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ANKLETS

To be worn with KD trousers (puttees with shorts)

45 Cdo DRO

18

Oct

1952

ATTACHES

First RM Officer appointed a Military attache - Norway

A B HARFIELD

13 Jun 1977

ARMOURERS & BRAZIERS, Worshipful Company of

Award to Best Student on Arm 3 Course

G&L 1976/265

24 Sep 1980

Presentation of Silver Menu Holder

G&L 1980/328

Luncheon in their Hall for visiting Marine Corps Commandants
during Tercentenary celebrations

22 Jul 1964

AVIATION see also PILOTS

First RM Officer to command RN Commando Squadron

M J REECE

G&L 1969/140

First RM 'Primary Forward Air Controller' appointed

D A OAKLEY

G&L 1968/270

4 Apr 1967

B-

BADGES

Specialist

Para & Observers on SNCOs' mess dress

G&L 1968 p343

3 Jun 1971

Caterers' badge approved ('K' below, two stars & laurel wreath)

NDUCC

Sep 1974

Gunnery no longer required

Officers not to wear Observer's badge

RMRO 93/70

1 May 1970

Band branch to be cloth instead of anodised on all uniforms

NUDCC

1967

Proposal to do away with stars and crowns on branch badges turned down

1971 Being worn in

Pipers, particularly for 42 Cdo proposed

Blue Uniform

G&L 1959/160

Rank

WO1s' to be the same as FCPO

DCI (RN) U459/71 para 6

Khaki on Khaki for combat clothing discontinued.

Black embroidered on green to be issued

- to be worn on right sleeve only. Slip on brassards not to be worn

1973

C/Sgts to wear large arm badge in Lovat dress not approved on cost

Feb 1963

Cap

Not to be worn in DPM Combat Caps

RM 10/26/104

27 Sep 73

Collar

Lyres no longer worn by Junior Musicians

1970

BAND CONCERT UNIFORM			
Introduction but put into abeyance		1973	
BATTLE DRESS			
Obsolete		1 Apr 1966	
BELTS			
Band ranks permitted to purchase white plastic from Potters privately		1972	
BISHOPS			
SOUTHWELL - First ex-RM Officer	J D Wakeling	10 Oct 1970	
NORWICH - Chaplain 48 Cdo 1944	Maurice Wood	14 Oct 1970	
BRADFORD - Chaplain 43 Cdo - Italy	Ross Hook MC	4 Jul 1974	
BROADCASTING			
First Radio broadcast by RM Band - HMS Calcutta, Montreal	ARCH 23/2/3	3 Sep 1925	
BUGLES			
Silver/Nickle plated introduced		Apr 1964	
C-			
CANADA			
Toronto Exhibition - First RM Band to take part	G&L 1939/531	1939	
see also BROADCASTING			
CANES			
Officers - no longer to be carried	RM 15/12/93	3 Dec 1970	
CANOES			
Cross Channel Record of 4 hours	G&L 1951/262	28 Jul 1951	
Capt H G Bruce		1961	
This has since been beaten - 3hrs 20 mins 30 secs			
CAPES			
Admiralty constabulary pattern for unit Provost. Badges of rank on collar		Dec 1964	
as for SNCOS' mess dress		1965	
Band Officers' introduced with scarlet lining and gold lace around collar			
CAPS			
Field Service - 1st RM Bn (CO 'Jumbo' Leicester) wore leather chin straps			
- known as Jumbo Straps			
White plastic topped - with Lovat Dress	RMRO 183/65 & 163/66		
Forage Caps of W/T Officers to have blue band instead of scarlet (Appx to the Navy List Jan 1921 para 2)			
CHAPLAINS			

Last RN Chaplain to be killed in WWII - Rev H C W Maugher RNVR - 42 Cdo Shrubb 21 Mar 1945			
<i>Go - r - vel Order Do - D. and order RMRO - CORPS (RMIC or RMRI RM PI RM Routine Institution</i>			
COLOURS			
Last time in France	G&L 1947/292	1947	
Previously last time on foreign soil - Japan			1864
COMMANDANT GENERAL RM			
First to fly flag afloat	Gen R A D Brookes	G&L 1948/5	28 Nov 1947
COMMISSIONS			
Three brothers on the same day - O'Donnells		2 Aug 1921	
D-			
DIRECTORS OF MUSIC			
Three brothers all commissioned on the same day - O'Donnells		2 Aug 1921	
DRESS			
Changes in Dress in 2000 by Maj Maerk Bentinck		RMHS N/L Aug 2000/6	
DRESS COMMITTEE, CORPS			
Renamed 'CGRM's Advisory Dress Committee'			Dec 1972
DRILL INSTRUCTORS			
Title	RMRO 15/53	AFO 1634/51	
Specialist Qualifications	RMRO 16/53		
DRUM MAJORS			
Wearing miniature medals in			1957
DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD - Change in rules for wearing medallion			Apr 1965
<i>RM Routine Order.</i>			
E-			
EATON HALL (OCTU)			
First RM Cadets to attend - from Y19 Squad	ARCH 6/19/13	6 Jun 1947	
EDINBURGH			
Tattoo			
First RM to take part	G&L 1951/316	1951	
EQUERRIES			
First RM Officers appointed to HRH Prince Philip	G F D Roberts	G&L 1955/45	12 Feb 1955
EQUIPMENT			

Trials of courlene equipment in UK and S'pore - more suitable than plastic
White polythene issued to all ranks by

RM 10/14/46(c)

late 1962
1 Nov 1971

F-

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Relief Force embarked in HMS *Veryan Bay*

G&L 1954/189

FLAGS

First time CGRM's flag flown afloat
Origin of RM Senior Officers' flags

G&L 1948/5
G&L 1951/257

28 Nov 1947

G-

GOOCH'S MARINES

Grover p15
Br Hist Ill Pt I p31
Cannon p23
P Smith p22
BSS Vol I pp73, 88/9
Gillespie p40

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES

In 1943 for 3, 8 and 13 years

GORGET PATCHES

Bronze buttons worn by Captain General
W/T Officers to wear blue with crimson gimp

G&L Xmas 1974
(Appx to the Navy List Jan 1921)

GREATCOATS

Atholl Grey - Corps interested in combined Army/RAF project to develop
British Warm

1972

Approval to be worn when not on parade with troops

RM 11/4/112

12 Apr 72

Approval to be worn with Blues when not on parade - own expense -
no badges of rank

RM 15/12/93

7 Jun 74

GUNNERY

Last RM officer to qualify Long 'G' M G BARBER

1957

Last RM Gunnery Officer to retire

(excl Officers appointed to Naval Ordnance)

R C SIDWELL

H-

HELMETS

Blue Cloth - Officers permitted to wear until
HM SHIPS

HMS Veryan Bay - Relief Force for Falkland Islands embarked

GORM 40/05

1 Jan 1908

HONOURS & AWARDS

See also MEDALS

First award in WWII - BEM - DEMS C/Sgt Thos Watkins

LG 15/12/1939

First awards in WWII - Other than DEMS - River Plate Action

LG 20/2/1940

First MBE to WO after re-introduction of rank

WO2 C V J Wheeler

First QGM to RMR Rank Mne J Crawford

RMRO 2/76

First QGM

Cpl J W Hall

LG 21/1/1975

HOSTILITIES ONLY OFFICERS see OFFICERS

I-**J-**

JOINT WARFARE ESTABLISHMENT

Last Commandant

Maj Gen P J Ovens OBE MC

K-

KING'S BADGE

Two brothers

S C Scott - 206/7 Troop G&L 1977/258

Awarded to first specially enlisted clerk

& R B Scott - 225 Troop STOKES - 285 Troop

Only time presented by the Sovereign

F E Woods - 353 Squad G&L 1940/15

19 Dec 1939

L-LANYARD⁹

All ranks - Navy Blue to be worn by HQ Cdo Forces & Cdo Log Regt

RM 15/12/93

26 Mar 1971

1 & 6(V) Bns The Queen's all ranks to wear blue lanyards

1971

Origin of 41 Cdo yellow lanyard

RMHS SP8 p41

Orange worn by 1ACG Royal Netherlands Marine Corps

G&L 1951/257

Officers' Blue Lanyard - article

Letters RM see SHOULDER TITLES

LONDON, CITY OF

First RM Guard of Honour at the Guildhall

G&L 1947/130

15 May 1947

LOVAT DRESS

Naval Secretary received HM Queen's approval by

30 Jul 1962

M-

MEDALS

See also HONOURS & AWARDS

Last serving member of the Band Service

 with WWII campaign stars Capt A D Haigh
 Last serving RM with a 1914 Star Maj M G Pughe

BB Mar 1975/10
G&L 1949/292

MESS DRESS

Officers

 Kamarbands in place of waistcoats permitted

C-in-C Fleet July 1971

SNCOS

 Para & Observers' badges

G&L 1968/343

 Approval to wear scarlet mess dress

NDUCC meeting 26 Jul 1972

MOUNTAINEERING

 Mount Paget, South Georgia

V N Stevenson

13 Dec 1960

 Mount Phabrang, Nepal

D V Nicholls

28 Sep 1980

MOURNING

 Joint service regulations amended to allow RM to cover
 second button of tunic as previously

June 1974

 Warrant Officers to wear black arm bands in service mourning (QRRN being amended)

 Funeral of Duke of Windsor

 - black arm bands ordered to be worn on JWH in service mourning

N-

NORTHERN IRELAND

 First Cdo deployed for IS duties 41 Cdo (Spearhead)
 Det from NCOs School to HMS Gannet

28 Sep 1969
Autumn 1954 (?) 17 Dec 1956

NORWAY

 First Exercise - Ex DONALD DUCK 43 Cdo
 First Winter Training

12 Oct 1962

 First RM Military Attaché in Oslo Maj A B Harfield

13 Jun 1977

O-

OFFICERS

 Last ex 'HO' officer who transferred to CS to retire
 First ex 'HO' officer who transferred to CS to retire

J C C Richards
E A R Syms

OPERATIONS

 'Bittern' - Ambulance Drivers & Hospital Auxiliaries Strike
 'Briskett' - Road Haulage Drivers' Strike,

1979

'Burberry' - Firemen's Strike,	1977/78
'Hewcal' - Ambulance Drivers & Hospital Auxiliaries Strike	
'Keelman' - Water & Sewerage Workers Strike,	1981/82/83
'Kindly' - Ambulance Drivers & Hospital Auxiliaries Strike	
'Leadburn' - Tankers Drivers' Strike,	1981-82
'Paddock' - Prison Service Strike,	1981
'Scarab' - Fire Fighting Duties,	1980/81
'Uplifter' - Ambulance Drivers & Hospital Auxiliaries Strike	

OVERALLS see TROUSERS

P-

PILOTS

Other ranks as light aircraft pilots	April 1965
First RM NCO to qualify as helicopter pilot	G&L 1966/67

PRINCE'S BADGE

List of Recipients	RMHS N/L May 2001
First to be Commissioned	RMHS N/L May 2001

PUTTEES

To be worn with KD shorts(anklets with KD trousers)	45 Cdo DRO	18 Oct 1952
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R-

RADIO

see also BROADCASTING

REGIMENTAL RACE CLUB, RM

Origins	G&L 1948/137
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RM RESERVE

First RMR Officer to be promoted Colonel	C E Phillipson	PARM 39/82	22 Nov 1982
Suggestion to have lovat trousers and JWH as replacement for battledress			

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SEA SERVICE

Last serving officer to have served in a <u>sea-going</u> battleship - HMS Vanguard	R M B Otway-Ruthven	1952/54
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SADDLE CLUB, RM

see also REGIMENTAL RACE CLUB, RM

SHIRTS

Tropical Cellular ceased to be issued	31 May 1964
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SHORTS

No 10 Tropical Drill to be cancelled as an order of dress.
 Shorts only to be worn as a working dress Sep 1973

Provision of stone coloured and stockings. At present only worn by Band Service and some
 RM personnel ashore RMRO 45/86 7 Apr 1986

SHOULDER TITLES
Letters 'RM'
All ranks changed to $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 1 Apr 1966

SILVER INSTRUMENTS
 Recommended by the Leech Porter Committee

SOVEREIGN, THE
 First visit by reigning sovereign to a RM Barracks Edward VII G&L 1904/27 21 Feb 1904
 Only King's Badge presented by see - KING'S BADGE George VI

'SPEARHEAD'
 First RM unit top assume duties 41 Cdo 4 Jan 1964

STAFF CLERKS
 Short Article by AJD RMHS N/L Aug 2000/3

T-

TROUSERS
 Denim to be replaced by olive green polyester cotton 1972/73
 Overalls
 Confined to No 2 Ball Dress and No 6 Mess Dress.
 Not to be worn in No 7 Mess Undress.
 Soft evening shirts to be confined to No 7 Mess Undress RM 11/4/112 9 Jun 1972
 Not to be worn with the Pattern 'B' tunic by Generals & Colonels

TUNICS
 White - CINCFLEET band using up 1968 trial tunics 1973

U-

UNIFORM
 see also BAND CONCERT UNIFORM
 Blue - 40 suits sold to Falkland Islands Defence Force (1966 and 1968)
 New Blue G&L 1974/313

UNIFORM GRANT - increase from £27 to £33 on promotion to Major

1 Dec 1964

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W-

WARRANT OFFICERS

to wear black arm bands in service mourning (QRRN being amended)

WO1s

More distinctive badge of rank on JWH proposed

RMRO 90/75

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