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**ROYAL NAVY AND ROYAL MARINES
UNIFORM REGULATIONS**

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NAVAL OFFICERS & RATINGS

SECTION 1

**DETAILS OF RANK/RATE
& OTHER DISTINGUISHING INSIGNIA**

0301. DISTINCTION MARKS OF RANK - SLEEVE LACE

1. The distinguishing marks of rank worn on the sleeves of the ceremonial day coat, reefer jacket, blue mess jacket and, the tail coat worn by captains and above, consist of rows of gold lace with a circle (or 'curl') on the top or only row, right round each cuff as follows:

Admiral of the Fleet	4 rows of 13mm lace above a band of 50mm lace.
Admiral	3 rows of 13mm lace above a band of 50mm lace.
Vice-Admiral	2 rows of 13mm lace above a band of 50mm inch lace.
Rear-Admiral	1 row of 13mm lace above a band of 50mm lace.
Commodore	A band of 42mm lace with a circle of 13mm lace.
Captain	4 rows of 13mm lace.
Commander	3 rows of 13mm lace.
Lieutenant Commander	2 rows of 13mm lace with a row of 6mm lace between.
Lieutenant	2 rows of 13mm lace.
Sub Lieutenant	1 row of 13mm lace.

2. For Rear-Admirals and above the circle is 50mm in diameter, for other officers 45mm. For Commodores the circle is sewn immediately above the centre of the broad band, for other officers it is formed out of the upper row of lace with the upper part of the curl leading to the rear.
3. The space between the rows is to be 6mm.
4. The distance of the bottom edge of the lace from the cuff depends on the length of the sleeve and the amount of lace. The following distances are suitable for sleeves of average length:

Admiral of the Fleet	35mm
Admiral	45mm
Vice-Admiral	55 mm
Rear-Admiral and Captain	65mm
Commodore, Commander and Lieutenant	75mm

Lieutenant 80mm

Sub Lieutenant 90mm

0302. DISTINGUISHING MARKS ON SHOULDER RANK BOARDS AND SLIDES

1. Flag Officers wear shoulder rank boards, as illustrated at the Annex B to Chapter 3, with silver devices superimposed on 50mm gold lace on the ceremonial day coat, greatcoat, white tunic, bush jacket and white mess jacket. On short sleeved white shirts, shoulder boards with either silver devices or rank lace may be worn as appropriate. On other garments which are fitted with shoulder flaps, such as the jersey and long sleeved shirt, they wear shoulder rank slides with rank markings as sleeve lace.

2. All other officers wear the same rank markings on shoulder rank boards and slides as for sleeve lace.

0303. MIDSHIPMEN

1. Midshipmen wear a white 'turnback' at each collar on blue uniform jackets. A similar but smaller white turnback is featured on shoulder rank boards and slides. The button is to be removed from shoulder rank slides when they are worn with flying clothing.

0304. NEW ENTRY OFFICERS AT BRNC AND YOUNG OFFICERS UNDER TRAINING

1. New entry officers wear white 'flashes' on the upper sleeve of blue uniform jackets and on shoulder flaps with rank slides to identify them as being under training. This badge is removed at different stages of training depending upon specialisation. Full details are contained in relevant DCIs.

0305. QARNNS OFFICERS

1. QARNNS officers wear the same uniforms and rank insignia as RN officers, but with the following differences:

a. **Capes.** Rank markings for female officers are worn on the right hand side of the cape in the angle formed by the scarlet piping. The markings display the appropriate RN officers rank below Queen Alexandra's insignia.

b. **Queen Alexandra's insignia.** On blue uniform jackets, rank lace is surmounted by a separate Queen Alexandra's monogram in red and gold superimposed on a foul anchor in gold, it is worn on both sleeves, positioned centrally 5mm above the circle in the uppermost row of rank lace.



c. **Queen Alexandra's monogram.** On a foul anchor, embroidered red/blue on white is worn centrally, immediately above the left breast pocket of the number four blue flame retardant shirt.

d. **The metal and enamel badge showing Queen Alexandra's monogram.** On a foul anchor, is worn 38mm above the left breast pocket of the white ward coat and bush jacket and on the left lapel immediately above any medal ribbons on the white mess jacket.

e. **Belt plate.** A white circular plate 58mm in diameter, bearing the design of a foul anchor with a crown above, surrounded by a laurel wreath, all in relief. Rectangular belt loop to fasten on left side.

f. **Belts.** Unboned black petersham belts, fastened with belt plate, are worn on blue ward dresses.

Admirals of the Fleet.

Officers holding the posts of Vice and Rear Admirals of the United Kingdom.

Personal Aides-de-Camp to The Queen.

Aides-de-Camp to The Queen.

Naval Equerries to the The Queen or to members of the Royal Family.

Honorary Physicians, Chaplains, Surgeons, Dental Surgeons and Nursing Sisters to the Queen.

Defence Service Secretary.

Officers appointed as Aides-de-Camp or Comptrollers to a Governor General.

Aide-de-Camp to the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly to the Church of Scotland.

2. Board type aiguillettes (gold with navy blue flecks, miniature silver anchors on metal tags) are worn on the right shoulder by:

Naval Members of the Defence Council

Naval Members of the Admiralty Board

3. Staff type aiguillettes (gold with navy blue flecks) are worn on the right shoulder by:

Naval Assistant to the Secretary of State for Defence
Officers appointed as Aides-de-Camp to a Governor or Lieutenant Governor.

4. Staff type aiguillettes (gold with navy blue flecks) are worn on the left shoulder by:

Personal staffs of Service members of the Defence Council and VCDS.

MA to DSACEUR/COFS.

Secretaries and Naval Assistants to Naval Members of the Admiralty Board.

The Flag Lieutenant to the Admiralty Board, Secretaries, Flag Lieutenants and Aides-de-Camp to:

2SL/CinC Naval Home Command

CinC Fleet

Commander UK Task Group

Flag Officer Sea Training

0306. RNR OFFICERS

1. RNR officers wear the same uniform as regular officers but with a letter 'R' in gold inside the curl of rank lace or embroidered rank insignia.

0307. SCC AND CCF(RN) OFFICERS

1. These officers wear the same uniform as RN except that waved rows of 10mm gold distinction lace with a waved curl on the uppermost row are worn. The Lieutenant Commanders narrow stripe is 3mm wide, waved and spaced 10mm from the outside stripes.

0308. DISTINCTION CLOTH AND CIVILIAN OFFICERS

1. Medical and Dental officers wear a stripe of distinction cloth in the interval or intervals between the lace worn on cuff and shoulder insignia and below a single row of lace.

Colours are:

Medical Scarlet

Dental Orange

When required to wear uniform, civilian officers wear the uniform prescribed for naval officers of equivalent rank with green distinction cloth between the lace.

0309. AIGUILLETES

1. Aiguillettes (plain gold wire, gimp or gimp and orris as appropriate) are worn on the right shoulder with Number 1A, 1B, 2A and 2B dresses on all formal occasions by the following:

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Flag Officer Scotland, Northern England and Northern Ireland

Secretary to CBNS Washington.

5. Staff type aiguillettes are also worn on the left shoulder by Personal staff of the Chairman of the Military Committee,

NATO

Secretary and Flag Lieutenant to UKMILREP, NATO

Executive Assistant and Flag Lieutenant to DEPSACLANT

Secretary and Flag Lieutenant to COS to COMNAVSOUTH

Secretary of SACLANT REP EUR

Staff of Secretary of State for Defence

Head of BDS Washington

Defence and Naval Attaches

Assistant Defence and Naval Attaches

Service Advisers and Assistant Advisers to HM High Commissions in Commonwealth capitals

6. Board or staff type aiguillettes may not be worn concurrently with ADC's or Equerries aiguillettes. For instance, a member of the Admiralty Board or Naval Attaché who is also an ADC to The Queen wears the aiguillette appropriate to the latter appointment.

7. 'Formal Occasions' are defined as those when swords or decorations are worn and when particular formality is called for outside the normal day-to-day routine of work or practice.

8. Aiguillettes and the various accoutrements are issued on Individual Loan from the Uniform Clothing store HMS NELSON

0310. ROYAL CYPHERS

1. The Royal Cypher is available in large, small and miniature sizes. It is worn by:

Admirals of the Fleet

Officers holding the posts of Vice and Rear Admirals of the United Kingdom

Aides-de-Camp to The Queen

Honorary Physicians, Surgeons, Dental Surgeons, Nursing Sisters and Chaplains to The Queen

Naval Equerries to The Queen Defence Services Secretary

2. In the cases of Personal Aides-de-Camp to The Queen, First and Principal Naval and Flag Aides-de-Camp to The Queen, the officers concerned continue to wear the Cypher after relinquishing the appointment. If he or she has held the appointment under more than one Sovereign then the Cypher of each shall be worn.

3. The large Cypher is worn on aiguillette shoulder straps, including the additional strap worn with the broad riband or collar of orders.

4. The small Cypher is worn on both shoulder boards of the greatcoat, and all white and khaki uniforms and on the shoulder rank slides worn with jerseys. It is placed at the foot of the gold lace for officers of Flag rank and superimposed on the lowest row of lace for other officers, with the bottom of the Cypher even with the lower edge of lace. For chaplains the Cypher should be 0.32cm above the bottom edge of the shoulder strap. The chaplains insignia is placed immediately above the Cypher.

5. The miniature Cypher is worn on the metal tags of aiguillettes by Personal Aides-de-Camp, Equerries and Extra Equerries to The Queen, and the Defence Service Secretary.

6. Personal Aides-de-Camp wear the small Cypher on all shoulder boards and soft rank insignia.

7. When the Cyphers of more than one Sovereign are worn, the small Cypher shall be worn in each case.

0311. BADGES WORN BY OFFICERS

1. The cap badge shall be worn in the centre of the cap front, sewn to the detachable braid band. The cloth background shall follow the outline of the badge and be trimmed no closer than 5mm to the embroidery of the badge.

2. The beret badge, which is to be of standard issue metal variety, shall be worn over the left eye in the manner illustrated at in Chapter 2.

3. Flying badges comprising pilot's and observer's wings and, additionally, aircrewman's wings worn by officers who qualified for them as ratings, are worn as follows:

a. **Blue uniform.** Sewn to the centre of the left sleeve of the reefer jacket and mess jacket, 6mm above the circle in the uppermost row of rank lace and in the corresponding place in the case of midshipmen. Officers who wish, may at their option, wear miniature flying badges on the sleeve of the mess jacket.

b. **White tunics, bush jackets and khaki/stone coloured uniform.** Fixed with 'pin and clutch' attachment 38mm centrally above the left breast pocket. If medals or medal ribbons are worn, the badge is to be worn centrally above the medals or top row of ribbons. On the white mess jacket, miniature wings are worn centrally on the left lapel over miniature medals.



4. Submarine badges are worn as follows:

- a. **Blue uniforms.** On the left breast of the reefer jacket between the lapel and the shoulder, horizontal, level with the point of the lapel. The badge should sit 6mm above medal ribbons or medals. On the mess jacket, a miniature badge is worn on the left lapel, 25mm below the point of the lapel, 6mm above miniature medals.
- b. **White tunics, bush jackets and khaki/stone coloured uniform.** As for flying badges.

0312. BADGES WORN BY WARRANT OFFICERS, SENIOR AND JUNIOR RATINGS

1. **Warrant Officers** wear the Royal Arms on both cuffs of the blue reefer jacket with the bottom of the badge 127mm from the end of the sleeve. A smaller version of the same badge is worn on the optional mess jacket.
2. Shoulder rank slides with the Royal Arms are provided for Warrant Officers to wear with bush jackets, jerseys, IAWD and Jackets WP.
3. An anodised version of the Royal Arms badge is worn on both sleeves of the white tunic and mess jacket with the bottom edge of the badge 127mm above the end of the sleeve.
4. **Chief Petty Officers** are distinguished by three buttons worn horizontally on each cuff of the blue reefer jacket and white tunic, 127mm from the bottom of the sleeve. In addition, branch badges are worn on the lapel of blue reefer jackets, that on the right lapel being the normal branch badge, that on the left its mirror image. Identical buttons shall be worn on the optional blue mess jacket.
5. Shoulder rate slides with a badge comprising laurel leaves around a foul anchor surmounted by a crown are provided for wear with bush jackets, jerseys, IAWD and Jackets WP.
6. Branch badges on overalls are worn over the left breast pocket.
7. **Petty Officers** wear a badge comprising crossed foul anchors surmounted by a crown on the left arm of blue reefer jacket and a smaller version on the optional mess jacket. Branch badges are worn on the right arm, but not on the optional mess jacket. The centre of the rate and branch badges is to be mid way between the point of the shoulder and the point of the elbow, sewn centrally onto the sleeve.
8. Shoulder rate slides with the embroidered rate insignia are worn in the same manner as Chief Petty Officer.

9. **Leading Hands** wear a badge comprising a single foul anchor on the left sleeve of the Class II jumper. It and the skill and branch badges are worn as for petty officers.

10. Shoulder rate slides consisting of a foul anchor woven in gold are worn on the jersey, IAWD, Shirts White and Jackets WP.

11. Leading Regulators and Regulating Petty Officers

wear a badge comprising a crown on the right sleeve of their white short-sleeve shirt. When wearing the white long sleeve shirt RPOs wear the same design as a tie pin.

Masters at Arms wear a badge comprising laurel leaves supporting a crown as a brassard on their right wrist.

12. **Able Rates and below** A shoulder slide consisting of Royal Navy woven in gold is worn on jersey, IAWD, shirts white and jackets WP.

13. Royal Navy shoulder slides are issued on completion of Pt 1.

0313. ARTIFICERS AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS

1. Artificer red beret badges are issued on completion of pt 1 training.
2. Communication Technicians will be issued with a Basic Device Branch Badge with the letters CT.

0314. GOOD CONDUCT BADGES

1. These are represented by V-shaped stripes, 12.5mm in width at the perpendicular and 127mm across the top of the V, and are worn on the left arm by entitled ratings below the rate of Chief Petty Officer. When worn without a rate badge, the centre of the device is to be midway between the point of the shoulder and the point of the elbow. When more than one Good Conduct Badge is worn, the distance between them at the perpendicular is to be 12.7mm.

0315. STARS AND CROWNS

1. These are added to the basic branch and specialist qualification badges to indicate certain classes of qualification as follows:
 - a. Basic device: on entering a sub-branch.
 - b. Basic device with star above: on qualifying professionally for Able Rate.
 - c. Basic device with star above and star below: on qualifying professionally for Leading Rate.

- d. Basic device with crown above: on qualifying professionally for Petty Officer.
- e. Chief Petty Officers attain no additional professional qualification and wear the basic device with crown above.

0316. SPECIALIST QUALIFICATION BADGES

- 1. Badges for additional qualifications and special skills are not worn by Officers/Warrant Officers and are worn on the right cuff by other ratings as follows:

- a. By Chief Petty Officers 6mm above the centre cuff button.
 - b. By other ratings 36mm from the end of the sleeve.

0317. CAP RIBBONS

- 1. Prior to commissioning HM Ships should continue to demand a first issue of cap ribbons from DC IPT Bicester.

- 2. All other requests for new cap ribbons should be forwarded to FLEET RNSO for approval.

- a. It is appropriate for units containing significant numbers of junior ratings (20 plus), including Joint service establishments, to have their own cap ribbons in order to promote unit identity and esprit de corps.
 - b. Units with less than 20 junior ratings will generally conform to the long established custom of using the cap ribbon of their paying unit. However exceptions may be allowed when a strong case for individual unit identity exists.



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ANNEX A

RN DRESS TABLES

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

- When receiving HM The Queen, other crowned heads or heads of state.
- When receiving royalty unless ordered to the contrary by the relevant CinC.
- Inspections by Flag Officers.
- Funerals, courts martials, divisions and other appropriate Ceremonial events.
- Full ceremonial state-events as ordered.

DESCRIPTION			
Admirals	Other Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) Ceremonial day coat/Blue reefer jacket (2) Gold laced trousers/blue trousers/skirt (8) White long sleeved shirt Black Tie Black socks/black tights/stockings (9) Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes Sword with Admiral's scabbard (10) Admiral's sword belt (10) White gloves (3) Brown gloves (4) Greatcoat (3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) Blue reefer jacket with sleeve rank lace Blue trousers/skirt (8) White long sleeved shirt Black Tie Black socks/black tights/stockings (9) Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes Sword (3) Sword belt (3) White gloves (3 & 10) Brown gloves (4 & 10) Greatcoat (3) Black gaiters (3 & 6) Black boots (3, 5 & 6) White webbing (3 & 5) Greatcoat (3) Cutless/rifle and bayonet (7) Black boots (3, 5 & 6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) Blue reefer jacket with rate badges Blue trousers/skirt (8) White long sleeved shirt Black tie Black socks/black tights/stockings (9) Black shoes /court shoes Sword (3 & 7) Sword belt (3 & 7) Black gaiters (3 & 6) Black boots (3, 5 & 6) White webbing (3 & 5) Greatcoat (3) Cutless/rifle and bayonet (7) Brown gloves (3, 4 & 11) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seaman's cap (1) Blue class II jumper Blue class II trousers Shirt uniform class II Seamen's blue collar Black scarf assembly Lanyard Black socks Black boots White webbing (3 & 5) "Frog" and bayonet (3 & 5) Rifle as appropriate (3 & 7) Greatcoat (3) White gloves (3 & 10)

DECORATION/MEDALS

- Collar and/or broad Riband.
- Up to 4 stars of orders.
- Up to 3 neck decorations.
- Medals.

NOTES:

- Worn during religious services by female personnel. Junior ratings, chinstays to be down when armed.
- Ceremonial day coat to be worn by Admirals of the Fleet, full Admirals, and Defence services secretary, and other officers authorised by 2SL.
- Drawn from Loan Pool.
- Worn only with greatcoat (see note 9)
- Worn on ceremonial parade with rifle and by officers forming a guard with rifles (MMC).
- Worn by officers in-charge and Field Gun officers or warrant officers.
- MAAs and certain warrant officers, senior and junior ratings may be armed with rifle and bayonet. A cutlass is carried by a Chief Petty officer in escort to the WECK and senior rating/leading rating escort at court martial.
- Female personnel to wear tights or stockings with skirts, socks are to be worn with trousers.
- White gloves may be ordered-for tri-service parades when officers are to wear brown gloves, the colour officer wears white gloves.
- Only to be worn with the Ceremonial day coat.
- Warrant Officers only.

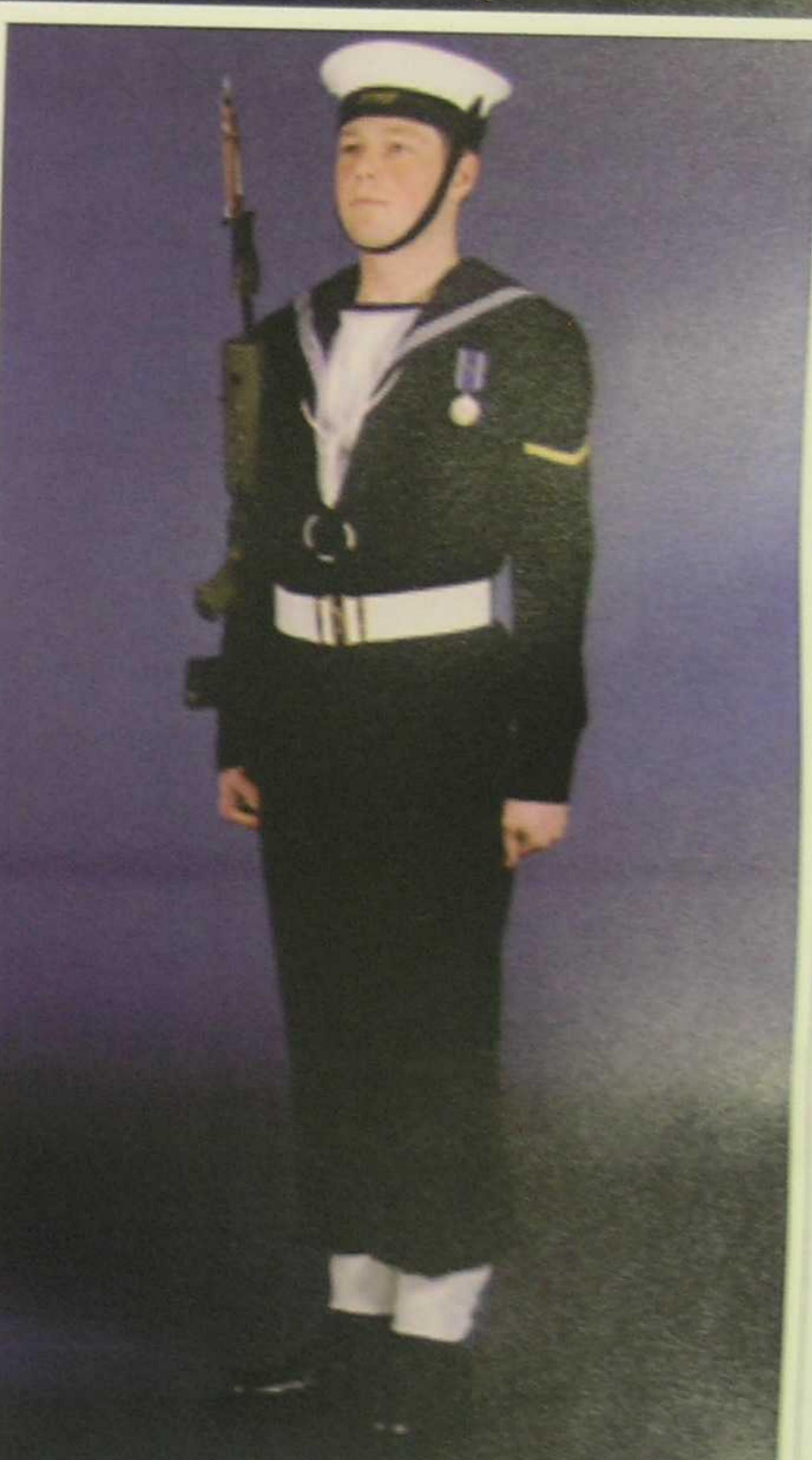
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Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings



Junior Ratings



1B DRESS - FORMAL DRESS/UNDRESS

2A.4

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

- Inspection by Flag Officers.
- Exchanging visits of ceremony as an alternative to 1A dress
- Funerals.
- Other occasions as ordered.

DESCRIPTION		
Officers,	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) - Blue reefer jacket with sleeve rank lace - Blue trousers/skirt - White long sleeved shirt - Black tie - Black socks/black tights/stockings - Black shoes or mess boots/ court shoes - Greatcoat (2) - Brown gloves (3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) - Blue reefer jacket with rate badges - Blue trouser/skirt - White long sleeved shirt - Black tie - Black socks/black tights/stockings - Black shoes/court shoes - Greatcoat (2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seaman's cap (1) - Blue class II jumper - Blue class II trousers - Shirt uniform class II - Seaman's blue collar - Black scarf assembly - Lanyard - Black socks - Black shoes - Greatcoat (2) -

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

- Up to 2 stars of orders.
- 1 neck decoration.
- Medals.

NOTES:

- (1) Worn during religious services by female personnel.
 (2) Optional - drawn from Loan Pool.
 (3) Worn only with greatcoat.

Officers



Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings



Junior Ratings





1C DRESS - FORMAL DRESS/UNDRESS

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

- Memorial Services unless ordered to the contrary by the convening authority.
- Occasions of duty or minor ceremonial.

DESCRIPTION		
Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) - Blue reefer jacket with sleeve rank lace - Blue trousers/skirt - White long sleeved shirt - Black tie - Black socks/black tights/stockings - Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes - Optional raincoat - Optional brown gloves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) - Blue reefer jacket with rate badges - Blue trouser/skirt - White long sleeved shirt - Black tie - Black socks/black tights/stockings - Black shoes/court shoes - Optional raincoat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seaman's cap (1) - Blue class II jumper - Blue class II trousers - Shirt uniform class II - Seaman's blue collar - Black scarf assembly - Lanyard - Black socks - Black shoes - Optional raincoat

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

- Medal ribbons.

NOTES:

- (1) Worn during religious services by female personnel.

Officers



Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings



Junior Ratings



2A DRESS - FORMAL EVENING DRESS/UNDRESS

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

- Official or public balls, dinners and evening receptions of the formal nature.
- Full ceremonial evening events.

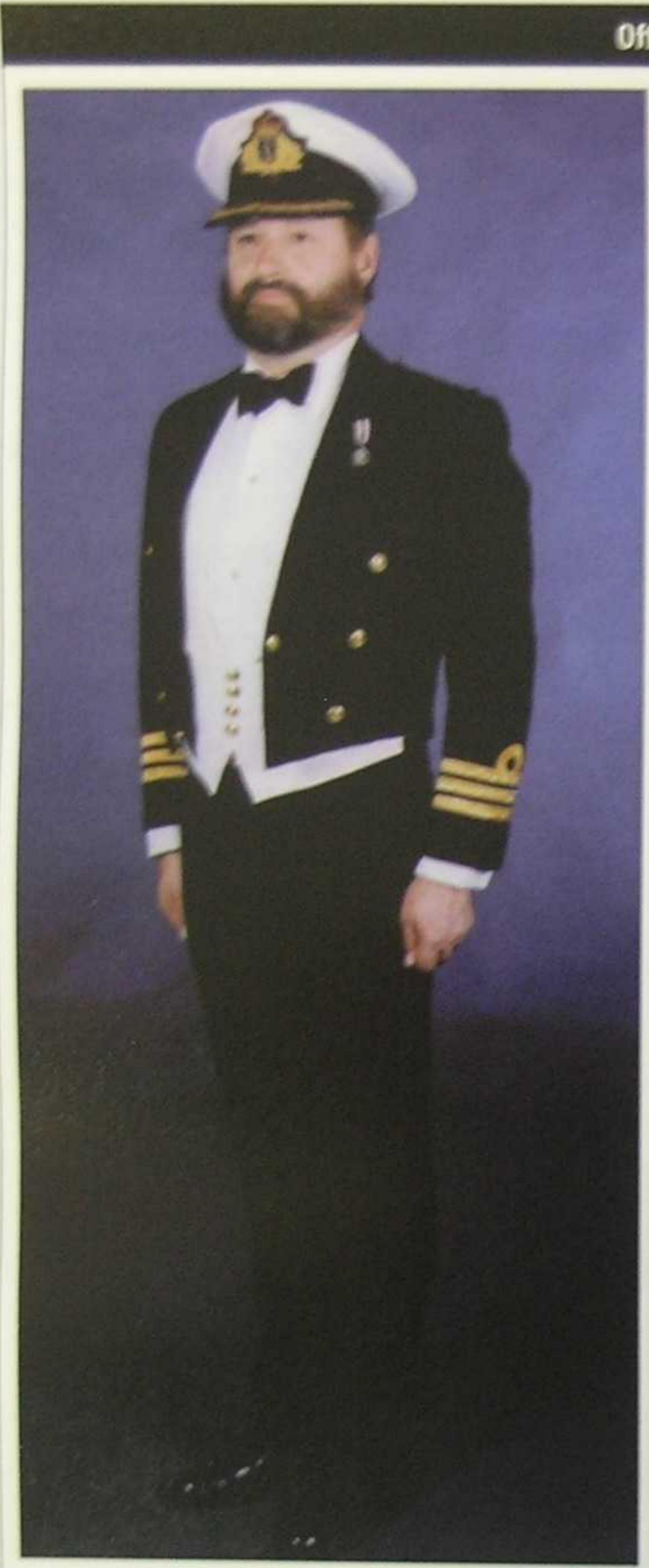
DESCRIPTION			
Admirals	Other Officers	Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) - Dress tail coat with sleeve rank lace (2 & 7) - Gold laced trousers/skirt (4 & 7) - Stiff fronted shirt with detached wing collar (3) - Black bow-tie - White waistcoat/cummerbund (6) - Black socks/black tights/stockings - Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) - Blue mess jacket with sleeve rank lace (2 & 7) - Blue mess trousers/skirt (4, 6 & 7) - White marcella shirt - Black bow-tie - White waistcoat/cummerbund (6) - Black socks/black tights/stockings - Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes 	<i>Warrant officers & senior ratings wear 1C or optional 2B rig</i>	<i>As for 1C rig</i>

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

- Broad riband.
- Up to 4 stars of orders.
- One neck decoration.
- Miniature medals.

NOTES:

- (1) Optional.
- (2) Dress tail coat or blue mess jacket are optional for male officers of the rank of Captain and above.
- (3) Soft white marcella shirt may, optionally, be worn.
- (4) Blue mess trousers or gold laced trousers (for wear with either dress tail coat or blue mess jacket) are optional for male officers of the rank of Captain and above.
- (5) Cummerbund compulsory for female officers in place of white waistcoat.
- (6) Old style of female mess dress may be worn until replaced by new pattern.



2B DRESS - EVENING DRESS/UNDRESS

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

- Dinner when 2A dress is not appropriate.
- Evening dances and entertainments.
- Evening duties.

DESCRIPTION		
Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) - Blue mess jacket with sleeve rank lace (2 & 6) - Blue mess trousers/skirt (2, 3, 6 & 7) - Blue waistcoat/cummerbund (5) - White marcella shirt - Black bow-tie - Black socks/black tights/stockings (7) - Black court shoes or mess boots/court shoes (7) 	<p><i>1C rig or optionally:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) - Blue mess jacket with rate badges (6) - Blue mess trousers/skirt (6, & 7) - White marcella shirt - Cummerbund - Black bow-tie - Black socks/black tights/stockings (7) - Black shoes/court shoes (7) 	<p><i>As for 1C rig</i></p>

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

- Up to 2 stars of orders.
- One neck decoration.
- Miniature medals.

NOTES:

- (1) Optional.
- (2) Dress tail coat or blue mess jacket are optional for male officers of the rank of Captain and above.
- (3) Blue mess trousers or gold laced trousers (for wear with either dress tail coat or blue mess jacket) are optional for male officers of the rank of Captain and above.
- (4) Cummerbund compulsory for female officers in place of waistcoat.
- (5) Old style of female mess dress may be worn until replaced by new pattern.
- (6) Kilt with accoutrements may be worn optionally by male personnel in place of blue mess trousers, black socks and shoes. Long tartan skirts may similarly be worn by female personnel.

Officers**Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings****Junior Ratings**

2C DRESS - FORMAL EVENING DRESS/UNDRESS

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

- "Red Sea Rig"
- Informal evening uniform in ships and establishments.

DESCRIPTION		
Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) - Shoulder rank boards - White short sleeved shirt - Cummerbund - Blue trousers/skirt - Black socks/black tights/stockings - Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) - Shoulder rate slides - White short sleeved shirt - Cummerbund (1) - Blue trousers/skirt - Black socks/black tights/stockings - Black shoes/court shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seaman's cap (1) - Shoulder rate slides - White short sleeved shirt - Blue trousers/skirt - Black socks/black tights/stockings - Black shoes

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

- None.

NOTES:

(1) Optional.

Officers



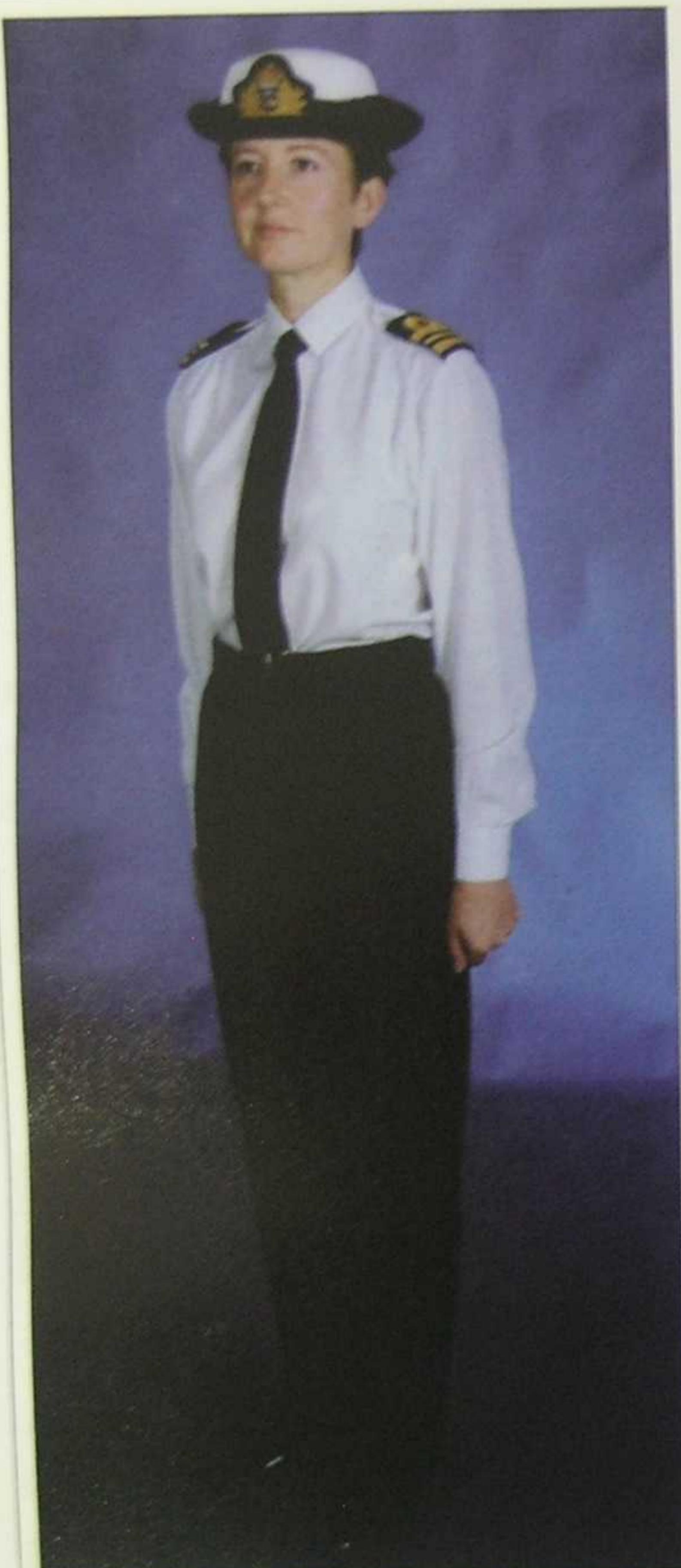
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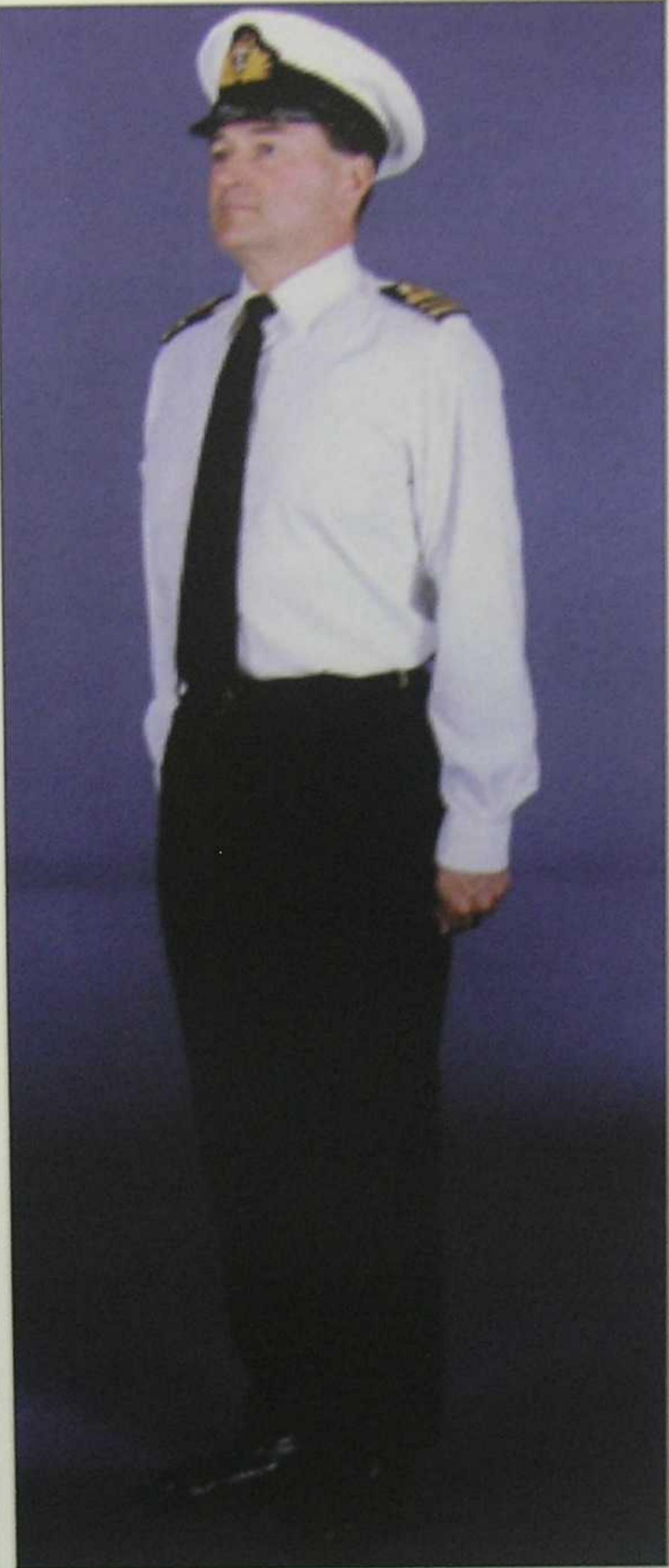
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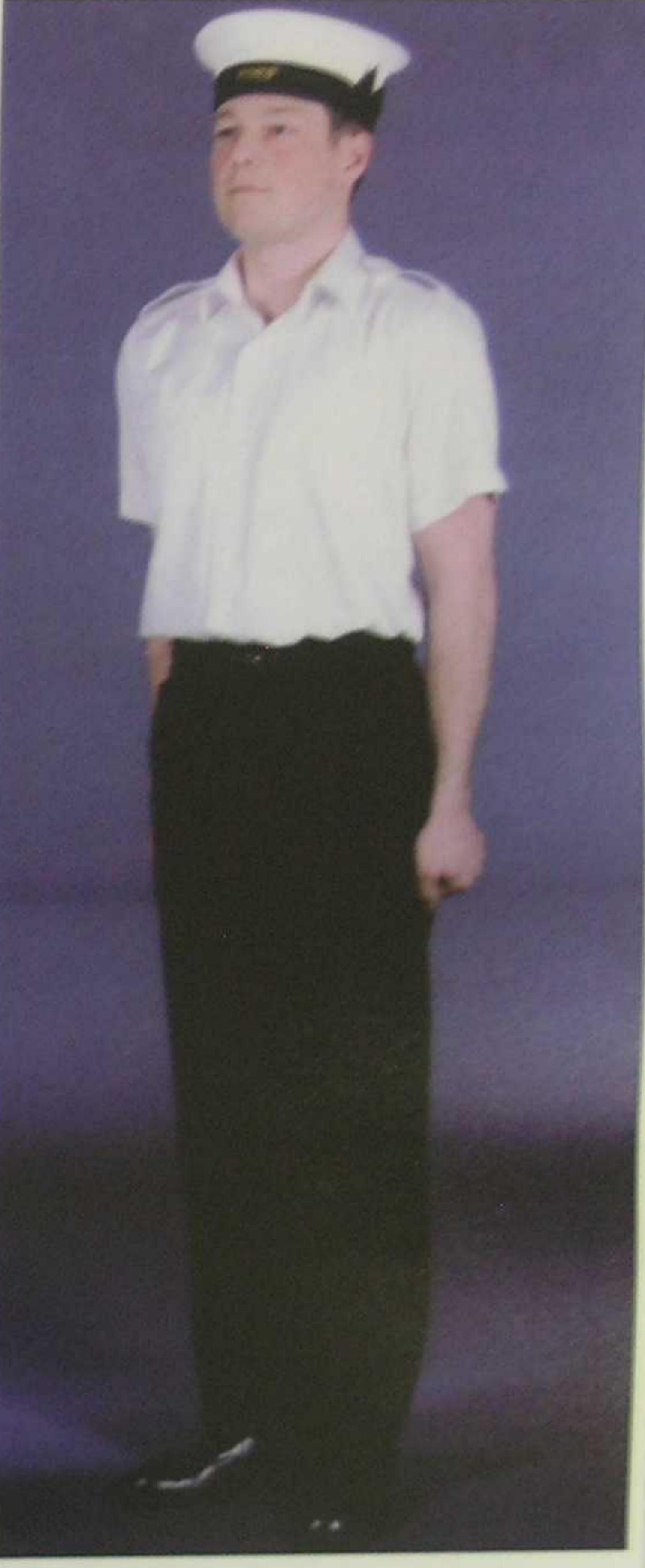
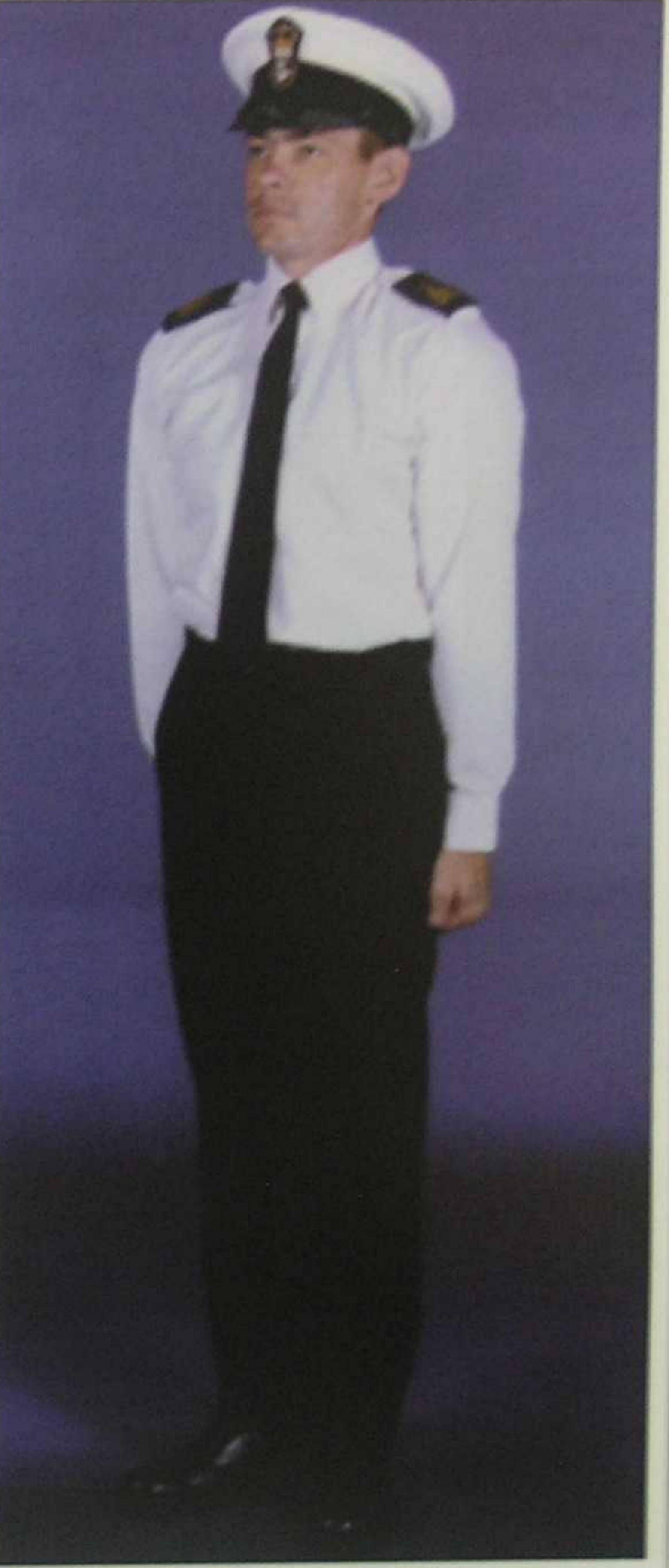
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3B DRESS - GENERAL DUTY RIG

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

- Informal day rig worn ashore and afloat.

DESCRIPTION		
Officers (2)	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings (2)	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Peaked cap/beret/tricorne hat- White short sleeved shirt- Shoulder rank boards or rank slides- Blue trousers/skirt (m)- Black socks/black tights/stockings- Black shoes/court shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Peaked cap/beret/tricorne hat- White short sleeved shirt- Shoulder rate slides- Blue trousers/skirt (m)- Black socks/black tights/stockings- Black shoes/court shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Beret/seaman's cap- White short sleeved shirt- Shoulder rate slides- Blue trousers/skirt (m)- Black socks/black tights/stockings- Black shoes/court shoes

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

- None.

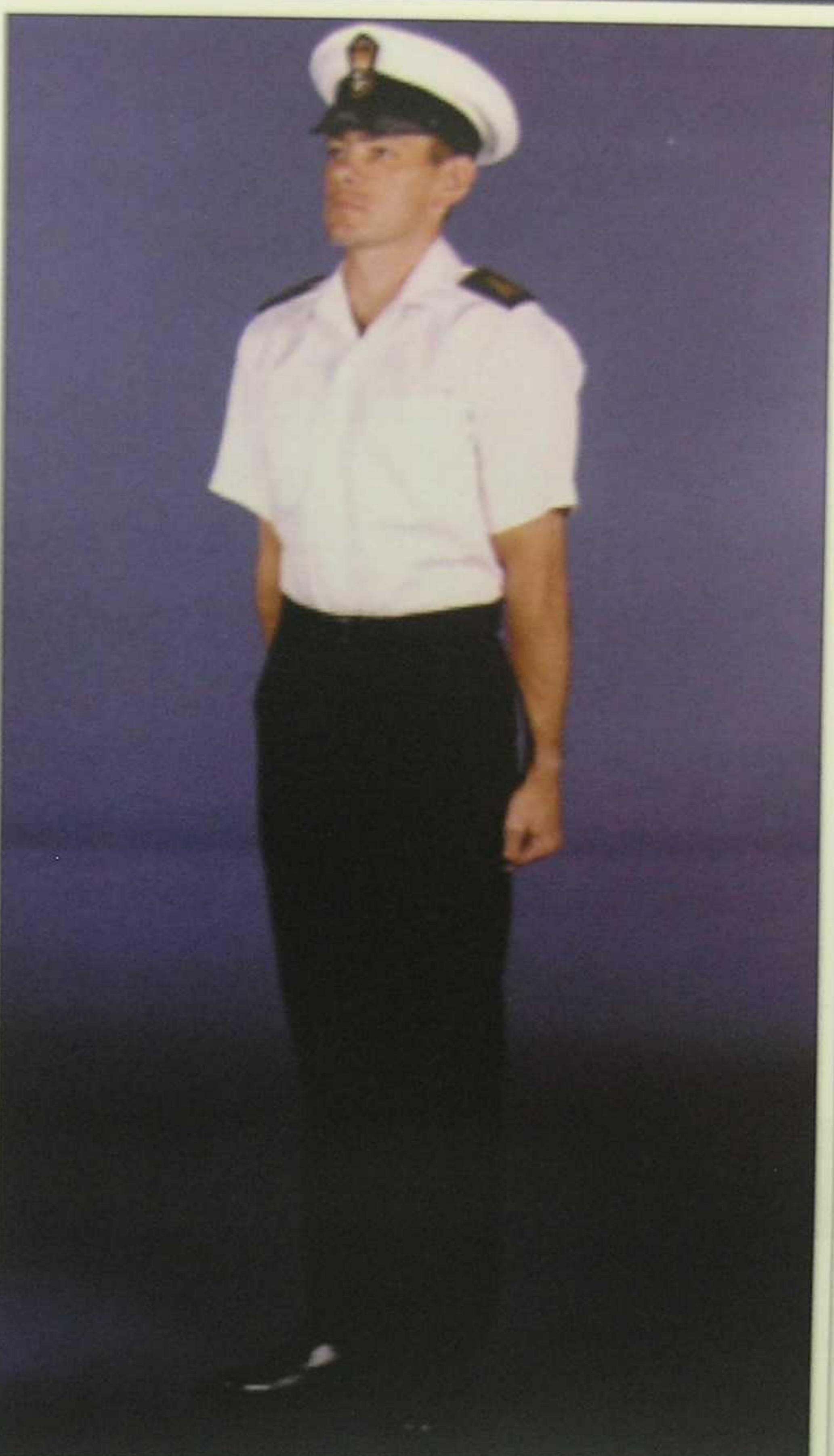
NOTES:

- (m) 3a, 3b, 3c and 3d may be worn throughout the year

Officers



Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings



Junior Ratings



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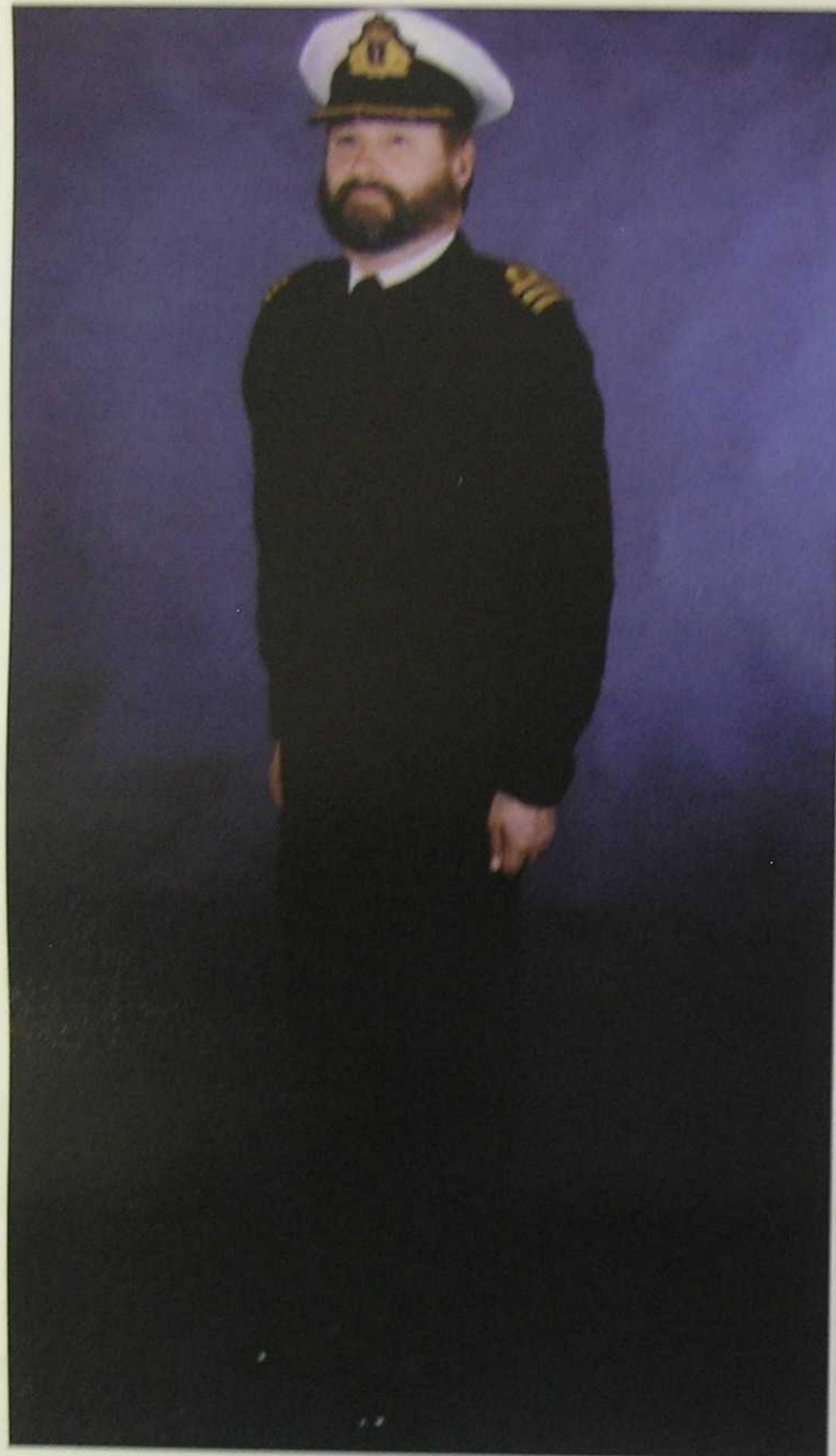
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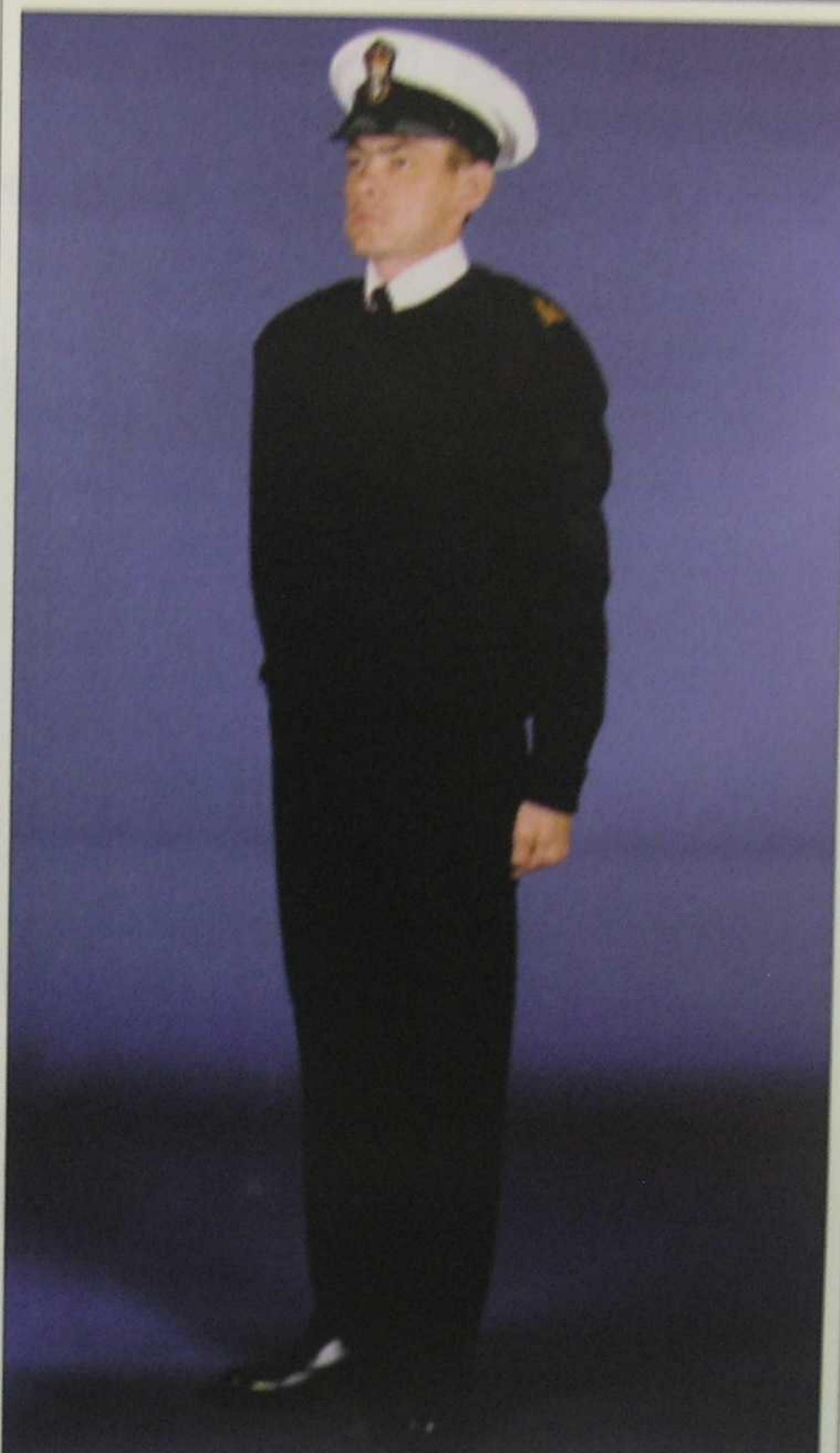
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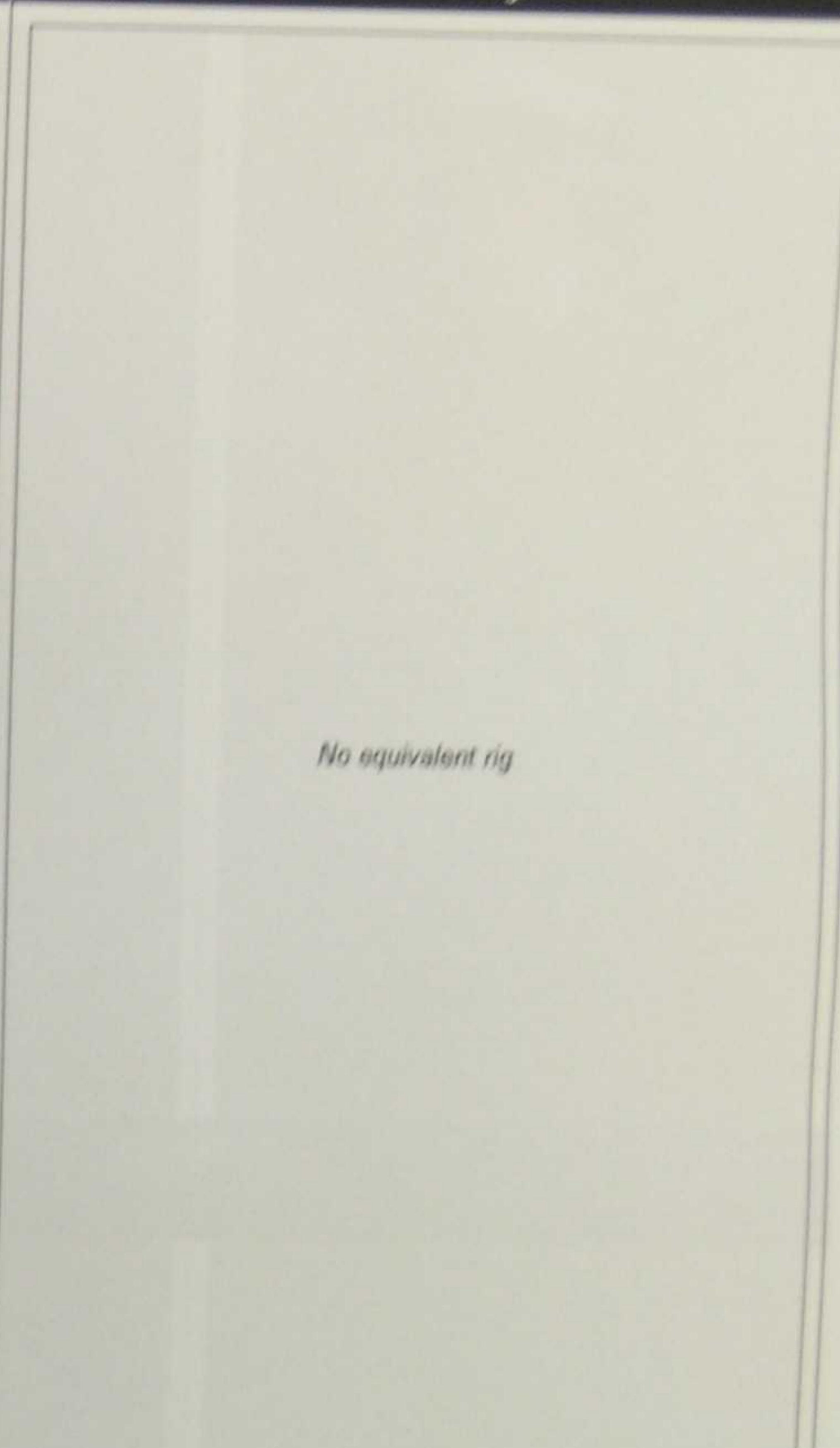
Officers



Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings



Junior Ratings



No equivalent rig

3D DRESS - GENERAL DUTY RIG**OCCASIONS FOR WEAR**

- Semi Formal or Informal day rig worn ashore and afloat.
- Can be worn throughout the year.

DESCRIPTION		
Officer	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
- Jersey worn over 3B dress with shirt collar out	- Jersey worn over 3B dress with shirt collar out	- Jersey worn over 3B dress with shirt collar out

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

- None.

Officers



Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings



Junior Ratings



4 DRESS - IMPROVED ACTION WORKING DRESS (IAWD)

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

- Action working dress.

DESCRIPTION		
Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Peaked cap/beret/tricorne hat- Jersey optional- Jersey Blue Norwegian IAWD (1)- Blue working fire retardant shirt- Shoulder rank slides- Blue working fire retardant trousers- Trouser Blue IAWD (1)- Black socks- Black non-slip shoes/boots	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Peaked cap/beret/tricorne hat.- Jersey optional- Jersey Blue Norwegian IAWD (1)- Blue working fire retardant shirt- Shoulder rate slides- Blue working fire retardant trousers- Trouser Blue IAWD (1)- Black socks- Black non-slip shoes/boots	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Beret/seaman's cap- Jersey optional- Jersey Blue Norwegian IAWD (1)- Blue working fire retardant shirt- Shoulder rate slides- Blue working fire retardant trousers- Trouser Blue IAWD (1)- Black socks- Black non-slip shoes/boots

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

- None.

NOTES:

- (1) May be worn as directed in lieu of Shirt/Trouser AWD.

Officers



Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings



Junior Ratings



5 DRESS - WORKING RIGS

OCASIONS FOR WEAR:

- Job specific working rigs worn at sea and ashore.

DESCRIPTION
Officers and all Ratings Occupational working rigs worn at sea and ashore for specific tasks (all ranks/leading chief, divers, boats crews etc)

DECORATIONS MEDALS:

- None

Officers and all Ratings



Nursing Officer



Boats Crew



Flight Deck Rating

1AW DRESS - FORMAL DRESS/UNDRESS WHITE

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

- When receiving HM The Queen, other crowned heads or heads of state.
- When receiving royalty unless ordered to the contrary by the relevant CinC.
- Full ceremonial state events as ordered.
- Inspections by Flag officers.
- Funerals, courts martial, divisions and other appropriate ceremonial events.

DESCRIPTION		
Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) - Bush jacket (2) - White trousers/skirt - Shoulder rank boards - White socks - White shoes/white court shoes - Sword with scabbard (3) - Sword belt (3) - Black Gaiters (3 & 5) - Black Socks (4 & 5) - Black Boots (4 & 5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) - Bush jacket (2) - White trousers/skirt - Shoulder rate slides/rate badges - White socks - White shoes/white court shoes - Sword belt (3) - Black gaiters (3 & 5) - Black socks (5) - Black boots (5) - White webbing (3 & 4) - White gloves (3 & 7) - Sword/cutlass/rifle and bayonet (6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seaman's cap (1) - White class II jumper (C/W blue on white badges) - White class II trousers - Shirt uniforms class II - Seaman's blue collar - Black scarf assembly - Lanyard - White socks - White shoes - Black socks (4) - Black shoes (4) - Black boots (4) - White webbing (3 & 4) - "Frog" and bayonet (3 & 4) - Rifle as appropriate (3) - White gloves (3 & 7)

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

- Collar and/or broad Riband.
- Up to 4 stars of orders.
- Up to 3 neck decorations.
- Medals.

NOTES:

- (1) Worn during religious services by female personnel. Junior ratings' chinstays to be down when armed.
- (2) White tunic may be worn by Officers of Flag rank and certain members of staff, Commodores, Captains, Commanders in command, certain members of Flag Officers' staffs, executive officers of major warships, Attaches, Advisors, British Naval Staff overseas and officers in certain exchange appointments. Also by other officers Warrant Officers and senior ratings when required to conform with accepted international standards of dress.

on state or major ceremonial occasions as directed by CINCFLEET after consultation with RNSO.

(3) Drawn from Loan Pool.

(4) Worn on ceremonial parades when carrying rifle and by officers forming a guard with rifles (BRNC).

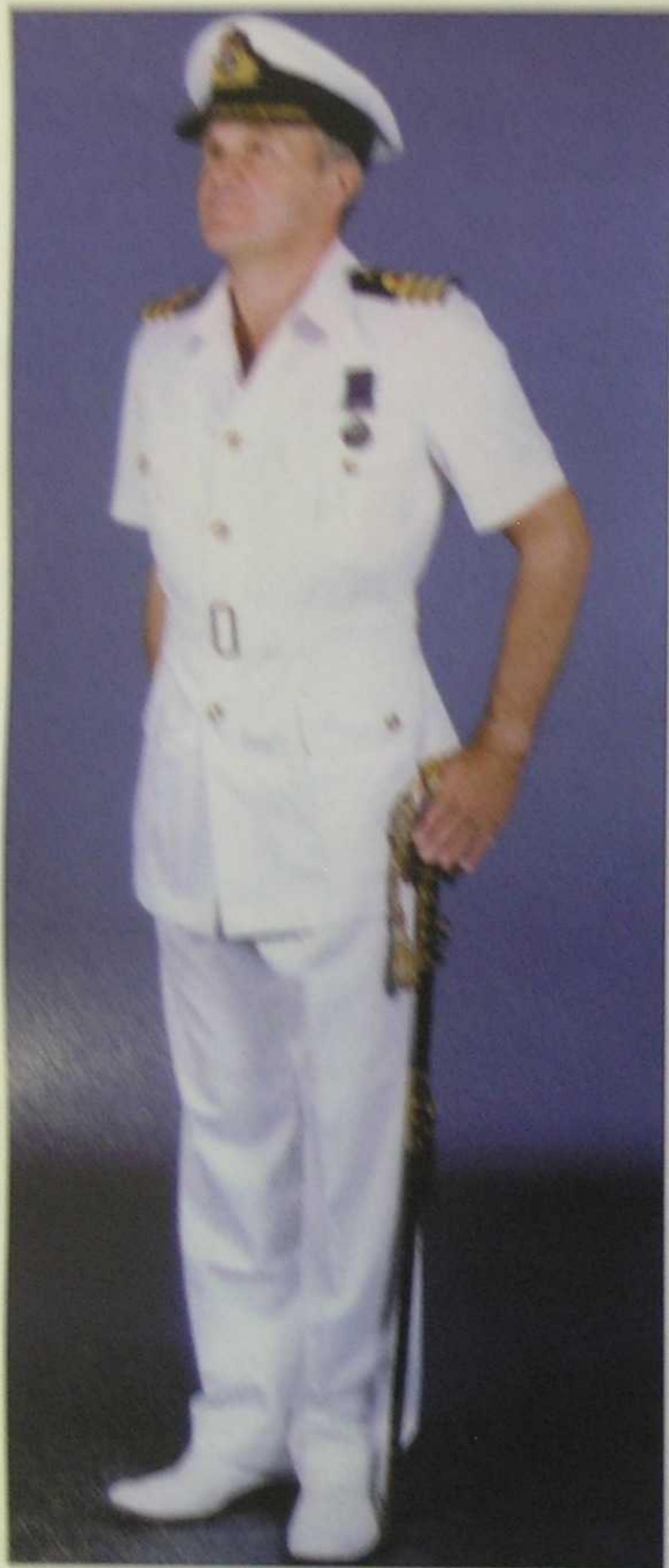
(5) Worn by officers in charge of guards, ceremonial training and Field Gun Officers or Warrant Officers.

(6) MAAs and certain Warrant Officers carry black handled swords. Senior and junior ratings may be armed with rifle and bayonet.

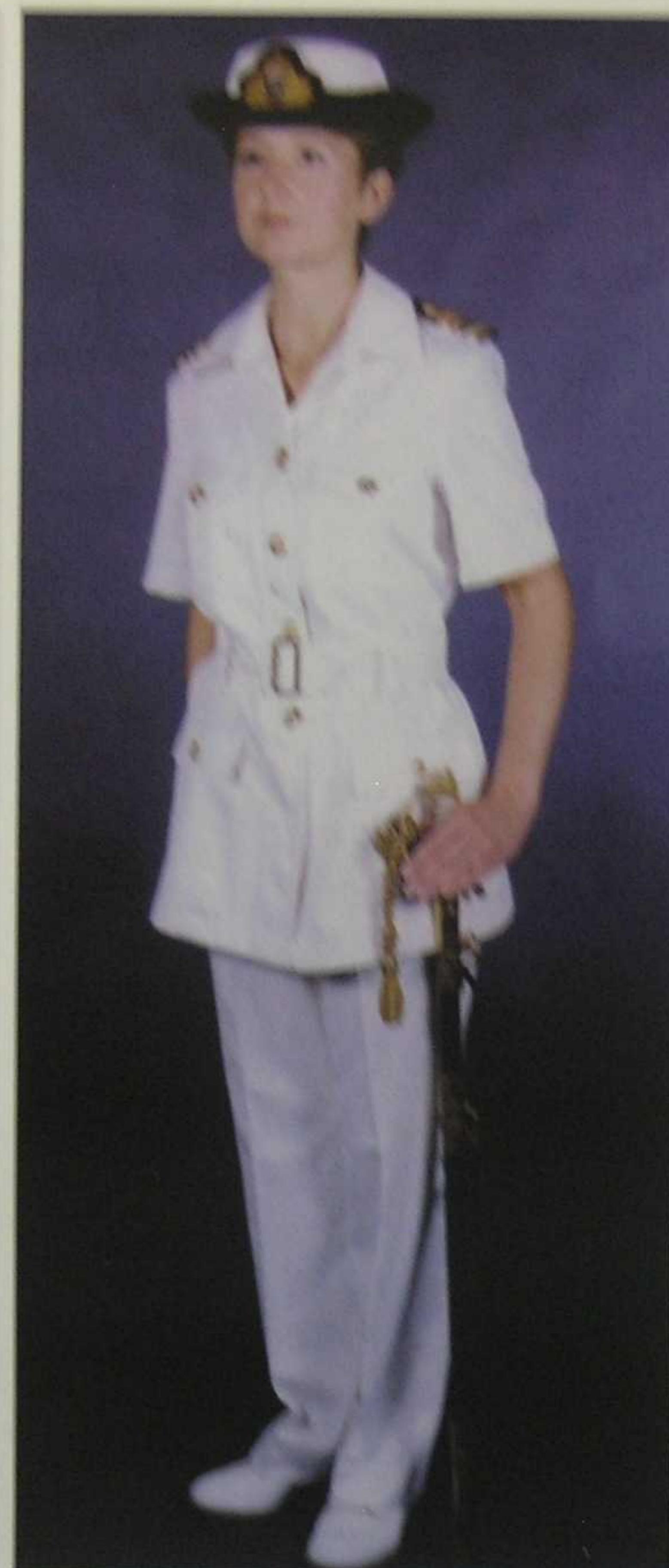
A cutlass is carried by a Chief Petty Officer in escort to the WECK and senior rating/leading rating escort at court martial.

(7) White gloves may be ordered for tri-service parades.

Officers



Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings



Junior Ratings



1BW DRESS - FORMAL DRESS/UNDRESS WHITE

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

- Inspections by Flag Officers.
- Ceremonial exchange visits as an alternative to 1A dress.
- Funerals.
- Other occasions as ordered

DESCRIPTION		
Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) - Bush jacket (2) - White trousers/skirt - Shoulder rank boards - White socks - White shoes/white court shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1) - Bush jacket (2) - White trousers/skirt - Shoulder rate slides - White socks - White shoes/white court shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seaman's cap (1) - White class II jumper - White class II trousers - C/W badges - Shirt uniform class II - Seaman's blue collar - Black scarf assembly - Lanyard - White socks - White shoes

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

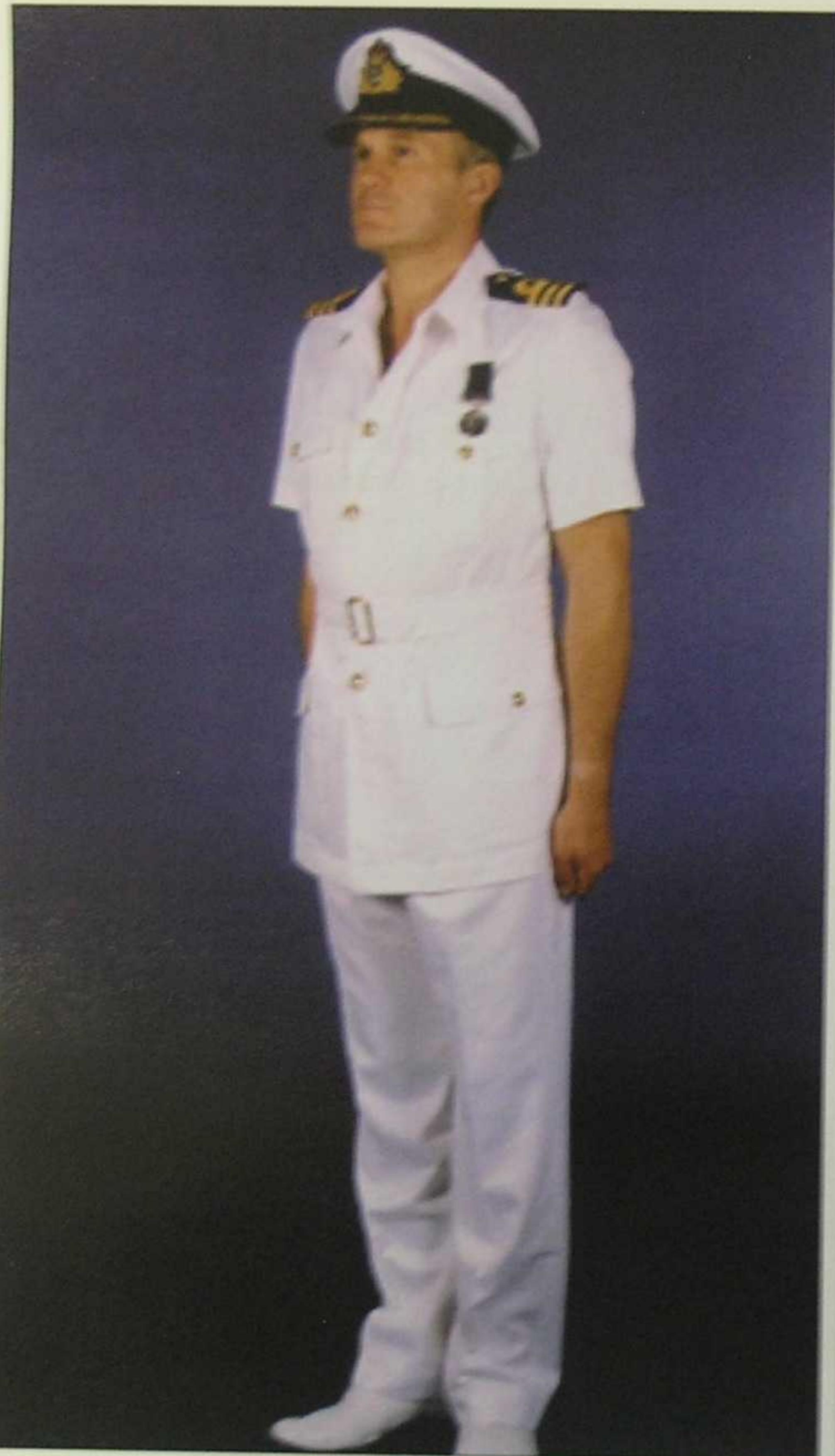
- Up to 2 stars of orders.
- 1 neck decorations.
- Medals.

NOTES:

(1) Worn during religious services by female personnel.

(2) White tunic may be worn by Officers of Flag rank and certain members of staff, Commodores, Captains, Commanders in Command, Executive officers of major warships, Attaches, Advisors, British Naval Staff overseas and officers in certain exchange appointments. Also by other officers, warrant officers and senior ratings when required to conform with accepted international standards of dress on state or major ceremonial occasions as directed by CINCFLEET after consultation with RNSO.

Officers



Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings



Junior Ratings



1CW DRESS - FORMAL DRESS/UNDRESS WHITE

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

- Memorial Services unless ordered to the contrary by the convening authority.
- Occasions of duty or minor ceremonial.

DESCRIPTION		
Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peaked cap/tricorne hat (i)• Bush jacket• White trousers/skirt• Shoulder rank boards• White socks• White shoes/white court shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peaked cap/tricorne hat (ii)• Bush jacket• White trousers/skirt• Shoulder Rate Slides• White socks• White shoes/white court shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seaman's cap (ii)• White class II jumper• White class II trousers• Shirt uniform class II• Seaman's blue collar• Black scarf assembly• Lanyard• White socks• White shoes

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

- Medal ribbons.

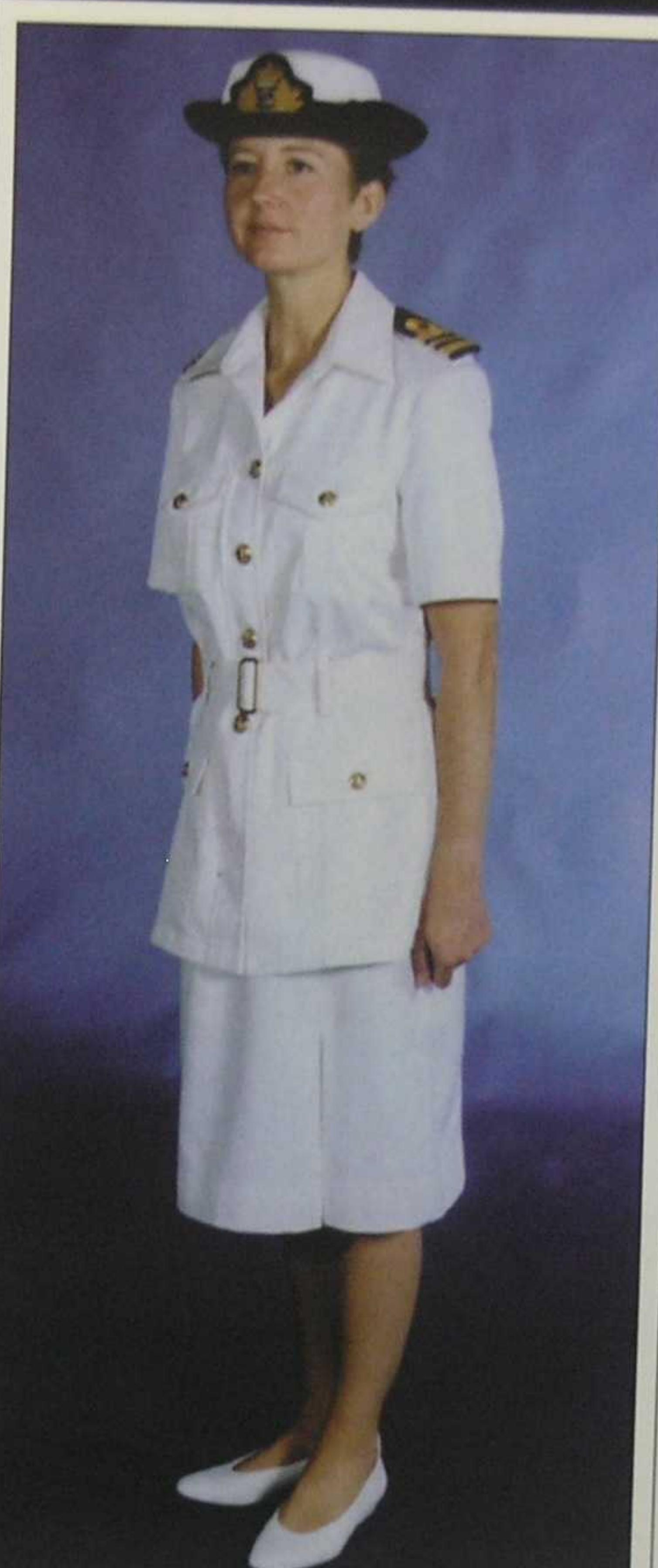
NOTES:

- (i) Worn during religious services by female personnel.
- (ii) Black shoes and raincoats may be worn in inclement weather.

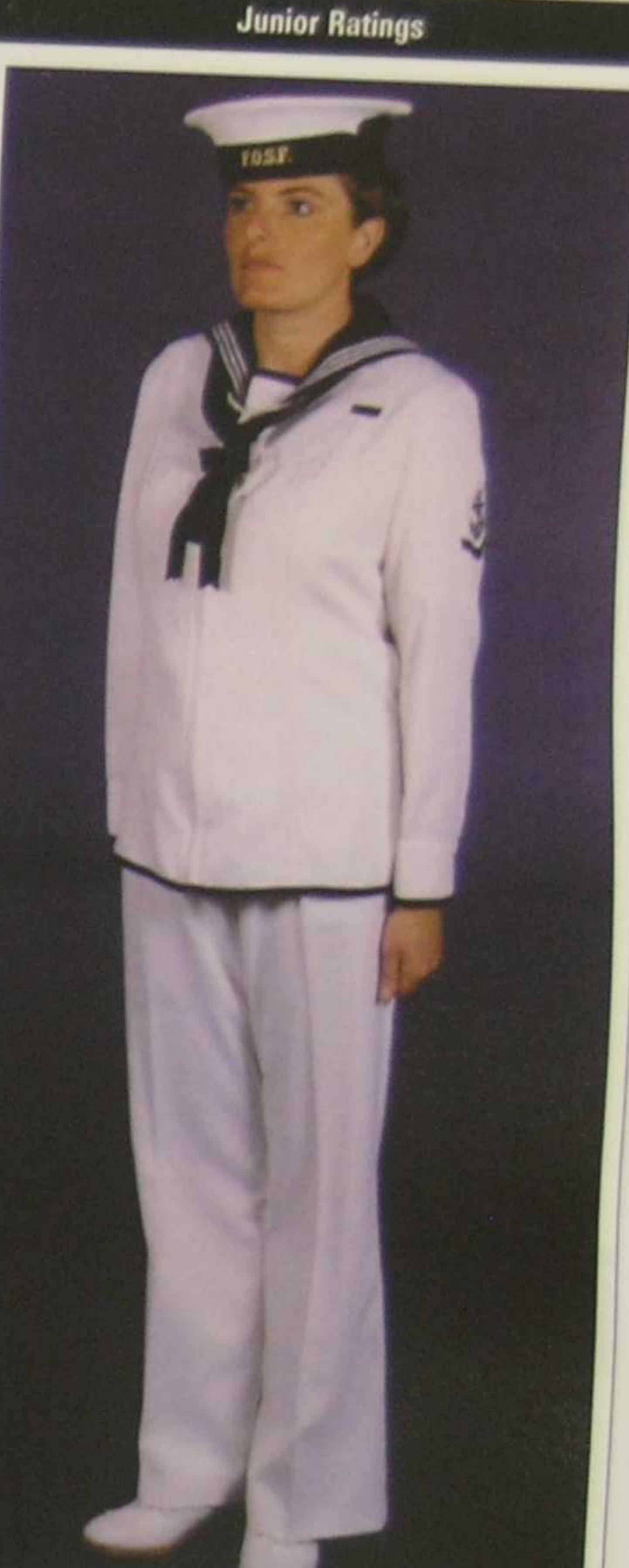
Officers



Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings



Junior Ratings



ZAW DRESS - FORMAL EVENING DRESS/UNDRESS WHITE

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

- Official or public balls, dinners and evening receptions of a formal nature.
- Full ceremonial evening events.

DESCRIPTION			
Admirals	Other Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (m) - White mess jacket with shoulder rank boards - Gold laced trousers/skirt (a) - Soft fronted shirt with detached wing collar (s) - Black bow-tie - White waistcoat/summerbund (w) - Black socks/black tights/stockings - Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (m) - White mess jacket with shoulder rank boards - Blue mess trousers/skirt (a) - White marcella shirt - Black bow-tie - White waistcoat/summerbund (w) - Black socks/black tights/stockings - Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes 	1CW or optional 2BW white rig	As for 1CW rig

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

- Broad ribbon.
- Up to 4 stars of orders.
- One neck decoration.
- Miniature medals.

NOTES:

- (m) Optional.
- (a) Soft white marcella shirt may optionally be worn.
- (s) Gold laced trousers are optional for male officers of the rank of Captain and above.
- (w) Summerbund worn by female officers, white waistcoat by male officers.

Officers



Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings



Junior Ratings



2BW DRESS - FORMAL EVENING DRESS/UNDRESS WHITE

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

- Dinner when 2A dress is not appropriate.
- Evening dances and entertainments.
- Evening duties.

DESCRIPTION		
Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (m) - White mess jacket with shoulder rank boards - Blue mess trousers/skirt (2 & 3) - Cummerbund (4) - White marcella shirt - Black bow-tie - Black socks/black tights/stockings (5) - Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes (5) 	<p>1CW or optionally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat (m) - White mess jacket with miniature rate badges - Blue mess trousers/skirt (5) - White marcella shirt - Cummerbund (5) - Black bow-tie - Black socks/black tights/stockings (5) - Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes (5) 	As for 1CW rig

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

- Up to 2 stars of orders.
- One neck decoration.
- Miniature medals.

NOTES:

(m)

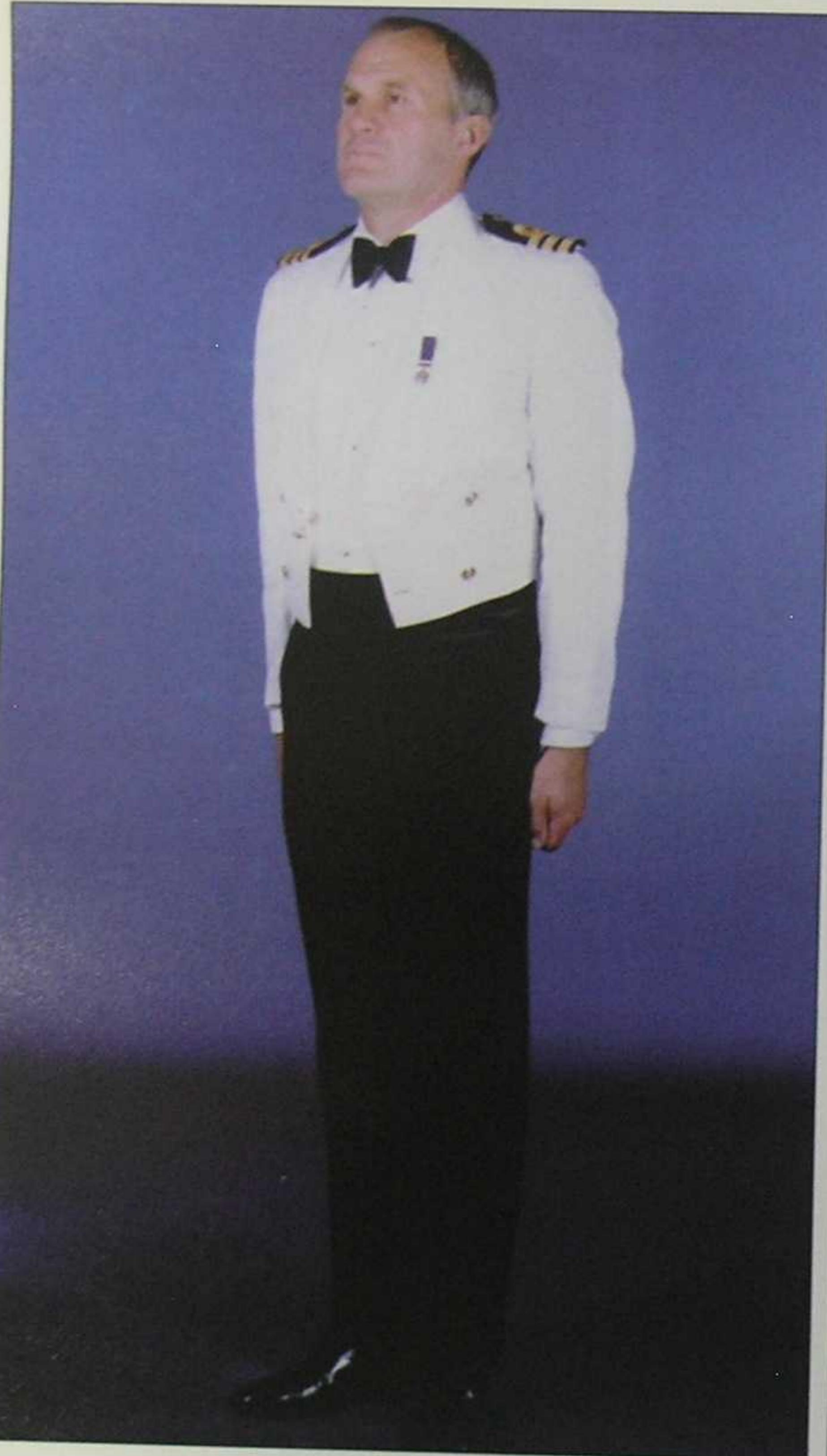
Optional.

(2) Gold laced trousers are optional for male officers of the rank of Captain and above.

(3) Cummerbund to be worn by female officers, blue waistcoat optionally worn by male officers.

(4) Kit with accoutrements may optionally be worn by male personnel in place of blue mess trousers, black socks and shoes. Long skirts may similarly be worn by female personnel.

Officers



Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings



Junior Ratings



2CW DRESS - FORMAL EVENING DRESS/UNDRESS WHITE

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

- "Red Sea Rig".
- Informal evening uniform in ships and establishments.

DESCRIPTION		
Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1)- Shoulder rank boards- White short sleeved shirt- Cummerbund- Blue trousers/skirt- Black socks/black tights/stockings- Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Peaked cap/tricorne hat (1)- Shoulder rate slides- White short sleeved shirt- Cummerbund (1)- Blue trousers/skirt- Black socks/black tights/stockings- Black shoes/court shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Seaman's cap (1)- Shoulder rate slides- White short sleeved shirt- Blue trousers/skirt- Black socks/black tights/stockings- Black shoes/court shoes

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

- None.

NOTES:

(1) Optional.



3AW DRESS - GENERAL DUTY RIG WHITE

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

- Semi formal day rig worn ashore and afloat.

DESCRIPTION		
Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/beret/tricorne hat - White short sleeved shirt - Shoulder rank boards or rank slides - White trousers/dress/skirt (1) - White socks - White shoes/court shoes (2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/beret/tricorne hat - White short sleeved shirt - Shoulder rate slides - White trousers/dress/skirt (1) - White socks - White shoes/court shoes (2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beret/seaman's cap - White short sleeved shirt - Shoulder rate slides - White trousers/dress (1) - White socks - White shoes/court shoes (2)

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

- None.

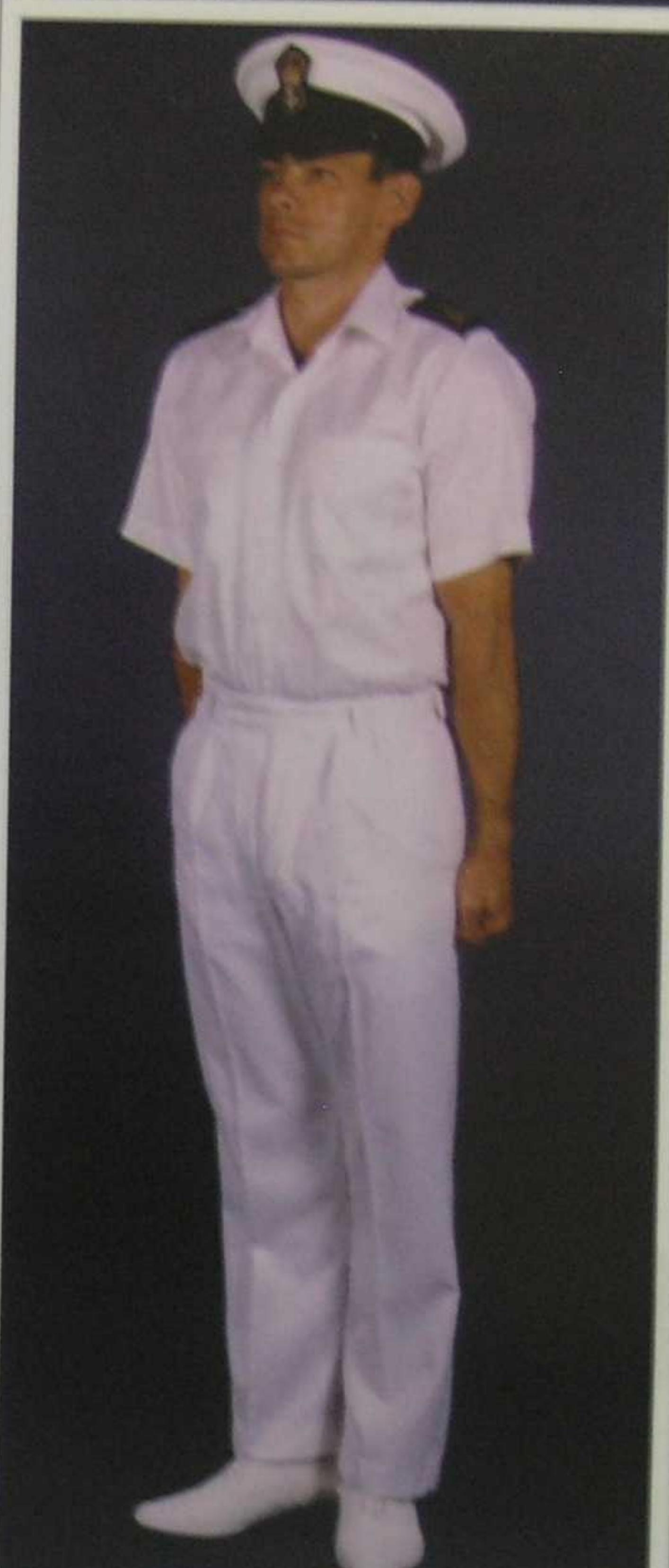
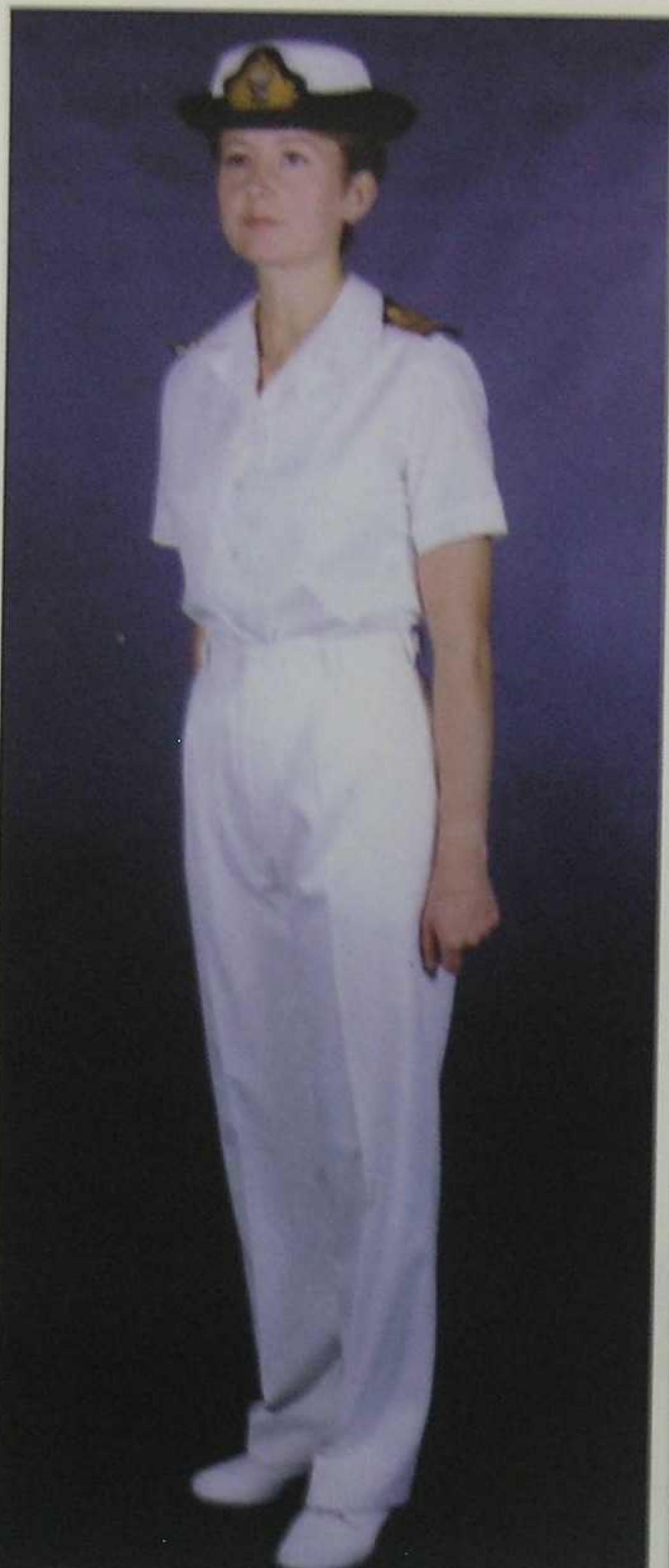
NOTES:

- (1) White dresses or skirts may be worn by female personnel ashore as appropriate.
 (2) Black shoes and raincoats may be worn in inclement weather.

Officers



Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings



Junior Ratings



3BW DRESS - GENERAL DUTY RIG WHITE**OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:**

- Informal day rig worn ashore and afloat.

DESCRIPTION		
Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat - White short sleeved shirt - Shoulder rank boards or rank/slides - White shorts/skirt - White long socks - White shoes (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/tricorne hat - White short sleeved shirt - Shoulder rate slides - White shorts/skirt - White long socks - White shoes (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seaman's cap - White short sleeved shirt - Shoulder rate slides - White shorts - Black long socks - Black shoes

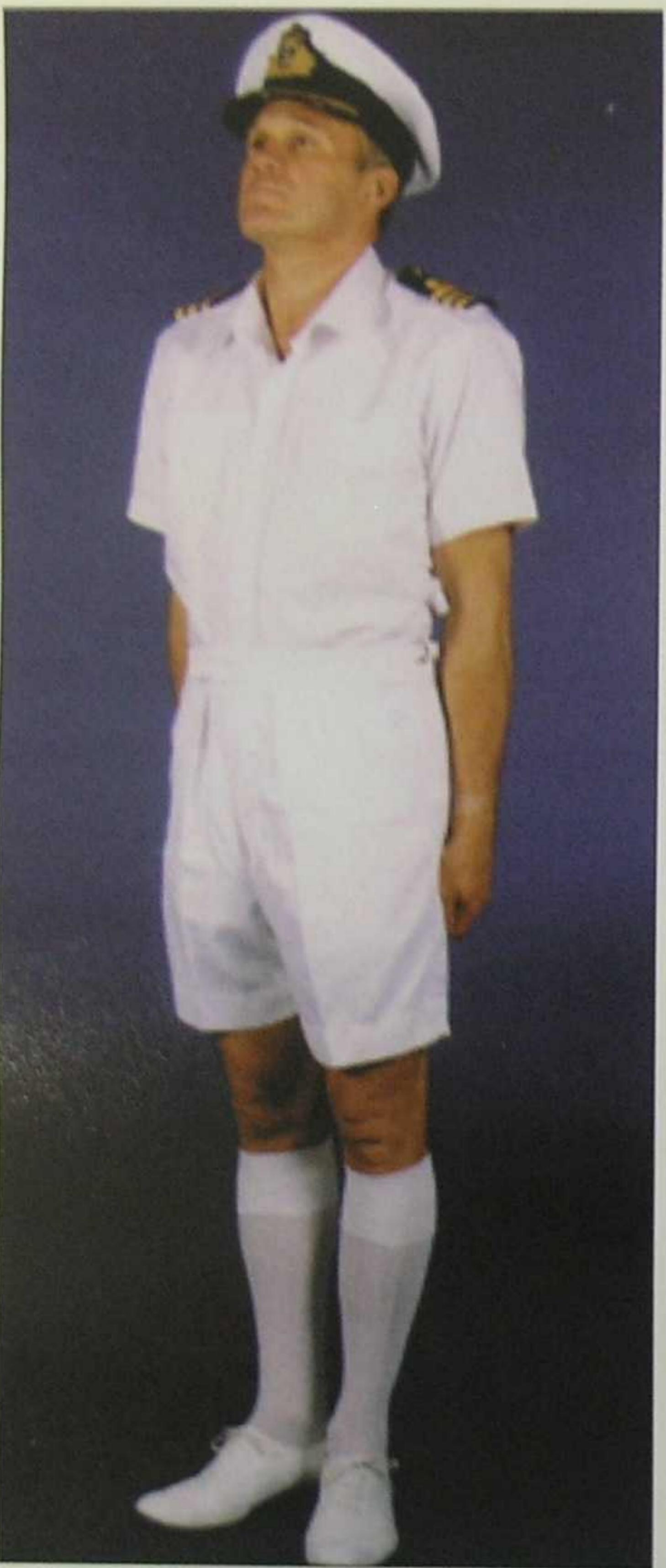
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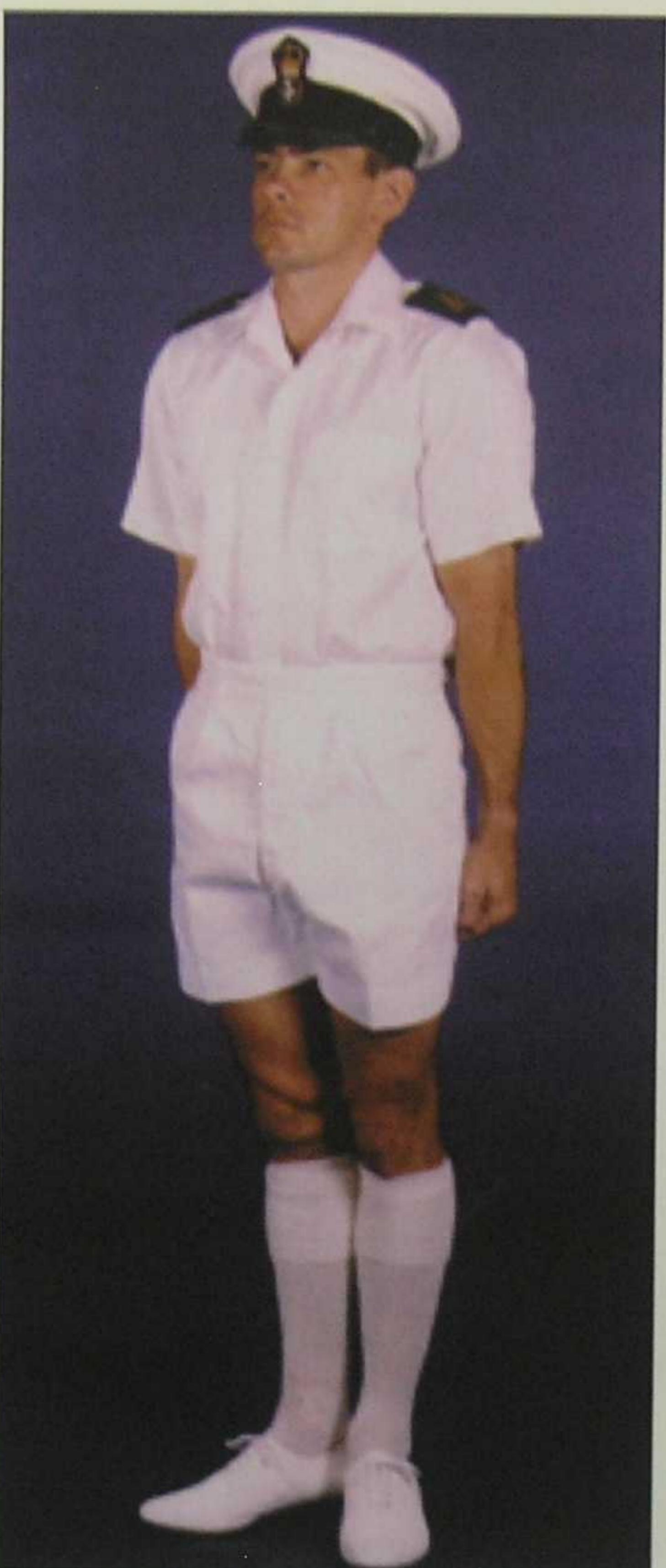
NOTES:

- (1) Black shoes may be worn in inclement weather.

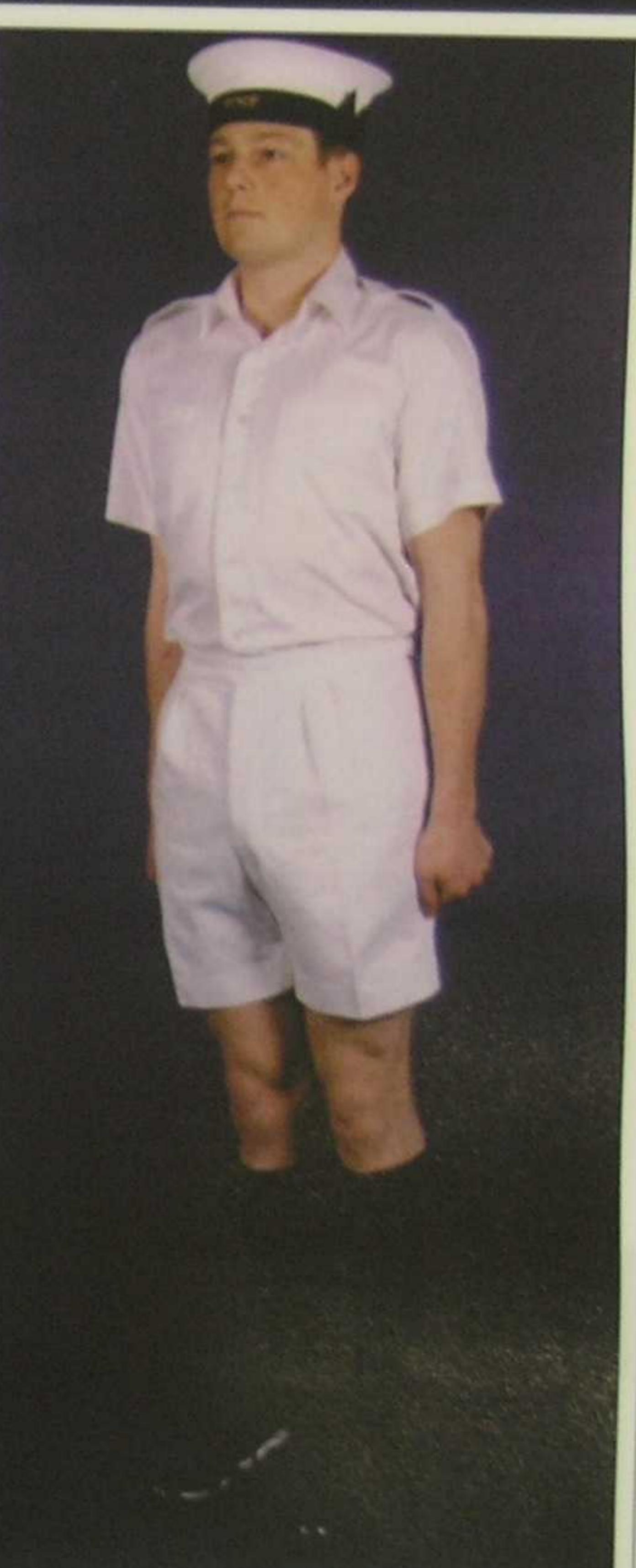
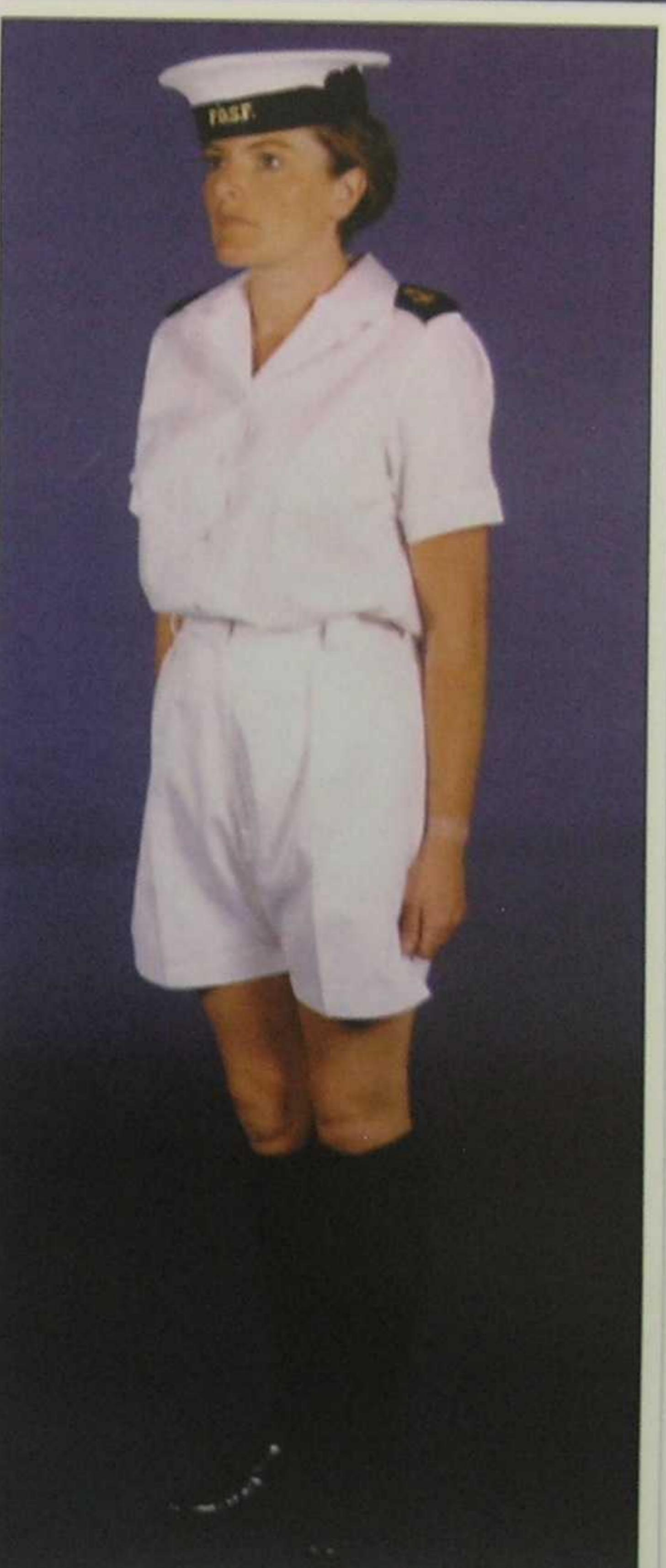
Officers



Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings



Junior Ratings



3CW DRESS - GENERAL DUTY RIG WHITE

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

- At sea in hot climates.

DESCRIPTION		
Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/beret/tricorne hat - White short sleeved shirt (2) - Shoulder rank boards - White shorts - Boat shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peaked cap/beret/tricorne hat/seaman's cap - White short sleeved shirt - Shoulder rate slides (1) - White shorts - Boat shoes <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jersey Norwegian AWD (1) - Blue shorts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beret - Shoulder rate slide (1) - White t-shirt - Blue shorts - Boat shoes <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jersey Norwegian AWD (1) - Blue shorts

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

- None.

NOTES:

- (1) May be worn as directed in lieu of Shirt AWD.

Officers



Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings



Junior Ratings





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NAVAL OFFICERS & RATINGS

ANNEX E

**ILLUSTRATIONS OF
RN & OARNNS
BADGES OF RANK/RATE &
OTHER INSIGNIA**

BADGES AND DISTINCTION MARKS OF RANK

NAVAL OFFICERS

CAP/BERET BADGES



Cap badge



Beret badge



Chaplains'
Cap/Beret Badge

CAP PEAKS



Flag Officers



Commodore Captain
& Commander



Other Officers

TRICORNE HAT BANDS



Flag Officers



Commodore Captain
& Commander



Other Officers

OFFICERS BELT PLATE



BUTTONS



Flag Officers



Other Officers

SPECIALIST BADGES



Pilot



Observer



Parachutist



Submariner



Flash

NAVAL OFFICERS (continued)

FLAG OFFICERS, SHOULDER STRAPS



Admiral
of the Fleet



4*
Admiral



3* Vice
Admiral



2* Rear
Admiral



Admiral of the Fleet



Admiral



Vice-Admiral



Rear-Admiral



Commodore



Captain



Commander



Lieutenant Commander



Lieutenant



Sub-Lieutenant



Medical Officers

Coloured Distinction Cloth is worn between the gold sleeve lace to distinguish the following:
Medical Officers - Scarlet
Dental Officers - Orange
R.C.N.C. Officers - Grey
Civilian Officers - Green



Midshipman
(lapel)



Chaplains' Badge
(No sleeve lace worn)



QARNNS Officers

NAVAL RATINGS

CAP BADGES



Warrant Officer



Chief Petty Officer



Petty Officer

CAP RIBBONS

H.M.S. NELSON

H.M.S. NORFOLK

BERET BADGES



Warrant Officer



Chief Petty Officer



Petty Officer



Artificers



Junior Ratings

ARM RATE BADGES



Warrant Officer



Chief Petty Officer
(Buttons on Cuff)



Petty Officer



Leading Rate

SHOULDER RATE BADGES



Warrant Officer



Chief Petty Officer



Petty Officer

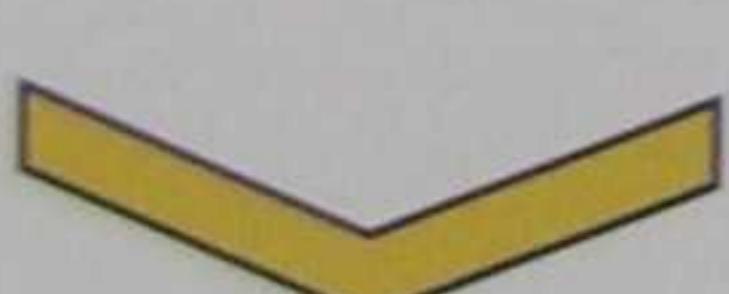


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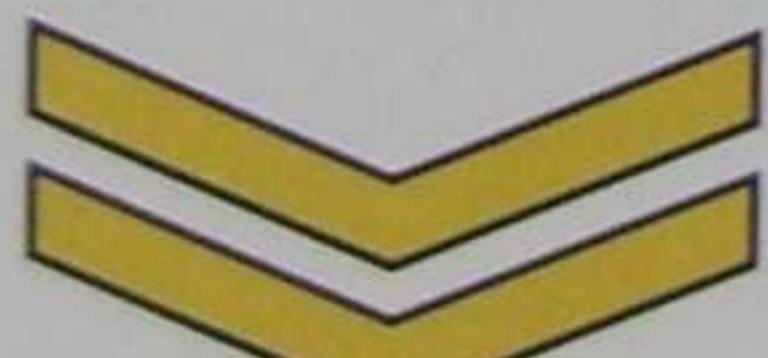


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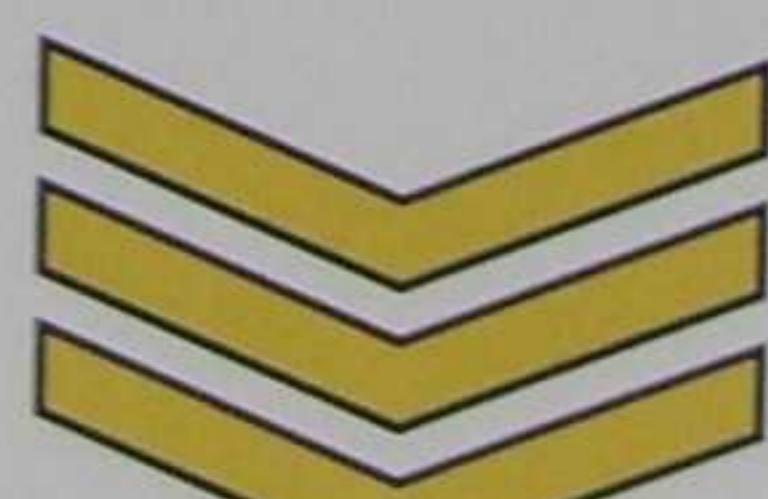
GOOD CONDUCT BADGES



4 Years



8 Years



12 Years



BUTTONS

NAVAL RATINGS

OPERATION BRANCH



Operator
Maintainer

Radio Operator

- AW - Prior to categorisation
- AWT - Above Water Tactical
- AWW - Above Water Weapons
- UW - Underwater
- MW - Mine Warfare
- EW - Electronic Warfare
- C - Communication

Submarine Service

- SM - Prior to categorisation
- SSM - Submarine Sensor
- TSM - Submarine Tactical
- WSM - Submarine Weapons
- CSM - Submarine Communication



Radio Operator
(General)*



Radio Operator
(Tactical)*



Tactical Systems
(Submarines)*



Electronic
Warfare*



Mine Warfare*



Radar*



Sonar*



Missile*



Weapons
Analyst*



Diver



Seaman



Survey
Recorder

* The Operator Maintainer badge will progressively replace these badges over the next few years.

The letters SM below a basic branch badge denote a submariner.

Stars and crowns are added to branch badges to denote appropriate standards of qualification.

REGULATING BRANCH



Master-at-Arms



P.O. & Ldg.
Regulators

COXSWAIN (SM) BRANCH



C.P.O.
Coxswain



P.O.
and below



Physical
Training

P.T. BRANCH



Air

(Letters Under)

- H - Aircraft Handler
- METOC - Metrology and Oceanography
- P - Photographer
- SE - Survival Equipment
- M - Mechanical
- R - Radio/Radar
- L - Electrical



Marine
Engineering
Mechanic

(Letters Under)

- M - Mechanical
- L - Electrical



Weapon
Engineering
Mechanic

(Letters Under)

- O - Ordnance
- R - Radio

NAVAL RATINGS

SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT BRANCH



(Letters Under)

- C - Chef
- S - Steward
- SA - Stores Accountant
- W - Writer
- CA - Caterer

Supply &
Secretariat

MEDICAL BRANCH



(Letters Under)

- N - State registered Male Nurse
- R - Radiographer
- P - Physiotherapist
- H - Health Inspector
- L - Laboratory
- M - Mental Nurse
- HP - Health Physicist
- PD - Pharmacy Dispenser



SHORT ENGAGEMENT (SEAMAN)



Marksman



Charge Chief
Artificers



Ship's
Divers



Aircraft
Controller



Commando



Navigator's
Yeoman



Subsunk parachute assistance group



Flash

OTHER CATEGORIES



(Letters in circle)

- DH - Dental Hygienist
- DSA - Dental Surgery Assistant
- FS - Family Services
- QA - Quarters Assistant
- ETS - Education & Training Support

Other
Categories

VOLUNTEER BANDS



Drummer



Musician



Queen
Alexandra's
Monogram

ORGANISATION BADGE

NAVAL CAREERS SERVICE

**NAVAL CAREERS
SERVICE**

**Forename SURNAME
Employment Title
Location**

Worn centrally above the left breast pocket with the lower edge 3mm above the top seam or medal ribbon(s) when worn immediately above the pocket. If necessary, the badge may be displaced towards the left arm sufficient to prevent concealment by the left lapel.
Not to be worn with medals.