

## DRESS REGULATIONS : ROYAL MARINE OFFICERS.

## DRESS REGULATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL MARINES.

## 1.—Uniform for General List Officers.

1. Generals are to wear Corps uniform, modified as shown below, with the exception of the greatcoat which will be Army pattern Atholl grey as follows:—

Milled cloth of sealed pattern, cut and shade; double-breasted, 2 cross pockets, pivot sleeves, 6 buttons on either side, 8 to 10 inches apart at the top and 4 to 6 inches at the bottom, lined with scarlet rattinet. Plain cloth shoulder straps fastened with a small button. Sword slit and flap at the side.

Modifications of the Corps pattern uniform will be:—

*Cap, forage*: No scarlet welt, peak to be embroidered all round with oak leaves.

*Mess Jacket*: No badges on lapels. Shoulder straps of blue cloth edged with  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch oak leaf pattern gold lace, fastened at the points with small mounted buttons. Badges of rank size  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in silver embroidery.

*Tropical Mess Jacket*: No badges on lapels. Shoulder straps of white drill fastened at the points with small mounted buttons. Badges of rank size  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in gilt metal.

*Trousers, blue serge*: Scarlet cloth strips  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in width in place of the narrower scarlet stripes worn by Colonels.

*Buttons* } *Badges* } The same pattern as prescribed for Army Generals.

2. Brigadiers and Colonels are to wear Corps uniform except for the following modifications:—

*Greatcoat*: As for Generals, but with Corps buttons.

*Mess Jacket*: As for Generals, with the exception that the shoulder straps will be edged with  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch staff pattern gold lace in place of oak leaf pattern.

*Tropical Mess Jacket*: As for Generals.

*Trousers*: Scarlet cloth stripes  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in width in place of the scarlet welts.

*Cap Badge*: The Imperial Crown will be worn on the forage cap and beret.

*Gorget Patches*: Scarlet gorget patches with crimson gimp cord and small buttons are to be worn with all orders of dress, other than Mess Kit as follows:—

*Serge Tunic and Drill Jackets*.—Patches will 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.

*Blue and Khaki Battledress and Bush Shirts*.—Similar in design to above but 2 inches long to the point and 1 inch wide. The patches will 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 being  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from the top of the collar.

3. Honorary Colonels Commandant of the Royal Marine Groups may, on special occasions, wear Corps uniform with badges of rank of Colonel, instead of the uniform of their rank.

4. *Aides-de-Camp*.—An officer of the Royal Marines who is A.D.C. to the Sovereign shall wear 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.

5. *Aiguillettes*.—(a) Aiguillettes are to be worn by R.M. Officers so entitled in all orders of dress except Nos. 3A, 7A, 7B, 8, 9A, 10 and 11 Dresses, or when wearing Greatcoats or Waterproof Coats.

(b) *For Aides-de-Camp to the King*.—Aiguillettes as prescribed for Naval Officers appointed as Aides-de-Camp to the King are to be worn by R.M. Officers holding that appointment. They will be worn in the same manner as prescribed for Naval Officers, and in all dresses except as in (a) above when in attendance on or in the presence of His Majesty or members of the Royal Family.

(c) *For Aides-de-Camp to General Officers, R.M.*—Aiguillettes as prescribed for Naval Officers appointed as Flag Lieutenants will be worn by R.M. Officers appointed as Aides-de-Camp to General Officers, R.M. They will be worn in the same manner as prescribed for Naval Officers in all dresses except as in (a) above. The Aiguillette need not be worn when not in personal attendance.

(d) *R.M. Officers appointed as Flag Lieutenants*.—Aiguillettes as prescribed for Naval Officers appointed as Flag Lieutenants will be worn by R.M. Officers holding that appointment. They will be worn in the same manner as in (c) above, but need not be worn at sea.

II.—Uniform for all Officers of Royal Marines unless otherwise stated in these Regulations.

6. *Cap, Forage*.—R.M. Officers Pattern. Blue cloth with scarlet band with welt on top and 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, consisting of a gilt metal laurel wreath surrounding a silver globe, to be worn in the front so that the tips of the wreath are level with the top of the scarlet band. This badge is to be surmounted by a Lion and Crown ~~wreath~~ so that the base of the Crown is  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the top of the scarlet band.

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

7. *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 of the same pattern and design as in para. 6 is to be worn immediately over the left eye.

8. *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 plait 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 Corps buttons down front, the bottom one just below the bottom edge of belt when worn. Gilt letters "RM" on shoulder straps. Pointed cuffs  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide rising to 6 inches at the point; with two small buttons on the outside seam; shoulder straps of the same material as the frock, fastened with a small Corps 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.

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

10. *Battledress, Blue and Khaki.*—Service articles 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 "RM."

*Khaki battledress*—worsted on the scarlet infantry background; no letters "RM."

Blue battledress blouses may be worn in lieu of blue tunics in No. 3 Dress as working dress by officers employed in offices, landing craft or turrets, but not on parade.

11. *Mess Jacket.*—Scarlet cloth, blue cloth round cuffs,  $\frac{3}{8}$  inches deep, roll collar, no shoulder flaps; four gilt buttons with Lion and Crown mounted in silver down the front, dummy button. 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  $7\frac{1}{4}$  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.

12. *Mess Vest*—Blue cloth, plain roll collar, four small buttons (Lion and Crown) pocket each side.

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

14. *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.

15. *Drill Clothing.*—Tunic to be made of khaki drill and cut to the pattern of the serge frock (paragraph 8), without buttons on cuff.

*Trousers*—of similar pattern to blue serge trousers (paragraph 9), but of khaki drill, without welts.

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

17. *White Mess Vest.*—Plain white drill, similar in pattern to the blue mess vest. (Optional).

*Badges of Rank.*—The ranks of officers will be distinguished by badges worn on the shoulder flaps, unless otherwise ordered, as laid down for the Army. All officers are to wear gilt letters "RM" on the serge frock, khaki drill, greatcoat and waterproof coat, and the size of the badges of rank will be  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch. Commissioned Branch Officers are to wear a star size  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch. Senior Commissioned Branch Officers are to wear a star size  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. On the Mess Jacket, scarlet and white, the size of badges for all officers will be  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

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

20. *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— $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches long and 1 inch wide at the shoulder; hilt, total length  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches; grip, total length, 6 inches to  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches to suit size of hand; weight, approximately 2 lbs. 2 ozs. without scabbard.

*Scabbard.*—Leather scabbard of Army pattern.

*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.

21. *Whistle and Lanyard.*—Whistle: White Metal (Army pattern). Lanyard: (Army pattern) the colour being blue.

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

22. *White Helmets.*—Other Ranks' Pattern white helmets and helmet plates will be worn by all Officers and Branch Officers of the R.M. Band Service. Officers serving in H.M. Ships will also wear the same pattern white helmets and helmet plates as ordered.

23. *Badges.* Pilots' and Observers' Badges—will be worn on blue tunics, battledress and khaki drill, but not on Mess Dress, as follows:—

If wearer has no medals—Immediately above left breast pocket in central position.

If wearer has medals— $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the top row of medals or ribbons in central position.

*Parachute Badges*—with wings may be worn on the upper part of the right arm by officers who are qualified parachutists and who are serving or who have served in Airborne, Commando, or Small Raids units and formations.

The Army khaki pattern will be worn with Khaki battledress and Khaki drill and the Army blue and gold pattern with blue uniform and blue battledress. This badge will not be worn with Mess Dress.

### III.—Optional Articles of Dress.

24. *Coat.*—British Warm or Corps pattern greatcoat may be worn by Colonels and above with khaki dress.

25. *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.

Field boots or leggings of black leather (Army pattern) may similarly be worn.

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

26. *Boat Cape.*—Blue cloth, lined crimson, to button four lion-head fastenings and chain at neck. Two pockets inside. Collar 2 inch stand;  $3\frac{1}{2}$  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.

27. *Bush Jackets.*—Army pattern may be worn with No. 7 Dress when not parading with troops.

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

### IV.—Notes on Dress.

29. *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.

30. *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 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.

31. *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.

32. *Obsolete Uniform.*—Officers in possession of the following items of uniform may wear them on the occasions shown below until replacements become necessary:—

*Articles*

*Occurrences when worn*

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

33. *Cap, Forage, blue.*—The old pattern Universal (Army) cap may continue to be worn on all occasions until replacement becomes necessary. The badge on this cap will be worn in a similar position to that stated in para. 6, but the gilt metal Lion and Crown will be worn so that the base of the Crown is half-way up the rim of the cap.

34. *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 (Naval Officers' pattern) may be worn when off duty with Nos. 1, 2 and 3 (blue) Dress. Brown shoes may be worn off duty with Nos. 3A, 6, 7 and 8 Dress.

35. *Mourning.*—For mourning a band of crepe  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches wide may be worn above the left elbow.

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 patterns which may correctly be described as fancy dress.

37. *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's Park, London, S.W.1.

**V.—Scale of Uniform and Equipment.**

38. The following uniform and equipment is to be obtained from sources shown below by officers on joining and thereafter maintained by them:—

*Item.* *No.*

*From Civilian Sources.*

|                                       |    |    |        |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|--------|
| Tunics, blue serge                    | .. | .. | 2      |
| Trousers, blue serge                  | .. | .. | 2 prs. |
| Greatcoat                             | .. | .. | 1      |
| Gilt stars for greatcoat              | .. | .. | 1 pair |
| Stars for battledress                 | .. | .. | 1 pair |
| Boots, ankle, black (plain toe cap)   | .. | .. | 1 pair |
| Shoes, black (Naval Officers Pattern) | .. | .. | 1 pair |
| Forage cap, blue, complete with badge | .. | .. | 1      |
| Covers, cap                           | .. | .. | 2      |
| Lanyard, blue                         | .. | .. | 1      |
| Whistle                               | .. | .. | 1      |
| Cane, regulation                      | .. | .. | 1      |
| Waterproof coat                       | .. | .. | 1      |
| Mess jacket                           | .. | .. | 1      |
| Mess waistcoat                        | .. | .. | 1      |
| Shirts, evening                       | .. | .. | 3      |
| Shirts, khaki                         | .. | .. | 3      |
| Collars, khaki                        | .. | .. | 6      |
| Ties, khaki                           | .. | .. | 2      |
| Trunk                                 | .. | .. | 1      |

*Items for Free Issue.*

|                                    |    |    |        |
|------------------------------------|----|----|--------|
| Blouse, khaki battledress          | .. | .. | 1      |
| Trousers, khaki battledress        | .. | .. | 1 pair |
| Blouse, blue battledress           | .. | .. | 1      |
| Trousers, blue serge               | .. | .. | 1 pair |
| Boots, ankle, black (Army Pattern) | .. | .. | 1 pair |

|  |    |    |        |
|--|----|----|--------|
| Anklets, web                           | .. | .. | 1 pair |
| Beret, blue                            | .. | .. | 1      |
| Gilt cap badge                         | .. | .. | 1      |
| Collars, white                         | .. | .. | 12     |
| Collars, stiff, white, single, evening | .. | .. | 6      |
| Gloves, brown, cape                    | .. | .. | 1 pair |
| Shirts, white                          | .. | .. | 4      |
| Socks, black                           | .. | .. | 6 prs. |
| Socks, khaki                           | .. | .. | 3 prs. |
| Ties, black                            | .. | .. | 2      |
| Ties, black, silk (evening)            | .. | .. | 1      |
| Sam Browne belt, right brace and frog  | .. | .. | 1 set  |
| Overalls, denim                        | .. | .. | 1 suit |

**VI.—Articles issued on Loan.**

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

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| <i>Article.</i>         | <i>No.</i> |
| Anti-Gas Respirator     | ..         |
| Helmet, steel           | ..         |
| Web equipment, officers | ..         |
| Revolver                | ..         |
| Camp equipment          | ..         |
| Compass, prismatic      | ..         |
| Binoculars              | ..         |

**VII.—Medals and Medal Ribbons.**

40. (a) *Orders, Decorations and Medals*—are to be worn in a horizontal line suspended from a single brooch of which no part is seen, or be stitched to the garment, and in the order of precedence laid down by the Navy. The brooch will be placed directly over any ribbons already stitched to the garment.

The occasions on which decorations, etc., are to be worn are shown in Section VIII, Orders of Dress. The manner of wearing Insignia of Orders is shown in paragraph 42.

When decorations and medals cannot on account of their number be suspended from the brooch so as to be freely seen they are to overlap, the senior decoration or medal showing, or they may be worn in the Court style, i.e., the ribbons are mounted on a frame of which the lower edge is in line with the centre of the decorations and medals; commencing from the lower edge of the frame each ribbon runs over the upper edge and down to the ring or clasp of the decoration or medal. The decorations and medals are stitched down to the ribbons.

Medals are to be worn so as to show the Sovereign's head, or obverse side. The first earned clasp is to be worn nearest the medal.

When decorations and medals are worn, the ribbons are to be normally  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length. When two or more decorations and medals are worn they are to be so arranged that the lower edges (or points of stars) are in line. Owing to the differing lengths of decorations and medals it may be necessary for the ribbons to be of greater length than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The addition of a number of clasp to a medal may also necessitate the wearing of a ribbon of more than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

(b) *Mess Jackets.*—Miniature medals are to be worn on the lapel of the mess jacket  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch below the Corps Badge or equivalent position. They are not to extend beyond the lapel on the inner side.

(c) *Plain Clothes.*—Evening Dress—Miniature decorations and medals will be worn with evening dress (plain clothes), as prescribed for Naval Officers.

*Dinner Jackets.*—When orders, decorations and medals are worn with evening dress (plain clothes) approval is given, as a temporary measure, for miniatures to be worn on the left lapel of dinner jackets by those not in possession of full evening dress. Neck badges will not be worn, but the insignia may be worn in miniature with decorations and medals on the left breast. Stars of Orders will not be worn with dinner jackets.

(d) *Foreign Orders, Decorations and War Medals* when authorised to be worn, are to be worn in the same order as prescribed for Naval Officers.

41. *Medal Ribbons.*—When no medals are worn, ribbons  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch long are to be worn without intervals on the left breast of 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.

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 is in no case to extend beyond the same limits as the bottom row.

*Manner of Wearing Insignia of Orders.*

(a) *Insignia of the 1st Class (Knights Grand Cross, Knights Grand Commander).*

The insignia of Knights Grand Cross and Knights Grand Commanders consists of the badge suspended from a broad riband over the shoulder\* and the ear. Ribands will be worn in Nos. 1A, 4A, 6A and Full Dresses. In Full Dress the riband will be worn under the shoulder strap and sash, the bow from which the badge is suspended resting on the hip immediately below the sash, and with No. 4A Dress under the coat and over the waistcoat. In Nos. 1A and 6A Dresses the riband will be worn under the shoulder strap and under the Sam Browne Belt and Brace. One riband and badge only is to be worn and this is to be the senior riband and badge, unless a junior or foreign riband and badge should appear to be more appropriate to the occasion.

On collar days, the collar takes the place of the riband, being worn on full dress only over the shoulder straps and also over aiguillettes and fastened with white satin bows  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide, the collar hanging at equal distance front and back. They will not be worn after sunset or at reviews or ceremonial parades, unless directions to that effect are given. On these occasions a Knight Grand Cross or Knight Grand Commander of more than one Order wears in addition the riband and badge of the next senior order.

With No. 1B Dress and No. 6B Dress the star of the Order only may be worn at the discretion of the Senior Officer present.

*Note* : Badges of Knights Grand Cross and Knights Grand Commanders are only to be worn as Broad Ribands over shoulder and never round the neck.

With No. 4 Dress and No. 9 Dress miniature badges but not stars are to be worn in lieu.

\* The Grand Cross Riband of the several orders of Knighthood are worn over the shoulder as follows :—

Order of the Garter      } Over the left shoulder.  
Order of the Thistle      } Over the right shoulder.

All other Orders      } Over the right shoulder.

(b) *Insignia of the 2nd Class (Knight Commander).*

The insignia of Knights Commanders are to be worn with No. 1A Dress, No. 4A Dress and No. 6A Dress. Stars are worn on the left breast. When two stars are worn the senior star will be placed directly above the other. Three stars will be worn in triangular formation and four stars in diamond formation. The senior star will be worn on top, except that in the case of three stars it is permissible for the two senior stars to be worn horizontally in line with the junior star underneath. The senior of the two stars worn horizontally will be placed nearest the centre of the chest. Ribands and Collars will be worn as stated in sub-para. (a).

*Neck Orders.*—An officer in possession of one badge will wear it round the neck with the riband under the shirt collar and the badge over the tie. An officer in possession of badges of more than one Order will wear the badge of the highest grade as above described, the second badge will be worn below the other, suspended from a riband emerging about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch below the top button of the jacket, a small eye being stitched inside the jacket, to which the riband will be fastened by a hook.

(c) *Insignia of the 3rd Class (Companion or Commander).*

The riband with the badge attached is worn round the neck in the same manner and with the same dress as prescribed for the 2nd Class (Knight Commander).

(d) *Insignia of the 4th and 5th Classes (Officer or Member) and a badge of a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.*

The insignia will be worn with Nos. 1, 1A, 6, 6A and 4A Dresses on the left breast in the position assigned to them, as prescribed for Naval Officers.

(e) *General.*

(i) Each of the following comprise a badge which is worn as a neck decoration. The badge is never worn in miniature :—

Order of Merit : Order of the Companion of Honour (Men).

(ii) The ribands of the :—

Order of the Garter      } Are never worn on the  
Order of the Thistle      } left breast with other  
Order of St Patrick      } medal ribbons.

(iii) Width of ribands.—The ribands of Orders, when the riband above is worn, will be of the width of the ribands of the Membership of the Order. If there is no Membership Class the riband will be of the width of the riband of the Companionship of the Order.

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

**IN U.K. AND TEMPERATE CLIMATES**

**IN HOT CLIMATES**

| No. | Dress            | Articles  | Occasions when worn  | No. | Articles  |
|-----|------------------|---|--|-----|---|
| 1A  | Ceremonial Dress | Forage Cap, blue tunic and trousers, black boots, white shirt and collar, black tie, Whistle and Lanyard, Sam Browne belt and brace.<br>Sword‡<br>Scabbard & Frog<br>Medals, etc. | As for Naval Officers, Nos. 3 and 8 Dress.<br>Note.—Orders, Decorations and Medals not exceeding :<br>Broad Riband      1<br>Stars on breast      4<br>Neck Orders      2<br>Medals      All         | 6A  | Forage cap with cover, drill jacket and trousers, black boots, khaki shirt, collar and tie.<br>Remainder as for No. 1A. |
| 1   | Undress Order    | Gloves<br>Greatcoats<br>As for Ceremonial Dress.  | Ceremonial and Guard duty and as for Naval Officers Nos. 4 and 9A Dress.<br>Note : Orders, Decorations and medals not exceeding :<br>Neck Orders      1<br>Stars on breast      2<br>Medals      All | 6   | As for Ceremonial Dress.  |

## VIII.—Order of Dress—Royal Marine Officers—continued.

| No. | Dress                       | Articles   | Occasions when worn   | No. | Articles  |
|-----|-----------------------------|--|---|-----|---|
| 1B  | Undress Order (Alternative) | As for Ceremonial Dress.   | Ceremonial and Guard Duty and as for Naval Officers Nos. 4A and 9B Dresses.<br>Note: Orders, Decorations and Medals not exceeding: Stars on breast 2 (Optional) Medals  | 6B  | As for Ceremonial Dress.  |
| 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.<br>Cane<br>Gloves<br>Greatcoat<br>Sword†<br>Scabbard & Frog | All Routine parades, drills and inspections both afloat and ashore.<br>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   | Forage cap with cover, drill jacket and trousers, black boots, khaki shirt, collar and tie.<br>Remainder as for No. 2. Tropical shirt, shorts, anklets and hose tops may be worn in lieu of tunic and trousers. |
| 3   | Drill Order (Blue)          | Beret.<br>Remainder as for No. 2, but waterproof coat may be worn in lieu of greatcoat.<br>(For wearing of blue battledress blouse in lieu of tunic see para. 10).                               | Drills, seamanship, gunnery and landing craft training. To be worn when Naval officers wear working dress.  | 7A  | The bush jacket may be worn in lieu of jacket, shirt when not parading with troops.   |
| 3A  | Drill Order (Khaki)         | Beret, khaki battledress blouse and trousers, khaki shirt, collar and tie, Whistle and Lanyard, black web belt.<br>Remainder as for No. 3 with addition of black web anklets.                    | To be worn when employed on tactical training, weapon training, etc.  | 7B  | As for No. 8.   |
| 4A  | Modified Ball Dress         | Mess jacket scarlet, Mess vest blue. Blue serge trousers, black socks, black shoes, stiff evening shirt and "butterfly" collar, black bow tie.   | Optional dress, to be worn at official or public balls, dinners, and evening receptions.<br>Note.—Orders and Miniature Badges.<br>Decorations and Medals.<br>Stars of Orders. (Not exceeding 2)<br>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.<br>Note.—Miniature Medals only. | 8   | Beret, khaki shirt, shorts and stockings.<br>Remainder as for No. 3. Drill trousers may be worn in lieu of shorts.  |
| 4   | Mess Dress                  | As for No. 4A.   |   | 9   | Mess Jacket white. Scarlet Kamarband. Mess Vest White (optional).<br>Remainder as for 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 (Naval Officers' Pattern) with detachable shoulder straps. Badges of rank and letters R.M. Blue serge trousers, scarlet kamarband, black shoes and socks.                                  |
| 10  | Fighting Order              | Beret, khaki battledress blouse and trousers, boots, black anklets.<br>Web equipment } as Steel Helmet } or Respirator at or A/G. } ordered  | Active service training in the field.   | 11  | Beret, khaki shirt, drill trousers or shorts and stockings.<br>Remainder as for No. 10.   |

The class of uniform to be worn at Court Functions by Officers of the Royal Marines will be indicated on the invitations as either "Ceremonial" or "Non-Ceremonial." The following table sets out the dresses to be worn on these occasions:—

Ceremonial (at day functions) .. .. .. ..

Ceremonial (at evening functions) .. .. .. ..

Non-Ceremonial .. .. .. ..

No. 1A Ceremonial Dress

No. 4A Modified Ball Dress

No. 2 Guard Order—without sword

† As the sword is not now a compulsory item, officers entered after 1st January, 1949, not in possession of swords may wear Nos. 1, 1A, 2, 6, 8A, 7, 7A and 7B dress without that article.

## IX.—R.M.F.V.R. Officers.

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

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

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

46. 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.

| No. of Dress | IN U.K. AND TEMPERATE CLIMATES |  |                              | IN HOT CLIMATES   |              |   |                              |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|--------------|---|------------------------------|
|              | Dress                          | Articles   | Corresponding Seamen's Dress | Occasions when worn   | No. of Dress | Articles  | Corresponding Seamen's Dress |
| 1            | Undress Order                  | Cap, blue serge tunic, tweed trousers. White web belt. Gold chevrons — all N.C.O.s. Sashes are to be worn by S.N.C.O.s. King's Badge if worn to be gold.<br>Rifle<br>Side Arms*<br>White web frog<br>Greatcoat<br>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, hsetops and anklets may be worn, in lieu of tunic and trousers. | 6                            |
| 3            | Drill Order (Blue)             | Blue beret, blue serge tunic and trousers. Black web belt<br>Rifle<br>Side Arms*<br>Black web frog<br>Greatcoat<br>(For wearing of Blue Battledress Blouse in lieu of Serge tunic see para. 10).                         | As ordered.                  | 3 Drills, seamanship, gunnery and landing craft training. Working parties if ordered. | 8            | Blue beret, shirt, drill trousers or shorts and hsetops. 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.  | —            | —   | —                            |
|              | 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 trousers, socks, black shoes or brown canvas shoes.                 | —                            |
| 5            | Overall Dress                  | Blue beret, denim blouse and trousers, boots. Black anklets as ordered.  |                              | 9 Fatigues, training as ordered.  | —            | —   | —                            |
| 10           | Fighting Order                 | Blue beret, khaki battle-dress blouse and trousers, black anklets, shore service boots.<br>Rifle<br>Side-arms*<br>Black web equipment.<br>Steel helmet<br>Respirator<br>A/G  | As ordered                   | — Active service. Training in the Field.  | 11           | Blue beret, shirt, drill trousers or shorts and hsetops. Remainder as No. 10.                   | —                            |

\* Only the blade of the bayonet, the stud and top ring of the scabbard will be burnished, the remainder of the bayonet and scabbard will be browned or polished with black boot polish.

## NOTES.

1. *Scales of Kit* for Royal Marines are contained in Royal Marine Instructions. Issuing prices are contained in A.F.O.s.

2. *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.

3. *Dress for 3 Commando Brigade*. 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.

4. R.M. Units and formations when serving under Army Command in the Far East may wear olive green clothing.

5. *Dress for R.S.M.s*.—R.S.M.s will wear the dress prescribed for Quartermaster Sergeants except that the Officers' pattern Sam Browne belt will be worn with Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 Dress. Swords will only be carried when specially ordered for ceremonial occasions.

6. *Quartermaster Sergeants and equivalent ranks* are to wear the brown leather sword belt and sling with Nos. 1, 2, 6 and 7 Dresses. With other orders of dress, the black web belt is to be worn. Swords will only be carried when specially ordered for ceremonial occasions.

7. *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.

8. *White Helmets*. White helmets will be worn by R.M. Detachments in H.M. Ships as ordered, in Nos. 1, 2, 6 and 7 Dresses.

9. *Khaki Battledress*.—At the discretion of Commanding Officers, khaki battledress blouses may be worn open at the neck with shirt and tie of regulation pattern on all occasions when the wearing of khaki battledress is authorised. No tie or collar pins are to be worn.

10. *Blue Battledress*. Manufacture of the Blue Battledress Blouse has now been discontinued and will cease to be worn as an alternative to tunics, serge with No. 3 Dress in offices, landing craft or turrets on 1st January, 1952. Men in possession of Blue Battledress Blouses may, however, be permitted to continue to wear them in lieu of tunics, serge, with No. 4 Dress.

11. *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.

12. *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.

13. *Leather Sandals*. See page 121, para. 23 regarding the wearing of leather sandals.

14. *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.

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

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

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

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

19. *Raincoats*. As an optional item, a blue raincoat of approved pattern may be worn for walking out.

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

21. *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.

22. *Despatch Riders and Grooms* are to wear the special clothing issued on all occasions of duty.

23. *Provost*. Ranks on Provost duties are to wear the authorised armlet on the left sleeve immediately above the cuff.

24. *Badges—Other Ranks*.

Cap Badges: Worn centrally in front of the cap with top of red welt running through crown and level with two holes in the crown.

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.

Badges, arm, woven "Royal Marines": To be worn with the top edge one inch down from the shoulder seam and centrally under shoulder strap.

25. *Buttons, cap badges and letters R.M.* are to be polished, but sergeants and above may wear these articles gilt.

26. *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 approximately one-quarter inch from top of slash or 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      }      Greatcoats      }      both arms.

All tropical dress—not worn except Serge Majors, Quartermaster 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.

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.B.s.

27. *Other Badges—Other Ranks*.

Instructors' Badges: Instructors of the rank of Colour Sergeant are to wear the appropriate Instructors' badges 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.

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

off or G.C.B. is worn) respectively. Where more than one specialist badge is worn, a quarter-inch to be left clear between each badge and badges are to be worn in the following order commencing at the bottom:—

Marksmen or Sniper.  
Naval Gunnery.  
M.T. Driver.  
Machine Gunner.  
Signaller.

Group A and B Tradesmen will wear the Tradesmen Badge (crossed Hammer and Pincer) on their right upper arm.

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

Parachute Badges with wings, worn on the upper part of the right arm may be worn by N.C.O.s and men who are qualified parachutists and who are serving or have served in Airborne, Commando, or Small Raids units and formations.

Badges awarded during former service in the Army or Royal Air Force are not to be worn unless such badges are authorised for wear by other ranks R.M. (e.g., parachute badge).

Naval pattern badges will be worn with blue arm and Army pattern badges with khaki arm. No badges other than the King's badges will be worn by N.C.O.s when wearing gold chevrons.

#### 29. Dress for R.M. Band Service.

(a) 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.M. School of Music.

Badges : The same as in para. 24 except that Boy Musicians will wear the "Lyre" collar badge until completion of training at R.M. School of Music in the following manner:—

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

Trousers : Trousers are to have a broad red stripe. Boy Musicians will wear trousers with a narrow red stripe until completion of training at R.M. School of Music.

Bandmasters appointed as the Band Sergeant of Portsmouth and Plymouth Staff Bands will wear the uniform prescribed for Q.M.S. in para. 6, but will wear inverted chevrons and lyre on the bottom of the sleeve of the right arm in lieu of the badge of rank of Bandmaster.

#### (b) Staff Bands, Portsmouth and Plymouth.

Ranks serving in the Staff 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.

Badges : Worn are the same as those in paragraph 22 with the following exception:—

(c) *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.

(d) *Plymouth* : The Prince of Wales's plume is worn upon the regimental badge of the helmet plate and cap.

30. *Medals*. Are to be worn on the blue serge tunic and drill tunic with No. 1 and No. 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 beackets 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 edges 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  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

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

31. *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. Normally five or less medal ribbons will be worn in one row, but this is dependent upon the physique of the individual and the type of garment (i.e., with closed or open neck). The bottom edge of the lowest row will be 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  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 R.M.F.V.R.

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.

33. Kit scales are laid down in R.M.F.V.R. regulations.

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

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