

**142 DRESS REGULATIONS : ROYAL MARINES OFFICERS.**

**DRESSES AND OCCASIONS ON WHICH THEY ARE TO BE WORN**

Numbers are assigned to the several dresses for convenience when referring to them. The number of the dresses correspond, so far as is practicable, to those for Naval Officers' dresses and, in consequence, some dresses have more than one number.

Except where indicated R.M. officers are to wear Orders, Decorations and Medals as laid down for Naval Officers in the appropriate dress.

The Amplifying Orders applicable to the dresses for Other Ranks, R.M., are also applicable to R.M. Officers' dresses.

Dresses.			Occasions.
No. 1	Full Dress.	Cloth Tunic (or Frock Coat when ordered) Blue Serge Trousers Helmet, curb chain Crimson Sash White Kid Gloves *Sword and steel scabbard Full Dress sword belt and knot	Band Service only. Ceremonial Duties.
No. 2B	Modified Ball Dress	Scarlet Mess Jacket Blue Mess Waistcoat Blue Serge Trousers.	When Naval Officers wear No. 2B Dress.
No. 3	Ceremonial Blue	Blue Serge Tunic Blue Serge Trousers Cap Whistle and Lanyard Sam Browne Belt, Brace and Frog *Sword	(a) Ceremonial Duties (b) When Naval Officers wear No. 3 Dress. Note (i) On these occasions General Officers R.M. wear the Army pattern No. 1 (Ceremonial) Dress. (ii) Helmet to be worn when ordered.
No. 3A	Ceremonial Battledress	Khaki Battledress Green Beret White Web Belt and Anklets Medals (not more than one Neck Decoration) *When Swords are worn the Sam Browne Belt and Brace, Scabbard and Frog, will be worn in place of the White Web Belt.	When Other Ranks R.M. wear No. 1A Dress. Note.—Commando Units only.
No. 4 and No. 4A	Undress	Blue Serge Tunic Blue Serge Trousers Cap Whistle and Lanyard Sam Browne Belt, Brace and Frog *Sword	When Naval Officers wear Nos. 4 and 4A Dresses.
No. 5	Drill Order	Blue Serge Tunic Blue Serge Trousers Cap Whistle and Lanyard Sam Browne Belt, Brace and Frog or Blue Cloth Belt (as directed by Senior Officer) *Sword	(a) When Naval Officers wear No. 5 Dress. (b) When dining in Service messes when Mess Dress is not worn (in which case Sword and Scabbard will not be worn).
No. 5A	Working Dress	Blue Serge Tunic Blue Serge Trousers Cap Whistle and Lanyard Sam Browne Belt, Brace and Frog	(a) Routine Duties and training (b) When Naval Officers wear No. 5A Dress. Notes: (i) The beret may be worn in place of the cap when specially ordered. (ii) Blue battledress with web belt may be worn in place of blue serge suit. Sam Browne belt according to local orders. (iii) The normal working dress for officers in Landing is to be:— Blue Battledress Black Web Belt Blue Beret Whistle and Lanyard
No. 5C	Battledress	Khaki Battledress Beret Black Web Belt Ribbons of Orders, Decorations and Medals (See Amplifying Orders).	(a) Military training and manoeuvres (b) Active Service ashore Note.—See para. 21(b).

\* Officers not in possession of Sword and Scabbard are not required to provide these articles for the year.

## Dresses and Occasions on which they are to be worn—continued

Dresses.			Occasions.
No. 5D	Shirt Sleeve Order	Khaki Shirt Khaki Battledress Trousers Beret Black Web Belt Whistle and Lanyard	Ashore in U.K. only, in hot weather, as ordered, when other Ranks R.M. wear No. 3B Dress.
No. 6A and No. 7	Mess Dress	Scarlet Mess Jacket Blue Mess Waistcoat Blue Serge Trousers	(a) Mess Dinners. (b) When Naval Officers wear No. 6A and No. 7 Dresses.
No. 8	Ceremonial Khaki Drill	Khaki Drill Tunic Khaki Drill Trousers Cap Sam Browne Belt, Brace and Frog *Sword	When Naval Officers wear No. 8 Dress. <i>Note.</i> —Helmet to be worn when ordered.
Nos. 9A 9B and 10	Khaki Drill	Khaki Drill Tunic Khaki Drill Trousers Cap Sam Browne Belt, Brace and Frog *Sword	(a) When Naval Officers wear Nos. 9A, 9B and 10 Dresses. (b) When Other Ranks R.M. wear No. 9a Dress.
No. 10A	Tropical Undress	Khaki Cellular Shirt Metal Badges of Rank and Letters "R.M." Khaki Drill Trousers Cap Sam Browne Belt, Brace and Frog	When Other Ranks R.M. wear No. 7 Dress. <i>Notes.</i> —(i) *Sword and Medals to be worn when ordered. (ii) <i>Commando Units only</i> —Green Beret to be worn when ordered.
No. 11B	Modified White Ball Dress	White Mess Jacket White Mess Waistcoat Blue Serge Trousers	When Naval Officers wear No. 11B Dress.
No. 11A	White Mess Dress	White Mess Jacket White Mess Waistcoat Blue Serge Trousers	Optional Dress, to be worn when Naval Officers wear No. 11A Dress.
No. 12	White Mess Undress	White Mess Jacket Scarlet Kamarband Blue Serge Trousers	(a) Mess Dinners. (b) When Naval Officers wear Nos. 11A and 12 Dresses.
No. 12A	Tropical Mess Undress	White Tropical Shirt (Naval Officers' pattern) with detachable Shoulder Straps Scarlet Kamarband Blue Serge Trousers	(a) Optional Dress for informal evening wear in hot climates. (b) When Naval Officers wear No. 12A Dress.
No. 13 and No. 13A	Tropical Dress	Khaki Cellular Shirt Metal Badges of Rank and Letters "R.M." Khaki Drill Shorts Cap Hosetops Black Web Belt Black Anklets	(a) Routine duties ashore and afloat in hot weather. (b) When Naval Officers wear Nos. 13 and 13A Dresses.
No. 14	Action Dress	Khaki Shirt Blue Serge Trousers Cap or Blue Beret	When Naval Officers wear No. 14 Dress.
No. 15	Tropical Battledress	Khaki Cellular Shirt Metal Badges of Rank and Letters "R.M." Khaki Drill Trousers Beret Black Web Belt Black Anklets No Medal Ribbons	(a) Military training ashore and afloat. (b) Active Service ashore.

\* Officers not in possession of Sword and Scabbard are not required to provide these articles for the present.

### JOINT SERVICES CEREMONIAL DRESS TABLE

The dresses to be worn by Royal Marines Officers at Court functions or Joint Service functions at which Her Majesty or a member of the Royal Family is present are shown in the Joint Services Ceremonial Dress Table in the Uniform Regulations for Naval Officers.

### MANNER OF WEARING ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS.

1. Orders, decorations and medals are to be worn in the manner laid down for Naval Officers except that:—

- the medal bar is to be positioned directly over any ribbons already stitched to the garment;
- miniature medals are to be worn when Naval Officers wear miniature medal ribbons. Miniature medals are to be worn on the lapel of the mess jacket  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch below the Corps Badge.

2. *Medal Ribbons.*—When no medals are worn, ribbons  $\frac{1}{2}$  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  $\frac{1}{4}$  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) is to be sewn as nearly

centrally above the pocket button as practicable, but it is in no case to extend beyond the ends of the bottom row.

3. *Neck Orders*.—An officer in possession of one badge is to 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 is to wear the badge of the highest grade as above described, and the second badge is to be worn below the other, suspended from a riband emerging about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch below the top button of the jacket. The riband is to be fastened by a hook to a small eye stitched inside the jacket.

## DETAILS OF UNIFORM FOR OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL MARINES.

### Uniform for General List Officers.

1. Generals are to wear Corps uniform, modified as shown in sub-paragraph (d) below, with the exception of the undermentioned items (a), (b) and (c) which are to be of the Army pattern :—

(a) *Greatcoat*.—Army pattern, Atholl Grey, 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 shoulder straps fastened with a small button. Sword slit and flap at side.

(b) The Army pattern "No. 1 Dress (Ceremonial)" comprising :—

Forage Cap	Spurs	Sword and Scabbard
Blue Tunic	White Wash Leather Gloves	Gold Sword Sling
Overalls	Crimson and Gold Waist Sash	Crimson and Gold Sword Knot
Wellington Boots	Gold Shoulder Cords	

is worn by Generals, R.M. in place of No. 3 Dress.

(c) *Buttons* : The same pattern as prescribed for Army Generals.

*Badges* : The same pattern as prescribed for Army Generals.

*Gorget Patches* : The same pattern as prescribed for Army Generals.

(d) In all other respects, Generals wear Corps pattern uniform with the undermentioned modifications :—

*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  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in gilt metal.

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

2. (a) General Officers, Brigadiers and Colonels are to wear overalls, Wellington boots and spurs in the following dresses :—

No. 2B Modified Ball Dress      No. 3 Ceremonial Blue      No. 4 and No. 4A Undress      No. 6A Mess Dress

(b) 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 are to 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 strips  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in width in place of the scarlet welts.

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

*Gorget Patches* : Scarlet 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 are to be  $8\frac{1}{2}$  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 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 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.

### Aides-de-Camp

4. *Royal Cyphers*.—Royal Marines Aides-de-Camp to the Queen and Equerries and Extra-Equerries to the Queen or to Members of the Royal Family are to wear the Royal Cypher and Crown, in one piece, below their badges of rank.

Particulars of the Royal Cypher and Crown prescribed for wear with all orders of dress are as shown below :—

Appointment	Type of Uniform	Royal Cypher and Crown
Aides-de-Camp to the Queen and Equerries and Extra Equerries to the Queen or to Members of the Royal Family.	Full Dress.	Dull Silver Metal
	Blue Serge Tunic.	$1\frac{1}{4}$ inches high.
	Atholl Grey Greatcoat.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide.
	Scarlet Mess Jacket.	
	White Mess Jacket	
	Khaki Dress, including :—	Gilt Metal.
	Battledress	$1\frac{1}{4}$ inches high.
	Khaki Drill Tunic.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide.
	Bush Jacket	
	Service Dress Greatcoat.	
Ex-Aides-de-Camp to the Queen.	British Warm.	
	Blue Battledress.	

As above.

As above in Miniature.

$\frac{4}{5}$  inches high.  
 $10/20$  inches wide.

*Notes*.—Aides-de-Camp to the Queen who vacate the appointment on promotion to the substantive rank of Major-General are to cease wearing the Royal Cypher and Crown.

5. *Aiguillettes*.—(a) *Aiguillettes* are to be worn by entitled R.M. Officers in the same manner as for Naval Officers, and with the equivalent dresses. *Aiguillette* shoulder straps are not, however, worn R.M. Officers.

(b) *Aiguillettes* are to be worn by the following R.M. Officers :—

- (i) *Aides-de-Camp* to the Queen and *Equerries* and *Extra Equerries* to the Queen or to Members of the Royal Family.
- (ii) *Aides-de-Camp* to General Officers, R.M.—as prescribed for Naval Officers appointed as *Flag Lieutenants*.
- (iii) R.M. Officers appointed as *Flag Lieutenants*—as for Naval Officers so appointed.

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

6. *Cap, Forage*.—R.M. Officers Pattern. White cloth plastic crown and quarterings; piping round crown. Scarlet cloth band with welt at top blue cloth border at bottom; fitted with peak and chin strap. The buttons to be gilt with mounted silver lion and crown. The peak to be ornamented with gold embroidered oak leaf for Field Officers and plain for other officers. The badge, consisting of a 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 worn so that the base of the Crown is  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the top of the scarlet band.

*Note* : As a temporary measure either a cap with white top or a blue cap with white ribbed piqué cap cover may be worn.

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.

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 paragraph 6 is to be worn immediately over the left eye.

8. *Blue Serge Tunic*.—Blue serge, single breasted, cut as a lounge suit 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; detachable plain blue cloth belt, 2 inches wide, with mitred end, fastened by 2-prong gilt metal buckle; 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  $6\frac{1}{2}$  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,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  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 "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 the outside seam; shoulder straps of the same material as the tunic, 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 tunic.

9. *Trousers*.—Blue serge, 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.

11. *Mess Jacket*.—Scarlet cloth, blue cloth round cuffs  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches deep, roll collar, no shoulder straps; four gilt buttons with Lion and Crown mounted in silver down the front, dummy button holes. Badges of rank  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch in size for all officers and Corps badges in gilt metal, except that the Globe is to be in silver, on each side of the collar. The position of these badges is to 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch between top of Corps badge and nearest part of first badge of rank.  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch space between nearest part of other badges.

12. *Mess Waistcoat*.—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 are to be 11 inches apart at the top.

14. *Mackintosh*.—Army Officers' (1952) pattern. Khaki rubber-proofed double-fabric. Single breasted to button five; fly-front; loose belt with single-prong leather-covered buckle; collar stand with all-round fall; two patch hip pockets with flaps; ticket pocket in left forepart facing; fitted with strap and buckle fastening for additional closing of the fronts; two-piece back with vent, fitted with a saddle flap on the inside; set-in sleeves with wind-cuffs. No shoulder straps or badges are to be worn.

15. *Drill Clothing*.—Tunic to be made of khaki drill and cut to the pattern of the serge tunic (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*.—White drill, similar in pattern to the scarlet mess jacket and having the same badges.

17. *Kamarrband*.—Scarlet silk,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ins. wide at centre, quite plain, fastened with two straps and buckles behind.

18. *Evening Shirts*.—Stiff-fronted evening shirts are to be worn with Nos. 2B, 6A, 11A and 11B Dresses, except that in extremely hot conditions evening shirts with soft ribbed fronts and soft ribbed cuffs may be worn with No. 11A Dress. Evening shirts with soft ribbed fronts may also be worn as an alternative to stiff-fronted shirts with Nos. 7 and 12 Dresses.

*Note* : No. 6A Dress (with stiff-fronted shirt) will normally be worn when dining in R.M. Establishments in the United Kingdom.

19. *Evening Collars*.—Stiff winged collars are to be worn with stiff-fronted evening shirts. When the soft ribbed fronted shirt is worn the soft ribbed turned-down collar is to be worn.

20. *Badges of Rank*.—Unless otherwise stated in these regulations, the ranks of officers are to be indicated by badges worn on the shoulder straps, as laid down for Army Officers. The badges are to be of gilt metal except that with khaki battledress worsted badges on the scarlet infantry background are to be worn. The size of the badges is to be  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch except for Commissioned Branch officers, who are to wear a star  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch in size. Gilt letters "R.M." are also to be worn on the shoulder straps below the badges of rank except with mess jackets and with blue and khaki battledress when no letters are to be worn.

21. *Boots and Shoes*.—(a) Black ankle laced boots with plain toe cap are to be worn in all orders of dress (except mess dresses) when afloat and with blue and khaki drill uniforms ashore. Black shoes with toe-caps\* may be worn with blue uniforms when not on duty with troops.

(b) Black Army pattern boots are to be worn with other orders of dress when ashore. Brown shoes (and khaki stockings where shorts are ordered) may be worn when not on duty with troops in all orders of dress except blue uniform.

\**Note* : Officers in possession of black leather shoes of Naval Officers' pattern, permissible under previous regulations, may continue to wear them until worn out.

(c) In mess dresses black shoes are to be worn. These may be either the regulation black leather shoes with toecaps\* or black Oxford patent leather shoes with plain front.

(d) Sandals may be worn optionally with No. 18A dress.

22. *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—32½ inches long and 1 inch wide at the shoulder; hilt, total length 5½ to 5¾ inches; grip, total length, 5 inches to 5½ 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. The sword frog is to be worn on all occasions when the Sam Browne belt and brace are 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.

23. *Whistle and Lanyard*.—Whistle: Nickel (Infantry pattern). Lanyard: Blue (Officers pattern).

When worn, the lanyard is to be looped right over the left shoulder, the whistle being carried in the left breast pocket. The running end with whistle attached is to be passed into the left side of the pocket and not allowed to hang loosely in a bight.

24. *Cane, Regulation*.—Malacca cane covered with dark brown leather stitched along the length and turned into neatly rounded ends. Overall length 24 inches. Overall thickness ¾ inch.

25. *Badges. Pilots' and Observers' Badges* are to 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—½ 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 is to be worn with khaki battledress and khaki drill and the Army blue and gold pattern with blue uniform and blue battledress. This badge is not to be worn with Mess Dress.

26. *Gloves*.—Plain Brown.

### Optional Articles of Dress.

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

28. *Breeches*.—Blue cloth with ½ 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.

29. *White Mess Waistcoat*.—White drill, as for white mess jacket, similar in pattern to the blue mess waistcoat.

30. *Boat Cape*.—Blue cloth, lined crimson, to button four lion-head fastenings and chain at neck. Two pockets inside. Collar 2 inch stand; 3½ inch fall. To be of a length to reach to a point 2 inches above the knees. This garment may be worn with No. 6A, 7, 11A or 12 Dress.

### Notes on Dress.

31. *Orders of Dress*.—When serving with the Navy or Army, R.M. Officers are to wear their nearest appropriate dress, but when on duty with troops officers are to wear the dress corresponding to that worn by the men.

32. *8 Commando Brigade*.—Officers are to wear coloured lanyards and garter tabs, woven arm badge "Royal Marines Commando" and "dagger" formation signs as laid down for Other Ranks. Coloured lanyards are not to be worn in Nos. 9B or 10 Dresses.

33. *Retired Officers*.—Officers on the retired list whose names appear in the Navy List may wear the uniform of their rank which was regulated 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.

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

Articles	Occasions when worn
Khaki Service Dress	When not on parade with troops.
Cloth Belt	
Brown Shoes	
Khaki Forage Cap	Worn with modified Mess Dress.
Wellington Boots	
Overalls	
Spurs	
Caps, F.S. Blue	

35. *Mourning*.—On all occasions on which mourning has been specially ordered or is authorised in Q.R. and A.I., Officers are to wear a piece of blue crepe 3½ inches wide round the left arm above the elbow: no other mark of mourning is ever to be worn unless specially ordered.

36. *Fancy Dress Balls*.—Officers are not permitted to appear in their uniform at Fancy 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*.—Specimen uniforms may be seen at the Admiralty Pattern Rooms, 111 Penfold Street, London, N.W.8.

### R.M.F.V.R. Officers' Uniform

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

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

3. The letters "V.R." are to be worn immediately below the centre of the woven arm badges "Royal Marines."

# SCALES OF INITIAL UNIFORM OUTFITS FOR OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL MARINES AND R.M.F.V.R.

The scales of initial uniform outfit for Royal Marines Officers are given below. Articles other than those in italics are obtained from Service sources.

## R.M. OFFICERS ENTERED FOR GENERAL SERVICE.

Article	No.
Boots, ankle, black, plain toe-cap ..	1 Pr.
Canes, regulation ..	1
Collars, khaki ..	6
Greatcoats ..	1
Jackets, mess ..	1
Shirts, khaki ..	8
Stars, worsted, for battledress and overalls ..	2 Prs.
Stars, gilt, for greatcoat ..	1 Pr.
Ties, khaki ..	2
Trousers, blue serge ..	2 Prs.
Tunics, blue serge ..	2
Waistcoats, mess ..	1
Waistcoats, web ..	1 Pr.
Badges, cap, gilt ..	1
Berets, blue ..	1
Blouses, battledress, blue ..	1
Blouses, battledress, khaki ..	1
Boots, ankle, Army pattern ..	1 Pr.
Caps, forage, complete with badge ..	1
Collars, white stiff ..	12
Collars, white, stiff, winged ..	6
Gloves, brown cape ..	1 Pr.
Lanyards, blue ..	1
Mackintosh, officers' (Army (1952) Pattern) ..	1
Overalls, denim ..	1 suit
Sam Browne Belt, right brace and frog ..	1 Set
Shirts, evening, stiff-fronted ..	3
Shirts, white, soft double cuffs ..	4
Shoes, black leather, officers' 1952 pattern ..	1 Pr.
Socks, black, officers' ..	6 Prs.
Socks, khaki ..	3 Prs.
Ties, black ..	2

Ties, evening, ..	1
Towels, seamen's ..	3
Trousers, battledress, khaki ..	1 Pr.
Trousers, serge ..	1 Pr.
Trunks, steel ..	1
Whistles, infantry ..	1
Covers, pillow ..	4
Sheets, officers' } issued on personal loan ..	4

## TROPICAL OUTFIT

Badges, collar, Globe and Laurel (for tunic) ..	1 Pr.
Badges, collar, Globe and Laurel (for white mess jacket) ..	1 Pr.
Buttons, large (for tunic)—4 No. in Set ..	1 Set
Buttons, small (for tunic)—6 No. in Set ..	1 Set
Buttons, small (for white mess jacket)—4 No. in Set ..	1 Set
Letters "R.M." (for tunic) ..	1 Pr.
Stars, gilt (for tunic) ..	1 Pr.
Stars, gilt (for white mess jacket) ..	1 Pr.
Shirts, khaki, tropical (with detachable collars) ..	2
Ties, khaki, tropical ..	1
Shirts, khaki, cellular ..	2
Jackets, mess, white ..	3
Kamabands, scarlet ..	1
Sandals, leather ..	1 Pr.
Shorts, drill, khaki ..	3 Prs.
Stockings, khaki ..	4 Prs.
Trousers, drill, khaki ..	3 Prs.
Tunics, drill, khaki ..	2

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Article	No.
Collars, khaki ..	4
Shirts, khaki ..	2
Stars, worsted, for battledress and overalls ..	2 Prs.
Ties, khaki ..	1
Trousers, blue serge ..	1 Pr.
Tunics, blue serge ..	1
Berets, blue ..	1
Blouses, battledress, khaki ..	1
Boots, ankle, Army pattern ..	1 Fr.
Boots, ankle, composition soled ..	1 Pr.
Caps, forage, complete with badge ..	1
Collars, white stiff ..	4
Gloves, brown cape ..	1 Pr.
Lanyards, blue ..	1
Mackintosh, officers' (Army (1952) Pattern) ..	1
Sam Browne belt, right brace and frog ..	1 set
Shirts, white, soft double cuffs ..	2
Shoes, black leather, officers' 1952 pattern ..	1 Pr.
Socks, black, officers' ..	2 Prs.
Socks, khaki ..	2 Prs.
Ties, black ..	1
Towels, seamen's ..	3
Trousers, battledress, khaki ..	1 Pr.
Whistles, infantry ..	1
Covers, pillow } issued on personal loan ..	4
Sheets, officers' ..	4

## TROPICAL OUTFIT (National Service Officers R.M.)

Badges, collar, Globe and Laurel (for tunic) ..	1 Pr.
Buttons, large (for tunic)—4 No. in set ..	1 Set
Buttons, small (for tunic)—6 No. in set ..	1 Set
Letters "R.M." (for tunic) ..	1 Pr.
Shirts, khaki (with detachable collars) ..	3
Stars, gilt (for tunic) ..	4 Prs.
Hosetops, khaki ..	2 Prs.
Shirts, khaki, cellular ..	3
Shorts, drill, khaki ..	3 Prs.
Stockings, khaki ..	3 Prs.
Trousers, drill, khaki ..	3 Prs.
Tunics, drill, khaki ..	2

Note (i) \*For issue only to National Service Officers R.M., during full time National Service.

Note (ii) †Not for issue to R.M.F.V.R. Officers appointed to Small Boat Sections on entry.

Note (iii) ‡For issue only to National Service Officers (except those promoted within 12 months of entry as other ranks) and to R.M.F.V.R. Officers appointed to Small Boat Sections on entry.



# UNIFORM REGULATIONS FOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE ROYAL MARINES.

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## SECTION I ORDERS OF DRESS

1. Numbers and descriptions of dresses, and occasions on which to be worn.

(Numbers of Dresses correspond to Dresses for Seamen as far as practicable.)

Dress No.	Occasions on which to be worn.	Description of Dress.	Articles to be worn optionally or when ordered.
1 Ceremonial Blue	Ceremonial duties. On Sundays in harbour. On shore leave on Sundays when caps, and, in the case of the Band Service, serge tunics are to be worn.	White Cap, serge tunic, tweed trousers, white web belt, white gloves, medals. NCOs—Gold chevrons. Senior NCOs—Sashes. Band Service and Buglers—Blue cloth tunic, buff belt and band equipment. Buglers—Dress cord, royal. King's badge, if worn, to be gold.	Helmet when ordered. Black shoes and blue socks—optional for walking out. Brown leather gloves—optional for Senior NCOs for walking out.
1A Ceremonial Battledress	Ashore when ordered for Ceremonial and walking out when blue uniform is not available. <i>Commando Units only.</i>	Green beret, khaki battledress, white web belt and anklets, medals. NCOs—Khaki badges and chevrons. Senior NCOs—Sashes. Buglers—Dress cord, royal.	Black shoes, without anklets—optional for walking out.
2 Undress	Minor ceremonial. On Sundays when at sea and by duty men in harbour on weekdays. Walking out and shore leave on weekdays.	As for No. 1 except :— Band Service to wear serge tunic. No medals or white gloves.	Black shoes and blue socks—optional for walking out. Brown leather gloves—optional for all Senior NCOs when walking out and by Senior NCOs of the Band Service when on duty.
3 Drill	Routine duties and training.	Cap, serge tunic and serge trousers, red chevrons and badges. Black web belt.	Blue beret when specially ordered.
8A Battledress	Military training ashore and afloat, and active service ashore.	Beret, khaki battledress. Black web belt. Khaki chevrons and badges.	See Amplifying Orders.
8B Shirt Sleeve Order	Ashore in U.K. only, in hot weather, as ordered.	Beret, khaki flannel shirt, khaki battledress trousers, black web belt, white tape chevrons.	
4 Night clothing	When off duty and after working hours ashore and afloat. Bad weather afloat.	Blue beret, serge tunic, tweed or serge trousers. NCOs—Red chevrons.	
6 Ceremonial Khaki Drill	In place of No. 1 in hot weather.	White cap, khaki drill tunic and trousers, white web belt, Khaki on khaki drill chevrons, medals. Senior NCOs—Sashes. Buglers—Dress cords, royal. Band Service—Buff belt and band equipment.	Helmet when ordered. Black shoes—optional for walking out.

## SECTION I. ORDER OF DRESS—continued

Dress No.	Occasions on which to be worn.	Description of Dress.	Articles to be worn optionally or when ordered
6A Khaki Drill	In hot weather as ordered	White cap, khaki drill tunic and trousers, white web belt, khaki on khaki drill chevrons, medal ribbons. SNCOs—Sashes. Buglers—Dress cords, royal. Band Service—Buff belt and band equipment.	Black shoes optional for walking out.
7 Tropical Undress	In place of No. 2 in hot weather.	White cap, khaki cellular shirt, letters R.M., khaki drill trousers, white web belt. NCOs—White tape chevrons. SNCOs—Sashes. Buglers—Dress cords, royal.	Black shoes with trousers or black shoes with khaki stockings and shorts—optional for walking out. Medals to be worn when ordered. <i>Commando Units only</i> —green beret to be worn when ordered.
8 Working Dress	Working parties and action stations afloat.	Beret, khaki flannel shirt, khaki drill trousers. NCOs—White tape chevrons.	Blue serge or denim trousers to be worn when ordered.
8A Working Dress	In place of No. 8 for Landing Craft Crews only.	Beret, light blue shirt, serge trousers, black web belt, gym shoes. NCOs—Red on blue chevrons.	Seamen's blue jersey to be worn when ordered.
9 Overall Dress	Refitting and other dirty work afloat. Fatigues and training ashore.	Beret, denim suit. NCOs—Khaki chevrons.	Black web belt, black anklets, shoes } If ordered.
10 Tropical Drill	Routine duties ashore and afloat in hot weather.	White cap, khaki cellular shirt, letters R.M., khaki drill shorts, hosetops, black web belt, black anklets. NCOs—White tape chevrons.	Blue or green beret to be worn when ordered.
10A Tropical Working Dress	In place of No. 8 in hot weather. This Dress may also be worn as a Working Dress when serving in Shore Establishments in hot climates at the discretion of the Senior Officer.	Beret, khaki cellular shirt, khaki drill trousers or shorts. NCOs—White tape chevrons.	Either (a) khaki stockings and black shoes or (b) sandals are to be worn with shorts.
11 Tropical Battledress	In place of No. 3A in hot weather.	Beret, khaki cellular shirt, letters R.M., khaki drill trousers, black web belt, black anklets. NCOs—White tape chevrons.	See Amplifying Orders.

## Amplifying Orders.

When necessary the following orders may be added after the number or name of a dress with the meaning shown:—

*Order*  
Fighting Order "

*To be worn or carried*  
Denison smock, steel helmet, respirator A/G, troop or platoon weapon, remaining black web equipment, etc. The exact composition will be laid down in the Standing Orders of the Fleet, Ship or Unit concerned. Details to be taught to recruits are in Note 12 of Section II.

" Arms "  
" Sidearms "  
" Arms "

Rifle, bayonet and frog.  
Bayonet and frog.  
Rifle, bayonet and frog are not to be carried.

" Greatcoats "

Greatcoats. For duty web belts are to be worn over the coat. For leave—belts are to be worn below.

" Gloves "

Khaki woollen gloves.

" Pullovers "

Khaki pullovers without blouse or over khaki drill or green dress; web belts outside pullovers.

" Loose Order "

Web belts and anklets are not to be worn.

" Capes "

Ground sheets. Band ranks are to wear capes W.P. Officers and Regimental Sergeants-Major are to wear waterproof coats.

" Shorts "

Shorts khaki drill or green and hosetops in place of trousers khaki drill or green.

" Shoes "

Khaki stockings and black shoes in place of boots (and hosetops).

3. Boots are always to be worn unless otherwise indicated. Special orders will be issued when required on whether sea service, shore service or composition soled boots are to be worn.



## SECTION II.

Occasions and Methods of Wearing  
Certain Articles of Dress.

1. *Green Berets* are to be worn by ranks serving in Commando Units when authorised.

2. The woven "Royal Marines Commando" Arm Badge and "Dagger" Formation sign are to be worn on khaki battledress by ranks in 3 Commando Brigade.

3. *Coloured Lanyards and Garter Tabs* are to be worn by the following:—

HQ, 3 Cdo. Bde. ..	Green.
40 Commando ..	Light Blue.
42 Commando ..	White.
45 Commando ..	Red.

The coloured lanyards are to be worn on the right shoulder with khaki uniforms only. They are not to be worn in Nos. 6 or 7 Dresses.

4. *Swords and Sam Browne Belt* are to be worn by R.S.M.s when officers wear swords and Sam Browne belts, etc., in their corresponding dress.

5. *Brown leather sword belt* is to be worn in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 Dresses by Q.M.S.s, Staff Bandmasters, Bandmasters, Drum Majors and Bugle Majors.

6. *Swords* are to be worn in Nos. 1, 5 and 6 Dresses by Q.M.S.s, Staff Bandmasters, Bandmasters, Drum Majors and Bugle Majors if ordered.

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. *Khaki Battledress*. Khaki battledress blouses are to 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 pins or collar pins are to be worn.

9. *Blue Battledress*. Men in possession of blue battledress may wear it in lieu of blue serge tunics in No. 4 Dress when ordered by Commanding Officers.

10. *Sashes* when worn are to be fitted between the second and third button of the tunic and under the right shoulder strap. When not wearing a tunic the sash will be worn in the same relative position.

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

12. *Small Pack*—consists of the following: mess tin, holdall complete, towel, ground sheet, brush and tin of dubbin, 1 pair socks, string, laces, matches, toilet paper.

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

14. *Police*. Ranks on Unit Police duties are to wear the authorised armband on the left sleeve immediately above the cuff of tunic, blouse or greatcoat.

15. *Knife Lanyards* are to be worn on the right shoulder in an ordinary loop with Nos. 3A and 11 Dresses.

16. R.M. Cadets (Upper Yardmen) are to wear the uniform of their rank with the addition of the following distinguishing marks:—

- white cap band 14" wide worn over the cap band but under the lower part of the badge.
- a curved white flash 1" x 4" on both sleeves of blue uniform suits in a position immediately below the seam of the sleeve and the shoulder.

## SECTION III.

## Badges.

1. *Cap Badges* consisting of globe and laurel with lion and crown above are to be worn centrally in front of the cap, with the top of the red welt running through the crown and level with the two holes in the crown. A composite gilding metal badge is worn by Corporals and below, a composite gilt badge by Bandmasters, Colour Sergeants and Sergeants, and a separate gilt lion and crown badge is worn above a gilt globe and laurel badge by Regimental Sergeants-Major, Quartermaster Sergeants and Staff Bandmasters. Cap Badges as described above are also worn on berets by all ranks.

(See Section V for special cap badges worn by R.M. Band Service ranks.)

2. *Collar Badge* consisting of globe and laurel in gilt for Senior N.C.O.s and gilding metal for Corporals and below, is to be worn on each collar of the blue tunic. The badge is to be set one-eighth of an inch above the collar seam with the centre of badge two inches from the edge of the collar.

(See Section V for special collar badges worn by Junior Musicians.)

3. *Letters R.M.* in gilt for Senior N.C.O.s and gilding metal for Corporals and below are to be worn on blue tunics, greatcoats, tunics khaki drill and bush jackets. The letters are to be set in the centre of the shoulder strap, half an inch above shoulder seam.

4. *Badges, arm, lettered ROYAL MARINES* embroidered in red on a blue background are to be worn on khaki battledress, except by Commando ranks (see paragraph 5 below). The badges are to be worn on both arms centrally below the shoulder strap, with the upper edge of the badge one inch below the shoulder seam.

5. *Badges, arm, lettered "Royal Marines Commando"* embroidered in red on a blue background are to be worn on khaki battledress by ranks drafted to a Commando Formation or Unit, and Instructors at Bickleigh Camp.

The Commando Formation Sign (embroidered red dagger on a blue background) is to be worn by all ranks on the posted strength of a Commando Formation or Unit, below the arm badge "Royal Marines Commando."

## 6. Rank Badges.

The badges indicating rank are as follows:—

Lance Corporal .. ..	Chevron 1 bar
Corporal .. ..	Chevrons 2 bar
Sergeant .. ..	Chevrons 3 bar
Colour Sergeant .. ..	Chevrons 3 bar with crown above.
Quartermaster Sergeant ..	Crown and Wreath
Regimental Sergeant-Major ..	Royal Arms
Bandmaster .. ..	Lyre, Wreath and Crown
Bandmasters of Portsmouth, Plymouth and R.M. School of Music Staff Bands	3 inverted chevrons with lyre above
Staff Bandmaster .. ..	Crown and Wreath
Bugle Major .. ..	4 inverted chevrons with bugle above
Drum Major .. ..	4 inverted chevrons with drum above

These badges are worn on all dresses, with the exception of greatcoat, above the elbow by Colour Sergeant and below, and below the elbow by Bandmasters, Staff Bandmasters, Bandmasters of Staff Bands, Drum Majors, Bugle Majors, Quartermaster Sergeants and Regimental Sergeants-Major as follows:—

*Colour Sergeants and below* centrally between the sleeve seams, the bottom point of the lower chevron being 10½" from the shoulder seam.

*Bandmasters, Staff Bandmasters, Quartermaster Sergeants and Regimental Sergeants-Major* centrally between the sleeve seams, the bottom point of the badge to be approximately one quarter of an inch from point of slash, except on khaki battledress when the distance is to be two inches above top of cuff seam.

*Drum Majors, Bugle Majors and Bandmasters of Staff Bands* centrally between the sleeve seams, the inner angle of the lower chevron to be approximately one quarter of an inch from the point of slash, except on khaki battledress when the distance of bottom point of the lower chevron is to be two inches above top of cuff.

When the above badges are worn on the greatcoat they are to be worn below the elbow by all ranks, the bottom point of the lower chevron or badge to be approximately one quarter of an inch from top of cuff.

7. Chevrons and badges of rank are to be worn on the right arm with all orders of dress except as follows:—

- on khaki battledress and greatcoats these badges are worn on both arms.

- (b) **Regimental Sergeants-Major, Quartermaster Sergeants and Staff Bandmasters** are to wear metal badges of rank on a leather strap with all orders of tropical dress and in shirt sleeve order. The same arrangement is applicable to Bandmasters, except when wearing khaki drill tunics (See para. 8 below).

8. **Colour Sergeants and below:** chevrons of rank are to be gold on scarlet. (Colour Sergeants crown to be gold on blue) for wear on No's 1 and 2 Dresses, red on blue for wear on other serge tunics and action/working dress shirts, khaki on khaki for wear on greatcoats, khaki battledress and denim suits, khaki on khaki drill for wear on khaki drill tunics and white tape on khaki drill for wear on bush jackets, khaki cellular and khaki flannel shirts.

**Bandmasters, Staff Bandmaster, Quartermaster Sergeants and Regimental Sergeants-Major:** badges of rank are to be gold on blue for wear on all blue tunics; khaki on khaki for wear on greatcoats, khaki battledress and denim suits; and gilding metal for wear with all other dresses, except that Bandmasters are to wear khaki on khaki drill on the khaki drill.

**Drum Majors, Bugle Majors and Bandmasters of Staff Bands:** chevrons and insignia of rank are to be gold on blue for wear on all blue tunics and khaki on khaki for wear on greatcoats and denim suits.

**Good Conduct Badges** are not worn by non-commissioned officers but are worn by all other ranks entitled to them. The possession of one or more good conduct badges by these ranks is indicated by corresponding number of chevrons worn point up, on the left arm, with the inner angle of the lower chevron one quarter of an inch from point of slash, except on khaki battledress when the bottom point of the lower chevron is to be two inches above top of cuff.

Good conduct badges are to be worn on serge tunics, khaki battledress and khaki drill tunics only.

Good conduct badges are to be gold on scarlet for wear on best blue uniform suits (when other gold badges are worn), red on blue for wear on other blue uniform suits, khaki on khaki for wear on khaki battledress, and khaki on khaki drill for wear on khaki drill tunics.

10. A descriptive list of specialist badges is given in para 11 below. Stars and crown are to be added to specialist badges to denote the following standards of qualification:—

One star (above the basic device) 3rd Class specialist qualification.

Two stars (one above and below the basic device) 2nd Class specialist qualification.

Crown (above the basic device) 1st Class specialist qualification.

Crown above and two stars below the basic device Men qualified as Gunnery, Physical Training or Signal Instructors.

The following is a descriptive list of specialist badges to be worn by Colour Sergeants and below:—

Branch	Device	Remarks
Gunnery	Crossed Guns	Badges of design worn by Naval rates (P.O. and below) holding corresponding qualifications.
Physical Training	Crossed Clubs	PTIs and P.Ts wear red on white badges on the centre of the chest of P.T. vests and sweaters.

Drill & Platoon Weapons	Crossed Rifles
Signaller	Crossed Flags
Assault	Letters AE in wreath
Engineer	Letters CL in wreath
Cliff Leader	Letters CL in wreath
Heavy Weapons	Letters HW in wreath

Landing Craft	Letters LC in wreath
Swimmer	Letters SC in wreath
Canoeist	Letter C in wreath
Cook	Letter K in wreath
Driver	Steering wheel

12. The following is a descriptive list of skill or other special badges to be worn by Colour Sergeants and below:—

Badge	Device
Parachutist	Parachute and wings
Tradesmen (Group A & B)	Crossed hammer and pincers
Tradesmen (Radio or Telegraphic Mechanic)	Circle with 3 lightning flashes on either side
Marksmen	Crossed rifles
Sniper	Crossed rifles letter 'S' above
Drummer	Drum

13. Instructors of the rank of Colour Sergeant are to wear the appropriate Instructor's 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 close to the centre of the top chevron. Group A and B Tradesmen are to wear the Tradesmen Badge (crossed Hammer and Pincers) on their right upper arm. Parachute badges with wings may be worn on the upper part of the right arm by N.C.O.s and men who are qualified parachutists and who are serving or who have served in Airborne, Commando or Small Raid units and formations.

14. Except as provided above, specialist badges are to be worn on the left arm one-quarter inch above the point of the cuff or good conduct badge respectively (7 inches from bottom of sleeve when no pointed cuff or good conduct badge is worn). Where skill and specialist badges are 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:—

Specialist Skill (Marksmen or Sniper).

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).

15. Specialist, skill or other special badges are to be embroidered in gold on blue for wear with best blue uniform suits, in red (blue or yellow) on blue for wear with other blue uniform suits, in khaki (or blue) on khaki serge for wear with khaki battledress and in khaki (or blue) on khaki drill for wear with khaki drill tunics.

(Note: The wearing of gold specialist, skill or other special badges (except the King's Badge) is at present optional for men below the rank of Corporal, though Lance Corporals are not to wear such badges in patterns other than gold when wearing gold chevrons.)

16. *The King's Badge* consisting of the Royal Cypher, "G.R.V." surrounded by a laurel wreath, is to be worn below the point of the left shoulder, in gold on Nos. 1 and 2 Dresses, red on blue on other serge tunics, in khaki on khaki on khaki battledress, and in khaki on khaki drill on khaki drill tunics.

## SECTION IV.

### Medals and Medal Ribbons.

1. *Medals.*—Medals are to be worn in the manner laid down for Naval Ratings except that:—

(a) the length of the ribbons of medals is normally to be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches, irrespective of the number of rows of medal ribbons worn;

(b) where 3 or more medals are worn the length of the medal bar is normally to be as shown below:

3 medals	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
4 medals	5 inches
5 or more medals	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Men of small build having 5 or more medals may wear a 5 inch bar.

(c) with No. 1 Dress, the medal bar is to be

attached to the tunic immediately above the medal ribbons by beackets sewn on the garment.

- (d) with Nos. 5 and 6 Dresses, the medal bar is to be attached to the khaki drill tunic or bush jacket by the eyelet holes used for the medal ribbon bar.

2. **Medal Ribbons.** Are to be sewn on blue tunic, and on blue and khaki battledress blouses. On the drill tunic and bush jacket 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 are not to overlap and when there is not sufficient room to wear them in one row they are to be worn in two or more rows. Normally five or less medal ribbons are to be worn in one row, but this is dependent upon the physique of the individual and type of garment (i.e., with closed or open neck). The bottom edge of the lowest row is to be half an inch above the upper edge of the pocket with a quarter of an inch interval between rows. The ribbons are to be sewn centrally above the button of the pocket flap but there is to 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 are to be completed last. When there is a smaller number of ribbons in the second or subsequent rows the shorter rows are to be arranged centrally above the button of the pocket flap.

## SECTION V.

### Dress for R.M. Band Service

1. **Badges.** The same as in Section III except as follows:—

- (a) **Junior Musicians** until completion of training at R.M. School of Music are to wear the "Lyre" collar badge set with the centre pin one and three quarters inches from the front edge of the tunic collar.
- (b) **Bandmasters of the Portsmouth, Plymouth and R.M. School of Music Staff Bands** are to wear inverted chevrons and lyre on the bottom of the sleeve of the right arm in lieu of the badge of rank of Bandmaster.
- (c) **Portsmouth Staff Band.** The helmet plate has two Royal Cyphers in silver attached to it; the cypher G.R. V over the anchor and below the globe on the helmet plate, and the cypher B. II R/P.P. below the crown. The cap badge consists of a gilt grenade on which is mounted the cypher G.R. V and crown in silver, surrounded by a laurel wreath. The cypher E. II R/P.P. with crown in silver is to be worn on the cap immediately above the cap badge.
- (d) **H.M. Yacht Band** wear the woven arm badge "Royal Yacht" which is sewn one inch below the seam of the right shoulder.
- (e) **Plymouth Staff Band.** The Prince of Wales's plume is worn upon the regimental badge of helmet plate and cap.

2. **Trousers** are to have a broad red stripe except that Junior Musicians are to wear trousers with a narrow red stripe until completion of training at R.M. School of Music.

## SECTION VI.

### Scales of Kit.

#### 1. Compulsory Kit.

*Initial free issues on entry.*

- Badges:—
- Globe and Laurel, Lion and Crown, G.M. . . . . 2 No.
- (a) Globe and Laurel G.M. . . . . 4 No.
- Letters "R.M." G.M. . . . . 6 No.
- (b) Drums Yellow on Blue . . . . . 2 No.
- Bag, linen, brown . . . . . 1 No.
- Belt, waist, blue RM . . . . . 1 No.
- Beret, blue . . . . . 1 No.
- (b) Blouse, battledress, khaki . . . . . 1 No.
- Blouse, overall, denim . . . . . 1 No.

- (c) Boots, ankle, Army pattern . . . . . 1 Pr.
- (n) Boots, ankle, Navy pattern . . . . . 1 Pr.
- (n) Boots, ankle, composition soled . . . . . 1 Pr.
- Bag, soap . . . . . 1 No.
- Braces, trouser . . . . . 1 Pr.
- Brush, button . . . . . 1 No.
- Brush, hair . . . . . 1 No.
- Brush, hard . . . . . 1 No.
- Brush, polishing . . . . . 1 No.
- Brush, tooth . . . . . 1 No.
- Brass, cleaning . . . . . 1 No.
- (o) Cap, plastic, R.M. . . . . 1 No.
- Cap, white R.M. . . . . 1 No.
- Comb, hair . . . . . 1 No.
- Disc, identity, red . . . . . 1 No.
- Disc, identity, green . . . . . 1 No.
- Cord for disc . . . . . 1 No.
- Drawers . . . . . 3 Prs.
- Dubbin, protective . . . . . 1 Tin
- Fork . . . . . 1 No.
- Gloves, knitted, drab . . . . . 1 Pr.
- Gloves, cotton, white . . . . . 1 Pr.
- Greatcoat . . . . . 1 No.
- Holdall . . . . . 1 No.
- Housewife, filled . . . . . 1 No.
- Jersey, pullover . . . . . 1 No.
- (d) Jersey, sports . . . . . 2 No.
- Knife . . . . . 1 No.
- (n) Knife, clasp . . . . . 1 No.
- (n) Lanyard, Army pattern . . . . . 1 No.
- Mug, enamel . . . . . 1 No.
- Polish, liquid, metal . . . . . 1 Tin
- (e) Pyjamas, seamen's (for men entered subsequent to June, 1951) . . . . . 2 Suits
- Pillow slips . . . . . 2 No.
- Sheets, ratings . . . . . 3 No.
- Shirts, flannel, khaki . . . . . 3 No.
- (f) Shirts, knitted, cooks . . . . . 4 No.
- Shoes, brown canvas, leather soled . . . . . 1 Pr.
- (d) Shoes, gymnasium . . . . . 1 Pr.
- (d) Shorts, recreational . . . . . 2 Prs.
- Socks, worsted . . . . . 4 Prs.
- Spoon . . . . . 1 No.
- (g) Stockings, blue, thick . . . . . 2 Prs.
- (b) Tie, khaki . . . . . 1 No.
- Towels, hand . . . . . 2 No.
- (b) Trousers, battledress, khaki . . . . . 1 Pr.
- Trousers, overall, denim . . . . . 1 Pr.
- Trousers, serge . . . . . 1 Pr.
- Trousers, tweed:—
- (i) Royal Marines . . . . . 1 Pr.
- (h) RM Band Service . . . . . 2 Prs.
- (f) Trousers, white drill . . . . . 4 Prs.
- Tunics, serge . . . . . 2 No.
- Type . . . . . 1 No.
- Vests . . . . . 3 No.
- Wallet for paybook . . . . . 1 No.

#### Items issued on personal loan

- (f) Aprons, cooks . . . . . 1 No.
- Bag, kit, seamen's . . . . . 1 No.
- Bag, kit, universal . . . . . 1 No.
- (j) Ball, ornament, G.M. . . . . 1 No.
- (h) Cape, WP, band . . . . . 1 No.
- (f) Caps, cooks . . . . . 4 No.
- (j) Chain, chin, G.M. . . . . 1 No.
- (h) Device for pouch . . . . . 1 No.
- (h) Dress, cords, "Royal," worsted . . . . . 1 No.
- (j) Front plate, G.M. . . . . 1 No.
- (j) Helmet, WP . . . . . 1 No.
- Net camouflage, helmet . . . . . 1 No.
- (n) Sheet, ground . . . . . 1 No.
- (m) Tunic, cloth, yellow braided . . . . . 1 No.

#### Notes:—

- (a) Junior Musicians are to be given 4 No. Lyres G.M. in lieu of Badges Globe and Laurel.
- (b) Not to be issued to RM Band Ranks or Buglers.
- (c) (i) Except as provided at (ii) National Service Ranks are to be given 1 pr. Army pattern boots only.
- (ii) Musicians are to be given 1 pr. Army pattern and 2 prs. Navy pattern (1 pr. Army pattern and 1 pr. Navy pattern for National Service Musicians).

- (iii) Junior Musicians are to be given 2 prs. Army pattern and 1 pr. Navy pattern.  
 (d) PT kit is not compulsory after initial training.  
 (e) Issued to men and to boys entered for the first time on or after 1st July, 1951.  
 (f) To be issued on entry to Cooks only.  
 (g) Issue to be restricted to boys.  
 (h) R.M. Band Ranks only.  
 (i) Buglers only.  
 (j) Buglers and Musicians only.  
 (k) R.M. Buglers are to be provided with 2 Prs.  
 (m) To be issued to :

- (i) All Musicians and Boy Musicians on being rated Musician ;  
 (ii) Boy Buglers who are sufficiently well trained to play in bands ;  
 (iii) Royal Marines ex-Buglers in H.M. Ships who play in bands on ceremonial occasions.  
 (n) Not to be issued to R.M. Band Ranks.  
 (o) Issued to ranks entered after 1st March, 1956 only. Ranks entered prior to this date were issued with caps, blue, R.M. 1 No.

### Tropical Clothing.

Free issues of tropical clothing to men on drafting to a ship or station where tropical clothing is required.

Scale (a)—Men drafted for the first time.

- Tunics, drill, khaki .. .. 2 No.  
 (ii) Trousers, drill, khaki .. .. 3 Prs.  
 (ii) Shirts, khaki, cellular .. .. 3 No.  
 (ii) Shorts, drill, khaki .. .. 3 Prs.  
 (iii) Shorts, white, drill .. .. 2 Prs.  
 Hosetops, khaki .. .. 2 Prs.  
 Stockings, khaki .. .. 2 Prs.  
 Shoes, black leather .. .. 1 Pr.  
 Sandals .. .. 1 Pr.

Scale (b)—Men drafted for a second (or subsequent) time—Previous issues, Scale (a) above or Scale (c) below.

- Tunic, drill, khaki .. .. 1 No.  
 Trousers, drill, khaki .. .. 1 Pr.  
 Shirts, khaki, cellular .. .. 1 No.  
 (iv) Shorts, drill, khaki .. .. 2 Prs.  
 Hosetops, khaki .. .. 2 Prs.  
 Stockings, khaki .. .. 2 Prs.

Scale (c)—Men drafted for a second (or subsequent) time who have not previously received issues under Scale (a) above.

- Tunics, drill, khaki .. .. 2 No.  
 Trousers, drill, khaki .. .. 2 Prs.  
 (v) Shirts, khaki, cellular .. .. 2 No.  
 (ii) Shorts, drill, khaki .. .. 3 Prs.  
 (iii) Shorts, white drill .. .. 2 Prs.  
 Hosetops, khaki .. .. 2 Prs.  
 Stockings, khaki .. .. 2 Prs.  
 Shoes, black, leather .. .. 1 Pr.  
 (vi) Sandals .. .. 1 Pr.

Notes :—

- (i) The following items are to be regarded as compulsory kit :

- Tunics, drill, khaki .. .. 1 No.  
 Trousers, drill, khaki .. .. 2 Prs.  
 Shirts, khaki, cellular .. .. 2 No.  
 Shoes, black, leather .. .. 1 Pr.  
 Sandals .. .. 1 Pr.  
 (ii) Two for R.M. Cooks.  
 (iii) For R.M. Cooks only.  
 (iv) One for R.M. Cooks.  
 (v) Three if previous draft to Commandos.  
 (vi) Issued only to men previously drafted to Commandos.

### 3. Optional kit.

- Blouse, battledress, khaki .. .. 1 No.  
 Trousers, battledress, khaki .. .. 1 Pr.  
 Tunics, serge .. .. 2 No.  
 Trousers, tweed .. .. 1 Pr.  
 Trousers, serge .. .. 1 Pr.  
 Tunics, khaki drill or Jackets, bush, khaki .. .. 2 No.  
 Trousers, khaki drill .. .. 3 Prs.  
 Shirts, a/w dress or Shirts, tropical, cellular .. .. 2 No.  
 Shirts, khaki flannel .. .. 3 No.  
 Boots, ankle or shoes, black leather .. .. 1 Pr.  
 Shoes, brown canvas .. .. 1 Pr.  
 Shoes, gymnasium .. .. 1 Pr.  
 \*Stick, walking, black ebony .. .. 1 No.  
 †Cane, walking out .. .. 1 No.  
 Caps, blue or white .. .. 2 No.  
 Beret, blue or green as appropriate .. .. 1 No.  
 Jersey, pullover .. .. 1 No.  
 Vests, or Singlets, knitted cotton .. .. 2 No.  
 Drawers, knitted, short or long .. .. 4 Pr.  
 Tie, khaki .. .. 1 No.  
 Pyjama suits .. .. 1 Suit  
 Socks, grey or blue .. .. 4 Prs.  
 Overalls, denim .. .. 1 Suit  
 Raincoat, R.M. .. .. 1 No.  
 Gloves, knitted drab .. .. 1 Pr.  
 Gloves, brown, leather .. .. 1 Pr.  
 Towels, hand .. .. 2 No.  
 Razor .. .. 1 No.  
 Brush, shaving .. .. 1 No.  
 Brush, clothes .. .. 1 No.  
 Brush, boot .. .. 1 No.  
 Scissors .. .. 1 Pr.  
 Sheet .. .. 1 No.  
 Pillow .. .. 1 No.  
 Pillow covers .. .. 2 No.  
 Handkerchiefs, white .. .. 8 No.  
 Belt, waist, blue .. .. 1 No.  
 Suitcase, or Bag, travelling .. .. 1 No.  
 Attache case .. .. 1 No.  
 Shorts, khaki, drill .. .. 2 Pr.  
 Sandals, leather .. .. 1 Pr.  
 Stockings, khaki .. .. 2 Prs.

Notes :—

\* Sergeants and above only. This item is not provided from Service sources and its value for compensation purposes is to be taken as £1 10s.

† Corporals only.

### 4. Special Issues

Scale	To whom issued	When issued	Items
A	Physical Training Instructors	In accordance with Vict	Ualling Manual (B.R.93) Appendix 62 (v)
B	Wardroom Attendants (or Officers' Attendants in 3 Commando Brigade)	On first appointment	1 Pr. trousers, blue serge 3 No. tunics, stewards 3 Prs. gloves, white, cotton, marked †1 set hammock bedding
C	Other Ranks drafted to H.M. Ships	On drafting	
D	All Ranks (except Musicians and Buglers) drafted to H.M. Ships.	On drafting	†1 helmet WP †1 ball ornament GM †1 front plate GM †1 chain, chin, GM
E	Other Ranks drafted for service in 8 Commando Brigade.	On first drafting to 3 Commando Brigade (tabs, garter and lanyards are to be issued in 8 Commando Brig.)	1 beret, green 1 Pr. tabs, garter 1 lanyard RN Patt. 2 badges shoulder, "Royal Marines Commando" and Formation Signs.

## 4. Special Issues—continued

Scale	To whom issued	When issued	Items
F	Musicians and Buglers drafted to 3 Commando Brigade.	On first drafting to 3 Commando Brigade.	1 blouse, battledress khaki 1 Pr. trousers, battledress khaki
G	RM Butchers	On selection to qualify	1 tie, khaki 3 shirts, action/working dress 3 Pr. trousers, action/working dress
H	R.M. Grooms	On first appointment	1 cap, service dress A.P. Complete 1 jacket, service dress, A.P. 1 Pr. puttees, ordinary 1 Pr. pantaloons, bedford cord 1 Pr. spurs, jack, ordinary (complete)
I	Other Ranks drafted to Landing Craft.	On first drafting to serve as Landing Craft Crew.	1 jersey, seamen's 2 shirts, action/working dress 1 Pr. shoes gymnasium 3 sets of red rank badges (NCOs only)
J	R.M. Drivers Class I R. M. Armament Artificers R.M. Vehicle Mechanics R.M. Electricians, Vehicle and Plant R.M. Sheet Metal Workers.	On qualification	Overalls, combination drill, brown, 2 Prs. (See Note (d)).
K	R.M. Officers' Attendants employed as Officers' Mess Staffs at R.M. Establishments	On first appointment	1 Pr. trousers, blue serge (See Note (e)) 3 Prs. gloves, white cotton, marked

## Notes:—

(a) Except as provided for in notes (b) (c) and (d) below the articles are issued gratuitously on first appointment or drafting only and are to be maintained by the men concerned, replacements being taken up on repayment.

(b) Articles in Scales A, B and K are issued gratuitously on first appointment and, except for trousers, blue serge for W.R.As and R.M.O.A's which are issued under the conditions in Note (a), free replacement may be allowed as follows:—

(i) Physical Training Instructors—see B.R.93 (51), Appendix 62(v).

(ii) W.R.A's & R.M.O.A's } 1 tunic stewards  
3 prs. gloves, white marked } In any period of 18 months

(c) Articles marked † are issued on personal loan under the general arrangements set out in B.R.93(51) Art. 235.

(d) One denim overall suit to be withdrawn on issue of brown overalls.

(e) R.M.O.A.'S appointed for the first time to officers' mess staffs are not to be issued with trousers, blue serge, if they have previously received an issue as mess clothing as a W.R.A.

## 5. Initial Gratuitous Issues on Promotion, etc.

On promotion to	Articles to be issued	On appointment to	Articles to be issued
Corporal .. ..	1 whistle, infantry* 1 thong*	Drum-Major .. ..	2 tunics, tartan† 1 tunic, cloth, gold braided, Drum-Major's pattern.*‡
Sergeant .. ..	1 sash, worsted	(Bands of H.M. Royal Marines, Portsmouth and Plymouth Groups, and the Band of the Royal Marines School of Music, Deal)	2 prs. trousers, tweed†† (R.M. Band Service).
Sergeant Cook ..	4 shirts, white, tropical	Bugle-Major .. ..	2 tunics, tartan† 1 Dress Cord, Royal, Silk*.
Band Sergeant ..	1 sash, worsted 1 tunic, cloth, gold braided*‡		
Bandmaster .. ..	2 tunics, tartan††		
Staff Bandmaster ..			
Quartermaster Sergeant ..			
Regimental Sergeant-Major	1 pr. gloves, brown cape 3 shirts, taffeta, lightweight 6 collars, taffeta, lightweight 1 macintosh		

## Notes:—

\* To be issued on personal loan and withdrawn on discharge.

† To be issued on substantive promotion only.

‡ 2 tunics, serge, to be withdrawn on issue of tunics, tartan.

†† 1 pr. trousers, tweed, and 1 pr. trousers, serge, to be withdrawn on issue of trousers, tweed, R.M. Band Service.

§ 1 tunic, cloth, yellow braided to be withdrawn on issue of tunic, cloth, gold braided.

## 6. Arms and Equipment

(1) Item	(2) Denomination	(3) RSMs and QMSs	(4) Other Ranks R.M.	(5) Buglers	(6) Musicians	(7) Officers
Anklelets, web .. .. .	Prs.	2	2	2	1	1
<i>Anti-Gas Equipment</i>						
Respirator, A/G, complete .. .. .	No.	1	1	1	1	1
Ointment, A/G .. .. .	Tin	1	1	1	1	1
Eyeshields, A/G .. .. .	No.	6	6	6	6	6
Cotton waste .. .. .	Ozs.	1	1	1	1	1
Bottle, water .. .. .	No.	1	1	1	—	1
Bugle .. .. .	No.	—	—	1	—	—
Drum, side, complete .. .. .	No.	—	—	1	—	—
Drum, case for .. .. .	No.	—	—	1	—	—
Sticks, drum .. .. .	Prs.	—	—	1	—	—
Helmet, steel .. .. .	No.	1	1	1	1	1
Head, entrenching implement .. .. .	No.	—	1	1	—	—
Helve, entrenching implement .. .. .	No.	—	1	1	—	—
Stand of Arms, complete .. .. .	No.	—	(g)	—	—	—
String, bugle, royal and tassels .. .. .	Set	—	—	1	—	—
Tin, mess .. .. .	No.	1	1	1	—	1
<i>Web Equipment, Pattern 1937</i>						
Belts, waist .. .. .	No.	2	2	2 (b)	2 (b)	1
Braces, web .. .. .	No.	2	2	2	—	2
Carrier, waterbottle .. .. .	No.	1	1	1	—	1
Carrier, entrenching tool .. .. .	No.	—	1	1	—	—
Frogs, bayonet .. .. .	No.	—	2	—	—	—
Haversack .. .. .	No.	1	1	1	—	1
Pouches, basic .. .. .	No.	—	2	2	—	—
Straps, shoulder, right and left .. .. .	No.	2	2	2	—	2
Pack, web .. .. .	No.	1	1	1	—	1
Straps, supporting .. .. .	No.	2	2	2	—	2
Slings, rifle .. .. .	No.	—	2	—	—	—
<i>White Buff Equipment</i>						
Apron, leg, buff .. .. .	No.	—	—	1	1(a)	—
Belt, cross band .. .. .	No.	—	—	—	1(c)	—
Pouch, music, band .. .. .	No.	—	—	—	1(c)	—
Carriage, drum, buff .. .. .	No.	—	—	1	1(a)	—
<i>Pistol Equipment</i>						
Attachments, brace .. .. .	No.	2	—	—	—	2
Case, binoculars .. .. .	No.	1	—	—	—	1
Case, pistol .. .. .	No.	1	—	—	—	1
Haversack, Officers' .. .. .	No.	1	—	—	—	1
Pocket compass .. .. .	No.	1	—	—	—	1
Pouch, ammunition, pistol .. .. .	No.	1	—	—	—	1
Pistol, revolver .. .. .	No.	(d)	—	—	—	(d)
Belt, sword, brown, leather(f) .. .. .	No.	1	—	1	1	—
Sam Browne equipment (belt, right brace and frog)	Set	1(f)	—	—	—	—

(a) R.M. School of Music Drummers only.

(b) Belts, buff, may be issued in lieu of 2nd Web Belt while stocks last.

(c) Band Sergeants and below.

(d) Officers, RSMs and QMSs may be issued with pistols, revolver, on temporary loan as necessary (see Note (iii)).

(e) QMSs, Bandmasters, Staff Bandmasters, Drum Majors and Bugle Majors only.

(f) RSMs only.

(g) Other ranks will be issued with stand of arms, complete on temporary loan as necessary (see Note (iii)).

## Notes.

(i) All items shown in this Scale are to be returned on discharge.

(ii) RM Field Units (e.g., Commando Brigade) are to conform to AFG 1098 Scales.

(iii) Ranks drafted to RM Office are to return to store all equipment except one web belt and respirator A/G. QMSs are to retain belts, sword, brown leather.