

DRESS REGULATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL MARINES.

1. General Officers of the Royal Marines wear the same uniform as is prescribed for General Officers of the Army.

General Officers, Royal Marines, appointed Honorary Colonels Commandant of R.M. Divisions, may, on special occasions, wear regimental uniform with badges of rank of Colonel.

2. The undermentioned Royal Marine Officers will wear armlets of following patterns:—

Commissioned Officers employed at the Admiralty.—Red, white and red armlets with gilt metal Tudor crown and gilt metal anchor and the following letter in $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. black cloth below the anchor—

General Staff, Royal Marines ... A.

Naval Staff G.

Staff of Commanders-in-Chief and Senior Naval Officers.—Red armlet with gilt metal anchor and the following letters in $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. black cloth—

Fleet Royal Marine Officers ... R.M.

Staff Officers (Operations or Intelligence) G.

W/T Officers W.T.

Brigade Majors at R.M. Divisions and Dépot R.M., Deal.—Blue armlet with letters "B.M." in $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. black cloth.

Armlets will be of cloth $3\frac{1}{2}$ ins. wide with distinctive lettering in black cloth. Anchor, Admiralty pattern, to be 1 in. in length. Crown to be $\frac{1}{4}$ in. in height. They will be worn by Officers on the right arm above the elbow in blue or khaki service dress.

3. The above Officers, except Brigade Majors and W.T. Officers, will wear an aiguillette (Army pattern) in Review Order.

4. An Officer of the Royal Marines who is A.D.C. to the Sovereign shall wear the uniform prescribed in the Dress Regulations for the Army.

Officers who vacate the appointment of Aide-de-Camp to the King on promotion to the substantive rank of Major-General will cease to wear the Royal Cypher and Crown. Ex-Aides-de-Camp to the King who have not been promoted to the substantive rank of Major-General will continue to wear the prescribed insignia on retirement. In

order to distinguish Aides-de-Camp to the King from those Officers who have vacated the appointment, the latter will wear the prescribed insignia in miniature.

Brigadiers and 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. *Badges of Rank.*—The rank of Officers is to be distinguished by badges worn on the shoulder-cords or shoulder-straps, unless otherwise ordered, as follows:—

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| Brigadier | | Crown and three stars. |
| Colonel 2nd | | Crown with two stars |
| Commandant | | below. |

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| Lieut.-Colonel | | Crown with one star below. |
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| Major | | Crown. |
| Captain | | Three stars. |
| Lieutenant | | Two stars. |

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| 2nd Lieutenant, | 2nd Lieutenants on probation, and Commissioned Officers from Warrant Rank | One star. |
| 2nd Lieutenants | | |
| on probation, and Commissioned Officers from Warrant | | |

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| Warrant Officers | | No badges of rank. |
| Badges of Rank, | | Size. |

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| Full Dress Cloth Tunic | | Full size. |
| Other garments | | $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. |

6. BRIGADIER AND SUBSTANTIVE COLONELS.

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| Cocked Hat and Plumes | | As described in Dress Regulations for the Army (1911), pages 27 and 28. |
| *Greatcoat | | |
| Tunic | | |
| Mess Dress | | |
| Overalls and Pantaloons | | |

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| Boots | | *Regimental pattern may be worn until 31st March 1933.) |
| Sash | | |

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| Sword and Scabbard | | Regimental pattern. |
| Sword Belt, Slings and Knot | | |

Frock Coat.—Blue cloth, double-breasted, with stand-up collar, and round cuffs $3\frac{1}{2}$ ins. deep. A slash with three points and three small regimental buttons on each sleeve; the slash to be 6 ins. long at the forearm seam and $6\frac{1}{2}$ ins. long at the end points, and to be 2 ins. broad at the narrowest parts and $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. broad at each of the three points. Two rows of regimental buttons down the front, six in each row, 8 ins. apart at top and 4 ins. apart at the waist. A side edge behind on each skirt half the depth of the skirt, two regimental buttons on each side edge and one at each side of the waist. Shoulder cords, badges of rank and collar badges as laid down for full dress tunic with the exception that the shoulder cords and collar badges will be lined with blue cloth. Collar, cuffs and slashes to be of the same material as the coat.

With the frock coat the full dress sash is to be worn.

Other articles of dress to be of regimental pattern. On the serge frock, Brigadiers and Colonels Second Commandant will wear scarlet gorget patches with crimson gimp cord and small buttons, and no letters "R.M." A gold embroidered lion and crown badge will be worn on the cap, which will have no scarlet welt round crown.

II.—UNIFORM FOR ALL OFFICERS OF ROYAL MARINES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

7. Full Dress—Tunic.—Blue cloth, single breasted. Scarlet cloth collar, square in front, but slightly rounded at corners, two hooks and eyes, the collar edged all round with gold cord and $\frac{1}{2}$ in. wire lace of special pattern inside the cord and along collar seam, showing a light of scarlet of $\frac{1}{8}$ in. The Corps badge at $\frac{1}{2}$ in. from the inner edge of gold lace on collar and half-way between the top and bottom edges. ("For 'R.M. Band,' the Globe and Laurel surmounted by a gold embroidered lyre.") Detachable shoulder straps of twisted round gold cord lined with blue cloth, small button in top loop, badges of rank in silver embroidery, nine buttons up the front; skirts square in front and closed behind with two back slashes, two pointed with three large regimental buttons, one at each point, and one at the waist seam, and edged with round gold wire cord as on the collar, the bottom edge of slashes to reach $\frac{1}{2}$ in. from bottom of skirt. Round cuffs $3\frac{1}{2}$ ins. deep with one band of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch gold wire lace on the top edge of the cuff (substantive Colonels two bands round cuffs)—the second band to be below the first with a light of one eighth of an inch of blue lace between the rows). On each cuff a slash with three points edged with $\frac{1}{8}$ in. gold wire lace, except along the forearm seam; the slash to be 6 ins. long at the forearm seam and $6\frac{1}{2}$ ins. at the end points of the opposite side, $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. broad at the narrowest parts and $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. at each of the three points. On each slash there are three large regimental buttons at equal intervals; each button is surrounded by $\frac{1}{8}$ in. gold wire lace, beginning and ending at the forearm seam and forming a triangle at the opposite side of the button. A light of blue to be shown between the strips of gold lace from the button to the forearm seam. (See para. 6 for Brigadiers and Substantive Colonels, and para. 31 for Commissioned Officers from Warrant Rank and Warrant Officers).

8. Helmet, universal pattern.—Cork, covered with white cloth or fine drill in six seams, bound with buff leather at the bottom; above the peak (which is pointed) and running round the helmet, a buff leather band $\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide.

The head piece let in with zig-zag ventilator.

Brown leather chin straps, gilt side hooks. (Gilt Curb chain when Full Dress is worn.)

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

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

The bottom central ray of the plate is to come half-way over the leather band. Khaki cover for Active Service.

9. Cap, forage, universal (Army) pattern. Blue cloth with scarlet band with scarlet welt at top, scarlet welt round crown. The gilt buttons to be of the Lion and Crown pattern (special). The peak to be ornamented with gold embroidered oak leaf for Field Officers and plain for other Officers. The badge to be worn in front on the red band to consist of a gilt metal laurel wreath surrounding a silver globe, and to be surmounted by gilt metal a Lion and Crown half-way up the rim of the cap, which is to be stiffened in front at an angle of 45°.

On the Service Dress Cap the badge will be a Globe and Laurel surmounted by Lion and Crown in bronze metal.

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

9A. Cap, R.M. Band.—As described in para. 9, with a welt round crown of the same material as cap and scarlet band. Badge to consist of a gilt metal laurel wreath surrounding a silver globe, and surmounted by a gilt metal lyre.

10. 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, 18 ins. for a man 5 ft. 9 ins., varying in proportion to height; step collar, depth of opening about 3 ins.; two cross-patch breast-pockets above, $6\frac{1}{2}$ ins. wide and $7\frac{1}{2}$ ins. deep to top of the flap, box pleat in centre $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. wide, three-pointed flap $6\frac{1}{2}$ ins. wide and $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. deep; two expanding pockets below the waist plaits at the sides, $9\frac{1}{2}$ ins. wide at the top and $10\frac{1}{2}$ ins. at the bottom, 8 ins. deep to top of the pocket and fastened at the top with a small button, flap with button-hole to cover pockets, $3\frac{1}{2}$ ins. deep, $10\frac{1}{2}$ ins. wide. The top of the pocket should be sewn down at the corners in such a manner that on service the pocket can be expanded at the top also; inside watch pocket with leather tab above for chain or strap. Two brass waist-hooks, four regimental buttons down front, the bottom one just below the bottom edge of belt when worn. Gilt metal letters "R.M." on shoulder-straps ("R.M.B." for R.M. Band). Pointed cuffs, $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. wide rising to 6 ins. at the point; with 2 small buttons on outside seam; shoulder-straps of the same material as the frock, fastened with a small regimental button; badges of rank in metal. Collar badge gilt metal laurel surrounding silver globe to be worn on the step of the collar. To be lined or not, as required, with lining of similar colour to the frock.

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

Overalls, blue cloth, with scarlet welt as above and black leather footstraps are to be worn when Wellington boots are worn.

12. *Pantaloons (for mounted duties only).*—Blue cloth, with $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. scarlet welt down each side seam. A slit, with lace holes, to be provided in front of each leg.

13. *Boots.*

(a) All Officers, except Warrant Officers—Black calf Wellington Boots for Levées and Mess Dress, and by mounted Officers for parade purposes when overalls are worn. May be worn on other occasions unless otherwise ordered.

(b) All Officers—Black Ankle laced boots with plain toe cap are to be worn by all Officers in marching and drill order and on other occasions when permitted.

(c) Oxford Shoes, patent leather, plain fronts will be worn by Commissioned Officers in white Mess Dress only and by Warrant Officers and Schoolmasters (all ranks) in Mess Dress.

(d) Mounted Officers are permitted to wear black leather Field Boots of Army pattern on occasions when ankle boots and leggings are ordered to be worn. They are not to be worn in full dress.

(e) Mounted Officers performing mounted duties in full dress will wear black leather butcher boots.

14. *Leggings.*

Mounted Officers.—Black grained leather Infantry Officers pattern.

Other Officers.—Khaki puttees.

Officers R.M. Band.—Naval Officers' pattern.

15. *Great Coat.*—Drab mixture cloth, milled and waterproofed, double breasted, to reach just below the point of the knees, 18 to 20 ins. slit at back, with small saddle flap. Turn down collar $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. deep, with lapel and step, fastening with a hook and eye; four large buttons on each side, three to button and one under turn; two bottom pockets with flaps, one inside breast pocket at each side, sword slit at left side; loose turnback cuffs of single material, $4\frac{1}{2}$ ins. deep, shoulder-straps of the same material as the garment and fastened with small button. Badges of rank and buttons in gilt metal. Gilt letters, "R.M." on shoulder-straps ("R.M.B." for R.M. Band). The collar is provided with a cloth tab to button across the opening at the throat when required. The coat is lined with drab flannel. (See para. 6 for Brigadiers and Substantive Colonels.)

16. *Drill Clothing.*

(a) *Khaki Drill Tunic.*—To be made of khaki drill and cut to the pattern of the Frock, Serge, para. 10. No buttons on cuffs. All badges as on the Frock, Serge.

(b) *Khaki Drill Trousers.*—Of similar pattern to Blue Serge Trousers (para. 11), but without welts.

17. *Tropical Clothing.*

(i) Khaki tennis pattern shirt with turn-down collar attached, two breast pockets with turn-over flaps (as in the khaki drill tunic), detachable shoulder straps of same material with badges of rank and letters "R.M." in dull bronzed metal as for service dress. No cuff links or service buttons. All buttons to be brown bone throughout.

(ii) Shorts—to be made of similar material to that of Khaki Drill Trousers.

(iii) Plain leather belt.

18. *Mess Dress—Jacket.*—Scarlet cloth, blue cloth cuffs and roll collar (no shoulder-straps); cuffs round, $3\frac{1}{2}$ ins. deep; four small buttons gilt with Lion and Crown mounted in silver in front, dummy button holes. Corps' badges and badges of rank in gilt metal on each side of roll collar, except the globe, which will be silver. (See para. 6 for Brigadiers and Substantive Colonels.)

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

White Mess Jacket.—Plain white drill, similar in pattern to Scarlet Mess Jacket and having the same badges.

White Mess Vest.—Plain white drill, similar in pattern to the Blue Vest.

NOTE.—Officers in possession of R.M.A. pattern Mess Dress, and Officers in possession of blue Mess Dress formerly authorised for R.M. Band Service and Schoolmasters are permitted to wear it until replacement is necessary. THESE PATTERNS WILL CEASE TO BE WORN AFTER 31ST MARCH, 1933, AND 31ST MARCH, 1935, RESPECTIVELY.

19. *Waterproof Coat.*—Khaki coloured gabardine, double-breasted, with waist-belt, shoulder-straps, with badges of rank. Two detachable linings, one of oiled linen, another of fleece, optional.

20. *Drab Service Dress.*—As laid down for Officers of the Army *ride* Dress Regulations for the Army. Cap and Collar badges, buttons and badges of rank as described in paras. 5, 9 and 11, but in bronze (Patterns can be seen at Admiralty, Pattern Rooms).

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

NOTE.—Officers in possession of R.M.A. pattern are permitted to wear the sword during service.

Scabbard.—Steel, with a large shoe at the bottom and a trumpet-shaped mouth. Leather scabbard for use with "Sam Browne" belts to be the same as that described in the Army Dress Regulations.

22. *Sword Belt—Full Dress.*—Plain blue web waist belt, with leather furniture and brass deer for slings and brass hook for sword. The slings of gold wire lace, $\frac{1}{4}$ in. wide, of special pattern, lined with crimson morocco leather. Morocco leather sword ring attachments, fastening back with a gilt stud. The belt to be worn under the sash and over the tunic when the sword is carried. (See para. 31 *re* Warrant Officers.)

23. *Sword Knot—Full Dress.*—Gold strap with gold acorn and sliding gold keeper. The knot to be neatly coiled round the guard of the sword. (See para. 31 *re* Warrant Officers.)

24. *Sword Belt and Knot. Except full dress.*—"Sam Browne" pattern as prescribed by Army Regulations.

When not in Marching Order or on ~~service~~ service, Officers will wear one brace only of "Sam Browne" belt. It will be worn diagonally over the right shoulder. The frog will be worn whether the sword is worn or not.

25. *Sash.*—Crimson silk net folded with two pleats, the sash $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches at the buckles. Round loose silk twisted ends, 14 inches long. The sash to be worn round the waist of the tunic, the tassels hanging from the left side, and immediately in rear of the front sling of the sword belt. (Not worn by Commissioned Officers from Warrant rank and Warrant Officers.)

26. *Gloves.*

(a) *For full dress occasions.*—White kid with two buttons. Not worn with No. 6 dress.

(b) *For undress occasions.*—Brown (cape) with two buttons, but when in khaki drill clothing, brown gloves will not be worn unless ordered. Gloves will not be worn in fighting or manœuvre order.

27. *Collars*.—White double collars, not to exceed 2 ins. or be less than 1½ ins. in height, and white shirts to be worn with the blue serge frock. Soft white double collars may be worn on the occasions laid down in the orders of dress, page 120.

28. *Tie*.—A black silk tie to be worn with the blue serge frock, to be fastened in a "sailor's knot."

29. *Haversack* to be of Corps pattern. When worn to be attached by two small leather straps with spring hooks to the rings on "Sam Browne" belt.

30. *Spurs*.—With Wellington boots mounted Officers will wear steel swan neck box spurs. With other boots they will wear light hunting spurs of Army pattern; in review order, steel chains; in other orders, black straps and shields.

31. *Water-bottle*.—Corps pattern. When worn to be suspended from "Sam Browne" belt on right side by two leather runners (on belt) with spring hooks.

32. *Whistle and Cord*.—Whistle: White metal (Army Pattern). Cord: (Army Pattern), the colour being blue. When worn, the cord to be looped over the left shoulder, the whistle being carried in the left breast pocket.

33. *Field Glasses*, when carried, are to be secured by two leather loops on back of case through which the belt is passed.

III.—SECOND LIEUTENANTS.

34. Will wear the uniform prescribed for other Officers of the Corps.

(See Section IX for particulars as to when the various articles of clothing are to be provided.)

IV.—COMMISSIONED OFFICERS FROM WARRANT RANK AND WARRANT OFFICERS.

35. Will be dressed similarly to Officers with the following exceptions:—

(a) *Full Dress Tunic*.—Gold lace round cuffs and collar to be half inch instead of three-quarter inch.

(b) *Full Dress Sword Belt and Slings* to be of crimson morocco leather, with Corps buckle.

(c) *Full Dress Sword Knot* to be of crimson morocco leather.

(d) *Crimson Sash* will not be worn.

(e) *Trousers*.—Overalls will not be worn.

(f) *Boots*.—Wellington boots will not be worn. Black patent leather Oxford shoes will be worn with Mess Dress in lieu.

V.—ROYAL MARINE POLICE.

36. *Cap*.—Cap, Forage, universal (Army) pattern. Blue Cloth, with black mohair band, with silver cord welt round the crown. The two small buttons to be plain black horn. The badge to be worn in front on the mohair band to consist of a nickel silver laurel wreath surrounding a globe in nickel silver.

37. *Frock, Serge*.—As described in paragraph 10, with the following exceptions:—The buttons to be of the black R.M. Police pattern. Nickel silver letters "R.M.P." on shoulder straps. Collar badge to be a nickel silver globe and laurel. Badge of rank (Crown) in silver embroidery. No brass waist hooks.

38. *Trousers*.—Plain blue serge, no welts or stripes.

39. *Greatcoat*.—As described in paragraph 15, but of blue cloth, with buttons and badges as for serge frock.

40. *Waterproof Coat*.—As described in paragraph 19, but of blue gabardine. Badges of rank in bronze. A black oilskin coat may be worn if desired.

41. *Sword Belt*.—Not worn.

42. *Armlet*.—Not worn.

VI.—HORSE FURNITURE.

43. Mounted Officers of the Royal Marines are to use the same pattern saddlery as described in the Dress Regulations for the Army, 1911.

Brow bands and rosettes in Review Order to be blue.

Swords to be carried on the saddle by mounted Officers in all mounted orders of dress other than Review Order.

VII.—GENERAL NOTES.

44. Paymasters, Barrackmasters, and Quarter-masters are to wear the same pattern uniform as other Officers of corresponding rank.

45. 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, but in each case the letter "R" is to be worn on the shoulder-cords or shoulder-straps, immediately below the badges of rank.

In Service Dress the letter "R" will be worn on the step of the collar below the collar badges.

46. Officers of the Royal Marines are to conform strictly 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.

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

48. For mourning a band of crape 3½ ins. wide, is to be worn above the left elbow.

49. Information regarding patterns of uniforms or equipment for Officers of Royal Marines can be obtained on application at the Office of the Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, Queen Anne's Chambers, Tothill Street, S.W. 1.

VIII.—MEDALS AND MEDAL RIBBONS.

50. Medals and Medal ribbons are to be worn as laid down in Dress Regulations for Officers of the Army, *except that the length of the medal ribbons, when worn alone, will be half-inch in length*.

51. When Medals are worn in Service Dress (blue or khaki) the bar is to be so suspended as to cover the Medal Ribbons already attached to the garment.

52. Decorations, &c., are to be worn with khaki drill under the regulations laid down for Naval Officers with white clothing on page 84.

53. Miniature medals will be worn in Mess Dress on the lapel of the jacket immediately below the Corps Badge. They are not to extend beyond the lapel on the inner side.

IX.—UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED.

| | | | Probationary Officers. | Warrant Officers. | Special Reserve Officers. |
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| Frock, blue serge | ... | ... | No. | 2 | 2 |
| Trousers, serge or tartan | ... | ... | Prs. | 2 | 1* |
| Cap, forage, blue | ... | ... | No. | 1 | 1* |
| Do., tin case for | ... | ... | No. | 1 | 1* |
| Ankle boots, black | ... | ... | Prs. | 2 | 2 |
| Tie, black silk (sailor's knot) | ... | ... | No. | 1 | 1* |
| Do. do. (Mess) | ... | ... | No. | 1 | 1† |
| Cloth Mess jacket | ... | ... | No. | 1 | See Note (e) |
| Cloth Mess waistcoat | ... | ... | No. | 1 | 1† |
| Overalls | ... | ... | Prs. | 1 | 1† |
| Calf Wellingtons | ... | ... | Prs. | 2 | — |
| Cloth tunic | ... | ... | Prs. | 1 | — |
| Trousers, blue cloth | ... | ... | No. | 1 (a) | — |
| Helmet, Wolseley pattern | ... | ... | Prs. | 1 (b) | — |
| Crimson sash | ... | ... | No. | 1 (a) | — |
| White kid gloves | ... | ... | No. | 1 (a) | — |
| Full dress sword belt | ... | ... | Prs. | 1 (a) | — |
| Full dress sword knot | ... | ... | No. | 1 (a) | — |
| Black Oxford shoes | ... | ... | No. | 1 (a) | — |
| White Mess jacket | ... | ... | Prs. | 1 (b) | — |
| White Mess vest | ... | ... | No. | 2 (b) | — |
| Tunic, khaki drill | ... | ... | No. | 2 (b) | — |
| Trousers, khaki drill | ... | ... | Prs. | 2 (b) | — |
| Breeches, knickerbocker | ... | ... | Prs. | 1 | If required |
| Breeches, Bedford cord | ... | ... | Prs. | 1 | If required |
| Greatcoat | ... | ... | No. | — | — |
| Waterproof coat | ... | ... | No. | — | — |
| Puttees | ... | ... | No. | — | — |
| Drab S.D. jacket | ... | ... | Prs. | 1 | — |
| Cap, forage, khaki | ... | ... | No. | 1 | 1 |
| Gloves, brown (cape) | ... | ... | No. | 1 | 1 |
| Whistle and lanyard | ... | ... | Prs. | 1 | 1 |
| Sam Browne equipment | ... | ... | No. | 1 | 1 |
| Sword and scabbard, steel | ... | ... | Sets | 1 | 1 |
| Waterbottle | ... | ... | No. | 1 | — |
| Haversack | ... | ... | No. | 1 | 1 |
| Trousers, white flannel | ... | ... | Prs. | 2 | — |
| Sweaters, white | ... | ... | No. | 1 | — |
| Belt, gymnasium (dark blue) | ... | ... | No. | 1 | — |
| Shoes, gymnasium, white | ... | ... | Prs. | 1 | — |
| Boot trees | ... | ... | Sets | 1 | — |
| Shirts, cricket | ... | ... | No. | 2 | — |
| Shirts and collars | ... | ... | No. | — | — |
| Tin cases for uniform | ... | ... | No. | — | As requisite |
| Revolver and case | ... | ... | No. | 1 | — |
| Field glasses | ... | ... | No. | — | 1 (d) |
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NOTE.—(a) To be provided on completion of Theoretical Military Course.

(b) To be provided on embarkation, if required.

(c) Sergeants-Major and R.M. Gunners only.

(d) Will be issued from store on loan as and when required.

(e) Officers of Special Reserve must provide themselves either with Mess dress marked † or with Blue Service dress marked *. Provision of both is not required. The choice is optional and if Mess Dress is not provided, full evening dress (plain clothes) will be worn in Mess.

X.—ORDER OF DRESS, OFFICERS, ROYAL MARINES.

(Numbers are assigned to the several dresses for convenience when referring to them by signal.)

| Dress. | In England and temperate climates. | | Occasions when worn. | In hot climates. | |
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| | No. | Articles. | | No. | Articles. |
| Review Order Full Dress. | 1 | Cloth Tunic. Overalls. Wellington Boots. Helmet W.P., with Gilt Curb chain. Sword and steel scabbard. Full Dress Sword Belt and Knot. Crimson Sash. White Kid Gloves. | Ceremonial Occasions, &c. | 6 | Khaki Drill Tunic. Khaki Drill Trouser. Drab Soft Shirt. Drab Soft Collar. Drab Tie. Helmet, Wolseley Pattern with Gilt Curb Chain. Sam Browne Belt, Frog and Sword. Black Ankle Boots. |
| Undress Order. | 2 | Forage Cap. Serge Frock. Overalls. Wellington Boots. Sam Browne Belt and Frog. Sword if ordered. Brown Gloves. White Shirt. White Stiff Double Collar. Black Tie. <i>Note.</i> —Warrant Officers— Cloth Trousers and Black Ankle Boots. | Entertainments on shore when Review Order is not worn. Officer of the Guard on all occasions and Officer of the Watch in Harbour. | 6a | Forage Cap with white cover or Helmet as ordered. Khaki Drill Tunic. Khaki Drill Trouser. Drab Soft Shirt and Collar. Drab Tie. Black Ankle Boots. Remainder as in No. 2. |
| Drill Order. | 3 | Forage Cap. Serge Frock. Serge Trousers. Black Ankle Boots. Sam Browne Belt and Sword. Brown Gloves. White Soft Shirt. *White stiff double Collar. Black Tie. Whistle and Cord. Haversack Waterbottle } If Field Glasses } ordered. Puttees <i>Note.</i> —Mounted Officers— Riding Breeches, Black Ankle Boots, Leggings and Spurs—except on board ship, when Trousers and Ankle Boots are to be worn. | Parades. Drills, Regimental Duty. Guard Duties when embarked. | 8 | Forage Cap and White Cover or Helmet as ordered. Khaki Drill Tunic. Breeches, Mounted Pattern, Cavalry Drill, and Puttees, or Khaki Drill Trouser as ordered. Black Ankle Boots. Drab Soft Shirt and Collar. Drab Tie. Remainder as for No. 3. |
| Mess Dress. | 4 | Mess Jacket. Mess Waistcoat. Overalls. Wellington Boots. Stiff White Shirt. Stiff White Butterfly Collar. Black Bow Tie. <i>Note.</i> —Mounted Officers, Box Spurs. Warrant Officers—Trousers, Oxford Shoes, Black Socks. | Dining at Naval and Military Messes and at the table of Flag Officers and Officers of corresponding rank. At Naval and Military evening dances and entertainments unless full dress is ordered. | 5 | White Mess Jacket. White Mess Waistcoat. Blue Cloth Trousers. Black patent leather Oxford Shoes. Black Socks. Remainder as in No. 4. |

ORDER OF DRESS, OFFICERS, ROYAL MARINES—*continued.*

| Dress. | In England and temperate climates. | | Occurrences when worn. | In hot climates. | |
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| | No. | Articles. | | No. | Articles. |
| Marching Order Blue. | 10 | Forage Cap or Helmet as ordered. Serge Frock. Serge Trousers. Black Ankle Boots. Sam Browne Belt with Two Straps. Sword and Scabbard. Brown Gloves. White Soft Shirt and Collar. Black Tie. Whistle and Cord. Haversack and Waterbottle. Field Glasses Revolver and } If Pouch. } ordered Waterproof Coat* <i>Note.—Mounted Officers—</i> Riding Breeches, Black Ankle Boots and Leggings, Spurs. Sword carried on the Saddle, edge to the rear, when mounted. *If carried, will be worn en banderole. | Guards on shore. Inspections. Changes of station Embarkations and Disembarkations. | 10a | Forage Cap with White Cover or Helmet as ordered. Khaki Drill Tunic. Breeches, Mounted Pattern, Cavalry Drill or Shorts with Puttees. Drab Soft Shirt and Collar. Drab Tie. Remainder as in No. 10. |
| Marching Order Khaki Service Dress. | 11 | S.D. Cap, Helmet or Steel Helmet, as ordered. S.D. Tunic. S.D. Breeches Knickerbocker. Puttees. Sam Browne Belt or Web Equipment as ordered. <i>Note.—Mounted Officers—</i> Breeches Mounted pattern Bedford Cord, Black Leggings and Spurs. For details of clothing and accoutrements in No. 11 Dress, see F.S. Manual, 1924 (Infantry Battalion). Dismounted Officers will wear the Naval "Pistol Equipment" if Web Equipment is ordered. | Active Service. Manoeuvres. Landing from Ships and as ordered. | 11a | Khaki Drill Tunic. Breeches Mounted pattern Cavalry drill, or Shorts as ordered. Remainder as in No. 11. |

NOTES.

- Sam Browne Belt will be worn with one brace over right shoulder, except in No. 10, 10a, 11 and 11a Dress, when two braces will be worn.
- Spurs will not be worn on board Ship.
- Commissioned Officers on the General Staff of the Corps or serving on the Staff at the Admiralty, or on the Staffs of Commanders-in-Chief and Senior Naval Officers and Brigade Majors will wear Regimental Uniform. They will wear Armlets (para. 2, page 115, Dress Regulations), in Undress. In Review Order Full Dress, they will wear aiguillettes, except Brigade Majors and W.T. Officers.
- Officers in No. 6a Dress may wear Brown Leather Shoes and Khaki Socks, when not parading with troops.
- Officers of the Special Reserve will provide themselves with No. 3 and 11 Dress only. Full evening dress (plain clothes) may be worn in lieu of Mess Dress.
- Letters R.M. in gilt metal are to be worn on shoulder straps below badges of rank on Blue Frock, Khaki Drill Tunic and Great Coat. The letters R.M. on the Drab Service Dress Frock are to be in bronze.
- Swords will be worn by all Officers in accordance with K.R.A. and A.R., para. 961 (b) (i) and (ii) except that swords will be worn on board ship on appropriate occasions.
- In Review Order, swords, when undrawn, are not to be "hooked up" except by Officers carrying the Colours. They are to be carried in the left hand when on the march. When swords are drawn, the scabbards are to be "hooked up" by dismounted Officers in accordance with K.R.A. & A.R., para. 961(c)(1).

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

| No. of Dress. | In England and Temperate Climates. | | | In Hot Climates. | | | |
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| | Dress. | Articles. | Corresponding Seamen's Dress. | Occasions when worn. | No. of Dress. | Articles. | Corresponding Seamen's Dress. |
| 1 Review Order. | Helmet, cloth tunic, tweed trousers, white cotton gloves. Sashes (Sergts. and above and equivalent ranks). Great coat Rifle Side arms Buff belt, pouch & frog | As ordered | 1 | State ceremonies, special inspections, Guards of Honour, Naval and General Courts Martial, Funerals—(a) when at Head Quarters on Sundays; (b) when serving afloat only during Divisions and Church on Sunday on board in harbour. On other occasions when seamen wear No. 1. R.M. wear No. 2. | 6 | Khaki drill tunic and trousers, remainder as in No. 1. Staff Sergts., Cr.Sergts., Sergts., Bandmasters 1st and 2nd Class, R.M.B. sashes. | |
| 2 Undress Order. | Note.—(a) At Church (b) Cloth Tunics Forage cap, blue serge tunic, tweed trousers, waist belt (buff), Cr. Sergts., Sergts., Bandmasters 1st and 2nd Class, R.M.B. sashes. | | para are 2 | Parades side-arms will be not worn by Royal Marines on week-days, Church parade and Sundays at sea and after Church on board in harbour. | worn. on 6a | the East Indies Station. As for No. 2 but with khaki drill. Forage cap and white cover or helmet as ordered. | 7 |
| 3 Drill Order. | Forage cap, blue serge tunic, serge trousers, waist belt, two braces, two cartridge carriers. Rifle. Side arms. | | 3 | All ordinary drills and parades ashore and afloat. Guards, afloat, to wear waist-belts and side-arms only. | 8 | As for No. 3, but with khaki drill. Forage cap with white cover or helmet as ordered. | 8 |
| Night Clothing. | Puttees if ordered. Cap, blue serge tunic, serge or tweed trousers. | | 4 | Nightclothing and wet weather. | — | — | — |
| 5 Fatigue Dress. | Forage cap and white cover, khaki drill suit. | | 5 | Working parties, fatigues, and other duties when better clothing would be spoiled. | — | — | — |
| 9 Overall Dress. | Suit, blue, overall. | | 9 | Coaling, refitting and dirty work afloat, and Artificers in barracks, gunnery on board. | — | — | — |
| Marching Order (Blue). | Forage cap (full dress head-dress if ordered), blue serge tunic, tweed trousers. Khaki puttees (when specially ordered). Rifle, side-arms, full equipment with trenching implement and knife lanyard. Respirator anti-gas, if ordered. (See Note 7a.) | | — | Inspections, embarkations, changes of station, guards on shore and as ordered. | 10a | As for No. 10, but with khaki drill. Forage cap with white cover or helmet as ordered. | — |
| 11 Marching Order Khaki Service Dress. | Cap S.D., helmet or steel helmet as ordered. Drab service dress. Puttees. Equipment as for No. 10 with or without pack, as ordered. Respirator anti-gas, if ordered. (See Note 7a.) | | — | Active service, manœuvres, landing from ship and as ordered. | 11a | As for No. 11 with khaki drill in lieu of drab serge. Helmet with khaki cover or as ordered. | — |

NOTES.

Royal Marines will wear blue suit or khaki drill suit as may be ordered, when Seamen are wearing half whites.

Khaki singlets and shorts (tropical clothing) are to be worn during the summer season as ordered by the Commander-in-Chief. Chevrons will be worn pinned to sleeve of singlet but G.C. Badges will not be worn.

Three khaki singlets and two pairs of khaki shorts will be issued at the public expense on commissioning or joining a ship on a tropical station. These items will subsequently be maintained at the expense of the ranks concerned.

Puttees will be worn by N.C.O.'s and men (R.M. and R.M. Band) with tropical clothing.

A gratuitous issue of two khaki singlets and two pairs of khaki shorts will be made to N.C.O.'s and men embarked for round trips in H.M. Ships employed on trooping duties to and from tropical stations. If re-employed on trooping duties, no second issue is to be made until after the expiry of twelve months from date of original issue.

2. *Helmets* will be worn on changes of station, embarking, and disembarking. Afloat they will always be worn for guards and divisions when No. 1 dress is ordered, and in all orders of dress if ordered. On service abroad the helmet will take the place of the cap when ordered. The metal ball is to be worn when serving on shore at home. The buckle of leather chin strap is worn on right cheek and the strap is always worn on duty. When serving afloat the metal ball is to be worn on all ceremonial occasions i.e., when No. 1 or No. 6 Dress is worn. The zinc top is to be worn on all other occasions when the white helmet is worn. The khaki helmet cover is for wear with No. 11A dress (Mediterranean Station only). When the helmet is worn, the cap may be packed in the canvas bag, kit bag or pack, or carried in the haversack as ordered.

3. *Equipment*.—When the buff pouch is worn, it will be in centre of back for ceremonial and drill and on right side when ammunition is carried.

4. The following articles are to be carried in the pack by Royal Marines:—

Great Coat. Towel and Soap.
White Flannel Shirt. 1 Pair Canvas Shoes
1 Pair Socks. 1 Pair Boot Laces.
Mess Tin and Cover. 1 Clothes Brush.

5. *Contents of Haversack*.—Unexpended portion of day's rations; iron rations; razor, shaving brush, hair brush, 1 pair of socks, 1 pair boot laces, holdall with knife, fork, spoon comb and toothbrush. The toothbrush to be placed in pocket of holdall.

6. *Waterproof Sheet*.—When carried on pack to be folded the width of the pack so that when placed on top of contents the lower part of the sheet extends over the back of the pack but under the flap, the bottom edge of the sheet being in line with the top edge of the buckles.

When carried on belt to be folded so as not to exceed twelve inches in width and to be attached as follows:—

Start with supporting strap on outside of sheet, buckle on top and on the outer side of brace. Bind sheet to belt by passing strap downwards on the outside and upward on inside of belt and brace; then downward on outside of belt and on inside of brace, then crossing at back of belt to top of brace and buckle ends together.

7. *Steel Helmet*.—To be carried on back of pack, the supporting straps being crossed both below and above the helmet.

7A. Respirators, Anti-Gas, will be worn when embarking or disembarking. They are to be worn in the "slung" position.

8. *Fighting Order*.—Steel Helmet. Drab Service Dress. Puttees. Equipment as for Marching Order with pack (less Greatcoat). Waistcoat. Cardigan and respirator anti-gas as ordered.

9. *Great Coats*.—The waist belt will be worn underneath the great coat when off duty and when walking out.

10. Gloves will only be worn on duty in cold weather. Sergeants and above may have the option of wearing brown leather gloves for walking out. Band Masters 1st and 2nd Class, R.M.B., may also wear such gloves on duty. White cotton gloves will be worn on all occasions with cloth tunics.

11. *Mourning*.—If men, for private reasons, are desirous of wearing mourning, they may cover the third button of tunic or second of serge tunic with crapes.

12. *Sashes* will be worn in No. 1, 2, 6 and No. 6a dress. They will not be worn outside the great coat when on leave.

13. *Whistles* are to be carried by Sergeants and Corporals, in Marching Order, Infantry Drills and Manoeuvres.

14. *Knife Lanyards*.—Will be worn in "Orders" of Dress Nos. 10 and 11 and in Flight Order. The lanyard will be worn on the right shoulder in an ordinary loop.

15. *Waistbelts, Corps Pattern*.—Will be worn, without braces, on the following occasions:—

(a) At Physical Training.

(b) In Tropical Clothing.

(c) When so ordered.

16. *GUARDS AND SENTRIES AFLOAT*.—(a) *Guards of Honour and when Royal Salutes are to be given without regard to the dress of the day*.—No. 1 or No. 6. (b) *Ordinary Guards on other occasions*.—No. 3 or No. 8 (or the dress of the day when that is No. 1, or No. 2 or corresponding dresses in hot climates). *Sunday Routine*.—See note 12. (c) *At Sea or between decks*.—No. 3 or No. 8, with side arms (except in dynamo flats). (d) *Sentries when cooling Ship*.—No. 5 or 9 with side arms.

17. *Working Parties at Bisley*.—Detachments of Royal Marines lent to the National Rifle Association for employment at Bisley are to proceed in No. 11 Dress. One suit, blue, overall and sufficient blue clothing for walking-out purposes is to be taken in the white kit bag.

18. *Band*.—The order of dress will correspond generally to that of other ranks, Royal Marines. Web braces are only to be worn when carrying the waterbottle and haversack.

The cross belt and pouch will be worn only with No. 1 and No. 6 Dress when parading as a Band and also when carrying out a private engagement as a Military Band. Bandmasters, 1st and 2nd Class will not wear cross belts and Pouches.

Bandmasters 1st and 2nd Class may wear walking out boots at private engagements and functions on shore.

19. *Naval Picquets or Patrols*.—No. 2, with web belts. Frogs, puttees, etc., when specially ordered.

20. *W.R. Attendants* when sent on shore on duty for their masters are to wear uniform

21. *Liberty Men*.—Caps will be worn for walking out in temperate climates. No. 2 or No. 6a dress will be worn for leave. The great coat may be worn in wet or cold weather. Short canes are to be carried when walking out. Bundles are not to be carried in the streets; when it is necessary to take a few things on shore, the haversack, kit bag or pack may be utilised, or a small neat paper parcel may be carried.

22. *Cycling Dress*.—The authorised cycling dress for N.C. Officers and men is to be as follows:—

Cap: Uniform.

Tunic: Blue serge, regimental pattern, but with turn down collar. Collar badges to be fastened just above the points of the collar; bottom of centre of badge about three quarters of an inch from the front. Chevrons and G.C. Badges as for serge tunic.

Collar : White (linen or celluloid).
Stockings : Navy blue (ribbed).

Breeches : Tartan or serge knickerbockers with uniform stripes, to fit the calf of the leg and to be secured by a button or strap.

Shoes : Oxford (black).

It is optional for N.C. Officers and men to provide themselves with this dress. Walking-out dress may be worn if not in contravention of the District or Garrison Orders.

23. Sunday Routine.—When in cloth clothing, serge tunics may be worn at the conclusion of Divine Service, except Guards and Dutymen, who remain in the dress of the day till sunset.

24. Postmen are to be properly dressed in No. 2 or 8 dress. It is permissible to wear black oilskins in bad weather. Puttees may be worn in bad weather, as ordered.

25. White cap covers will be worn by Royal Marines, when embarked, on all occasions when Seamen are wearing cap covers. Ashore, or on Home Stations, cap covers are to be worn from 1st May to 30th September inclusive.

26. Good Conduct Badges.—The possession of one or more Good Conduct Badges shall be marked by a corresponding number of chevrons worn, point up, on the lower part of the left arm. Non-commissioned officers are not to wear such badges.

27. Chevrons, G.C. and Distinguishing Badges. How Worn.—All chevrons and badges are to be sewn on, except those for the khaki drill tunic, on which they are to be fastened by hooks and eyes.

Chevrons will be sewn on garments so as to allow a distance of one inch between outer edges of cloth and the seams of the sleeve. For G.C. Badges the distance will be half an inch. Where men require very broad or very narrow sleeves these distances may be varied, but the above instructions are to be adhered to so far as possible.

The vertical position to be:—

(a) **Chevrons worn above the elbow.**—The bottom point of chevron to be $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches from point of shoulder.

(b) **Badges of rank worn below the elbow and G.C. Badges.**—

(i) **Tunic, cloth.**—The lowest point of chevron or badge to be approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from top of slash.

(ii) **Tunics, Tartan, serge and khaki drill.**—The inner angle of chevron or badge to be approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from point of cuff.

(iii) **Greatcoat, S.D.**—The lowest point of chevron or badge to be approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from top of cuff.

(iv) **Jacket, S.D.**—The inner angle of chevron or badge to be 7 inches from bottom of sleeve.

(c) **Distinguishing Badges worn on left forearm.**— $\frac{1}{4}$ inch is to be left clear between point of cuff or G.C. Badge (7 inches from bottom of sleeve when no cuff or G.C. Badge), respectively. Where more than one Distinguishing Badge is worn a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch will be also left clear between each badge.

(d) **Artificers' Badges.**—Artificers, if N.C. Officers, will wear the badge above their chevrons; if Marines, the badge will be worn 9 inches from top of right sleeve.

(e) **King's Badge.**—To be sewn on 2 inches down from point of left shoulder.

(f) **Arm Badge, H.M. Yacht.**—To be sewn on 1 inch down from point of right shoulder.

(g) **Section Leader, R.M., and R.N.S. of M.**—To be worn 2 inches down from point of left shoulder

When more than one distinguishing badge is worn, badges will be worn in the following order, commencing at the bottom:—

Crossed Rifles.

Naval Gunnery Badge.

Land Service Gunnery Badge.

M.G. Badge.
L.G. Badge.
Crossed Flags.

Distinguishing Badges will be worn on Tunics serge, Tunics, khaki drill, and Jackets, S.D. They are not to be worn on cloth tunics or greatcoats.

Instructors of the rank of Colour-Sergeant are to wear Instructor's Badges on right forearm above the point of the cuff, other N.C. Officers above the chevrons on right arm, the bottom of the badge to be V-shaped into top of chevrons. Badges G.I., G.L.I., will continue to be worn by N.C. Officers holding that rating, until either they re-qualify or are discharged.

The badge of Machine Gun Section Sergeant will be worn in the same manner as an Instructor's Badge.

28. Medals.—To be worn on the Cloth Tunic and on Service Dress clothing (Blue, Khaki or Khaki Drill) when the latter is worn as Review Order or when walking out on Sundays or landing with Church parties. Medals will be worn in the order laid down in K.R. & A.I., Art. 171 (9) suspended from a single bar. The bar will be attached by threading through small holes pierced in the Cloth Tunic. Blue Serge Tunic and Service Dress Jacket and eyelet holes worked in the Khaki Drill Tunic. The position of the bar containing the medals will be:—

Cloth Tunic.—Upper edge of bar to be midway between 1st and 2nd buttons of Tunic, the inner edge of the senior decoration or medal commencing one inch inwards from the line of the ends of the button holes.

Service Dress (Blue or Khaki).—To be attached to the garment immediately above the medal ribbons so as to cover them.

Khaki Drill Tunic.—Bar with medals to replace the medal ribbon bar.

The length of Ribbons is to be so regulated that the lower edge of the Decorations and Medals are in line with the lower edge of the Medal having the largest number of clasps. In this case there will be not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ in. from the uppermost clasp to the top of the Ribbon having the largest 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 British War Medal, which medal is to be suspended from a ribbon $1\frac{1}{2}$ ins. in length.

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

29. Medal Ribbons.—Are to be sewn on the blue serge tunic and service dress jacket. On the khaki drill tunic, ribbons will be worn on a bar or bars. The ribbons are to be $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in length. 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, the bottom edge of the lowest row being $\frac{1}{4}$ in. above the upper edge of the pocket with $\frac{1}{4}$ in. interval between the rows. When three or more Ribbons are worn, the inner edge of the first Ribbon is to be 1 in. back from the line of the ends of the button holes. The Ribbons are to be sewn on in proper sequence the senior Decoration or Medal commencing from the inner edge of the top row. When two or more rows are worn, the upper rows are to be completed first.

When there are two rows of Ribbons, and a less number of Ribbons in the second or subsequent rows, the shorter rows are to be arranged centrally below the top row.

When less than three Ribbons are worn, the centre of the Ribbon or Ribbons is to be vertically above the button on the pocket flap.