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Headquarters Royal Marines



# ROYAL MARINES ROUTINE ORDERS

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088\* **REVISED ORDERS OF DRESS FOR THE ROYAL MARINES**

1. The RN Uniform Review renumbered all naval orders of dress and identified the need for BR 81 (RN & RM Dress Regulations), to be rewritten. The new numbers took effect on 1 April 1997 and BR 81 is now in the final stages of production.
2. The associated RM Uniform Review recommended that RM Orders of Dress should be renumbered to comply with their parent service's numbering system as soon as possible. In recognition of that recommendation, and in advance of the publication of the new BR, the new dress tables are attached at Annex A to this RMRO. They are to take effect from 1 January 1998.

## 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, parades and other appropriate ceremonial events.

DESCRIPTION		
GENERAL OFFICERS	OFFICERS/WOs/SNCOS	CPLs/MNEs
Cap Blue tunic <sup>1</sup> Overalls White long sleeved shirt Black socks <sup>9</sup> Wellington boots Spurs Ceremonial sword Crimson and gold sash Gold shoulder cords White gloves Greatcoat <sup>2</sup> Braces	Cap/WP helmet <sup>3</sup> Blue tunic Blue trousers/overalls <sup>4</sup> White long sleeved shirt <sup>5</sup> Black tie <sup>3</sup> OP Lanyard <sup>5</sup> Black socks <sup>9</sup> AP/OP/Wellington boots <sup>4</sup> Sam Browne/White Belt/Sash <sup>6</sup> Frog and Bayonet Sword/Rifle <sup>7</sup> Greatcoat <sup>3</sup> Gloves <sup>8</sup> Braces <sup>9</sup>	Cap/WP helmet <sup>3</sup> Blue tunic Blue trousers Black socks <sup>9</sup> AP boots White belt Frog and bayonet Rifle Greatcoat <sup>3</sup> White gloves Braces <sup>9</sup>

## DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

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

## NOTES:

1. Army pattern (with high neck) or Corps pattern as appropriate.
2. Atholl Grey Army pattern or blue Corps pattern as required.
3. Helmets and greatcoats to be worn when ordered.
4. WOs and below wear AP Boots. Overalls, wellington boots and spurs worn by majors and above, Adjts, Equerries, MAs, ADCs and Flag Lts.
5. Offrs only (WOls wear OP lanyard).
6. SNCOS wear white belt and scarlet sash; WOs wear a sword belt and scarlet sash. Sam Browne always worn with frog, whether carrying sword or not.
7. Swords/Rifles are carried on parade or when ordered. See separate notes on types of swords/knots.
8. WOs, Drum and Bugle Majors on appointment and above wear brown cape gloves; the remainder wear white gloves.
9. Not provided at public expense. The alternative is Combat Socks GS.
10. For distinctions in RM Band Officers' Full Dress Uniform, see article 0610.

1B DRESS  
FORMAL DRESS  
"PARADE LOVATS"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

Inspections by Flag Officers.  
Minor ceremonial occasions as an alternative to 1A dress.  
Courts Martial on appropriate.  
Other occasions as ordered.

DESCRIPTION		
OFFICERS	WOS/SNCOS	CPLs/MNEs
Beret <sup>1</sup> Lovat suit Lanyards <sup>2</sup> Stone long sleeved shirt Light khaki braided tie Lovat/green socks <sup>3</sup> Sam Browne <sup>3</sup> Sword <sup>4</sup> OP Boots Brown cape gloves	Beret <sup>1</sup> Lovat suit Unit lanyard Stone long sleeved shirt Khaki drab tie <sup>8</sup> Socks Combat GS Sam Browne/Belt/Sash <sup>3</sup> Frog and Bayonet Sword/Rifle <sup>4</sup> AP/OP Boots <sup>5</sup> Gloves <sup>6</sup>	Beret <sup>1</sup> Lovat suit Unit lanyard Stone long sleeved shirt Khaki drab tie Socks Combat GS White Belt Frog and Bayonet Rifle AP Boots White gloves

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

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

NOTES:

1. Beret with anodised badge. The King's Squad wear caps with chin stay down.
2. Blue OP lanyard on left shoulder plus appropriate unit lanyard on right shoulder.
3. SNCOS wear white belts and scarlet sash; WO2s wear a sword belt and scarlet sash. Sam Browne always worn with frog, whether with sword or not.
4. Swords/Rifles are carried on parade or when ordered.
5. WO2s and below wear AP Boots.
6. WO2s, Drum and Bugle Majors on appointment and above wear brown cape gloves; the remainder wear white gloves.
7. Lovat coloured socks may be purchased, or Socks Combat GS worn.
8. WOs wear light khaki braided tie.

1C DRESS  
SEMI FORMAL  
DRESS  
"LOVATS"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

Occasions of duty or minor ceremonial.

DESCRIPTION		
OFFICERS	WOs/SNCOs	CPLs/MNES
Beret/Cap <sup>1</sup> Lovat suit Lanyards <sup>2</sup> Stone long sleeved shirt Light khaki braided tie Lovat/green socks <sup>3</sup> Cloth Belt OP shoes	Beret/Cap <sup>1</sup> Lovat suit Unit lanyard Stone long sleeved shirt Khaki drab tie <sup>4</sup> Socks Combat GS Cloth Belt Sash <sup>5</sup> Black shoes <sup>7</sup>	Beret/Cap <sup>1</sup> Lovat suit Unit lanyard Stone long sleeved shirt Khaki drab tie Socks Combat GS Cloth Belt Black Shoes

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

Medal ribbons.

NOTES:

1. Beret with anodised badge. Band personnel wear caps. The King's Squad wear caps with chin stay down.
2. Blue OP Lanyard on left shoulder plus appropriate unit lanyard on right shoulder.
3. Lovat coloured socks should be purchased, or Socks Combat GS worn.
4. WOs wear light khaki braided tie.
5. As ordered/appropriate.
6. Raincoats may be worn as ordered/required.
7. WOs wear OP shoes.

2A DRESS  
FORMAL EVENING  
DRESS  
"MESS DRESS"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

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

DESCRIPTION		
MAJORS AND ABOVE	OTHER OFFICERS/WOs/SNCOS	CPLs/MNEs
Cap/Side hat <sup>1</sup> Scarlet mess jacket Blue mess waistcoat Stiff fronted shirt Wing collar Black bow tie Overalls Black socks Wellington boots Spurs	Cap/Side hat <sup>1</sup> Scarlet mess jacket Blue mess waistcoat White marcella shirt Blue mess trousers <sup>2</sup> Black bow tie Black socks Wellington boots/Black shoes (WOs/SNCOS should wear Blues with cloth belt and medals or, optionally, Mess Dress)	Cap Blue tunic Blue trousers Cloth belt Black Shoes Medals  (JNCOs may wear white shirt, blue trousers, red cummerbund and black bow tie for Mess dinners etc)

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

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

NOTES:

1. Side hat is optional for officers.
2. Adjts, Equerries, MAs, ADCs and Flag Lts wear overalls, wellington boots and spurs.
3. Civilian equivalent is evening dress with medals and decorations as above.
4. Stiff fronted shirt and wing collar is obligatory for royal equerries/ADCs, principal staff offrs/ADCs to senior offrs, service attaches and advisers.

2B DRESS  
FORMAL EVENING  
DRESS  
"MESS UNDRESS"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

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

DESCRIPTION		
OFFICERS	WOS/SNCOS	CPLs/MINERS
As for 2A Dress for Other Officers	As for 2A Dress	As for 2A Dress

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

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

NOTES:

1. Civilian equivalent is black tie with medals and decorations as above.
2. Overalls and spurs are optional.

2C DRESS  
INFORMAL EVENING  
DRESS  
"RED SEA RIG"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

Informal evening uniform in ships and establishments.

DESCRIPTION		
OFFICERS	WOs/SNCOs	CPLs/MNEs
Cap Shoulder rank boards <sup>1</sup> White short sleeved shirt Red Cummerbund Blue trousers <sup>2</sup> Black socks Black shoes	Half lovats - 3A Dress	Half lovats - 3A Dress;

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

None

NOTES:

1. Optional, but anodised rank badges should be worn on a white slide.
2. Not mess trousers.

3A DRESS  
GENERAL DUTY DRESS  
"HALF LOVATS"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

Semi formal day rig worn in camp and for day to day duties

DESCRIPTION		
OFFICERS	WOs/SNCOS	CPLs/MNEs
	Beret/Cap <sup>1</sup> Stone short sleeved shirt <sup>2</sup> Lanyards Lovat trousers <sup>3</sup> Corps pattern belt (CPB) Bronze RMs <sup>4</sup> Lovat/Combat Socks Black shoes <sup>5</sup>	

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

None

NOTES:

1. Cap for Band personnel.
2. Collar worn open.
3. Barrack Dress trousers, not from lovat suit.
4. Worn in shoulder strap. Officers also wear bronze rank insignia in strap or on slides.
5. OP/AP boots, white belts and WOs/SNCOS scarlet sashes may be ordered when appropriate. WOs wear OP shoes.

3B  
GENERAL DUTY DRESS  
"TRAINING RIG"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

Informal day rig worn in camp and for day to day duties<sup>8</sup>

DESCRIPTION		
OFFICERS	WOS/SNCOS	CPLs/MNEs
	Beret <sup>1</sup> GS shirt <sup>2</sup> Rank slides <sup>3</sup> Trousers mens lightweight (TML) <sup>4</sup> Combat Socks Boots <sup>5</sup> Belt <sup>6</sup>	

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

None

NOTES:

1. With bronze badge.
2. Worn with sleeves rolled up.
3. Black on green slides for officers only.
4. Worn with elastics (not supplied) around top of boot.
5. Appropriate to environment.
6. Green plastic belt, though CPB may be ordered.
7. Combat Jacket/Waterproofs may be worn as ordered/required.

3C DRESS  
GENERAL DUTY RIG  
"HALF LOVATS"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

Semi formal day rig worn in camp and for day to day duties<sup>1</sup>

DESCRIPTION		
OFFICERS	WOs/SNCOS	JUNIOR RATINGS
	<p>Beret/Cap<sup>1</sup> Long sleeved stone shirt Lovat trousers CPB Lovat/Combat socks Jersey Wool Heavy (JWH) Black shoes</p>	

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

None

Notes:

1. Band personnel wear caps.
2. OP/AP boots, white belts and WOs/SNCOS scarlet sashes may be ordered when appropriate.
3. Raincoats may be worn as ordered/required.
4. WOs wear OP shoes.

3D DRESS  
GENERAL DUTY  
DRESS  
"TRAINING RIG"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

Informal day rig worn in camp and for day to day duties.

DESCRIPTION		
OFFICERS	WOS/SNCOS	JUNIOR RATINGS
	Beret <sup>1</sup> GS shirt Rank slides <sup>2</sup> TML <sup>3</sup> JWH Combat socks Boots <sup>5</sup>	

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

None

NOTES:

1. With bronze badge.
2. Black on green slides for officers only.
3. Worn with elastics (not supplied) around top of boot.
4. Appropriate to environment.
5. Combat Jacket/Waterproofs may be worn as ordered/required.

4/4C/4D/4T DRESS  
COMBAT DRESS  
"COMBATS"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

General in theatre wear when deployed  
Operations, exercises and field training

DESCRIPTION			
OFFICERS	WOS/SNCOS	CPLs/MNEs	
4	4C	4D	
Helmet/Beret <sup>1</sup> T Shirt Shirt <sup>1</sup> Fleece <sup>1,2,3</sup> DPM Trousers <sup>3</sup> DPM Field Jacket <sup>3</sup> Combat boots <sup>2</sup> Gaiters <sup>3</sup> Gloves <sup>3</sup>	Helmet/ECW Cap <sup>1</sup> ECW underwear <sup>1</sup> Norwegian shirt Fleece <sup>1,2,3</sup> Windproof smock Windproof trousers Ski march boots Cam Whites <sup>1</sup> ECW Gaiters Gloves	Helmet/Desert hat <sup>1</sup> DPM shirt (Desert) DPM trousers (Desert) Desert boots	4T Jungle hat DPM lightweight jacket <sup>3</sup> DPM trousers <sup>3</sup> Jungle boots

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

None

NOTES:

1. As required/ordered.
2. Appropriate to environment.
3. CS95.
4. Waterproofs may be worn as ordered/required.

5 DRESS  
WORKING RIGS

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

Job specific working rigs worn at sea and ashore

		DESCRIPTION
OFFICERS	WOS/SNCOS	CPLs/MNEs
Occupational working rigs worn at sea and ashore for specific tasks (eg chefs, divers, aircrew etc)		

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

None

## 1AW DRESS

FULL

DRESS WHITE

"PARADE STONES"

## 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, parades and other appropriate ceremonial events.

DESCRIPTION		
BAND AND GENERAL OFFICERS <sup>1</sup>	OTHER OFFICERS <sup>2</sup> /WOs/NCOs/MNEs	RM BAND
Cap White Tunic Overalls Black socks Wellington boots Spurs Crimson Sash <sup>2</sup> Sword <sup>3</sup>	WP helmet/Cap/Beret <sup>4</sup> Stone jacket Stone trousers OP/AP boots Anodised rank badges/RMs Stone socks Gloves <sup>5</sup> Lanyards <sup>6</sup> Sam Browne/White belt/Sash <sup>7</sup> Frog and Bayonet Sword/Rifle <sup>3</sup>	WP helmet White tunic Blue trousers Black socks Boots RM Band

## DECORATION/MEDALS;

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

## NOTES:

1. Certain overseas Def Attaches, Band Offrs and Gen Offrs with their MAs/ADCs as required in exceptional circumstances.
2. Sam Browne as an alternative.
3. As required.
4. Helmet if ordered. Beret with anodised badge.
5. White, or brown cape for offrs (only when armed).
6. Blue OP for offrs, plus unit lanyard.
7. Stone coloured belt worn when not wearing sword/white belt.
8. Entitled officers should wear 1BW Dress if appropriate.

1BW DRESS  
FORMAL  
DRESS WHITE  
"PARADE STONES"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

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

OFFICERS	DESCRIPTION		
	WOS/SNCOs	CPLs/MNEs	
Cap/WP helmet <sup>1</sup> Prestige suit or 1AW Dress Long sleeved stone shirt <sup>2</sup> Light khaki braided tie <sup>2</sup> Anodised rank/RMs Lanyards Sam Browne OP boots Sword and gloves <sup>3</sup>	As for 1AW Dress	As for 1AW Dress	

DECORATION/MEDALS:

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

NOTES:

1. As ordered/appropriate.

2. Worn only with Prestige suit (issued to certain offrs in overseas appts).

3. As required.

1CW DRESS  
FORMAL  
DRESS WHITE  
"STONES"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

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

DESCRIPTION	
OFFICERS/WO1s	WO2s/NCOS/MNEs
Beret/Cap <sup>1</sup> Stone jacket Stone trousers Stone socks Stone belt Anodised rank/RMs Lanyards OP shoes	Beret/Cap <sup>1</sup> Stone jacket Stone trousers Stone socks Stone belt Anodised RMs Lanyard Black shoes

DECORATION/MEDALS:

Medal ribbons.

NOTES:

1. Beret with anodised badge. Band personnel wear caps.

3AW DRESS  
FORMAL EVENING  
DRESS WHITE  
"TROPICAL MESS  
DRESS"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

Official or public balls, dinners and evening receptions of a formal nature.  
Full ceremonial evening events.<sup>1</sup>

MAJORS AND ABOVE	DESCRIPTION OTHER OFFICERS	WOS/NCOs/MNEs
Cap/Side hat <sup>2</sup>	Cap/Side hat <sup>2</sup>	
White mess jacket	White mess jacket	As for 3AW Dress
White mess waistcoat	White mess waistcoat	(WOS/SNCOS may wear Tropical
Stiff fronted shirt	White marcella shirt	Mess Dress optionally)
Wing collar <sup>3</sup>	Blue mess trousers <sup>4</sup>	
Black bow tie	Black bow tie	
Overalls	Black socks	
Black socks	Wellington/OP boots/Black shoes	
Wellington boots		
Spurs		

DECORATION/MEDALS:

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

NOTES:

1. The civilian equivalent is Evening Dress with medals and decorations as above.
2. Side hat is optional for officers.
3. Stiff fronted shirt and wing collar is obligatory for royal equerries/ADCs, principal staff offrs/ADCs to senior offrs, service attaches and advisers.
4. Adjts, Eguerries, MAs, ADCs and Flag Lts wear overalls, wellington boots and spurs.

2BW DRESS  
FORMAL EVENING  
UNDRESS WHITE  
"TROPICAL"NESS  
UNDRESS"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

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

DESCRIPTION		
OFFICERS	WOS/SNCOS	CPLs/MNEs
As for 2AW Dress for other officers but with red cummerbund instead of white waistcoat	As for 2AW Dress	As for 3AW Dress

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

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

NOTES:

1. Civilian equivalent is black tie with medals and decorations as above.

2CW DRESS  
INFORMAL EVENING  
DRESS WHITE  
"RED SEA RIG"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

Informal evening uniform in ships and establishments.

OFFICERS	DESCRIPTION
As for 2C Dress	WOs/SNCOs
DECORATION/MEDALS:	CPLs/MNTs

None

3AN DRESS  
GENERAL DUTY  
DRESS WHITE  
"HALF STONES"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

Semi formal day rig worn ashore and afloat

DESCRIPTION		
OFFICERS	WOS/SNCOS	CPLs/MICs
Beret/Cap <sup>1</sup> Stone short sleeved shirt Stone trousers Stone socks Lanyards CPB Anodised rank/RMs Black shoes <sup>2</sup>		

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

None

NOTES:

1. Beret with anodised badge. Band personnel wear caps.
2. Desert boots may be worn when issued (certain drafts/appts only).

3BW DRESS  
GENERAL DUTY  
DRESS WHITE  
"TROPICAL"  
TRAINING RIG"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:

Informal day rig worn ashore and afloat.

OFFICERS	DESCRIPTION	CPLs/MNEs
	WOS/SNCOS	
	Beret/Cap <sup>1</sup> Stone short sleeved shirt Stone shorts Stone socks <sup>2</sup> Black shoes/Desert Boots <sup>3</sup> CPB Anodised rank/RMs	

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

None

NOTES:

1. Beret with anodised badge. Band personnel wear caps.
2. Long socks worn as ordered.
3. Desert boots may be worn if issued for certain drafts/appts.

3CW DRESS  
GENERAL DUTY  
DRESS WHITE  
"TROPICAL"  
WORKING RIG"

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR:  
At sea in hot climates.

DESCRIPTION		
OFFICERS	WOs/SNCOs	CPLs/MNees
No equivalent rig to RN. As for No 4T Dress. <sup>1</sup>		

DECORATIONS/MEDALS:

None

NOTES:

1. At the time of going to press, an order of dress involving green shorts and T shirts is being investigated as part of the Embarked Force Clothing Study.