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ANKLETS

To be worn with KD trousers (puttees with shorts)

45 Cdo DRO

18

Oct

1952

AIGULETTES

Army Type - Last RM entry in Appendix to the December 1948
Navy List

Naval Type – First RM entry in Appendix to June 1951
the Navy List

Adopted by the RN: Campbell p117

ADCs to the Queen 1875

Admirals of the Fleet and the staff of a QR&AI 10 Oct
Commander-in-Chief 1891

Major M B Reynolds (Comptroller to the Gov
Gen NZ – Bernard Ferguson) in 1964 –
Admiralty Board restricted use but Army and
RAF did not.

ATTACHES

First RM Officer appointed a Military attache - Norway
13 Jun 1977

A B HARFIELD

ARMOURERS & BRAZIERS, Worshipful Company of

Award to Best Student on Arm 3 Course Presentation of Silver Menu Holder Luncheon in their Hall for visiting Marine Corps Commandants during Tercentenary celebrations	G&L 1976/265 22 Jul 1964	G&L 1980/328	24 Sep 1980
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BADGES			
<u>Specialist</u>			
Para & Observers on SNCOs' mess dress Caterers' badge approved ('K' below, two stars & laurel wreath) Gunnery no longer required Officers not to wear Observer's badge Band branch to be cloth instead of anodised on all uniforms Proposal to do away with stars and crowns on branch badges turned down Pipers, particularly for 42 Cdo proposed	NDUCC	G&L 1968 p343 3 Jun 1971	Sep 1974
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WO1s' to be the same as FCPO 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		DCI(RN)U459/71 para 6	1973
C/Sgts to wear large arm badge in Lovat dress not approved on cost		Feb 1963	
<u>Cap</u>			
Not to be worn in DPM Combat Caps		RM 10/26/104	27 Sep 73
<u>Collar</u>			
Lyres no longer worn by Junior Musicians			1970

BADGES CAP
(contd)

Combat Caps RM 10/26/104
Cap Badges not to be worn with DPM Combat
Caps dated 27 Sep
1973

RMLI
New split badge G&L 1921/71

BADGES, GENERAL

Gilt Badges and Buttons
No further orders from June 1962. Existing
stocks reallocated to waste out prior to
introduction of anodised badges and buttons V 52/10/62

BADGES OF RANK, OFFICERS

Worn on cuff of service dress jacket A&N VolXV
p630

BADGES OF RANK – OTHER RANKS

Bandmasters 1st Class

To wear lyre encircled by a laurel wreath
surmounted by a Crown RMRO 1172/46
G&L 1946/300

Staff Bandmasters

New badge approved by CGRM – Nov 1962 V 54/4/62

Staff Clerk

Crown and laurel wreath with a star above Major Percy
Turner

WO1's Badge

To be the same as FCPOs DCI(RN)U
459/71(6)

Proposal by WO1 Tappin to introduce a more
distinctive badge of rank for JWH

See RMRO
90/75

Combat Clothing

K on K badges of rank for combat clothing to
be discontinued in 1973.
Black embroidered on green to be issued – to
be worn on right sleeve only.
Slip on and brassards not to be worn.
Combat smock, combat shirt, OG shirt and
JWH

Synthetic Gold Chevrons

Trials in 1981 – *Cost one fifth and do not* RM 19/13/118

tarnish

Pk III

RMA & RMLI

Gold lace chevrons worn by L/Sgts and A/Bdrs
RMA
Worset chevrons by L/Sgts and L/Cpls RMLI

KR&AI(1906)
Art 1138

BADGES, SQ (contd)

Lovat Uniform & Blue Uniform

Proposal to remove SQ badges from Lovat and
place on blue uniform

Dress Cttee

SQ badges to be discontinued on Lovat uniform
in 1985

12.3.80

New Gold on blue badges for Blue Uniform in
1985

DCI(RN) 409/84

Wef 1 Jan 1985

King's and Prince's Badges on JWH

To be worn with immediate effect (as soon as
suitable badges available) on the left arm 2"
below the shoulder seam on the JWH

RMRO 126/86)

Caterer

'K' with crown and 2 stars

Approved by
NDUCC – Jun
1971

Gunnery

No longer required in Sep 1974

CHECK

Band Branch Badge

To be cloth instead of anodised on all uniforms (G on B for Blues) (G on Gr for Lovat) (K on KD for KD). Metal badges were unsuitable because lugs chaffed the shirt and made holes and on to BM tunic had holes and had to be replaced. In April 1970 Treasury approval awaited for gratuitous issue (badges cost 14/6d each). (Initial expenditure £1,750)

Replaced out of KUA on normal kit maintenance w.e.f. 1 May 1970.

RMRO 93/70

Proposal to do away with stars and crowns and only have simple and plain branch badges throughout RN & RM turned down by NUDCC in 1967

Issue of Gold on Blue SQ badges – end of 1984
(Included RM Caterer)

RM Provost

SQ badge provided in 1964

V 54/5/62

Snipers

Guards Division wear similar badge to RM

BADGES, COLLAR

Lyre collar badges abolished

1970

BAND DRESS

See also CONCERT DRESS

Bass Players' Aprons

Buff aprons replaced by blue cloth aprons –
double sided with Lovat cloth on the reverse

BAND CONCERT UNIFORM

Introduction but put into abeyance

1973

BADGES, BAND

RNSM

To wear the same badge as RM on caps – 13
Sep 1946

RMRO 1172/46

G&L 1946/300

Portsmouth Group

Wearing Royal Cyphers on headdress

RMRO 369/55

Depot Band (1925)

POW plume worn above normal cap badge by
Depot Band

Museum Photos

3/89

BAYONETS

(contd)

Pool of ceremonial bayonets established and
held by HQ Cdo Forces and RM Poole

RMRO 147/76

BATTLE DRESS

Obsolete

1 Apr 1966

BELTS

Band ranks permitted to purchase white plastic from Potters privately

1972

BELTS, BUFF WAIST

See also EQUIPMENT, WHITE BUFF – LOCKETS, UNION

To be worn on leave when web equipment RM Circ 8 Apr
withdrawn 1940

RM Bands to revert to wearing white belts (also
white helmets and cross belts [sic]) RMRO 1452/45

Greatcoats

Belts worn underneath RMRO 8/57

Buglers

Issued on completion of training RMRO 236.57

Band Ranks

Permitted to privately purchase white plastic
belts from Messers Henry Potter (£1.10) in 1972.

Brass runners and lockets Union removed from
buff belts and issued on loan

BERET, GREEN

BLUE UNIFORM, ORs

New Blue Uniform

in worsted serge available for issue from 1 Sep 1974. All NCOs and Marines to have a suit by 1 Mar 1976. (Includes a blue cloth belt)

[Dates in paras 6 & 7 of DCI should be 1976]

DCI(RNS)
127/74
G&L 1974/313

To be issued to RMFVR wef 1 Apr 1976

RM 10/13/118

BOATS CREW

Dress for Divisional Boats Crews abolished

G&L 1921/59

BOOTS, DMS

To replace Boots CS on a wastage basis over next 12 months. Not to be polished when issued but treated with dubbin

RMRO 115/66

Band Ranks & Buglers

In order to provide suitable footwear for military training 1 pr Boots, Naval pattern to be

replaced by 1 pr Boots DMS or CS. New entries issued to this scale wef 1 Apr 1970.

RMRO 44/70

Printers

RMRO 87/70

Armourers and Drivers

Non slip to be issued to Armourers and Drivers on vehicle inspection and servicing duties

RMRO 24/72

In 1971 recruits issued with DMS Boots, but no laces! – in error.

BOOTS, SEA SERVICE
[Boots, ankle, Naval pattern]

No longer issued to recruits, shoes, black leather issued in lieu.

G&L 1959/189

No longer to be included in initial kit issue. In future 1 pr to be issued to RM Ors on first being drafted to sea.

RMRO 145/67

Band Ranks and Buglers

In order to provide suitable footware for military training 1 pr naval pattern boots replaced by 1 pr Boots CS or Boots DMS.

New entries to be issued to this scale wef 1 Apr 1970.

RMRO 44/70

BUTTONS

Gilt Badges and Buttons

No further orders from June 1962. Existing stocks reallocated to waste out prior to introduction of anodised badges and buttons

V 52/10/62

BISHOPS

SOUTHWELL - First ex-RM Officer

J D Wakeling

NORWICH - Chaplain 48 Cdo 1944

Maurice Wood

BRADFORD - Chaplain 43 Cdo - Italy

Ross Hook MC

10 Oct 1970

14 Oct 1970

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

CANES and STICKS

Not to be carried by other ranks

RM Circ
5079/39Q
Dated 25 Sep
1939

Specification

Malacca covered in dark brown leather, stitched along the length, rounded at the ends, length 24", diameter $\frac{3}{4}$ "

RMRO 398/53

Officers

Suggestion for officers not to carry canes put forward by Po Gp in Oct 1970 and supported by Ply Gp.

RM 15/12/93
dated 3 Dec
1970
RMRO 231/70

Canes no longer to be carried by officers wef
11 Dec 1970

RSMs

Authority (*This may refer to Sticks*)

Dress Regs Art
0610
RMI 6706

Sticks, Walking, Black Ebony – Sergeants First in Dress Regulations – June 1955

CANOES

Cross Channel Record of 4 hours Capt H G Bruce
This has since been beaten - 3hrs 20 mins 30 secs

G&L 1951/262 28 Jul 1951
1961

CAPES

Admiralty constabulary pattern for unit Provost. Badges of rank on collar as for SNCOs' mess dress

Dec 1964

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)

Cap Covers

Abolished by Order dated 30 April 1921
Countermanded 27 October
1922

RMA History
Vol II p901

Men in possession of Caps Blue RM and RMB RMRO 646/46
may be issued with 2 covers per man

CAP FIELD SERVICE

Blue FS Cap

Included in Apr 1920 Appx to the Navy List for
RMA and RMLI Officers but omitted from Jan
1921 Appx.

“Forage cap for active service and peace
manoeuvres”

Appx to the Navy
List 1893

1893, New pattern for officers

G&L Vol I p201

Not included in July 1904 Appx but included in
Apr 1905.

Khaki FS Cap

G&L 1939/440

RMLI wore the Blue FS Cap at an angle, unlike other LI who wear it straight on the head

G&L 1951/330

[1896] "The Austrian pattern Field Service Cap replaced the Glengarry in the RMLI and for drill in the RMA who however retained their pill-box for walking out"

Blumberg's RM
Records Vol III

1st RM Bn (CO Lt Col 'Jumbo' Leicester) wore leather chin straps with khaki FS cap - known as Jumbo Straps

CAPES

Blue Cloth for Band ranks and Buglers approved CGRM's Report
– 1963

Admiralty Constabulary capes for Unit Provost
– badges of rank to be worn on the collar – to be as for SNCOs' mess dress – December 1964

Band Officers
- with scarlet lining and gold lace around the collar introduced in 1965

**CAPS
(contd)**

RM wearing 'peaked Brodricks', RMB wearing
normal forage caps

G&L 1932/11

CLOTH BELTS

Officers

"Not the present intention to introduce army pattern cloth belt as an alternative to Sam Browne in the Royal Marines"

RM Circ
5079/39
dated 25 Sep
1939

Optional item for officers in Blue and Khaki SD

RM Circ
dated 12 Aug
1941

Staff Car Drivers

In Blues and Lovat to wear cloth belts and no
medals for reasons of safety.

CGRM's
instruction

CLOTH INSIGNIA

3 Cdo Bde formation sign – Fighting Knife

Not worn in B/D by a man qualified as a
parachutist and with a King's Badge.

Suggestion for wear on peak of Arctic cap in
1983

CONCERT UNIFORM, BAND

Introduction in 1973 put in abeyance because, although most Band Cpls and Musns agreed to pay 50% of the cost, many Band Funds could not stand the other 50% of the cost.

Uniform to be:-

Scarlet mess jacket (normal size
badges)
Black Cummerbund
White shirt
Black bow tie
Normal blue uniform trousers

CHAPLAINS

Last RN Chaplain to be killed in WWII - Rev H C W Maugher RNVR - 42 Cdo Shrub 21 Mar 1945

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
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COMMISSIONS

Three brothers on the same day - O'Donnells	2 Aug 1921
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D-

DIRECTORS OF MUSIC

Three brothers all commissioned on the same day - O'Donnells	2 Aug 1921
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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

Specialist Qualifications

RMRO 15/53

AFO 1634/51

DRUM MAJORS

Wearing miniature medals in

1957

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD - Change in rules for wearing medallion

DENIM OVERALLS

Apr 1965

Denim Trousers to be replaced by Olive Green polyester cotton trousers in 1972/1973.

DRESS COMMITTEE, CORPS

Until 1967

CGRM (Chairman) Rep Col Comdt

MGRM Po MGRM Ply

AQMG

Rep D of V

Rep D of S(SD)

DAQMG (Secretary)

Reformed in Jan 1972 as

COS Chairman

AAG
Branch
AQMG
DAAG (PS) (Secretary)

Rep – 'G'

Renamed in Dec 1972
CGRM's Advisory Dress Committee

DRUM MAJORS

All qualified Drum Majors to wear ceremonial tunics (*At this time only Drum Majors of staff bands wore the tunic*) RM 10/13/134 dated 4 Mar 1977

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

late 1962
RM 10/14/46(c) 1 Nov 1971

QUIPMENT, WHITE

Approval for white blancoed web belts, rifle slings G&L 1947/61

Trials of white Courlene equipment (Belt, bayonet frog and rifle sling) in late 1962 in UK and Singapore – considered more suitable than plastic.

All regular ranks issued with white polyethylene webbing by 1 November 1971 and issued to RMR ranks in 1977. RM 10/14/46(c)
dated 12 Mar
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

FROCK COAT

Band Officers' frock coats supplied on permanent loan – Sept 1975

G-

GOOCH'S MARINES

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

GLENGARRY CAP

Introduced for ORs – 24 Jan 1870
 Introduced for Officers – 9 Jul 1880

BSS II p163
BSS II p164

Last included in Appx to the Navy List April
 1893

Worn until 1896

MHS Special No
2002 p6

[1896]Field Service Cap replaced
 nthe Glengarry in the RMLI.....

Blumberg's RM
Records Vol III

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)

GORGET PATCHES

Captain General wearing bronze buttons on gorget patches in Lovat Dress G&L Cover
Christmas 1974

GREATCOATS

Atholl Grey - Corps interested in combined Army/RAF project to develope 1972
British Warms

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

GREATCOATS (contd)

Illustration of OR's greatcoat – 1927 G&L 1927/242

Corps interested in Army/RAF project to develop Atholl Grey greatcoat in 1972.

Blue greatcoat

Approved by 2nd Sea Lord – 7 Sep 1984

New Blue greatcoat to be introduced in 1986
First worn for Nov ceremonies in 1986
Introduction

Band Service prefer blue greatcoat to blue cape Dress Committee

12 March 1980

British Warms

Proposal by HQ Cdo Forces approved for officers to wear British Warms in Bluer uniform due to being unable to fit from greatcoat pool, at own expense, with no badges of rank and not on parade with troops.

RM 15/12/93
dated
7 Jun 1974.

GUNNERY

Last RM officer to qualify Long 'G' M G BARBER
Last RM Gunnery Officer to retire
(excl Officers appointed to Naval Ordnance)

1957

R C SIDWELL

H-

HELMETS

Blue Cloth - Officers permitted to wear until

GORM 40/05

1 Jan 1908

HELMETS, WP
Improved pattern

Wolsey Pattern White Helmet – Sir Garnet Wolsey was C-in-C Egyptian War of 1882. He was Cardwell's military Assistant and served with distinction in the Crimean War. Commanded 90th Foot (2nd Cameronians) in the Indian Mutiny.

(Cole & Priestly p221)

Introduced into RM in 1912.

BSS Vol II p307

No issues until present stocks exhausted GORM 78/1912

Officers may wear present pattern until Jan 1915 GORM 10/1915

Probationary 2Lts to provide themselves with Helmets WP on joining and not on completion of Theoretical Military Course. GORM 110/35

WWII – Not to be worn in Home Ships and establishments for the duration of the War.

Personal issue discontinued and all helmets to be returned to store.

(Worn by RM Band during WRNS 40th Birthday parade at Buckingham Palace – 11 Apr 1943)

Post WWII – RM Bands to revert to wearing white helmets (also white belts and cross belts [sic]) RMRO 1452/45
RMRO 293/47

Worn by ranks on parade for Presentation of Colours to the Commandos in Malta in Nov 1952 RMRO/206/54

Ranks drafted to HMS *Royal Prince & Royal Albert* (Germany). RMRO 57/56

To be worn in UK for Ceremonial:

- a. Parading for the Royal Family
- b. When Colours paraded.
- c. Duties in London.
- d. Important ceremonial duties outside London. RMRO 21/64

On other occasions at discretion of Group RMRO 182/64

Commanders.

RM Detachments. Issued on personal loan.

To be issued to ranks of AW Squadron, Naval Beach Unit and SBS detachment, HMS *Jufair*.

Chin Chains

On or after 23 Apr 1926 all Officers RM will wear GORM 154/25
a gilt curb chain chin strap with the helmet on
occasions when full dress tunic is worn.

Issued to Band and Buglers in Dec 1938 for the
Royal Tour of Canada in 1939. Sir Vivian
Dunn's Notes

Issued to Street Lining Company for Their
Majesties' drive to London Guildhall and to be
retained by ranks on completion of the duty.
RM Circ
7 Jun 1939

Stocks insufficient to issue to all Other Ranks
ashore and afloat, issue will be made forthwith to
all ranks serving in ships. Issues to ranks ashore
deferred until all stocks sufficient for
simultaneous issues to be made.
RM Circ
17 May 1939

Chin chains to be returned to store. RM Circ
5 Feb 1940

HELMETS, BLUE CLOTH

Officers permitted to wear Blue Cloth Helmets
until 1 Jan 1908

GORM 40/05

HM SHIPS

HMS Veryan Bay - Relief Force for Falkland Islands embarked

G&L 1954/189

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

JERSEY WOOL HEAVY**RMR**

Issued to the RMR cg 1 Apr 1975

(TAVR already in possession in Mar 1974)

RM 7/14/69(A)

K-**KING'S BADGE**

Two brothers	S C Scott - 206/7 Troop & R B Scott - 225 Troop	G&L 1977/258
Awarded to first specially enlisted clerk Only time presented by the Sovereign	STOKES - 285 Troop F E Woods - 353 Squad	G&L 1940/15
New Service Dress Regulations for Army Officers	<u>N&AI Vol XIV</u> <u>p106</u>	19 Dec 1939

KIT UPKEEP ALLOWANCE

Ceased 1 April 1992 – one for one exchange of G&L 1992/73
kit

L-

LANYARDS

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		
Officers' Blue Lanyard - article	G&L 1951/257	
Letters RM see SHOULDER TITLES		

LANYARDS, OFFICERS

First shown in Dress Regulations	<u>Appx to Navy</u>
Blue - RMA	<u>List</u>
Crimson - RMLI	<u>July 1893</u>

RMLI changed to Green	<u>Appx – July</u>
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1902

Notes on Officers' Blue Lanyard

1. Not noted in Blue Undress pre WWII – only in Drill Order.	
2. Not noted in KSD pre WWII	
3. Not shown in KD pre WWII	
4. First shown in Blue Undress	<u>Appx – June 1948</u>
5. First shown in Battledress	<u>Appx – June 1948</u>
6. ‘Whistle Cord’ NOT ‘Lanyard’, Method of wearing	<u>G&L 1951/186, 221,257</u>

Worn as privilege by Officers and WO1s of the East Surrey Regiment, a custom continued on amalgamation by the Queen's Regiment. Proposed in 1971 should be worn by all ranks of 1 and 6(V) Bns Queen's.

LANYARDS, UNIT

Introduced into Commandos in Hong Kong – To be confirmed

Dec 1947

Comacchio Company – old Gold and Scarlet RMRO 63/81

Commando Logistic Regiment – Blue
Change No 3 to
BR/81
(P928/72)

Yellow Lanyard of 41 Cdo previously worn by

No 5 Army Cdo

Lt Col P R
Thomas

White Lanyard worn by 1 RM Bn and then passed to 42 Cdo.

Red Lanyard of 45 Cdo worn by 'Whisky' Coy (13 Coy) RNLMC - 17 May 1974

G&L 1974/239*

44 RM Cdo wore a dark blue plated lanyard on the right shoulder.

Maj Gen Owen –
confirm'd by Capt H
D Phillips

May be worn in blue uniform where local circumstances make it necessary when authorised by senior officer

(RM 13/2/45)
RMRO 282/45

LANYARDS, UNIT

Clasp Knife & Lanyard

1. Only to be worn with 'Fighting Order' RMRO 336/53

2. Knife lanyards, when ordered, to be worn on the right shoulder. GORM 90/27

3. Lanyard is to be worn in an ordinary loop GORM 2/29

41 Commando

Origin of yellow unit lanyard RMHS SP 8 p44

Request by R Netherlands MC landing craft

detachment to wear green lanyard in 1986

LOCKETS UNION

Introduced in 1955

CGRM's
Newsletter

If not fitting flush armourer to adjust

RMRO 32/58

RMFVR not to be issued with Lockets Union

RMRO 397/62

To be returned on discharge

RMRO 5/75

Corps stock kept by CTCRM

RMRO 23/77

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

LOVAT SERVICE DRESS

Gen Cartwright Taylor was against wearing Lovat Dress as No 4 Dress as we had always said it replaced battledress.

Naval Secretary had received HM's approval

for Lovat Dress by 30 Jul 1962.

Serge Lovat suits ceased to be issued in 1974, when the issue was to be: 1 Worsted suit, 1 pr Barrack working dress trousers, 2 x JWH. To use up stock 1 pr serge Lovat trousers were issued in lie of W/D trousers.

RMR

To be issued to RMR Ranks wef 1 Apr 1976

RM 10/13/118
N/STE/3044/75

M-

MEDALS

See also HONOURS & AWARDS

Last serving member of the Band Service

with WWII campaign stars

Capt A D Haigh

BB Mar 1975/10

Last serving RM with a 1914 Star

Maj M G Pughe

G&L 1949/292

MEDALS
(contd)

Medals to be worn again wef 1 Jan 1950

G&L 1949/326

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

MESS DRESS

(see also KAMARBANDS)

RM Band Officers & Schoolmasters.

The King approves blue mess dress of schoolmasters and Officers and WOs of RM Band Service being replaced by scarlet mess dress as for other officers. (No charge to the public in consequence of this change). Blue Mess Dress will cease to be worn after 31 March 1935.

GORM 57/30

Not to be worn during the war

For the duration of the war.....not to be worn on any occasion. Mess undress will worn afloat as ordered.

RM Circ 25 Sep
1939

Mess Undress may be worn by those in possession

RMRO 516/47

Kamarbands not to be worn in white mess dress – only a white waistcoat

CRMEI N/L No 1
5 Oct 1946

Permitted in lieu of messjackets by C-in-C Fleet - July 1957

“Red Sea Rig of their own invention” allowed

CRMEI N/L No 3
19 Dec 1946

[1896] “The RMLI, following the Guards, adopted the present pattern mess jacket in lieu

Blumberg RM
Records Vol III

of the gold laced shell jacket and laced waistcoat”

Generals and Colonels

Capt Gen wearing incorrect pattern (No buttons)

G&L 1950/6

G&L 1953/237

Overalls, Wellington Boots and Spurs

Confined to No 2 Ball Dress and No 6 Mess Dress and not in No 7 Mess Undress

RM 11/4/112

dated

9 Jun 1972

Soft Evening Shirts

Confined to No 7 Mess Undress

RM 11/4/112

dated

9 Jun 1972

MESS DRESS

SNCOs

Tropical white mess dress by Sgts in HM ships.

BR 81

Change 1

(1968)

(Tropical in temperate climates approved in 1956)

Approved by HM The Queen

Buckingham
Palace letter –
19 Dec 1958

“On occasions when the White mess jacket authorised for POs”

BR 81
Change 2
(1970)

Scarlet or white at all times for Sgts [sic]

BR81 (1984)

Messers Bernards Oct 1966 - Price of Mess
Jacket £10.10.0

Trousers

£ 5.19.6

MOUNTAINEERING

Mount Paget, South Georgia

V N Stevenson

Mount Phabrang, Nepal

D V Nicholls

13 Dec 1960

28 Sep 1980

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mourning - QRRN J1104
being amended.
Armbands were ordered to
be worn with JWH.

1972

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N-

NORTHERN IRELAND

First Cdo deployed for IS duties	41 Cdo (Spearhead)	28 Sep 1969
Det from NCOs School to HMS Gannet		Autumn 1954(?)17 Dec 1956

NORWAY

First Exercise - Ex DONALD DUCK	43 Cdo	12 Oct 1962
First Winter Training		
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	J C C Richards
First ex 'HO' officer who transferred to CS to retire	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
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First RM NCO to qualify as helicopter pilot

Sgt Philip Lawrence G&L 1966/67

PRINCE'S BADGE

List of Recipients

First to be Commissioned

RMHS N/L May 2001

RMHS N/L May 2001

PUTTEES

To be worn with KD shorts(anklets with KD trousers)

45 Cdo DRO

18 Oct 1952

PERSONAL KIT

Gratuitous issues of pants, vests, pyjamas, brushes, housewife, laces etc stopped with the introduction of the new pay code.

PROVOST/POLICE

RM Provost – 1945 – Caps

In blue uniform to wear RM Police blue caps fitted with red MP cap cover and RM badge

RMRO 895/45

Provost Sergeant

Badge of rank – three inverted chevrons on the right arm below the elbow

Sword Staff Sergeants to be worn with appropriate orders of dress (not B/D). Belt, sword staff sergeants as appropriate in buff or brown leather.

No special issue of chevrons for this purpose.

RMRO 197/58

Unit Police

To wear white web belt with white web brace

attachment over the right shoulder in all orders of dress. SNCOs not to wear the scarlet sash. RMRO 19758
RMRO 215/67

Admiralty Constabulary Capes

For unit provost – badges of rank to be worn on the collar – to be as for SNCOs' mess dress – December 1964

SQ Badge and 'MP' armbands

Provided for RM Provost in 1964

V 54/5/62

R-

RADIO

see also BROADCASTING

REGIMENTAL RACE CLUB, RM

Origins

G&L 1948/137

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

RAINCOATS, RM BLUE

See also RAINCOATS, RM

Authority to wear

Po Div Standing

Orders para

485a

Illustration in Cooper's Advertisement

G&L 1951/35

RESERVE, ROYAL MARINES

Change in title from RMFVR to RMR RMRO 193/66

Suggestion for RMR to have Lovat trousers
and JWH as replacement for battledress March 1973

S-

SEA SERVICE

Last serving officer to have served in a
sea-going battleship - HMS Vanguard R M B Otway-Ruthven 1952/54

SADDLE CLUB, RM

see also REGIMENTAL RACE CLUB, RM

SHIRTS

Tropical Cellular ceased to be issued 31 May 1964

SHIRTS

See also BUSH SHIRTS

All Purpose Shirts

Scales on introduction of Lovat Dress RMRO 270/62

Blue and White Striped – 1939

No objection to manufacture of cotton shirts,
blue and white striped, whilst shortage of khaki
shirting. RM Circ 3 Oct
1939

Tropical – 1940

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)

RM Circ 8 Jan
1940

Tropical

Shirts, Tropical, Khaki, Cellular ceased to be issued after 31 May 1964

SHOES, BLACK LEATHER

Not issued during Hostilities

Black leather shoes and khaki stockings not being issued as part of tropical dress during hostilities.

RM Circ 11 Mar
1941

Civilian Pattern-1942

Wearing of civilian pattern boots and shoes in B/D not authorised for RM (ACI 741/42 not applicable to RM)

RM Circ 29 Apr
1942

Reintroduction - 1942

Black Shoes and khaki stockings as additional clothing for wear on board or ashore on leave,

RM Circ 25 Aug
1942

Officers may wear RN Officers' pattern off parade.

RMRO 711/48

Shoes, black leather with toecaps for officers to be available from service sources(in place of naval pattern)

RMRO 44/55

Other Ranks

Black shoes may be worn when walking out
RMRO 201/50

in.No 1 dress, in which case blue or black
socks will be worn.

Black shoes to be issued to recruits on entry
in lieu of sea service boots.
G&L 1959/189

NS Officers - Blue Uniform

NS officers who do not possess officers'
pattern boots are to wear naval officers'
pattern black shoes in blue uniform.
RMRO 298/53

**‘Shoes Soldiers/Airmen’ available for issue
from Apr 1981 to replace seamen’s style shoes
(Army shoes have toe caps)**

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Blumberg's *RM*
Records Vol III

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RM Circ 24 Jul
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G&L 1959/189

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SOCKS

Other Ranks with Shoes

Blue or black socks are to be worn when shoes are worn when walking out in No 1 Dress

RMRO 201/50

Blue and/or Grey

Both may be maintained in compulsory kit scale after recruit training

RMRO 47/58

Khaki Socks

Introduced to replace grey socks

RMRO 259/62

Lovat Socks for Officers

Corps tailors to stock

Dress Cttee—
16.11.79

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 ½" 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

SWORD KNOTS

Method of Wearing, 1931

Po Div SO 12

Made up sword knots

N&AI Vol XV
p630

SWORDS

See also SWORD KNOTS

Wearing in Review Order etc

Po Div Standing
Orders paras 9
& 10

Not to be worn ashore for the duration of the War

RM Circ
5079/39Q dated
25 Sep 39

Officers in Review Order – 1926

When undrawn not to be “hooked up” except by Colour Officers. To be carried in left hand when on the march.

When swords are drawn, scabbards to be hooked up in accordance with para 960(iv) of KR.

[1896]the introduction of the new pattern straight thrusting sword for RMLI officers with a steel hilt instead of the brass-hilted cut and thrust sword hitherto in use. This was designed to meet the new Italian exercise recently introduced with a straight arm guard.

GORM 109/26

Blumberg – RM
Records Vol III

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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

TUNICS, WHITE TROPICAL

Band of CINCFLEET using up trial (1968) white tropical tunics in 1973 (Army No 3 Dress tunic)

White tunics scaled only for RM personnel serving in the Royal Yacht. Tropical dress for other RM personnel is the No 6 suit.

Request for white tunics to be issued to Band of Cdo Forces for Malta visit not approved

RM 10/13/63
dated 17 Mar
1978

Became general issue for all band ranks in about 1981 – previously

*Band of the Woolwich Div wore white tunics
until 1867*

Random
Records p175

TAILORS, CORPS CIVILIAN

Corps Tailors appointed

Dege Ltd
Peter Marsh
Gieves

Corps Dress
Committee
16 Nov 1979

1973

TROPICAL DRESS

45 Cdo -18 Oct 1952

Puttees to be worn with KD Shorts
Anklets to be worn with KD Trousers

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

UNIFORM GRANTS

Field Officers

Increase grant of £27 to cover overalls, Wellington boots and spurs on promotion to Major – all officers promoted on or after 1 Dec 1964 (Total grant now £33)

V-

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

WRNS
(Wrens)

When in Northern Ireland Wrens to wear RM khaki shirts, open neck in summer, black tie in winter and khaki JWH in winter

D/WRNS/5/16/4
Dated 5 Apr
1981

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