval Officers as far as possible, but in all cases will wear dress similar to their men when on duty with them.

34. *3 Commando Brigade Dress.*—Orders of dress within the Brigade may conform to local Army Regulations. Officers serving in 3 Commando Brigade are to wear coloured lanyards and garter tabs as laid down by the Commander, 3 Commando Brigade, and are to wear the green beret in place of the blue beret. Woven arm badges "Royal Marine Commando" and the "dagger" formation sign are also to be worn with khaki battledress.

35. *Retired Officers.*—Officers on the retired list whose names appear in the Navy List may wear the uniform of their rank which was regulation at the time they retired, or they may wear the latest pattern uniform, on those occasions for which the wearing of uniform is authorised.

Retired officers may wear insignia of Orders, Decorations and Medals with plain clothes under the same conditions as officers on the Active List.

36. *Fancy Dress Balls.*—Officers are not permitted to appear in their uniform at Fancy Dress Balls. By the term 'Uniform' in this order is meant the dress prescribed by existing regulations in force, and it is not intended to debar officers from wearing at fancy dress balls uniforms of obsolete pattern which may correctly be described as fancy dress.

37. *Mourning.*—For mourning a band of crepe  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide may be worn above the left elbow.

38. *Obsolete Uniform.*—Officers in possession of the following items of uniform may wear them on the occasions shown below:—

Articles	Occasions when worn
Khaki Service Dress.	} Off duty or on leave.
Cloth Belt.	
Brown Shoes.	
Khaki Forage Cap.	} Worn with modified Mess Dress.
Wellington Boots.	
Overalls.	
Spurs.	
Caps, F.S. Blue.	

The above items may be worn until replacements become necessary.

39. *Boots and Shoes.*—Boots are to be worn on all occasions when on duty with troops. Army pattern boots are to be worn with Nos. 3, 8, 10 and 11 Dress when ashore. Black shoes may be worn when off duty with Nos. 1, 2 and 3 (blue) Dress. Brown shoes may be worn off duty with Nos. 6, 7 and 8 Dress.

40. *Patterns of Uniform.*—Information regarding patterns of uniform or equipment of officers may be obtained on application at the office of the Commandant General, Royal Marines, Queen Anne's Mansions, St. James' Park, London, S.W.1.

## VIII.—Orders of Dress—Royal Marine Officers.

## IN U.K. AND TEMPERATE CLIMATES

## IN HOT CLIMATES

No.	Dress	Articles	Occasions when worn	No.	Articles
1.	Undress Order.	Forage Cap, blue tunic and trousers, black boots, white shirt and collar, black tie, Whistle and Lanyard, Sam Browne belt and brace. Sword, scabbard and frog Gloves Greatcoat Medals as ordered	Ceremonial and Guard duty both afloat and ashore.	6.	Forage Cap with cover, drill jacket and trousers, black boots, khaki shirt and collar, khaki tie. Remainder as for No. 1.
2.	Guard Order.	Forage Cap, blue tunic and trousers, black boots, white shirt and collar, black tie, Whistle and Lanyard, Sam Browne belt and brace. Cane Gloves Greatcoat, or Waterproof Coat as ordered	Routine parades, drills and inspections both afloat and ashore. When dining at Naval and other Service Messes on occasions when No. 4 Dress is not worn, in which case the cloth belt may be worn in lieu of the Sam Browne.	7.	As for No. 6 above as ordered. Tunic, shirt, shorts, white socks and hosetops may be worn in lieu of tunic and trousers. The bush jacket may be worn in lieu of the tunic when not parading with troops.
3.	Drill Order (Blue).	Beret, blue battledress, blouse and trousers, white shirt and collar, black tie, Whistle and Lanyard, black web belt. Black web anklets Cane Gloves Greatcoat, or Waterproof Coat as ordered	Drills, seamanship, gunnery and landing craft training. To be worn when Naval officers wear working dress.	8.	Beret, khaki shirt, shorts and stockings. Remainder as for No. 3. Drill trousers may be worn in lieu of shorts.
3a.	Drill Order (Khaki)	Beret, khaki battledress, blouse and trousers, khaki shirt, collar and tie, Whistle and Lanyard, black web belt. Remainder as for No. 3.	To be worn when employed on tactical training, weapon training, etc.		As for No. 8.
4.	Mess Dress.	Mess jacket scarlet, Mess Vest blue. Blue serge trousers, black socks, black shoes, stiff evening shirt and 'butterfly' collar, black bow tie. Miniature medals.	Worn on all occasions when Naval Officers wear Modified Mess Dress (No. 6A) or Mess Undress (No. 7) and on other occasions at C.O.'s discretion.	9.	Mess Jacket white. Mess Vest white. Remainder as No. 4.
	Tropical Mess Undress.		May be worn on all occasions when Naval Officers wear Tropical Mess Undress (No. 12a) and on other occasions at C.O.'s discretion.	9a.	White Tropical shirt (Officers' Pattern) detachable white shoulder straps. Gilt badges of rank and letters R.M. Blue, serge trousers, scarlet kamaband, black shoes and socks.
10.	Fighting Order.	Beret, khaki battledress blouse and trousers, boots, black anklets. Web equipment Steel Helmet Respirator A/G. Cape A/G. as ordered	Active service training in the field.	11.	Beret, khaki shirt, drill trousers or shorts and stockings. Remainder as for No. 10.

## XL.—R.M.F.V.R. Officers.

41. Officers of the Royal Marine Forces Volunteer Reserve are to wear uniform as laid down for regular officers, Royal Marines.

42. Kit scales are contained in R.M.F.V.R. Instructions.

43. Metal shoulder titles "R.M.F.V.R." are to be worn in place of letters "R.M."

44. Woven arm badges "Royal Marine Forces Volunteer Reserve" are to be worn in place of woven arm badges "Royal Marines."

DRESS REGULATIONS FOR ROYAL MARINES, SERVING IN  
H.M. SHIPS AND ON SHORE.

In U.K. and Temperate Climates				In Hot Climates.			
No. of	Dress.	Articles.	Corresponding Seamen's Dress.	No. of Dress.	Articles.	Corresponding Seamen's Dress.	
1	Undress Order.	Cap, blue serge tunic, tweed trousers. White web belt. Gold chevrons—all NCOs. Sashes are to be worn by SNCOs. King's Badge if worn to be gold. Rifle Side arms White web frog Greatcoat Medals As ordered	1	Ceremonial Guards, parades, sentries, orderlies, Walking out.	6	White duck cap. Khaki drill tunic and trousers, remainder as No. 1.	6
2	Guard Order.	As for No. 1 but red chevrons are to be worn.	2	Routine Guards Sentries, parades, orderlies.	7	As for No. 6 but shirt, shorts, hosetops and anklets may be worn in lieu of tunic and trousers.	6
3	Drill Order (Blue)	Blue beret, blue battle-dress blouse and trousers. Black web belt. Black web anklets Rifle Side arms Black web frog Greatcoat As ordered.	3	Drills, seamanship, gunnery and landing craft training. Working parties if ordered.	8	Blue beret, shirt, drill trousers or shorts and hosetops. Remainder as No. 3.	—
3a	Drill Order (Khaki)	Blue beret, khaki battle-dress blouse and trousers, black web belt. Remainder as No. 3.	—	Tactical Training, weapon training, etc.	—	—	—
4	Night Clothing.	Blue beret, blue battle-dress blouse and trousers or serge tunic and tweed or serge trousers. Black boots or shoes or brown canvas shoes.	4	Night clothing and wet weather.	9	Blue beret, shirt and drill shorts or trousers, socks, black shoes or brown canvas shoes.	—
5	Overall Dress.	Blue beret, denim blouse and trousers, boots. Black anklets as ordered.	5	Fatigues, training as ordered.	—	—	—
10	Fighting Order.	Blue beret, khaki battle-dress blouse and trousers, black anklets, shore service boots. Rifle Side-arms Black web equipment Steel helmet Respirator A/G Cape A/G As ordered	—	Active service. Training in the Field.	11	Blue beret, shirt, drill trousers or shorts and hosetops. Remainder as No. 10.	—

## NOTES.

1. *Scales of Kit* for Royal Marines are contained in Royal Marine Instructions. Issuing prices and rates of compensation are contained in BR 141.

2. *3 Commando Brigade Dress.* Ranks serving in 3 Commando Brigade are to wear the green beret in place of the blue beret and are to wear coloured lanyards and garter tabs as laid down by the Commander 3 Cdo Bde. Woven arm badges "Royal Marine Commando" and the "dagger" formation sign are also to be worn. Orders of Dress within the Brigade may conform to local Army regulations.

3. *Orders of Dress* may be worn without the tunic or blouse at the discretion of Commanding Officers, in which case the black web belt is to be worn.

4. *Walking out.* When walking out in No. 1 or No. 6 Dress, black shoes may be worn in place of boots. With No. 6 Dress, shirts, shorts, stockings and shoes may be worn at C.O.'s discretion.

5. *Boots.* Sea service boots are to be worn for duty on board for all orders of dress except where otherwise stated. Shore service boots are to be worn for duty ashore except where otherwise stated.

6. *Greatcoats.* The waist belt is to be worn under the greatcoat when walking out. When the greatcoat is worn for duty the belt is to be worn outside.

7. *Gloves.* May be worn at C.O.'s discretion. Sergeants and above may wear brown leather gloves for walking out. Bandmasters and band sergeants may wear such gloves on duty.

8. *Mourning.* If men, for private reasons, wish to wear mourning they may cover the second button of the serge with crape.

9. *Sashes.* When worn are to be fitted between the first and second button of the tunic and under the right shoulder strap.

10. *Knife lanyards* are to be worn only with No. 10 and 11 dress. The lanyard is to be worn on the right shoulder in an ordinary loop. Naval pattern white lanyards are not to be worn.

11. *Postmen and other special orderlies* may wear black oilskins in bad weather. No lettering is permitted on the oilskins.

12. *Sentries and orderlies.* Sentries below deck and orderlies may, at the Commanding Officer's discretion, wear shorts, stockings and black shoes with No. 7 and 8 Dress.

13. *R.N. School of Music Bands.* In general, the orders of Dress for Band ranks correspond to those for other ranks R.M., except that the buff belt is to be worn in place of the white web belt. With No. 1 and No. 6 Dress, white helmets are to be worn in place of caps. Orders for the wearing of buff band equipment are laid down by the Commandant R.N. School of Music.

14. *Group Bands.* Ranks serving in the Group Bands are to wear uniform in accordance with the sealed patterns. Helmets and buff equipment are to be worn with No. 1 and No. 6 Dress.

#### 15. Badges—Other Ranks.

**Cap Badges:** Worn centrally in front of the cap with the lugs of the badge inserted in the seam between the red welt and blue top.

**Collar Badge:** To be set one eighth of an inch above tunic collar seam with centre of badge two inches from edge of collar.

Letters R.M.: To be set in centre of shoulder strap half an inch above shoulder seam.

Woven Arm Badge "Royal Marines": To be sewn half inch below shoulder seam.

16. *Badges—R.N. School of Music.* The same as in paragraph 15, except that the lyre is to be worn on the collar in the following manner:—

Set with the centre pins one and three quarters of an inch from the front edge of the tunic collar.

17. *Badges—Group Bands.* Badges worn are the same as those in paragraph 15 with the following exceptions:—

**Chatham:** The White Rose of York is worn upon the regimental badge of the helmet plate and cap.

**Portsmouth:** The helmet plate has the Royal Cypher G.R.V. in silver over the anchor and below the globe.

The Cap badge consists of a gilt grenade on which is mounted the Royal Cypher G.R.V. and crown in silver, surrounded by a gilt laurel wreath.

Members of H.M. Yacht band wear the woven arm badge "Royal Yacht" which is sewn 1 inch below the seam of the right shoulder.

**Plymouth:** The Prince of Wales' plume is worn in the same manner as the White Rose in the Chatham Band.

18. *Beret.* The blue or green beret is to be worn so that the leather binding is level round the head and one inch above the eyebrows, the crown of the beret being pulled to the right. The cap badge is to be worn immediately over the left eye.

19. *Chevrons, badges of rank and good conduct badges.*

(a) *Chevrons worn above the elbow.*

Chevrons are to be sewn on garments centrally between the sleeve seams, the bottom point of the chevron being 10½ inches from the shoulder seam. Chevrons are to be worn on the right arm only with all orders of dress, other than khaki battledress when chevrons are to be worn on both arms.

(b) *Chevrons and badges of rank worn below the elbow.*

Chevrons and badges of rank are to be sewn centrally between the sleeve seams, the bottom point of the chevrons or badge to be at least immediately one quarter inch from top of sleeve cuff except on blue and khaki battledress when the distance is to be two inches above the cuff seam. Such chevrons or badges are to be worn on the right arm only, with the following exceptions:—

Khaki battledress	} both arms.
Greatcoats	
All tropical dress	— not worn except Sergeants Major, Staff Sergeants and Bandmasters who are to wear brass badges on a leather strap.

(c) *Good Conduct Badges.*

The possession of one or more good conduct badges is marked by a corresponding number of chevrons worn, point up, on the left arm with the lowest part of the badge ½ inch above the point of the cuff. In the case of blue and khaki battledress the distance to be two inches above the cuff seam.

# DRESS REGULATIONS : N.C.O.'s AND MEN, R.M.

Good conduct badges are not to be worn with No. 5 dress nor with any tropical dress.  
Non Commissioned officers are not to wear G.C.Bs.

20. *Instructors Badges.* Instructors of the rank Colour Sergeant are to wear the appropriate instructors badge on the right arm immediately above the cuff, other N.C.O.s above the chevrons on right arm, the bottom of the badge to be V-shaped into the top of the chevrons.

21. *Specialist Badges.* Worn on the left arm one quarter inch above the point of the cuff or G.C.B. (7 inches from bottom of sleeve when no pointed cuff or G.C.B. is worn) respectively. Where more than one specialist badge is worn, a quarter inch is to be left clear between each badge and badges are to be worn in the following order commencing at the bottom :—

Marksman or sniper.  
Naval gunnery.  
M.T. driver.  
Machine gunner.  
Signaller.

The badges are to be worn on serge tunics, blue and khaki battledress only.

22. *Medals.* Are to be worn on the blue serge tunic and drill tunic with No. 1 and 6 Dress when ordered. Medals are to be worn in the order laid down in K.R. and A.I., suspended from a single bar. With No. 1 Dress, the bar is to be attached by means of buckles sewn on the tunic, and with No. 6 Dress through small eyelet holes worked in the drill tunic. The position of the medal bar is to be :—

*Serge tunic*—to be attached to the garment immediately above the medal ribbons so as to cover them.

*Drill tunic*—bar with medals to replace medal ribbon bar.

The length of ribbons is to be so regulated that the lower edge of the Decorations and Medals are in line with the lower edge of the medal having the largest number of clasps. In this case there will not be less than half an inch from the uppermost clasp to the top of the ribbon having the greatest number of clasps.

If no clasps are worn, the lower edges of the Decorations and Medals are to be in line with the lower edge of the innermost medal, the length of which ribbon is to be 1½ inches.

When Medals cannot, on account of their number, be suspended so as to be freely seen, they are not to overlap, the senior Decoration or Medal showing in full.

23. *Medal Ribbons* are to be sewn on blue tunic and on blue and khaki battledress blouses. On the drill tunic ribbons are to be worn on a bar or bars. The ribbons are to be three eighths of an inch in length, sewn in the proper sequence, the senior Decoration or Medal commencing from the inner edge of the top row; they will not overlap and when there is not sufficient room to wear them in one row they will be worn in two or more rows, the bottom edge of the lowest row being half an inch above the upper edge of the pocket with a quarter of an inch interval between rows. The ribbons will be sewn centrally above the button of the pocket flap but there will be a space of not less than an inch between outer ribbon and the sleeve seam. When two or more rows are worn, the upper rows will be completed last. When there is a smaller number of ribbons in the second or subsequent rows the shorter rows will be arranged centrally above the button of the pocket flap.

## Dress Regulations N.C.O's and Men RMFVR

24. N.C.O's and men of the Royal Marine Forces Volunteer Reserve are to wear uniform as laid down for N.C.O's and men R.M.

25. Kit scales are laid down in R.M.F.V.R. instructions.

26. Metal shoulder titles "RMFVR" are to be worn in place of letters "RM."

27. Woven arm badges "Royal Marine Forces Volunteer Reserve" are to be worn in place of woven arm badges "Royal Marines."