

**Notes on
RM Circulars - Dress
1939 - 1943**

1939		
6 Jan	Introduction of Gunnery Non Substantive badges for new rates	CR1 QR1 CR2 QR2 LR2 CR3 QR3 LR3 When necessary letters will be issued to add to existing badges.
11 Jan	New Aprons Cloth Tunics for RM Bands	Similar in style to that in use in Chatham Div except backing of blue instead of scarlet and yellow lace instead of gold.
17 Jan	Additional Tropical Dress items for issue on Mediterranean Station	As for other tropical stations – Shirts, cotton, khaki 3 Shorts, khaki 2 Stockings, khaki 2 prs Shoes, black leather 1 pr Belts, waist, Corps pattern 1
25 Jan	Issue of new pattern two pieces working-dress suit to replace combination overall suit	
30 Jan	Caps Forage, White (RM & RMB)	Introduction of modified pattern (front crown support)
31 Jan	Web Equipment for Bren Gun Magazines	Introduction of Pouches, Utility Front & Rear and Yoke
3 Feb	Trousers Tweed	Modified pattern
22 Feb	Cooks Clothing	New items to be made Divisionally (except caps) 3 suits – khaki drill satin (double breasted) - trousers, drill satin (Yacht pattern) - Caps cooks (
23 Feb	Dispersal of Shoemaking Staffs	Wef 1 Apr 1939
24 Feb	Khaki helmets	To be fitted with Corps "flash" (Cost to be met from RM Divisional Funds). Reference not being made in the Appx to the Navy List (Worn on East Indies Station and ashore in Singapore)
27 Apr	Modified pattern Cape Waterproof	
28 Apr	Cooks Clothing	(Ref 22 Feb 39 circular) 3 Aprons Cooks - on loan 3 Aprons Vegetables - on loan to vegetable cooks 3 Jackets, satin (single breasted)
1 May	Sealed patterns for Trousers	New sealed patterns for Serge and Service Dress and for Trousers, tweed, Divisional Bands
2 May	Tunics serge	embodying a "waist cut" in the forepart
10 May	Revision of appx to Instructor for RM Divisions 1922	Clothing and Necessaries issued gratuitously on enlistment.
16 May	Shore Service Boots	To be fitted with studs gratuitously for recruits and band boys. Other ranks may have their boots suitably modified but at their own expense (See Store Instructions RM art 172)
17 May	Chains, Chin, Helmet	(Refers to RM Circular dated 18 Oct 1938) As stocks insufficient to issue to all other ranks ashore and afloat, issue will be made forthwith to all ranks serving in ships. Issue to ranks ashore (incl Naval Shore Establishments) to be deferred until stocks are sufficient for simultaneous issue to be made.
18 May	Cooks Clothing	Only 2 suits to be issued to Company Cooks if they later become Divisional or Depot Cooks a further suit to be issued (see 22 Feb & 28 Apr 1939)
24 May	Issues to the RM Special Reserve	List of clothing and accoutrements includes Leggings, Web (Naval pattern) and Khaki SD uniforms incl caps.

7 June	Chin Chains, Helmet	Issued to a Street Lining Company for Their Majesties' drive to the Guildhall – to be retained by all ranks concerned on completion of the duty (See 17 May above)
8 June	Corps Flash	Ribbon available from the Commandant, Chatham Division 91 piece of 36 yards – 47/3d (see 24 Feb 1939)
20 June	Acting or Temporary Rank of Colonel	Officers to wear regimental uniform with badges of a crown and two stars.
27 June	Gloves, White Cotton	Tenders for the supply – total order 15,314 pairs. Delivery of 600 pairs per week to commence second week in October.
25 July	Battle Dress	At the Committee of Commandants it was announced that it was not the intention to adopt the "new pattern army service dress" in the Corps.
25 July	Mess Undress	At the Committee of Commandants it was announced that this dress (slacks and Oxford shoes) was desirable, both afloat and ashore and dress regulations would be amended.
25 July	New Gunnery Badges (See 6 Jan 1939)	Badges distributed – Khaki on khaki Khaki on KD And in the case of 3 rd class rates Scarlet on blue also. Plus letters Q, L and C – Khaki on khaki and Khaki on KD.
31 July	Mess Undress	Amendment to Dress Regulations (See 25 Jul)
31 July	Amendment to Other Ranks Dress Regulations	<u>Tropical Dress</u> of khaki cotton shirt, KD shorts, khaki stockings, black leather shoes (Puttees and boots for exercises ashore (see 17 Jan 1939) and <u>Suit Working Dress</u> and a number of minor amendments.
5 Sept	Respirators	To be carried at all times

13 Sept	Replacement of items worn out	Wef 1 April 1940 wartime procedure of replacement of items free of cost. Orders to be issued discontinuing Nos 1 and 2 dress
18 Sept	Part worn metal buttons and ornaments	To be used on new clothing – suggestion (see 12 Oct 1939)
25 Sept *	Uniform changes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Full dress, undress and mess dress not to be worn. 2. Mess undress worn afloat. 3. Wearing of medals and decorations to cease (except miniature medals in mess dress.) 4. When Sam Browne belt worn without sword, will wear without a brace or frog (but see 24 Jul 1940 & 19 Aug 1940) 5. Sword will not be worn by officers ashore. 6. Not intended to introduce army pattern cloth belt as an alternative to Sam Browne. 7. Substantive Colonels to wear Regimental pattern uniform with gorget patches but "Staff" headdress. Temporary and Acting Colonels to wear Regimental pattern headdress. 8. Carrying of canes by other ranks to cease. 9. White helmets not to be worn in Home Establishments.
24 Sept	Royal Marines serving in DEMS	<u>Not</u> required to have rifles and webbing (except belts)

28 Sept	Special Reservists	List of kit and clothing issued.																
3 Oct	Cotton Shirts, blue and white striped	No objection to manufacture whilst shortage of khaki shirting.																
12 Oct	Part Worn metal buttons	To be issued with new clothing (see 18 Sep 1939)																
13 Nov	Helmet, Universal, Khaki,	New type fitted with a three fold false pagri (and dispenses with the pagris)																
2 Dec	List of clothing to be issued and maintained during hostilities																	
5 Dec	Battledress, Greatcoats and Anklets, Web	Being provided from War Office for the RM Brigade																
15 Dec	Web Equipment	Efforts being made to obtain 1,800 sets of 1937 pattern for the RM Brigade. 3,200 sets of 1908 pattern required for the RM Reserve Depot.																
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3 Jan	Battledress to be adopted in lieu of Service dress in RM	Anklets to be adopted in lieu of puttees. Leggings to be retained for issue to RM Band ranks, as anklets unsuitable for wear with blue uniform.																
3 Jan *	Battledress	Special pattern will not be introduced for officers and warrant officers. No objection to officers providing themselves with B/D made from materials as used in Officers KSD (eg Barathea) but pattern must be the same as ORs																
8 Jan	New pattern Shirt, Tropical, Cellular	Issue of shirts, cotton, blue and white stripe to be confined to personnel not required to embark eg Labour and Engineer units – <i>see 3 Oct 1939</i> .																
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1 Feb *	RN personnel issued with SD clothing	2 suits SD suits (without shoulder titles) 2 SD Caps 1 pr puttees RM Buttons not to be removed but will be replaced by RN Buttons in due course <i>(See 4Feb below)</i>																
5 Feb *	Cloth tunics, buff equipment and chin chains to be returned to store	AFO 3064/39																
4 Feb *	Add to 1 Feb above	2 prs Boots, ankle 3 prs socks, worsted greatcoat jersey pullover																
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		continue on cloth tunics of Divisional Bands) Chevrons and badges above on blue tunics to be scarlet on blue.
13 Mar *	1937 web equipment	Being issued direct to RM Brigade at Bisley at an early date
20 Mar	Respirators	To be carried within barracks at Commandants' discretion. Outside barracks to conform to local orders.
21 Mar *	Battle Dress	Sealed pattern distributed
29 Mar	Withdrawal of Equipment	Due to shortages if ranks unlikely to be required for draft in the near future.
5 Apr *	Khaki Service Dress	Manufacture suspended, replaced by manufacture of B/D
8 Apr *	Buff Belts.	to be worn on leave when web equipment withdrawn
10 Apr	Labour Battalion	Ranks joining the Labour Battalion to be issued with additional working clothes
15 Apr *	Bags, Kit, White WP	replaced by Bags, Kit universal (Army Pattern)
30 Apr *	Waist belts of Corps colours	replaced by plain blue navy material 2½" wide for the duration.
7 May	CSMs' Badges of Rank	CSM to wear same badges of rank as QMS - crown and wreath (<i>See 5 June 1940</i>)
9 May *	Belts waist 1937 pattern	to be modified by the addition of tabs, web 1"x 6¾" for the attachment of head, carrier.
15 May *	Special pattern Khaki clothing for Sergeants Major RM	Suspended during hostilities. To wear same pattern uniform as other ranks in service dress or B/D with appropriate badges of rank. May continue to wear whipcord if already in their possession when employed in RM Establishments
1 June	Officers 1919 Equipment to be replaced by 1937 equipment	Intention to replace 1919 equipment for Officers by 1937 equipment. Query whether cases, pistol 1937 can be adapted to take .45 revolvers or alternatively whether cases, pistol 1919 can be adapted for wear with 1939 equipment.
5 June *	Pensioner Company Sergeants Major	to wear large gold crown on blue <u>and khaki clothing</u> at discretion of Commandants. (<i>See 7 May 1940</i>)
18 June *	Approval given to wear chin strap with Caps FS	By despatch riders
30 June	RM Clothing for Alexandria	Sufficient to be ready for despatch, based on 400 men per RM Division, Supplies as for RM Clothing Depot, Malta and include tropical clothing
22 July	Compensation for wear and tear	Conscripts, mobilized pensioners and voluntary enlistments (but not RFR) may be paid for wear and tear on civilian greatcoat, shoes and suit @ 6d per day after the sixth day during which they were without uniform wef 15 Feb 1940 – not to exceed 28/- per man.
24 July *	Helmets, Universal Khaki	In order to provide for possibility of a force of RM required for service overseas at short notice, arrangements made for a supply of 4,000 helmets.
24 July *	Sam Browne Belts	When revolver carried brace may be worn. (<i>See 25 Sep 39, cancelled on 19 Aug 40</i>)
24 July	Battle Dress	Modifications authorised by ACI 788/40.
7 Aug	RM clothing	Deficiency in meeting requirement – may be put out to contractors but not to the detriment of outworkers.
1 Aug *	Red stripes on Tweed Trousers	Considerable saving can be made if red stripes were not extended beyond the top (or bottom) of the pockets. A modification adopted by the GPO. Commandant to comment.

13 Aug *	Service Dress and Battle Dress	<p>a. Manufacture of SD clothing to cease.</p> <p>b. MNBDO and RME to continue to be clothed in SD.</p> <p>c. Recruits for sea service to be issued with 1 suit of SD and 1 suit of B/D (SD and puttees being withdrawn on embarkation except for ranks issued with tropical clothing who will retain PUTTEES)</p> <p>d. Recruits entered for shore service (except MNBDO and RME) to be issued with 2 suits of B/D.</p> <p>e. All ranks at Headquarters to be issued with 2 suits of B/D as soon as possible.</p>
14 Aug *	Cap Badges and Shoulder Titles	Invariably to be worn with SD and B/D
19 Aug *	Armlets Sam Browne Belts	<p>Only to be worn by Staff Officers on duty with troops and when visiting HQs of formations in the UK.</p> <p>All Officers to wear the cross belt or brace whenever the Same Browne is worn.</p> <p>(ACIs 466/40 and 7ss/40)</p>
21 Aug	KD Shorts	Reserve of 12,000 pairs for possibility of MNBDO being ordered overseas. Khaki stockings, black shoes and additional Corps waist belts would not be issued in this case.
21 Aug	RM Police Buttonhole badges	(Globe and Laurel with letters RMP below, in white metal) for wear in plain clothes.
22 Aug	Ankle Boots	Grease not to be removed by petrol, hot irons or spoons is forbidden. Reduces waterproof qualities.
23 Aug	Battle Dress	Fresh sealed patterns distributed
29 Aug	Cap Boxes and Bags, Linen, Brown	No further manufacture. Issues to be restricted to ranks embarking for the first time. When issue no longer possible spare blue caps should be carried on the left side in brown linen bags, which may be issued for this purpose.
13 Sep *	FS Caps	Method of wearing and position of the badge.
23 Sep	Caps RM & RMB and RM Police	In consequence of delayed supplies arrangements made for additional caps to be provided by another contractor.
4 Oct *	Gold embroidered and gilding metal badges	<p>No further supplies from Wear Office stocks. (ref 13 Mar 40)</p> <p>Revert to gold embroidered badges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bugles Crown and wreath Crossed hammer and pincers <p>All SNCOs (except Staff Sergeants and SNCOs of Divisional Bands) to wear scarlet on blue chevrons (CSgts to wear Crown, Large Red – patt 45A)</p>
4 Nov *	Anklets	<u>Not</u> intended to follow ACI 1239/40 on wearing anklets with B/D.
19 Nov *	Equipment Brasses	To remain unpolished and allowed to become dull
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9 Jan	Officers' Blue Uniform	Temporary officers not permitted to purchase. May be retained by those officers who have already purchased it.
16 Jan	Steel Helmets	When walking out to be carried on the respirator.
13 Feb *	Embroidered badge 'ROYAL MARINES'	<p>Introduction for wear on SD and B/D. Woven in straight scarlet lettering on blue ribbon $\frac{1}{8}$" wide and 4" long.</p> <p>To be worn on the top of the sleeve above all other badges and signs.</p> <p>Metal shoulder titles will not be worn with these arm badges.</p> <p>Not to be worn by Colonels and above (Acting, temporary or permanent)</p>

28 Feb	Respirators	To be carried by all ranks when walking out, directly slung over the back with the sling over the right shoulder, with the haversack on the left side and flap covering then face-piece inwards.
6 Mar	Respirators – MNBDO2	To be equipped with Army Pattern (short tube) Naval pattern withdrawn from personal of MNBDO2.
11 Mar	Black Leather Shoes and Khaki Stockings	Not being issued as part of RM Tropical Dress during hostilities (AFO to be issued).
8 Apr	Embroidered badge 'ROYAL MARINES'	To be sewn on in a horizontal position centre of top edge $\frac{3}{4}$ " below the centre of the shoulder seam (GORM 30/41 dated 9 Apr and AFO/41)
16 Apr	Working Dress Suits	Additional suits to be held in units of the RM Division to be issued as requisite.
6 May	Pattern 1937 Equipment	Reintroduction of Haversack, Officers.
14 May	Blue Uniform – ORs	only to be issued to HO ranks when required for embarkation. Not allowed to purchase unauthorised clothing.
21 May	Blue Uniform	Third blue suit to be issued to ranks serving in HM Ships of the Home Fleet.
12 June	Carrier Implements, Entrenching 1939 Pattern	Introduction instead of separate items 'Carriers, Implements, Entrenching Head' and 'Carriers, Implement Entrenching, Helve'. Two loops on the outside to take the helve which rests horizontally on the outside.
25 Jun	Belt, Waist, Blue	Issue of sealed patterns
12 Aug	Cloth Belts Sam Browne Belts Blue FS Cap	May be worn by officers with blue and khaki SD as an optional item. Sam Brownes not to be worn with B/D. Officers not to wear web equipment when off duty except when necessary to carry a revolver when web belt without braces to be worn. Scarlet patch <u>not</u> to be worn in Blue FS Cap (<i>but see 26 Aug 41</i>)
22 Aug	Sam Brown Belt	Not part of kit to be purchased by temporary officers.
26 Aug *	Blue FS Cap	Scarlet patch may be worn by officers serving in the RM Division (<i>see 12 Aug 41 above</i>)
28 Aug	Carriers, Entrenching Implement 1908 Pattern	Supply with 2"buckles instead of 1937 pattern with 1" buckles.
5 Sep	Hose Tops, Drab	Issue to be made to motorcyclists.
7 Oct	Steel Helmets	Carrying – ACI 1900/41 not to apply to RM
13 Dec	Blue Uniform – RM Admiralty Guard	To wear blue uniform. Does not apply to RM DRs with Naval Intelligence Dept or to fire fighters at Rex House.
16 Dec *	Battle Dress – Officers	(see 3 Jan 40) Officers to obtain their B/D from service sources or have it made up from serge, service dress obtained from service sources
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9 Jan *	Scarlet Shoulder Numerals	On designating RM Div Trg Bde – 20 RM (Trg) Bn distinctive scarlet shoulder numerals 'XX' to be worn by a. Offrs and ORs permanently posted to the Bn. b. 2Lts undergoing 6 weeks trg.
29 Jan	Hose Tops, Drab and Puttees, Short	Introduction for Tropical dress.
25 Feb	Specialist Arm Badges	RM to adopt army 'Skill at Arms' badge for 'Drivers IC' – Badges Arm, Steering Wheel (ACI 131/42)

9 Mar	Steel Helmets	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To be carried <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When absent from quarters or places of duty for more than 24 hrs. b. On trg or operations as ordered by COs. 2. When carried it will <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Be worn on the head or b. Slung around the respirator haversack. 3. The steel helmet will be removed from the respirator haversack at night before ranks go to sleep.
1 Apr	Anti-Gas Capes	Painting on badges of rank. ACI 647/42 applicable to RM.
11 Apr	Leather Jerkins	Withdrawn from motor cyclists for the summer on 1 May 1942.
29 Apr	Civilian Pattern boots and Shoes	Not authorised for wear by RM (ACI 741/42 not applicable to RM)
1 May *	Shoulder Badges and Cap Patches	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval by AGRM for unit badges and cap patches as listed. 2. No others to be worn. 3. Army Area badges and other army distinctive badges (signals, artillery etc) to be discontinued.
22 May *	Blue Uniform	<p>Not to be purchased by temporary officers for shore service.</p> <p>COs to issue a certificate to permanent and temporary officers for sea service to be presented to outfitters by officers requiring blue uniform.</p>
22 May	Plastic Buttons	Possibility of adopting as economy measure.
3 Jun	Blue Uniform	<p>Issue in addition to normal shore service scale to ranks attached to "Beach Protection Craft" –</p> <p>1 Cap 1 Tunic 1 Trousers</p>
10 Jun	Blue Battle Dress	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Blue serge trousers, already manufactured by RM tailors, to have 3 buttons at the back of the waist for wearing with blue B/D blouse.</p>
10 Jun	Items demanded from army stocks	<p>Greatcoats B/D complete KD trousers and tunics Tropical shirts and shorts Chevrons SD Cotton holdalls.</p> <p>In addition to normal items obtained from the army.</p>
22 Jun	Badge on Battle Dress	Authorised RM badges of rank, GC Badges and badges of distinction are invariably to be worn on khaki B/D.
2 Jul	Mourning Bands	RM Other Ranks to wear when wearing B/D (KR & AR Art 1010(b)).
24 Jul	Shoes, Brown Canvas	Not to be blackened (practice to be discontinued)
24 Jul	RM Clothing	<p>War Economy and Modifications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Additional army items to be issued in lieu of RM items. b. Garments discontinued c. Modifications to existing uniforms. <p>Introduction of <u>Utility Blue Tunic</u>. Discontinue Tartan Tunics.</p>

27 Jul	Flags and Pennants on Motor Cars	AGRM - Flag in Corps colours – Horizontal stripes Comdts RM - Pennant in Corps Colours – Horizontal stripes OC MNBDO (1) Maj Gen - Flag in Corps colours – Horizontal stripes, with unit Sign on both sides. (2) Brigadier - Pennant as above.
12 Aug	Respirators	To be carried in accordance with Admiralty 'A' message – a. Marching Order b. As ordered by COs c. On Guard (other than ceremonial). To be taken when absent from station for one or more nights but need not be carried.
25 Aug	Khaki Stockings and Black Shoes	Reintroduction as additional items from tropical clothing for wear on board or ashore on leave.
28 Aug	PT Kit	Proposal that PT kit should be regarded as normal items of RM kit to be maintained during service instead of being only issued on enlistment without subsequent replacement. PT shoes only issued on loan, due to shortage of rubber, to be worn for actual instruction. At other times brown canvas shoes to be worn in lieu. (A reversion to the procedure before introduction of rubber shoes) Approved.
15 Sep		
8 Sep	Entrenching Implements	Personal issue of items to be withdrawn from ranks serving in the RM Division as units hold these items on G1098.
11 Sep	Blue Uniform – Officers	Modifications to khaki SD in ACI 501/42 do not apply to RM Officers' blue Uniform.
11 Sep	Boots	The provisions of ACI 1887/42 on preservation of boots applicable to RM, but one pair may be polished.
14 Sep 23 Sep	Personal Clothing	Other than items peculiar to RM of ranks in the RM Division to be maintained direct from army sources.
23 Sep	Gold Embroidered Badges	Arm, RA Band, gold held in store.
23 Sep	Cap FS, Blue	1 Cap FS Blue to be issued on embarkation, 1 cap forage being withdrawn. On disembarkation Cap FS Blue will be withdrawn and 1 cap forage reissued.
25 Sep	Corps Colours	Emphasised that yellow was to be on top and in the case of helmet flash, yellow to be in front.
2 Dec *	Combined Operations Badge	Only to be worn by ranks serving with 40 RM Commando 41 RM Commando Guns Crews of LCF(L) LCS(L) LCS(M) RMBPD Special Engineering Unit. To be worn on B/D only below the title 'ROYAL MARINES' or 'COMMANDO'. Where badge cannot be worn on both arms (eg King's Badgemen or Instructors) it will be worn on only one arm. Also to be worn on blue tunic 1" below the point of the shoulder
25 Feb 43 *		

16 Dec	Officers' uniform for Cadets	Cadets not to place orders for officers' uniform with outfitters until commissions actually granted. Illegal under clothes rationing regulations.
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4 Feb	White Helmets	Personal issue discontinued and all helmets to be returned to store.
8 Mar	Nets, camouflage for Steel Helmets	Personal issue for ranks serving in units/ships with G1098 scale.
6 Apr	Flags and Pennants for Motor Cars	(see 27 Jul 42) Maj Gen commanding RM training Groups Flag in Corps colours with group device in centre Commander RM Trg Gp Pennant as above Towyn
8 Apr	Travelling by Train	Ranks embarking on or disembarking from HM Ships to wear khaki battle dress.
13 Apr	Khaki Helmets	Provisions of ACI 2661/42 to apply to RM shore service ranks. Ie To be returned through army ordnance channels when no longer required after arrival abroad.
15 Jun	Web Belts	To be worn with battle dress when on leave.
1 Jul	Blue Beret	Shortly to be introduced in the Corps, to be worn 1. a. By officers in KSD (Cols and above may continue to wear forage caps. b. By all ranks in blue or khaki B/D. 2. <u>Badge</u> a. Colonels. - Royal Crest sewn centrally on scarlet patch. b. Officers. - Corps badge on scarlet patch, superimposed by Lion and Crown, the bottom of the Crown being $\frac{1}{4}$ " above the top of the Globe. 3. Issues in the following priority – a. RM Div. b. RM Establishments & HM Ships c. MNBDO 1 d. MNBDO 2 e. RM Engineers f. Misc units
8 Jul	Scale of Kit	Amendment Landing Craft Personnel on enlistment or when selected for training: 1 Bag, kit, painted (in lieu of AP) 2 Suits Working Dress (B/D type in lieu of denim suit) 1 pr Boots, sea service (in lieu of 1 pr shore service). issued on completion of training: 1 Cap RM/RMB Blue 1 suit Blues 1 pr Boots, sea service
10 Jul	MNBDO 1	Ranks drafted to MNBDO 1 to be armed: Officers - .38 revolvers ORs - No 4 rifles (with leaf aperture back sight when available).
30 Jul	Tropical Kit	Amendment to scale of Tropical kit for shore service ranks: 1 Tunic KD 2 Shirts Bush 2 Trousers KD 1 Vest Cotton Gym 2 Shorts KD 1 Helmet khaki
3 Aug	Blue Berets	Sealed patterns distributed