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The Queen having been pleased to approve of the dress of the Officers of the Army being established according to the following descriptions, the Commander-in-Chief has received Her Majesty's commands to enjoin the strictest attention thereto; and His Grace accordingly holds all General Officers, Colonels of Regiments, and Commanding Officers of Corps, responsible that these Orders for regulating the Dress shall be scrupulously obeyed.

The Commander-in-Chief has received Her Majesty's special commands to declare, that any Colonel or Commanding Officer who shall take upon himself to introduce or sanction the addition of an ornament, lace, or embroidery, or to sanction a deviation from the approved Patterns in any respect whatsoever, without due authority being previously obtained for that purpose, will incur Her Majesty's displeasure.

By Command of

Field Marshall

The Duke of Wellington, K.G.,
Commander-in-Chief

INTRODUCTION

02.01 Layout of Part 2. This Part is divided into the following Sections

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02.02 Application. Except where otherwise stated, the regulations contained in this Part apply as appropriate to all ranks of the Regular Army and the Army Reserve. Similarly, they apply to female personnel as to their male counterparts, unless specifically stated. Additionally, with regard to ceremonial uniform, specific regulations apply to officers holding certain specific appointments as mentioned herein.

02.03 Terminology. For convenience and brevity, the following terms are used in these Regulations:

- a. “Line Cavalry” is used to indicate regiments of the Royal Armoured Corps other than the Royal Tank Regiment.
- b. The term “Mounted Corps” is used to indicate those Corps whose historical mounted role is reflected in certain aspects of their uniform (ie Household Cavalry, RAC, RA, RE, R Signals, RLC and RAVC).

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS ON WEARING OF UNIFORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

02.11. Control of Uniform. Commanding officers are forbidden to introduce or sanction any deviation from authorised patterns of uniform clothing, accoutrements, equipment or badges. Any proposed changes are to be submitted to the Army Dress Committee as detailed in Part 1 of these Regulations. This instruction applies equally to Full Dress uniform as laid down, irrespective of whether it is worn in public or provided at public or private expense.

02.12. Staff Uniform. Officers of the rank of Colonel and above, when wearing Staff uniform in formal orders of dress, including Mess Dress, are not to introduce any item of uniform specific to their previous regiment or corps. The sword of an officer's former unit may however be worn by Colonels and Brigadiers, and by General Officers in No.2/No.4 Dress.

02.13. Badges of Rank. Badges of rank are to be visibly worn on all occasions when in uniform except on operations when rank insignia may be removed or covered. The only items of clothing on which rank insignia are not worn are certain overcoats (British Warm, capes and Mackintosh) and certain regiments do not display rank on No 10/11 Dress.

a. Honorary Colonels. Honorary Colonels of Regiments and Colonels Commandant of Corps, when wearing their regimental/Corps uniform, will do so with the rank badges of a colonel, irrespective of their rank in the Army. Further details are in Part 4.

b. Acting, Temporary and Local Rank. Personnel holding any form of acting or temporary rank are normally to wear the badges of that rank. Further details are in Part 4.

02.14. Wearing of Uniform. Officers are to wear appropriate regulation uniform on duty, except when otherwise ordered by Commanding Officers. Officers on parade with troops are to be in the same order of dress unless otherwise instructed. General Officers and officers (other than Directors of Music) of the Household Division entitled to the frock coat are not to wear it when on parade in command of troops. Directors of Music and Bandmasters may wear the frock coat when on parade with their bands when the musicians are performing in Full Dress with the forage cap, or in No.1 Dress. Personnel on leave in the United Kingdom from abroad, or on courses at civilian establishments in the United Kingdom, must be in possession of regulation uniform for use if detailed for duty.

02.15. Swords. When soldiers are carrying arms, officers are normally to wear swords. On occasions when officers wear an order of dress in which swords may or may not be worn, instructions on the wearing of swords should be issued by Commanding Officers or formation commanders. Officers, who are members of a church congregation and who are not taking part in any parades before, during or after the service, should not wear swords unless ordered to do so.

02.16. Headdress. Headdress is to be worn outside in all orders of dress except in circumstances detailed below but is to be removed on entering a building except in certain circumstances for Church Parades and Services. Headdress may be replaced by appropriate safety headwear in certain circumstances. Particular rules on wearing headdress in vehicles and cultural/religious headwear are contained in Army General Administrative Instruction (Chapter 59). The wearing of Undress headdress by officers with the Full Dress tunic is not authorised. Soldiers may on occasion wear forage caps (or Glengarry in the Royal Regiment of Scotland) with Full Dress.

02.17. Church Parades and Services. Male personnel attending a church service are to remove headdress on entering the church. Female personnel may remove their headdress if they so wish but headdress is to be worn by all personnel forming part of a Colour Party. At formal

drumhead services headdress outside, headdress is not to be removed. At informal services in the field, headdress may be removed if circumstances dictate.

02.18. Emblems. No unauthorised ornament or emblem may be worn with uniform, but special national or commemorative regimental emblems may be worn on anniversaries, provided permission has been obtained from the Ministry of Defence. Detailed regulations relating to poppies and other items that could be worn in uniform are contained in Army General Administrative Instruction (Chapter 59).

02.19. Spectacles, Sunglasses, Jewellery and Trinkets.

a. **Spectacles and Sunglasses.** Sober civilian pattern spectacles may be worn in uniform but not on formal parades although there is dispensation for musicians and others at the discretion of the parade commander. Sunglasses are not to be worn on any formal parades unless prescribed on medical grounds. Sunglasses may be worn in uniform to protect the sight in bright sunlight conditions both in UK and overseas. Service issue sunglasses are to be worn but should these not be available, then local commanders may authorise the wearing of sober civilian pattern sunglasses in lieu.

b. **Jewellery and Trinkets.** Male officers and soldiers when in uniform are not permitted to wear a visible watch chain, tie pin or other trinket. A plain signet ring may be worn. Plain gold shirt-studs and cuff-links may be worn in No.10/No.11 Dress. Female officers and servicewomen, when in uniform, may not wear jewellery other than engagement rings, plain signet rings, wedding rings and plain gold earrings of the stud or sleeper type. Additionally, when in mess dress, they may wear gold shirt-studs and cuff-links, and a single or double string of pearls and pearl earrings or alternatively, a plain gold or silver necklace. Detailed regulations relating to jewellery and other items that could be worn in uniform are contained in Army General Administrative Instruction (Chapter 59).

02.110. Shirts. Within regiments, all officers are to wear shirts of the same patterns in No.2 Dress/No.4 Dress, and No.13/ No.14 Dress.

02.111. Braces. In any formal order of dress (ie Full Dress, Frock Coat, No.1/No.3 Dress, No.2/No.4 Dress and No.10/No.11 Dress), trousers or overalls are invariably to be worn with braces.

02.112. Lanyards. Lanyards, if authorised by Regimental/Corps custom, are worn in No.2 Dress, No.4 Dress, No.7 Dress, and No.14 Dress. Details of colours and shoulder on which worn are given for individual regiments/Corps in Parts 3 and 4.

02.113. Restrictions on Wearing Uniform. Regulation uniform is not to be worn at fancy dress functions. Obsolete military uniform may however be worn on such occasions. When in foreign countries, military personnel are not to wear uniform without having obtained the authority of Her Majesty's representative.

02.114. Orders, Decorations and Medals. Detailed instructions on the wearing of Orders, decorations and medals with different orders of dress are given in Part 13 of these Regulations.

02.115. Aiguillettes.

a. Aiguillettes (other than those forming part of Regimental or Band uniform) are worn by officers holding certain General or Personal staff appointments. These appointments are listed in Part 10 of these Regulations. Aiguillettes are only worn when the wearer is on the business that carries the entitlement. For example, it is inappropriate for a captain ADC to a GOC to wear his Aiguillettes No 3 when attending a regimental dinner night without his general. Similarly a 3* officer who is a member of the Army Board but not ADC Gen and therefore entitled to wear Aiguillettes No 2 would not wear aiguliettes when wearing uniform as Colonel of his Regiment. Restrictions on who may wear aiguliettes at investitures are at Section 2 Annex D.

b. Aiguillettes consist of two plaits of wire cord, with metal tag finials, and two plain loops of the same cord. The plaits and loops are connected at the point of the shoulder by a short braid strap in which is worked a buttonhole. The longer of the two plaits, and the longer loop, are attached at the rear of the wearer's shoulder and pass under the arm. The shorter plait and loop are attached at the front of the shoulder. The shorter loop passes through the longer one and secures it. The two plaits and the shorter loop are attached to hooks or buttons as close to the wearer's neck as possible. With a stand collar (e.g. Frock Coat or No 1 Dress), the small loop is attached to the lower hook and eye fastener of the collar. In collar and tie (e.g. No 2 Dress), the small loop is attached to a button or hook fixed under the lapel 3 inches from the base of the lapel. The braid strap connecting the cords is attached to a small button beneath and at the base of the shoulder-cord or shoulder-strap. No other accoutrement (e.g. sash or belt) is to be worn over aiguiettes and no part of an aiguiette is to hang below the wearer's waist.

c. The standard patterns of aiguiettes are as follows:

Aiguiettes No 1 (Palace type) 14in gold wire cord, gilt metal tags at ends of plaits; plaits; and cords, front and back, are joined together by a short gold braid strap in which is worked a buttonhole; worn on right shoulder.

Female officers wear No 1 "Palace" type, Gold, Light.

Aiguiettes No 2 (Board type) 14in gold and crimson orris basket cord, plait and cord with cord loop front and back, plaits ending in plain gilt metal tags; plaits and cords, front and back, are joined by short gold cloth strap in which is worked a buttonhole; worn on the right shoulder.

Female officers wear the same as male officers.

Aiguiettes No 3 (Staff type) Design as for Aiguiettes No 2 but worn on left shoulder.

Female officers wear the same as male officers.

d. Certain appointments wear the Royal Cipher (EiiR) on each of the metal tags of Aiguiettes No 1. These appointments are listed at Part 10 of these Regulations.

e. Aiguiettes are only worn in the following Orders of Dress:

- i) Full Dress
- ii) Frockcoat
- iii) No 1 and 3 Dress
- iv) No 2 and 4 Dress
- v) No 10 and 11 Dress

02.116. Ciphers.

a. **Royal Cipher.** The Royal Cipher (EiiR with crown above) is worn below badges of rank by officers holding Personal appointments to the Sovereign, and certain other military appointments. Officers and appointments entitled to wear the Royal Cipher on shoulder boards are listed in Part 10 of these Regulations. Details of the form of the cipher is described below:

Full Dress, No 1 & 3 Dress Ceremonial Dull silver metal 1¼” high x 1¼” wide

No 1 & 3 Dress non-Ceremonial, No 2
& 4 Dress, No 10 & 11 Dress
greatcoat/cloaks Gilt metal 1¼” high x 1¼” wide

Combat uniform Woven cloth 1¼” high x 1¼” wide on rank slide

No 13 and 14 Dress Small silver

Note that those officers who wear black badges of rank where a black Cipher (e.g. an ADC Gen who is a Rifle regiment Colonel when wearing the Rifle regiment uniform) though all officers in General Staff uniform wear either silver or gilt as described above. The illustration below shows the correct layout for a General. The crown above the EIIR is not to be omitted when worn on cloth rank slides.



b. **Other Ciphers.** All other members of the Royal Family also have ciphers which are worn by equerries, temporary equerries and ADCs when appointed. Typically these ciphers are the initial of the principle under a coronet. Details of the ciphers are available from the appropriate Private Office. Examples of ciphers are shown below



The Duke of Cambridge



Prince Harry



The Duke of York

SECTION 2 - ORDERS OF DRESS AND OCCASIONS WHEN WORN

INTRODUCTION

02.21. Scope. This chapter defines the authorised orders of dress to be worn by officers and soldiers of the Regular Army and Army Reserve.

ORDERS OF DRESS

02.22. Orders of Dress. Photographs of examples of the various orders of dress are at Annex A.

- a. Full Dress: Worn at public expense by Household Division, King's Troop RHA and other units detailed for Public Duties. It may also be worn, at unit or individual expense, by personnel from other regiments/corps when authorised for specific duties.
- b. Frock Coat: Worn by Lieutenant Generals and above, and Major Generals in certain appointments, for formal occasions when not on parade in command of troops. Frock coats are also worn as Undress by certain officers of the Household Division and King's Troop RHA, Directors of Music and Bandmasters.
- c. No.1 Dress: Worn by entitled personnel at COs' discretion. It is worn in Ceremonial or Non Ceremonial versions.
- d. No.2 Dress: Worn for formal parades, and for other duties at COs' discretion.
- e. No.3 Dress: Worn as Full Dress or as No.1 Dress (Ceremonial or Non Ceremonial) in tropical climates.
- f. No.4 Dress: Worn (by officers only) as for No.2 Dress in tropical climates, and elsewhere when authorised, if not on parade with troops.
- g. No.5 Dress. No longer worn
- h. No.6 Dress (Bush Jacket): Worn by officers and soldiers as parade dress in tropical climates in lieu of No.4 Dress.
- i. No.7 Dress: Warm weather Barrack Dress.
- j. No.8 Dress: Combat Dress.
- k. No.9 Dress: No longer worn
- l. No.10 Dress: Mess Dress for temperate climates. Worn for formal evening occasions in barracks, and elsewhere at COs' discretion.
- m. No.11 Dress: Mess Dress for tropical climates.
- n. No.12 Dress: Protective Clothing.
- o. No.13 Dress: Barrack Dress for temperate climates.
- p. No.14 Dress: Shirt Sleeve Order.

02.23. The occasions when these orders of dress are to be worn will normally be prescribed in unit SOPs, or laid down by formation HQs.

OFFICERS' CEREMONIAL DRESS TABLES.

02.24. Tables co-ordinating the uniform, accoutrements and insignia for officers of all Services attending Full Ceremonial, Ceremonial and Non-Ceremonial Joint Service occasions are at Annex B (temperate climates) and Annex C (tropical climates). The Service nominated to co-ordinate a Joint

Service event is responsible for deciding the appropriate level of Ceremonial and for notifying other participants of this and other details, including whether swords are to be worn.

02.25. Orders of dress for Army officers attending specified functions in an individual capacity are at Annex D.

02.26. Investitures. Dress regulations for Investitures are at Annex E to this section.

02.27. Funerals. Dress regulations for funerals including mourning and dressing of coffins is at Annex F to this section.

02.28. Commonwealth and Dependent Territories. In Commonwealth and dependent territories, instructions for dress at functions are to be issued by the local commander.

DETAILS OF THE AUTHORISED ORDERS OF DRESS

02.29. Full Dress. Details of Full Dress uniform for all ranks of respective Regiments, Corps and Bands, are given in the relevant Parts of these Regulations.

02.210. Frock Coat.

a. **General Officers:** see details in Part 4 – General Staff Regulations.

b. **Officers (including Directors of Music) of the Household Division:** see details in Part 3.

c. **Directors of Music and Bandmasters (except those of the Household Division and Royal Regiment of Scotland):**

i) Headdress: No.1 Dress peaked forage cap except for regiments/corps authorised to wear other forms of headdress in formal orders of dress. (See Part 9 for those authorised to wear the Glengarry, caubeen and beret.

ii) Coat. Double breasted with waist seam and sewn on lapel. Knee length. Inset sleeve with 4” cuff vent with 2 buttons. Six buttons down the front. Standard collar with detachable shoulder straps. Front buttonholes spaced equidistant with top buttonhole 1¼” down from top of lapel and the bottom buttonhole in the waist seam. The back skirt to be in 2 pieces and have self material slashes extending from the waist seam 10½” varying according to height. A pocket provided in the lining of each skirt at the back. The top of the pocket mouth to be approximately 3” down from the waist seam. The stand collar to be 1¼” maximum depth. Shoulder straps to be detachable, with buckram interlining, 2¼” wide at the base and 1¼” wide measured across the centre of the buttonhole. The rounded end to extend to a point ½” from the bottom edge of the collar. A black waist hook to be fitted in the waist seam on the left hand side. Buttons of authorised regimental pattern. Small shoulder strap buttons, large for front and back skirt.

iii) Shoulder Straps. Of same material as the coat. Edged with black braid for officers of RAC bands; plain cloth for other officers and all WO1s.

iv) Badges of rank. Officers of RAC bands: gold embroidery. Other officers: gilt metal. Bandmasters’ badges of rank and qualification as for No.1 Dress.

v) Medals. Ribbons only.

vi) Shirt. White, without collar.

vii) Trousers or overalls. (see Section 3). Blue, except in Regiments authorised to wear other colours. Stripes as laid down for individual regiments or Corps. Overalls are to be worn by all officers (except Parachute Regiment) and by bandmasters of certain other regiments and corps.

- viii) Boots. Wellington or George Boots. Spurs are worn all Field Officers (less Parachute Regiment) and also by Captains of mounted corps.
- ix) Waist Belt or Sash. As prescribed for Full Dress in the appropriate Part of these regulations. (DoMs and Bandmasters of Light Cavalry and Rifle regiments wear Lancer girdles and black leather waistbelts respectively). Shoulder-belts are never worn with the frock coat.
- x) Sword. Regimental/Corps pattern, as laid down in relevant Part. Gold lace or cord sword-knot (black leather in Rifle regiments). Plated steel scabbard, worn on sword-slings attached to the waistbelt or to a webbing belt worn under the waist sash.
- xi) Gloves. White leather or cotton (black for Rifle Regiments).
- xii) Aiguillette. Not worn.

02.211. No 1 Dress (except Household Division and Royal Regiment of Scotland for which see Parts 3 and 4 respectively of Dress Regulations).

a. **Ceremonial:**

- i) Headdress: No.1 Dress peaked forage cap except for regiments/corps authorised to wear other forms of headdress in formal orders of dress. (See Part 9 for those authorised to wear the Glengarry, caubeen and beret)
- ii) Jacket: Blue (green for RIFLES and R Irish), as described in Section 3 with regimental/corps collar-badges, shoulder-titles and buttons as authorised. Other honorary distinctions to which units are entitled are listed in Parts 4 and Part 9 of these Regulations. Tactical Recognition Badges and Formation Badges are not to be worn but appropriate qualification badges are to be worn by entitled individuals. Officers are to wear stiff white collar the top of which is visible above the jacket collar. The female jacket is of similar style to the male jacket less breast pockets except female cadets at RMAS who wear open neck jacket.
- iii) Shoulder Straps. **Officers:** Gold or silver shoulder-cords (see Section 3), according to button colour (shoulder-chains for Line Cavalry, black plaited shoulder-cords for RIFLES, green cords for R Irish). **Soldiers** Of same material as the jacket, edged with piping of the approved facing or other colour (shoulder-chains for Line Cavalry).
- iv) Medals. Full size Orders, Decorations and medals are to be worn. (See Part 13 for the maximum number that may be worn)
- v) Shirt: White, without collar.
- vi) Trousers or overalls. (see Section 3). Blue, except in Regiments authorised to wear other colours. Stripes as laid down for individual regiments or Corps. Females to wear plain blue skirt of same material worn to hang just above the knee.
- vii) Pantaloon. Blue cloth pantaloons are worn when mounted in No 1 Dress by mounted corps officers and soldiers. They should be cut loose at in the thigh but tight at the knee with buckskin or cloth strapping at the knee. Striping down outside of legs to be same as that on No 1 Dress overalls.
- viii) Boots. **Officers:** Wellington or George Boots. **Soldiers** Ammunition Boots, black boots (if issued) or shoes, or George Boots if authorised. Black socks are to be worn with shoes and George Boots.

- ix) Spurs. If entitled to be worn, spurs are to be plated steel swan-necked box-spurs. Entitlements are found in individual corps and regimental dress regulations in Parts 3 and 4.
- x) Waist Sash. As described in Section 3. Not worn by officers of Line Cavalry, RHA, Rifle Regiments and RAVC. Waist sashes are not to be worn with a shoulder-belt
- xi) Shoulder Sash. (WOs, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants in Infantry regiments and those Corps with Infantry traditions): Crimson for WOs, scarlet for SNCOs, worn over the right shoulder.
- xii) Belt. **Officers:** Shoulder-belt of authorised Full Dress pattern for officers who do not wear a waist sash. **Soldiers** White buff leather or plastic shoulder-belt, or waist-belt of buff leather, plastic or webbing. (Black belts for Rifle Regiments, RTR and Royal Signals). Details of belts for individual regiments/corps are contained in the Parts 3 and 4 of these Regulations.
- xiii) Sword. Universal Pattern or Regimental/Corps pattern, as laid down in relevant Part. Gold lace or cord sword-knot (black leather in Rifle regiments) and plated steel scabbard. Carried on gold laced sword-slings (black leather/plastic for Rifle regiments) attached to a concealed webbing waist-belt.
- xiv) Gloves. White leather or cotton (black for Rifle Regiments)
- xv) Greatcoat or Cloak (if ordered to be worn). Grey greatcoat or blue cloak for Line Cavalry and Mounted Corps. Details of the greatcoat and cloak is in Section 3.
- xvi) Aiguillettes. Worn by entitled officers.
- xvii) Female Dress. The female dress mirrors that of the male dress with the exception of a skirt to match the female-style jacket, black stockings or tights and black service shoes. Trousers may be worn by female musicians or for certain ceremonial occasions.

b. Non-Ceremonial

- i) Line Cavalry and Rifle Regiments: As for No.1 Dress (Ceremonial) but with medal ribbons only. Note that. aigillettes are to be worn by those entitled officers
- ii) Other Regiments/Corps: As for No.1 Dress (Ceremonial), with the following exceptions:
 - (1) Shoulder-straps (Officers): Plain, of same material as jacket. Badges of rank in metal of same colour as the buttons
 - (2) Medals: Ribbons only
 - (3) Belt. **Officers:** Sam Browne (a cloth waistbelt may be worn on informal occasions).
 - (4) Sword (if ordered to be worn). Leather sword-knot, sword-frog and scabbard.
 - (5) Gloves: **Officers:** leather (brown or black). **Soldiers** No gloves.
 - (6) Aiguillettes: Aiguillettes are to be worn by those entitled officers.
- iii) Female Dress. The female dress mirrors that of the male dress with the exception of a skirt to match the jacket, black stockings or tights and black service shoes.

02.212. No. 2 Dress Temperate Parade Dress (except Household Division and RRS, for which details are contained in Parts 3 and 4 of these Regulations). All ranks:

a. **On Ceremonial parades and other formal occasions:**

- i) Headdress: No.1 Dress peaked forage cap except for regiments/corps authorised to wear other forms of headdress in formal orders of dress. (See Part 9 for those authorised to wear the glengarry, caubeen and beret).
- ii) Tunic: Khaki, issue pattern for all ranks, with regimental/corps collar-badges, shoulder-titles and buttons as authorised. Other honorary distinctions to which units are entitled are listed in Parts 4 and Part 9 of these Regulations. Tactical Recognition Badges and Formation Badges are not to be worn but appropriate qualification badges are to be worn by entitled individuals as detailed in Part 9 of these Regulations.
- iii) Medals: Orders, Decorations and medals as entitled (See Part 13 of these Regulations for the maximum number that may be worn).
- iv) Shirt and Tie: **Officers and soldiers:** Issue pattern for both officers and soldiers though officers in some regiments and corps are authorised to wear regimental pattern shirt and tie – see Part 4 of of these Regulations.
- v) Trousers (or skirt for female officers and servicewomen). Khaki, to match the tunic, except in regiments for which crimson or green trousers/skirts are authorised. Kilts are worn by some Scottish units.
- vi) Footwear. **Male Officers:** Brown leather shoes with toecaps or black leather shoes in regiments/Corps authorised to wear black leather accoutrements. Note that some regiments/corps are authorised half brogue shoes. **Female Officers and Servicewomen:** Gibson pattern shoes. **Male soldiers:** Black shoes. Note that while WOs1 in some regiments and corps are authorised to wear officer's style uniform, these are not issued at public expense.
- vii) Belt: **Officers:** Sam Browne or leather shoulder-belt. **Soldiers** White buff, plastic or webbing, with bayonet frog if ordered (for details of belts worn by soldiers of individual regiments/corps, see relevant Part 4 of these regulations). WOs2 in Infantry regiments and those Corps with Infantry traditions may wear a brown (or black) leather sword belt when on parade in No 2 Dress. The clasp is to be the General Service pattern.
- viii) Shoulder Sash (WOs, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants in Infantry regiments and those Corps with Infantry traditions): Crimson for WOs, scarlet for SNCOs, worn over the right shoulder.
- ix) Sword (if ordered to be worn): Leather sword-knot, sword-frog and scabbard. In regiments/corps whose officers are authorised to wear shoulder-belts, the sword, if ordered, is carried on leather sword-slings attached to a webbing belt under the tunic.
- x) Gloves: **Officers:** Leather. Soldiers (if ordered): Khaki wool.
- xi) Greatcoat. The British Warm is currently the only authorised overcoat for officers. There is no coat currently available on issue for offices or soldiers although a few previously issued khaki greatcoats are in use and may be worn if available by both officers and soldiers.
- xii) Cane or Whip (if carried): Regimental pattern.
- xiii) Lanyard: By regimental custom.

xiv) Aiguillette: Worn by entitled officers.

xv) Female Dress. The female dress mirrors that of the male dress with the exception of the cap and a skirt to match the jacket, flesh coloured stockings or tights and brown service shoes if on parade with troops otherwise brown court shoes.

b. **Non-Ceremonial:** Worn when ordered. As for ceremonial less stars, neck decorations and medals. Soldiers may wear the khaki cloth belt in place of the parade belt.

c. **Undress.** When not on parade with troops, and on informal or social occasions, No. 2 Dress may be worn as follows:

i) Headdress. **Officers and Warrant Officers:** For those regiments and corps authorised to wear peaked caps, the khaki peaked Service Dress cap may be worn on appropriate occasions in place of the forage cap but the khaki peaked Service Dress cap is not to be worn with medals, Sam Browne or leather shoulder-belt. Alternatively, a side cap may be worn at COs' discretion. **Soldiers** As for formal occasions. A beret may be worn at COs' discretion for specific duties.

ii) Medals. Ribbons only. No neck decorations

iii) Footwear. As for ceremonial occasions though female officers may wear brown court shoes.

iv) Belts. **Officers:** Cloth belt of same material as tunic or no belt. **Soldiers:** Cloth belt of same material as tunic.

v) Gloves: not worn.

vi) Cane or whip (Officers): Regimental pattern.

vii) Aiguillettes: Worn by entitled officers.

02.213. No. 3 Dress. As for Full Dress or No.1 Dress in tropical climates. All ranks.

a. **Ceremonial:**

i) Jacket. Pattern as for No 1 Dress, but in lightweight white material with regimental/corps detachable collar-badges, shoulder-titles and buttons as authorised. Other honorary distinctions to which units are entitled are listed in Parts 4 and Part 9 of these Regulations. Tactical Recognition Badges and Formation Badges are not to be worn but appropriate qualification badges are to be worn by entitled individuals.

ii) Trousers/Overalls. As for No 1 Dress.

iii) Shoulder-cords/shoulder-chains, medals, belts, sashes and all other items as for No 1 Dress (Ceremonial).

iv) Aiguillettes: Worn by entitled officers.

b. **Non-Ceremonial:**

i) Jacket. Pattern as for No 3 Dress above, with plain shoulder-straps of white material (shoulder-chains for Line Cavalry).

ii) Trousers/Overalls. As for No 1 Dress.

iii) Shoulder-cords/shoulder-chains, medals, belts, sashes and all other items as for No 1 Dress (non-Ceremonial).

iv) Aiguillettes: Worn by entitled officers.

02.214. No. 4 Dress. Tropical Service Dress, for officers only.

a. Jacket and trousers (skirt for female officers): Pattern as for No.2 Dress but of stone coloured lightweight material with regimental/corps detachable collar-badges, shoulder-titles and buttons as authorised. Other honorary distinctions to which units are entitled are listed in Parts 4 and Part 9 of these Regulations. Tactical Recognition Badges and Formation Badges are not to be worn but appropriate qualification badges are to be worn by entitled individuals.

b. Other items: Headdress, medals, belts, sword and gloves: As for No.2 Dress for both formal and informal occasions.

c. Aiguillettes: As for No. 2 Dress.

d. Female Dress. The female dress mirrors that of the male dress with the exception of a skirt to match the jacket, flesh coloured stockings or tights and brown service shoes or court shoes.

02.215. Intentionally blank.

02.216. No. 6 Dress. Bush Jacket. All ranks:

a. Headdress. Peaked forage-cap or other authorised headdress

b. Jacket: Issue Bush Jacket with regimental/corps detachable collar-badges, shoulder-titles and buttons as authorised. Other honorary distinctions to which units are entitled are listed in Parts 4 and Part 9 of these Regulations. Tactical Recognition Badges and Formation Badges are not to be worn but appropriate qualification badges are to be worn by entitled individuals.

c. Trousers/skirt: As issued, or local manufacture as authorised by COs.

d. Shirt (if ordered to be worn): Issue pattern.

e. Other items as in No 2 Dress. Aiguillettes will be worn by entitled officers if wearing No. 6 Dress in lieu of No. 4 Dress on a formal occasion.

02.217. No. 7 Dress. Warm Weather Barrack Dress.

a. Headdress. Officers and Warrant Officers: Khaki peaked cap or side cap (caubeen for R Irish), or beret/bonnet for regiments/corps for which this is the only headdress authorised. **Soldiers** Beret or optional side cap (or caubeen for R.Irish).

b. **Shirt. Officers:** Tropical issue shirt, or regimental pattern as for Shirt Sleeve Order (No 14 Dress), with badges of rank and shoulder-titles in cloth or metal, attached direct to the shoulder-strap or on a slide, according to regimental practice. **Soldiers** as issued. Method of attachment of badges of rank according to regimental practice.

c. Trousers. **Officers:** Tropical issue, or other material as authorised, at COs' discretion. **Soldiers** as issued. Both officers and soldiers may wear No 4 or No 6 Dress trousers/skirts at COs' discretion.

d. Footwear. **Officers:** leather shoes, jodhpur boots or chukka boots according to regimental custom. **Soldiers** black shoes.

- e. Belt: Regimental/Corps stable-belt, or green nylon working belt.
- f. Lanyard: By regimental/Corps custom.
- g. Aiguillettes. Not worn.
- h. Female Dress. As for male dress with the exception of skirt and brown service or court shoes.

02.218. No. 8 Dress/Combat Dress. As issued according to climate and environment. Badges of rank embroidered on slides of same material as jacket/shirt. Regimental rank slides may be worn on olive green material at personal expense but not in operational situations. TRFs, Formation Badges and certain qualification badges are worn on sleeves. Beret or other authorised regimental headdress may be worn in place of helmet at COs' discretion. Officers may wear regimental shirts, Jersey Heavy Wool and stable belts with combat trousers in appropriate situations according to regimental custom at COs' discretion.

02.219. Intentionally blank.

02.220. No. 10 Dress. Mess Dress for temperate climate. Officers, WOs and SNCOs.

- a. Headdress (if ordered to be worn out of doors): As for No 1 Dress on formal occasions, or side cap.
- b. Jacket and waistcoat: Of authorised regimental or Corps pattern (see Part 4 of these Regulations for details).
- c. Cummerbund (for WOs and NCOs only, if authorised by regimental/Corps custom): Regimental pattern.
- d. Medals. Orders, Decorations and medals are worn in miniature as detailed in Part 13. On certain occasions neck-badges and breast-stars of Orders are also worn.
- e. Shirt. **Officers:** Stiff shirt and wing collar if wearing bow tie and mess jacket with roll collar on Full Ceremonial Evening occasions, and when civilians are wearing white tie and tails. Stiff shirt and wing collar may also (unless otherwise ordered) be worn on Ceremonial Evening occasions (See Annex B). White Marcella shirt, with option of attached wing collar, if wearing a bow tie on non-ceremonial occasions. **WOs and SNCOs:** White cotton shirt (with optional wing collar) if wearing a bow tie.
- f. Bow Tie (if worn). Black silk.
- g. Trousers/Skirt:
 - i) **Male Officers:** Trousers or overalls.
 - ii) **Male WOs and Sergeants:** As for No.1 Dress. Overalls are authorised for WOIs of Mounted Corps, and may optionally be worn by WO2s/SNCOs of Line Cavalry and certain other Corps, at private expense.
 - iii) **Female Officers, WOs and SNCOs:** Long skirt of same colour as male trousers, no striping.
 - iv) Boots.
 - (1) **Male Officers:** Wellington or George boots.
 - (2) **Male WOs and SNCOs:** Wellington or George boots if wearing overalls. George boots or black shoes may be worn with trousers if authorised by regimental custom.
 - (3) **Female Officers, WOs and SNCOs:** Black court shoes.

- v) Spurs: Spurs if entitled to be worn will be plated steel swan-necked box spurs (see Part 4 for details of regiments in which straight-necked spurs are worn in Mess Dress). Spurs are under no circumstances to be worn with trousers.
- vi) Aiguillettes. Aiguillettes are worn on full ceremonial and ceremonial occasions (but not non-ceremonial) by officers entitled to do so.

02.221. No. 11 Dress. Mess Dress for tropical climates. Officers, WOs and SNCOs:

- a. Jacket. White lightweight material, with roll collar and shoulder-straps of the same material, or authorised regimental or Corps pattern as described in the appropriate Part of these Regulations.
- b. Waistcoat. Not worn.
- c. Cumberbund. Regimental/Corps pattern.
- d. Shirt. White cotton or Marcella
- e. Overalls/Trousers/Skirt: As for No.10 Dress.
- f. Medals: As for No.10 Dress.
- g. Other items as for No.10 Dress.

02.222. No. 12 Dress. Protective Clothing.

- a. Headdress: Beret/TOS, or other headdress at COs' discretion.
- b. Shirt, coveralls, boots, belt. As issued.
- c. Badges of Rank: In worsted material or embroidery, worn on slides.
- d. Regimental distinctions, TRFs, Formation Badges and qualification badges are not worn.

02.223. No. 13 Dress. Temperate Barrack Dress.

- a. Headdress. **Officers and Warrant Officers:** Khaki peaked cap or side cap (or other authorised headdress – caubeen/beret/TOS). **Soldiers** Beret (though some regiments/corps authorise WOs to wear same as officers). On certain occasions and for duty personnel, soldiers may wear No 1 Dress Cap
- b. Pullover. **Officers, WOs and SNCOs:** issue jersey or regimental pullover, with shoulder-straps. **Soldiers** Issue jersey.
- c. Badges of rank. **Officers:** Cloth or metal, worn on slides or attached direct to shoulder-straps according to regimental practice. **Warrant Officers and NCOs:** cloth chevrons and/or badges attached to right sleeve. In some regiments/corps, badges of rank maybe worn on leather wriststraps.
- d. Medals: No medals or ribbons worn.
- e. Shirt and Tie. **Officers:** Regimental/Corps pattern or as issued, as for shirt sleeve order. **Soldiers** As issued.
- f. Trousers: **All ranks male and female:** Barrack Dress issue.
- g. Footwear: **Officers:** Shoes or jodhpur boots. **Soldiers** shoes as issued.

- h. Belt: Working belt or stable-belt, worn over or under jersey according to regimental custom.
- i. Aiguillettes: Not worn.
- j. Female Dress. The female dress mirrors that of the male dress with the exception of a skirt or slacks and brown service or court shoes.

02.224. No. 14 Dress Shirt Sleeve Order.

- a. As for No 13 Dress without jersey.
- b. Shirt: **Officers:** Regimental/corps pattern, or as issued, with breast-pockets and shoulder-straps, full length sleeves rolled above the elbow. **Soldiers** as issued.
- c. Badges of rank. **Officers:** Metal or cloth, worn on slides or attached direct to shoulder-straps according to regimental custom. **Warrant Officers:** In metal, to correspond to the official button colour of the unit, on leather strap on right wrist. **NCOs:** Metal or cloth, method of attachment according to regimental/corps practice.
- d. Lanyard: By regimental/Corps custom.
- e. Aiguillettes: Not worn.
- f. Female Dress. The female dress mirrors that of the male dress with the exception of a skirt or slacks and brown service or court shoes.

02.225. RSMs/WO1s. While WO1s are authorised to wear the officers' style No1/3, No 2/4 and No 10/11 Dress including appropriate accoutrements and embellishments, it is a matter for individual regiments and corps if they wish to authorised their own RSMs and/or WO1s to wear these uniforms or to remain with the soldiers' style. No such officers style uniforms, accoutrements or embellishments are to be provided at public expense.

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ANNEX A TO SECTION 2 PART 2 - PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATES OF UNIFORM IN WEAR

1. This Annex comprises a series of photographic plates showing officers correctly dressed in the required orders of dress other than combat dress.

2. Photographic plates are shown as follows:

- Plate 1 - Frockcoat (ceremonial order) worn by Lt Gen and above.
- Plate 2 - No 1 Dress (ceremonial) as worn by general officers.
- Plate 3 - No 1 Dress (ceremonial) for military attache as worn by a Colonel.
- Plate 4 - No 1 Dress (non-ceremonial) as worn by a Colonel.
- Plate 5 - No 1 Dress (ceremonial) as worn by a Colonel.
- Plate 6 - No 2 Dress (service dress non-ceremonial) as worn by a Colonel.
- Plate 7 - No 2 Dress (service dress ceremonial) as worn by a Colonel.
- Plate 8 - No 3 Dress (ceremonial) as worn by a Colonel.
- Plate 9 - No 3 Dress (non-ceremonial as worn by a Colonel).
- Plate 10 - No 4 Dress (warm weather parade uniform - Service dress pattern) as worn by a Colonel.
- Plate 11 - No 6 Dress (warm weather parade uniform - bush jacket pattern) as worn by a Major.
- Plate 12 - No 10 Dress (temperate mess dress) as worn by a Colonel.
- Plate 13 - No 11 Dress (warm weather mess dress) as worn by a Colonel.
- Plate 14 - Atholl grey greatcoat (ceremonial) as worn by general officers.
- Plate 15 - British Warm coat (ceremonial) as worn by a Colonel.
 - Khaki greatcoat (ceremonial) as worn by a Major.
- Plate 16
- Plate 17 - Mackintosh.

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Plate 1

Frockcoat (Full Ceremonial order) worn by lieutenant general and above worn with the Collar of the GCB



Plate 2
No 1 Dress (ceremonial) as worn by general
officers



Plate 3
No 1 Dress (ceremonial) for military attache as
worn by a colonel



Plate 4
No 1 Dress (non-ceremonial) as worn by a
colonel

Plate 5
No 1 Dress (ceremonial) as worn by a colonel



Plate 6
No 2 dress(service dress – non-ceremonial) as worn by a colonel



Plate 7
No 2 Dress (service dress - ceremonial) as worn by a colonel



Plate 8
No 3 dress (ceremonial) as worn by a colonel

Plate 9
No 3 dress (non-ceremonial) as worn by a colonel

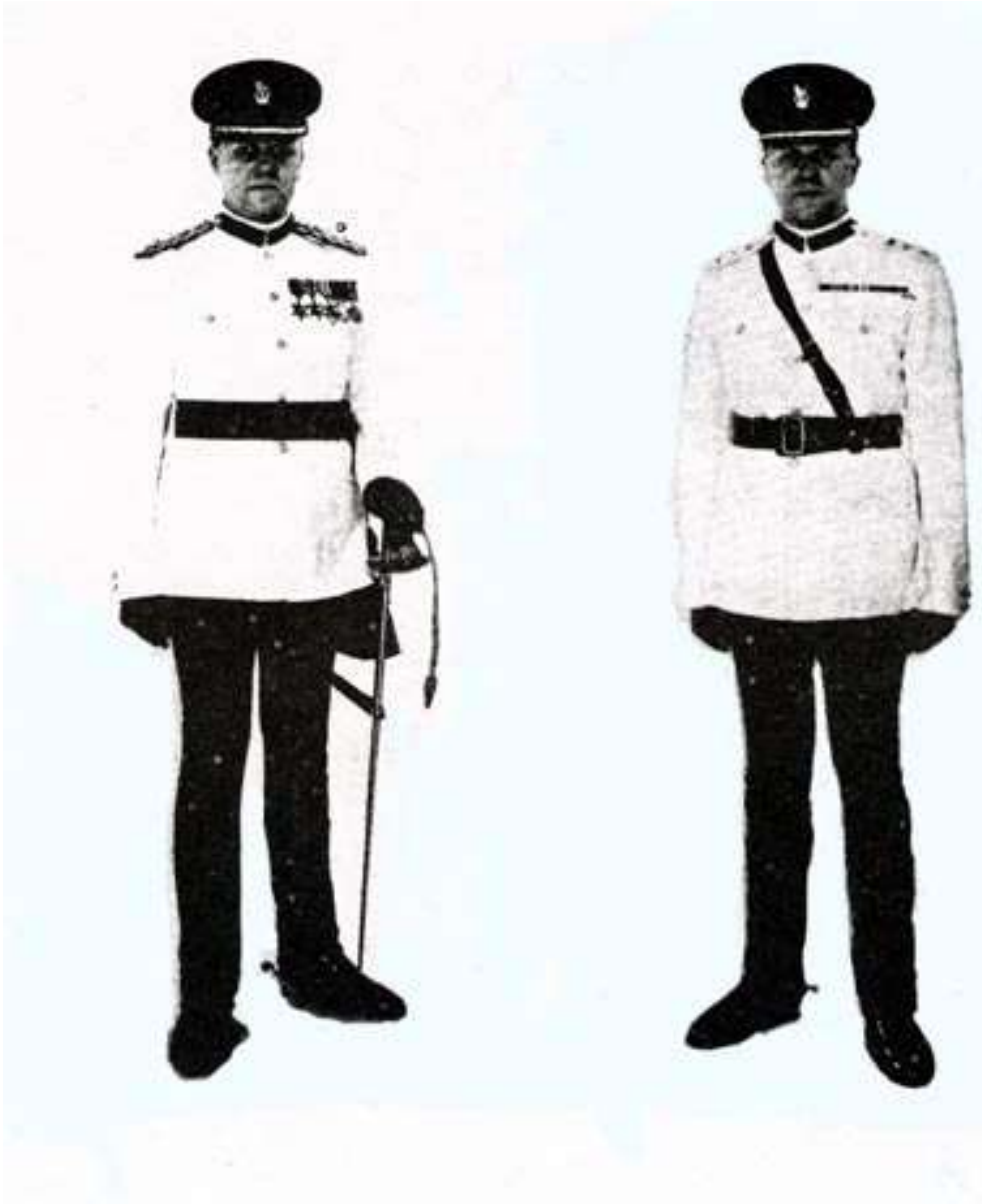


Plate 10
No 4 Dress(warm weather parade uniform -
(service dress pattern) as worn by a colonel



Plate 11
No 6 dress (Warm weather parade uniform -
bush jacket type) as worn by a major



Plate 12
No 10 Dress (temperate mess dress) as worn by a
colonel



Plate 13
No 11 Dress (warm weather mess dress) as worn
by a colonel



Plate 14
Atholl grey greatcoat (ceremonial) as worn by
general officers



Plate 15
British warm coat (ceremonial) as worn by a
colonel

Plate 16
Khaki greatcoat (ceremonial) as worn by a major

Plate 17
Mackintosh



**ANNEX B TO SECTION 2 PART 2 - DRESS TABLE FOR JOINT SERVICE OCCASIONS
- TEMPERATE AREAS**

Serial and Tri-Svc Dress Description	Accessories	RN	RM	Army (Note 1)			RAF
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1. Full ceremonial day		No 1A Full Dress Or CDC (Note 8)	No 1A Full Dress	General Officer Frockcoat	No 1 Dress with Ceremonial Accoutrements	No 2 Dress with leather	No 1A SD (Note 2) or No 1 SD
	Broad riband/collar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Stars of Orders maximum (Notes 3, 4)	4	4	4	4	2	4
	Neck decorations (Note 5)	2	2	2	2	2	2
	Medals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Swords (Note 6)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2. Ceremonial day.		No 1A Blue Dress	No 1A Blue Dress or No 1B Lovat Dress	General Officer Frockcoat	No 1 Dress with Ceremonial Accoutrements	No 2 Dress with leather	No 1A SD (Note 2) or No 1 SD
	Broad riband/collar	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Stars of Orders maximum (Note 3)	2	2	2	2	2	2
	Neck decorations (Note 5)	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Medals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Swords (Note 6)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3. Non-ceremonial day.		No 1C UnDress	No 1A Blue Dress or No 1C Lovat Dress	Frockcoat	No 1 Dress with plain shoulder boards, no waist sash but leather.	No 2 Dress with leather	No 1 SD
	Broad riband/collar	No	No	No	No	No	No

Serial and Tri-Svc Dress Description	Accessories	RN	RM	Army (Note 1)			RAF
	Stars of Orders maximum	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Neck decorations	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Medals	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Swords (Note 6)	No	No	No	No	No	No
4. Full ceremonial evening		No 2A formal evening Dress	No 2A formal evening Dress	No 10 Dress with stiff shirt			No 5A Mess Dress (home), wing collar, white bow tie.
	Broad riband	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes
	Stars of Orders maximum (Note 3)	4	4	4			4
	Neck decorations (Note 5)	1	1	1 (Note 7)			1
	Miniature medals	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes
			No 2A formal evening Dress	No 2A formal evening Dress	No 10 Dress with stiff shirt or soft shirt		
5. Ceremonial evening	Broad riband/collar	No	No	No			No
	Stars of Orders maximum (Note 3)	2	2	2			2
	Neck decorations (Note 5)	1	1	1 (Note 7)			1
	Miniature medals	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes
			No 2B Evening Undress	No 2B Evening Undress	No 10 Dress with stiff shirt or soft shirt		
6. Non-Ceremonial evening		No 2B Evening Undress	No 2B Evening Undress	No 10 Dress with stiff shirt or soft shirt			No 5B Mess Dress (blue waistcoat)

Serial and Tri-Svc Dress Description	Accessories	RN	RM	Army (Note 1)	RAF
	Broad ribband/collar	No	No	No	No
	Stars of Orders maximum (Note 3)	No	No	No	No
	Neck decorations (Note 5)	No	No	No	No
	Miniature medals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Notes:

1. Column (e) refers to those officers entitled to wear General Officer Frockcoats. Column (f) refers to those officers entitled to wear Ceremonial Accoutrements. Column (g) refers to those officers not so entitled in columns (e) and (f). Leather refers to Sam Browne or Cross belts and may be worn according to regimental Dress code.
2. AVMs and above.
3. May include one foreign star on appropriate occasions.
4. Two stars only when leather is worn.
5. May include one foreign neck decoration on appropriate occasions. It should be noted that a 3rd neck decoration may be worn in Full Ceremonial Day but only at single Service occasions.
6. Unless otherwise ordered. Swords with Frockcoat: sword belt and slings are to be worn outside the frockcoat under the waist sash; when sword not worn, sword belt and slings are not worn either. The sword is never to be hooked up on the sword belt. When the wearing of a sword in a car or at an outdoor ceremonial function is likely to be an encumbrance, permission to omit the sword may be issued by the Service co-ordinating the occasion. Swords are not worn by the 3 Services' Nursing officers.
7. Female officers should wear insignia of neck decoration on bow on left shoulder if Mess Dress uniform does not allow the wearing of neck decorations.
8. CDC is the Naval Ceremonial Day Coat. Those entitled to wear it are 1SL, Defence Services Secretary and Admirals in the Royal Household. Note that sword belt and slings are always worn whether a sword is worn or not.

ANNEX C TO PART 2 - DRESS TABLE FOR JOINT SERVICE OCCASIONS - WARM WEATHER AREAS

Dress	Accessories	RN	RM		Army			RAF	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
1. Full ceremonial day		No 1AW white full Dress	No 1W Dress ceremonial accoutrements	No 1BW Dress with Sam Browne	No 3 Dress with ceremonial accoutrements	No 4 Dress with leather (Officers only)	No 6 Dress (ORs only)	No 6A ceremonial Dress (Note 3)	No 6 service Dress
	Broad ribband/collar	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
	Stars of Order maximum (Note2)	4	4	2	4	2	No	4	4
	Neck decorations (Note 5)	2	2	2	2	2	No	2	2
	Medals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Swords (Note 6)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2. Ceremonial day.		No 1AW white Dress	No 1AW Dress ceremonial accoutrements	No 1BW Dress with Sam Browne	No 3 Dress with ceremonial accoutrements	No 4 Dress with leather	No 6 Dress with leather	No 6 service Dress	No 6 service Dress
	Broad ribband/collar	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Stars of Order maximum (Note 2)	2	2	2	2	2	No	2	2
	Neck decorations (Note 5)	1	1	1	1	1	No	1	No
	Medals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Swords (Note 6)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3 Non-ceremonial day		No 1CW white undress	No 1BW Dress (Sam Browne or cloth belt)	No 1CW Dress (Sam Browne or cloth belt)	No 3 Dress (leather or cloth belt) plain shoulder boards	No 4 Dress (leather or cloth belt)	No 6 Dress (leather or cloth belt)	No 6 parade Dress	
	Broad ribband/collar	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	

Dress	Accessories	RN	RM		Army			RAF	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
	Stars of Orders	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	Neck decorations (Note 5)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	Medals	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	Swords	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
4 Full ceremonial evening		No 2AW white Dress	No 2AW white Dress		No 11 Mess Dress with stiff shirt			No 8 Mess Dress	
	Broad ribband/ collar	Yes	Yes		Yes			Yes	
	Stars of Order maximum (Note2)	4	4		4			4	
	Neck decorations (Note 5)	1	1		1 (Note 7)			1	
	Miniature medals	Yes	Yes		Yes			Yes	
5 Ceremonial evening		No 2AW Mess Dress with stiff or soft shirt	No 2AW Mess Dress with stiff or soft shirt		No 11 Dress with stiff or soft shirt			No 8 Mess Dress	
	Broad ribband/ collar	No	No		No			No	
	Stars of Order maximum (Note 2)	2	2		2			No	
	Neck decorations (Note 5)	1	1		1 (Note 7)			1 (Note 8)	
	Miniature medals	Yes	Yes		Yes			Yes	
6 Non Ceremonial evening		No 2bW evening Dress	No 2bW soft shirt may be worn		No 11 Dress with soft shirt according to regimental custom			No 8 Mess Dress	No 8A Mess Dress Red Sea (Note 4)

Dress	Accessories	RN	RM		Army			RAF	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
	Broad ribband/ collar	No	No	No	No			No	No
	Stars of Order maximum (Note 2)	No	No	No	No			No	No
	Neck decorations (Note 5)	No	No	No	No			No	No
	Miniature medals	Yes	No		Yes			Yes	No

Notes:

1. Unless otherwise stated.
2. May include one foreign star on appropriate occasions.
3. Officer appointed to senior prestige and representational posts, air advisor (irrespective of rank).
4. Intentional deletion.
5. May include one foreign neck decoration on appropriate occasions. It should be noted that a 3rd neck decoration may be worn in Full ceremonial Day but only at single Service occasions.
6. Worn by Flag Officers and certain staff, Royal Yacht, COs and XO's of major war ships, Naval advisors and attaches, certain RN staff overseas e.g, Washington, Ottawa and Canberra, equerries and officers on exchange appointments where necessary.
7. Female officers should wear insignia of neck decoration on bow on left shoulder if Mess Dress uniform does not allow the wearing of neck decorations.

ANNEX D TO SECTION 2 PART 2 - GUIDE TO THE CORRECT ORDER OF DRESS FOR VARIOUS FORMAL AND INFORMAL EVENTS

Serial	Event	Officer concerned	Dress	Remarks
1	Royal review and parades or Royal visits of a primarily civilian nature	Official Guests	Full ceremonial day or ceremonial day as ordered	
		Spectators	Plain clothes or non-ceremonial day	
2	Investitures	Those being invested	Ceremonial day less insignia of Orders, decorations and medals.	See Annex E of this Section for full details.
		Spectators	Non-ceremonial day or plain clothes	As above
3	Audiences with the Sovereign	Those attending Service audience with the Sovereign	Ceremonial day less insignia of Orders, decorations and medals. day	
4	Court balls; Royal evening receptions; important public banquets, dinners and balls	All attending	Full ceremonial evening	
5	Royal garden parties	All attending	Morning Dress, suit or non-ceremonial day	Or as instructed No 2 Dress (non-ceremonial)
6	Official visits of foreign royalty or heads of state; ceremonial parades	Inspecting officers and those in attendance	Full ceremonial day	
		Spectators	Non-ceremonial day or plain clothes	Or as instructed
7	State and Royal, Service funerals or associated memorial services held on the same day	Pall bearers and those attending in an official or representative capacity	Full ceremonial day, unless otherwise ordered	In addition crepe arm band 3¼in wide is to be worn on the left arm, above elbow
8	Remembrance Sunday (Note 1)	Those attending in an official or representative capacity	Full ceremonial day	See note 1 below
9	Memorial services not held on the day of the funeral	Those attending in an official or representative capacity	Non-ceremonial day (as ordered)	

10	Church parades and services	Those attending in an official or representative capacity	Full ceremonial day or ceremonial day (as ordered)	Swords for those taking part in ceremonies before, during or after the service. Others-no swords
11	Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall	Guests and spectators	Plain clothes	Full size medals. No stars or orders, one neck decoration
12	Inter-Service parades	Official party	Ceremonial day	
		Spectators	Non-ceremonial day or plain clothes (as ordered)	
13	Military tattoos, etc	Officers taking the salute:		
		Day	Full ceremonial or non-ceremonial day	At the discretion of the officer taking the salute
		Evening	Full ceremonial or non-ceremonial evening	
		Spectators in the Royal Box:	Full ceremonial or non-ceremonial day/evening	Service spectators may be invited by the officer taking the salute to wear plain clothes
		Other spectators day/evening	Plain clothes or non-ceremonial day/evening	
14	Service weddings	Those taking part	Ceremonial, non-ceremonial day or plain clothes	Officiating chaplain if Army may wear same as order of Dress as groom.
		Guests	Non-ceremonial day or plain clothes	
15	Courts-martial	All	No 2 Dress (non-ceremonial)	No medals or Sam Browne

16	Attendance at civil court	Attending on behalf of accused	Plain clothes	Officers in the accused's chain of command may wear No 2 Dress (non-ceremonial) at discretion of CO.
		Attending as accused or witness	Plain clothes	
17	Ex-servicemen's parades or gatherings: Day	Officers taking the salute and serving officers attending in an official capacity	Ceremonial Day	
		Those on parade	Plain clothes	Full size (or miniature medals only after 6pm) No stars - 1 neck badge
		Spectators	Plain clothes	
	Evening	Those taking part and guests	Plain clothes	Dinner jackets or dark suits with miniatures
18	Farnborough Air Display	Spectators invited to the president's tent	Non-ceremonial day or plain clothes	
		Other spectators	Plain clothes or non-ceremonial day	
19	Reception parties	For VIPs on behalf of CDS, CNS,CGS or CAS	Non-ceremonial day	

Notes:

1. Troops parading for Remembrance Day services, with the exception of the Cenotaph Parade, will generally wear No 2 Dress (Ceremonial less swords). Officers attending in an official capacity will wear No 2 Dress with sword (unless otherwise ordered).
8. In warm weather areas equivalent warm weather Dress is worn on similar occasions as mentioned herein.
9. Atholl grey greatcoats are worn by officers both in and in support of the Household Division, and in bands, when appropriate.

ANNEX E TO SECTION 2 PART 2 - DRESS FOR INVESTITURES

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>OTHER RANKS</u>
RN	No 1C Dress	No 1C Dress
RM	No 1A Dress	No 1A Dress
Army – all ranks	No 1 or No 2 Dress Ceremonial less medals & swords	
RAF	No 1 SD	No 1 SD

Notes:

- The above also applies to Volunteer Reserve personnel.
- If entitled, senior Army officers may wear Frock Coat.
- RFA may wear RN equivalent or morning dress or lounge suit as convenient.
- Swords are not to be carried.
- The insignia of Orders, Decorations and Medals should be NOT to be worn (though recipients may wish to take these for post-Investiture photographs). Ribbons of Orders, Decorations and Medals INCLUDING that of the award to be received, are to be worn.
- Gloves should not be worn, male recipients are not to wear hats which are to be removed on entering the building. Neither hats nor gloves are carried forward during investiture.
- **Ladies should wear hats/caps throughout the investiture.**
- Uniform shoes, rather than boots, are preferred.
- Only Aiguillettes worn on the right shoulder are to be worn by those entitled to do so.

Retired Service personnel: Uniform may be worn if the award is in recognition of an aspect of the individual's military service and with the authority of single Service ceremonial branch. Alternatively, morning dress or dark lounge suit may be worn as convenient.

Guests: Gentlemen guests should wear morning dress or dark lounge suit as convenient. Ladies should wear day dress (preferably with a hat) or smart trouser suit. Guests serving in the Armed Forces or other uniformed organisations may wear non-ceremonial uniform applicable to rank, morning dress or dark lounge suit as convenient.

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO CHANGING ROOMS AVAILABLE.

Travel & Subsistence: Regulations concerning travel and subsistence costs for recipients and their guests are contained in JSP 752, Chapters 3 and 4.

Enquiries: Any enquiries regarding the above should be addressed to:

Royal Navy	Army	Royal Air Force
Naval Secretary (Honours & Awards) Navy Command Headquarters Leach Building (MP 3.1) Whale Island Portsmouth PO2 8BY Tel: BT: 02392 628675 MOD: 93832 8675 Fax: 02392 625100)	PS12(A) 6.C.15 Main Building Ministry of Defence Whitehall London SW1A 2HB Tel: BT 020 7218 6320 MOD: 9621 86320 Email: ArmyPersOps-PS12-CerAwd-SO2@mod.uk	Royal Air Force Ceremonial Bentley Priory Building RAF Northolt Ruislip Middlesex HA4 6NG Tel: BT 020 8833 8768 MOD: 95233 Ext 8768 Email: CER-SO1Cere@mod.uk

ANNEX F TO SECTION 2 PART 2 - DRESS FOR FUNERALS

1. **General.** Details of the form of Service funerals are contained in QRs Ch 8, Ceremonial for the Army and the Drill Manual. Serving personnel of all ranks are entitled to funeral at public expense provided that the troops involved are stationed within reasonable distance of the burial ground or crematorium. Funeral honours consist of some, or all, of the following:

- a. **Bearer Party.** A senior non-commissioned officer or warrant officer normally commands a bearer party. At the funeral of a General Officer who died whilst serving, the bearer party should be commanded by an officer and the coffin should be carried by warrant officers or non-commissioned officers. Officers are never to carry the coffin irrespective of the rank or status of the deceased. The bearer party and OIC bearer party should be dressed in Full Ceremonial Day but without headdress.
- b. **Pall Bearers.** At a funeral of a General Officer who died whilst serving, officers of the same rank as held by the deceased will support the pall. If a sufficient number of that rank cannot be obtained, then by such officers as the Service authorities may desire to invite. Pall Bearers are normally close family or friends of the deceased. Their role is entirely ceremonial and typically they flank the coffin as it is carried by the bearer party. Pall Bearers should be dressed in Full Ceremonial Day with headdress though this should be removed on entering any building.
- c. **Insignia Bearers.** Insignia bearers if appropriate follow the coffin immediately behind carrying any honours, decorations or medals. They are to be dressed in Full Ceremonial Day with headdress though this should be removed on entering any building.
- d. **Escort and Firing Party or Gun Salute.** Military funerals are to be saluted and escorts may be provided. The number of troops in attendance is to be determined by local Service authorities. Salutes of guns or small arms will be fired after the body has been laid to rest in the grave. At funerals in London of General Officers entitled to a salute of guns, the salute is, unless otherwise ordered, to be fired from the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Should a salute be fired at a Crematorium, then it is to be fired as the coffin enters the chapel. Where possible, if the deceased was a military officer, then the escort should be in accordance with the numbers in the table below.

Rank	Salute		Escort		
	Guns	Small Arms			
Field Marshal	19		As may be authorised by the Ministry of Defence.		
General	17		Not to exceed	1000	All Ranks
Lieutenant General	15		Not to exceed	875	All Ranks
Major General	13		Not to exceed	750	All Ranks
Brigadier		3	Not to exceed	600	All Ranks
Colonel		3	Not to exceed	500	All Ranks
Lieutenant Colonel		3	Not to exceed	150	All Ranks
Major		3	Not to exceed	100	All Ranks
Captain		3	Not to exceed	50	All Ranks

- e. **Musical Support.** This may be provided if resources permit.
 - f. **Minute Guns.** At the funeral of General Officer who died whilst serving, minute guns of the appropriate number may be fired at each minute during the period while the body is being borne to the burial ground. Minute guns are in addition to guns fired as a salute and the total number of minute guns so fired is not to exceed twice the number for the salute.
2. **Attendance at Funerals and Burials.** Dress for attendees of funerals and subsequent burials who wear uniform is to be Full Ceremonial Day less swords subject to the agreement of the NOK.
 3. **Attendance at Memorial Services.** Dress for attendees of Memorial Services conducted on a day subsequent to the funeral is to be non-Ceremonial Day.
 4. **Mourning.** There are two types of mourning – Royal Mourning and National Mourning. In general, Royal Mourning is observed for a period of time on the death of a member of the Royal family. Typically Royal Mourning will be observed from the date of death to the day of the internment. It is observed by the Royal Family and their Households, by HM representatives at home and abroad and their staffs, by officers nominated for duty at Court, and related ceremonies and by Household troops. It may also be observed by those units who have a special relationship with the deceased. Those observing Royal Mourning may fulfil official engagements. Social engagements are not to be accepted and those entered into beforehand should be cancelled. National Mourning is usually only observed on the day of death and the day of the funeral of a national personage or as directed by the Government. Detailed guidance on actions to be taken during both forms of mourning is contained in QRs J8.128 – J8.131 but in summary:
 - a. **Half-masting Flags.** Stands of flags are flown at half-mast. Details of which flags are flown at half-mast, for how long and how are contained in Part 11 of these Regulations.
 - b. **Mourning Bands.** A mourning band is a piece of black crepe 3¼ inches wide. It is worn on the left sleeve, positioned so that the bottom of the band lies two inches above the elbow. The rules concerning who may or may not wear a mourning band and in what circumstances are contained in QRs J8.130.
 5. **Dressing of the Coffin.** At a Service funeral, the coffin is to be dressed with the Union Flag. The flag is to be placed over the coffin with the imaginary pike laid across the head of the coffin with the royal crest of the pike over the left shoulder. The flag may be draped so as to hang loose on the coffin or may be pinned tight to the coffin in a box fashion. It should be noted that a coffin carried on a gun-carriage traditionally is draped loose on the coffin. Other items may also be placed on the coffin and should be secured if the coffin is to be moved. These items are headdress, decorations, belt, sword or sidearms and family wreath. These are placed as follows:
 - a. The headdress in the centre, at the head end.
 - b. The decorations in the centre, half way to the middle.
 - c. The belt and sword or sidearms in the middle.
 - d. The family wreath at the foot end.

SECTION 3 – DETAILS OF ITEMS OF UNIFORM COMMON TO MORE THAN ONE ARM OR CORPS

INTRODUCTION

02.31. Application. These regulations apply to female personnel as well as to their male counterparts, except where specifically stated. Similarly they apply to all ranks, unless otherwise stated, and to members of the Army Reserve.

02.32. Terminology. In the interests of brevity, Dragoon Guards, Hussars (including the Light Dragoons) and Lancers are referred to collectively as “Line Cavalry” in this Section. Similarly, those regiments, together with Household Cavalry, and with other Regiments and Corps which historically operated as mounted troops (ie The Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Royal Signals, Royal Logistic Corps and the Royal Army Veterinary Corps), are referred to collectively as “Mounted Corps”.

ELEMENTS OF UNIFORM

BADGES

02.33. Introduction. Military badges include generic insignia (badges of rank, of appointment, and qualification), and Regimental/Corps badges. The latter, which are detailed in the Part 9 of these regulations, include cap badges, collar badges, shoulder-titles and devices on accoutrements. They also include the arm-badges worn by WOs/SNCOs of some units in conjunction with their badges of rank, and any special distinctions which have been granted to individual regiments. No badges are to be worn in uniform except those authorised by these regulations.

02.34. Generic Badges.

- a. Badges of Rank. See Part 9 of these Regulations.
- b. Badges of Appointment.. These are normally worn in conjunction with badges of rank, and include the ciphers worn by officers holding appointments to the Sovereign or other members of the Royal Family. They are normally worn for the duration of the appointment only.
- c. Qualification Badges. See Part 9 of these Regulations for details. Certain of these badges may be worn in perpetuity.
- d. The orders of dress in which badges of qualification and appointment may be worn are indicated in Section 2.

02.35. Regimental and Corps Badges: General Instructions.

- a. Collar badges. Where authorised, collar-badges are to be worn with the centre of the badge two inches from the opening of the collar of all uniforms with upright collars. They are worn above the collar step on No 2 and No 4 Dress tunics, and in the centre of the lapel on mess jackets with round roll collars.
- b. Tactical Recognition Flashes and Formation badges are only to be worn in combat dress.
- c. Details of these and other badges are contained in Part 9 of these Regulations.

02.36. Belts.

- a. The Sam Browne belt will be worn in No 1/ No 3 Dress (non ceremonial), and in No 2/No 4 Dress by officers of all regiments and corps except those authorised to wear a shoulder belt in lieu. The shoulder-brace will always be worn with the Sam Browne. The

sword-frog will only be worn when the sword is worn, unless an established regimental custom exists to the contrary. While WO1s are authorised to wear the Sam Browne belt (or shoulder belt if appropriate) in No 1/ No 3 Dress (non ceremonial), and in No 2/No 4, it is a matter for individual regiments and corps if they wish to authorised their own RSMs and/or WO1s to wear the officers' style belt. Note that Household Division authorise certain other soldiers' appointments to wear the Sam Browne (See Part 3 of these Regulations).

b. In No 1/ No 3 Dress (Ceremonial), officers' sword-slings will be attached to a webbing sword-belt worn under the jacket.

c. Shoulder belts worn by officers in No.1/No.3 Dress by units authorised to do so will be the Full Dress pattern as described in Part 4 of these Regulations.

d. Shoulder belts and waist belts worn by WO2s and below are detailed for individual regiments/Corps in Parts 3 and 4 of these regulations.

e. Stable Belts (all ranks). Details of stable belts are given in Parts 4 and 9 of these Regulations.

02.37. Boots.

a. Mounted Duties.

(i) Household Division & RHA. Boots to be worn for mounted duties by the Household Division and King's Troop RHA are specified in Parts 3 and 4 of these Regulations.

(ii) Mounted Corps. Officers and soldiers of mounted corps and regiments (other than Household Cavalry and RHA) should wear Butcher boots of RHA pattern, with blue pantaloons, in Full Dress or No.1/No.3 Dress. Boots for General Staff officers is in Part 4.

(iii) Officers of infantry and dismounted corps wear Wellington boots and overalls for mounted duties in Full Dress and No1./No.3 Dress.

(iv) In No.2/No.4 Dress, all officers wear leather knee boots (Field boots, plain polo boots or Greenley boots according to regimental custom for officers of regiments wearing brown leather belts, Butcher boots or black field boots for officers of RTR, SCOTS and Rifle Regiments. Soldiers of all units wear Butcher boots, as in No.1 Dress, with khaki pantaloons.

b. **Dismounted Duties.** Boots will be worn by all ranks as specified in the respective Orders of Dress in Section 2.

02.38. Braid, Buttons etc.

a. In the Regular Army, with the exceptions listed below, buttons on Full Dress, frock coats and No.1/No.3 Dress uniforms will be gold-coloured. Any lace, cord and braid on officers' uniforms will be of gold metal. Decoration on NCOs' and soldiers' uniforms will be gold braid or yellow worsted. Rank chevrons in No.1/No.3 Dress are gold lace of "bias-and-stand" pattern. In No.2/No.4 Dress, buttons will be brass for all ranks, unless bronze buttons are specifically authorised.

b. Exceptions (Regular Army): Black buttons are worn in Rifle regiments. White metal buttons and silver lace chevrons are worn in SAS, SRR, SASC and QARANC. Decoration on uniform of Rifle Regiments is in black braid, with rank chevrons as described in Part 4. Pipers' uniforms may also have silver decoration and badges of rank.

c. Army Reserve: In the HAC Infantry and certain Yeomanry regiments, silver buttons, lace and braid are worn (See Part 4 for details).

02.39. Caps

a. Forage Cap:

(i) Male Officers' caps are to be made of cloth, with three cloth welts, the upper one being in the crown-seam. The diameter across the top is 10½ inches for a cap fitting 21¾ inches in circumference, the top to be 1/8 inches larger or smaller in diameter for every quarter-inch the cap may vary in head size. The sides are made in four pieces, and to be 2 1/8 inches deep between the welts. A cloth or velvet band 1¾ inches wide is placed between the two lower welts.

(ii) Chin-strap. Black patent leather ½ inch wide, secured by two buttons placed immediately behind the corners of the peak.

(iii) Badge. Metal or embroidery, placed centrally on the band.

(iv) Peak: patent leather, to droop at an angle and to be 2 inches deep at the centre. Peaks are embroidered as follows (and shown at Annex A to this Section).

(a) Field Marshals and General officers: two rows of gold oakleaf embroidery.

(b) Brigadiers and Colonels: A single row of gold oakleaf embroidery on the outer edge.

(c) Field Officers of regiments and corps: A row of plain gold "passing" embroidery ¾ inch wide on the outer edge. (Silver embroidery for regiments/corps with silver buttons, black oakleaf embroidery for Rifle regiments).

(d) Other officers: Plain peak. In the Household Division and certain other regiments officers of all ranks wear gold peak embroidery (See details in Parts 3 and 4).

(e) Soldiers' caps are made to similar dimensions, but with additional stiffening in the crown and with plain peaks except in Household Division (see Part 3 of these Regulations).

(f) Band and Welts. General Staff Officers wear bands of scarlet coloured cloth except for senior officers of RAMC, RADC and RACHD who wear maroon, green or purple respectively). Colours of caps, bands and welts for individual regiments and Corps are detailed in the appropriate Part of these Regulations.

b. Service Dress (SD) Caps.

(i) Officers' SD caps are similar in cut to the forage cap, but made of khaki barathea, with plain peak of the same material. The barathea is to match that of the issue No.2 Dress uniform except for those corps and regiments detailed in Part 4. The barathea of the General Staff Service Dress cap is to match the No 2 Dress uniform.

(ii) Cap Bands. General Staff officers are to wear the same coloured bands as for Forage Caps. Other officers and soldiers wear no band.

(iii) Soldiers' caps are made to similar dimensions as those of officers, but with additional stiffening in the crown.

c. **Side Caps.** Side caps are an optional item for officers in most regiments and corps, and for soldiers in some units. They are normally of "Austrian" pattern, with flaps secured by two buttons, and folding peak, but in a number of regiments side caps of "Torin" pattern, without buttons or peak, are worn. Details of piping, colours and badges

of side caps for General Staff officers and for individual regiments and Corps in Part 4 and 9 of these Regulations. Side Caps may be worn in No 2 Dress but not with leather, No 10 Dress and No 13/14 Dress at Commanding Officers discretion.

02.310. Cloaks

- a. Blue cloaks (scarlet for Life Guards), are worn when ordered with Full Dress and No 1 Dress by all ranks of Household Cavalry and all other mounted corps. They have a stand-and-fall collar and sleeves with deep turnbacks. Cloaks of officers of Household Cavalry and Line Cavalry have two diverging rows of buttons in front. Those of officers of other corps, and all soldiers, have a single row of buttons.
- b. Details of colours of linings, and collars where appropriate, are given in the Part 4 of these Regulations.

02.311. Cocked Hats

- a. Within the Regular Army, cocked hats are worn with Full Dress uniform by certain General Staff officers and officers of the Household Division. The full list of entitlements is contained in Part 10 of these Regulations.
- b. Hats will be of black silk. The left side is to be 6¼ inches, and the right side 5¾, inches high. Each corner 4 3/8 inches long. On the right side, a black silk cockade beneath a loop fastened by a button; at each end a bullion tassel consisting (except where otherwise stated) of nine gold bullions with eleven crimson bullions under them, 1¾ inches long, excluding the head; midway between the loop and the tassel, front and back, a diagonal band of 1¾ inch black oakleaf lace.
- c. Details of the loop, button and plume are given for General Staff officers in Part 4 and for Household Division in Part 3.

02.312. Collars

- a. Collars of officers' Full Dress tunics, frock coats, No 1/No 3 Dress jackets and mess jackets with upright collars are to be not less than 2 inches and not more than 2½ inches high, cut square at the top corners. They are fastened with two hooks and eyes and with a silk tab sewn on inside, except in the case of the mess jackets of those regiments/corps in which the upright collar is fastened by a narrow gold loop over an upright-collared waistcoat.
- b. White strip collars may be worn inside the collar of officers' No 1 Dress jackets by regimental custom. They must show not more than 1/8 inch above the uniform.
- c. The collars of soldiers' Full Dress tunics and No.1/No.3 Dress jackets are to be cut square as for officers. The height is to be not less than 1¾ inches and not more than 2¼ inches. White strip collars are not worn.

02.313. Emblems. The authorized emblems and ornaments are shown below. The manner in which they are worn is at COs' discretion..

Emblem	When Worn	By Whom	Remarks
Rose	Minden Day	Units entitled by custom	
	St George's Day	English units) The appropriate
Thistle	St Andrew's Day	Scottish units) national emblem
Leek	St David's Day	Welsh units) may also be
Shamrock	St Patrick's Day	Irish units) worn by individuals serving in other units
Poppy	11 November and Remembrance Day	All ranks	

02.314. General Staff Frock Coat . There are two versions of the General Staff Frock Coat.

a. **General Officers.** Blue superfine cloth, double-breasted, blue velvet collar and cuffs. Two rows of General Officer buttons down the front, six in each row, evenly spaced, the distance between rows 8 inches at the top and 4½ inches at the bottom. The cuffs round, 3 inches deep. Gilt buttons and badges of rank as for Full Dress tunic. Shoulder-cords as for Full Dress tunic but with blue lining, fastened by a small screw button. Two flaps, 10 inches deep, with inside pockets, in the skirts behind, one button on each flap and one on each side of the waist; the skirt to reach to the knees and lined with black silk. Medal-ribbons are sewn on the coat, with beackets above to enable medals to be worn. A general officer pattern frockcoat is only to be worn by officers of the rank of lieutenant general and officers holding certain other appointments as detailed in Part 10 of these Regulation. A frockcoat may be worn instead of No 1 Dress (ceremonial) or No 1 Dress on all occasions except when in command of troops. Frockcoats should not be worn on evening occasions when mess dress, with or without Orders and neck decoration is more appropriately worn. They be drawn from HQ London District (Log Sp) on the commencement of an entitled appointment and returned afterwards though lieutenant generals and above may retain a frockcoat for the remainder of their service.

b. **Brigadiers and Colonels.** The Frock Coat is similar except that the buttons are General Staff and the collar and cuffs are of the same material as the coat. The cuffs are plain with two small buttons and button holes at the bottom.

02.315. Frock Coat Universal Pattern: Blue melton cloth, double breasted, with upright collar. Plain sleeves with two small buttons and button-holes at the cuff. Two rows of regimental or Corps buttons down the front, six in each row, evenly spaced, the distance between the rows 8 inches at the top and 4½ inches at the bottom (these measurements are not to be exceeded). Flaps behind, 10 inches deep, one button on each flap and one each side at the waist, the centres of the waist buttons, and the back-seams, to be no more than 3½ inches apart. The skirt to reach to the knee and to be lined. Detachable shoulder-straps of the same material as the coat, attached by a tongue passed through a loop at the shoulder-seam, fastened at the top by a small button which passes through the tongue and the shoulder-strap. The tops of the shoulder-straps to be triangular. Plain collar, with badges as for No.1 Dress. Badges of rank for officers as for No.1 Dress Non-Ceremonial, and as for No.1 Dress for WO1s. Entitlement to wear a Frock Coat is contained in Part 10 of these Regulations.

02.316. Gloves.

a. **Full Dress.** White leather gauntlets for Household Cavalry, Dragoon Guards and Lancers. White leather or cotton for officers of other regiments/corps cotton (black leather for officers of RTR, Rifle regiments and RACHD).

b. **No.1 Dress/No.2 Dress (Ceremonial):** White leather or cotton (black leather for officers of RTR, Rifle regiments and RACHD).

c. **No.1 Dress (Non-Ceremonial) and No.2 Dress: Officers:** Brown leather (black leather for RTR, Rifle Regiments and RACHD). **Soldiers** khaki wool. In other orders of dress the wearing of gloves is optional or as ordered by COs.

02.317. Gorget Tabs. Tabs (also known as gorget patches) are to be worn with No 1/No 3 Dress jacket, No 2/No 4 Dress tunic and No 13/14 Dress shirt collars by General Staff officers. Exceptionally they may be worn with No 8 Dress. They are also worn (in white) by officer cadets of the RMAS. Example pictures of gorget tabs are at Annex B.

- a. On No.1/No.3 Dress jacket the patches are 1¼ inches wide and 4½ inches long, and triangular at the points – the points of each tab facing rearwards On No.2/No.4 Dress tunics the patches are similar but 3½ inches long and shaped to conform to the collar step worn with the points facing upwards. On No.3 and No.4 Dress uniform the patches are detachable. On No 13/14 Dress, a tab approximately 2 inches long is to be attached to the ends of the shirt collar.
- b. General officers' tabs have a row of gold-embroidered oakleaves terminating at a small gilt mounted button at the base of the triangular end. Brigadiers and Colonels wear similar tabs but with a single row of narrow ⁵/₁₆ inches crimson gimp in lieu of embroidery, and with a Staff button.
- c. Tabs worn on No 13/14 Dress (and if worn with No 8 Dress) are of the same colour as those for No.1 Dress but have a line of ¹/₈ inches gold braid for General Officers (crimson silk for Brigadiers and Colonels) in lieu of embroidery or gimp.
- d. Gorget tabs are scarlet cloth for all officers except RAMC, RADC and RACHD, who have maroon, green and purple tabs respectively.

02.318. Great Coat

- a. **Colonels and above:** See Part 4.
- b. **Officers of Foot Guards, infantry and dismounted Corps:** Milled Atholl grey cloth, lined with Wellington red, double breasted, to reach within a foot of the ground; two rows of gilt buttons of regimental pattern down the front, ending at the waist, five buttons in each row, the top ones approximately 13 inches apart and the bottom ones 6 inches apart. Collar 2 inches stand and 3½ inches fall, fastened with two hooks and eyes. Shoulder-straps of the same cloth, 2¾ inches wide, small gilt buttons at the top. Cuffs turned back approximately 7 inches deep. Two pockets in the front, below the waist, slightly diagonal, with flaps. Sword-slit 4 inches long at the waist. Inverted expanding pleat, 6 inches wide, down the centre of the back, commencing 3 inches below the collar and closed by a cloth strap at the waist, 2 inches wide and approximately ten inches long, with buttonholes at each end, fastened by two gilt buttons at the hips, the slit behind 24 inches long
- c. **Soldiers** Blue-grey cloth, single-breasted, five buttons in front. No half belt at rear.

02.319. Helmet, Universal Pattern.

- a. **Officers:** Cork, covered with blue cloth in four seams, two on each side; peaks front and back, stiffened and covered with cloth with a seam at each side. The front peak pointed, bound with gilt metal ³/₁₆ inch wide, the back peak bound with patent leather ¹/₈ inch wide. Above the peaks a cloth band ³/₄ inch wide and stitched top and bottom, around the helmet. Gilt curb-chain chinstrap, the links ⁵/₈ inch wide and the strap lined with patent leather backed with black velvet, attached to gilt rose fastenings at the sides of the helmet; a convex bar of gilt metal ¹/₄ inch wide, down the centre of the back and to the bottom edge of the back peak. The bar is in one piece and is fastened to the helmet by means of two studs and a flattened prolongation of the bar under the back peak. At the top of the helmet, a gilt spike mounted on a gilt metal cross-piece base. The base forms a rose at the top, and each arm of the cross-piece is mounted with a smaller rose. The spike-base is perforated with four holes for ventilation and is attached to the helmet by four crew-posts and nuts. When the chin-chain is not worn under the chin, its right-

hand end is attached to a hook at the point of the rear arm of the spike-base. A collet is inserted in the crown of the helmet, into which the spike is screwed. An internal headband of pale leather.

Dimensions:

Helmet: Back peak to centre of crown 10½ inches; side to centre of crown 8 inches.

Spike: Height from place of insertion in top rose of spike-base 2¾ inches. Total height of spike and base: 3¼ inches. Diameter of spike at point of contact with top rose of base: 7/8 inches. Width of spike from front to rear (measured in a straight line underneath) 4 3/8 inches. Width of spike from side to side (measured in a straight line underneath) 3½ inches.

b. **Soldiers** Pattern as for officers, but with rounded front peak, bound with black patent leather or plastic.

02.320. **Helmet Plate, Universal Pattern.**

a. **Officers** (except RAMC): A backing plate, in gilt or gilding metal, in the form of an eight-pointed star, the top ray displaced by a crown. The bottom central ray of the star comes halfway over the cloth band of the helmet. Mounted on the star, a laurel wreath. Within the wreath, a Garter inscribed *HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE*. Within the garter, the badge authorised for the regiment or Corps on a cloth or velvet ground. For infantry, a silver scroll mounted beneath the wreath, with the title of the regiment.

Dimensions: Height overall (measured in a straight line underneath) 5¼ inches
Width overall (measured in a straight line underneath) 4¼ inches

b. **Soldiers** (except RAMC): In gilt or gilding metal, an eight-pointed star, the top ray displaced by a crown, the overall dimensions as for officers' plate. On the star, a laurel wreath. Within the wreath, a circle inscribed with the title of the regiment or Corps, a laurel spray at the bottom centre of the circle. Within the circle, the badge authorised for the regiment or corps.

c. **RAMC:** See Part 4.

02.321. **Jacket Mess Dress.**

a. **Universal Pattern.** The pattern introduced universally in 1902, and currently worn by General Officers, Colonels and Brigadiers, Royal Engineers, Royal Signals, Foot Guards and certain Line Infantry regiments, REME, RAC, Int Corps, SASC and APTC, is as follows: Cloth, of the Full Dress colour, with roll collar and pointed cuffs, usually of the facing colour. The cuffs 6 inches deep at the point, 2¾ inches deep behind. Shoulder-straps of cloth, either in the colour of the uniform or of the facings, bearing badges of rank in embroidery (shoulder-straps are not worn in the Foot Guards). Collar badges (if worn) on the roll collar.

b. **Other Styles.** Details of variations of the Universal pattern, and of the jackets with upright collars worn by Household Cavalry, RAC, Rifle regiments and certain other Line infantry regiments, AAC, RLC, AGC, etc, are described in the relevant Sections of Parts 3 and 4 of these Regulations.

02.322. Jacket No 1 Dress (except Household Division and Royal Regiment of Scotland).

- a. **Officers:** Blue barathea (green for R Irish and Rifle regiments), with upright collar and five medium buttons down front. Patrol back with two vents. Two patch breast pockets in front, 6¾ inches wide, 8 inches deep, with pleats and three-pointed flaps, fastened with medium buttons, the top edge of the pocket-flaps level with the second button of the jacket. Two pockets below, with three-pointed flaps. Pointed cuffs with two buttons. Shoulders with provision to attach cloth straps or shoulder-cords as required (except in regiments wearing shoulder-chains). Collars and cuffs of the same material as the jacket, except where detailed in Parts 3 and 4 of these regulations. Buttons and collar-badges as laid down in Parts 3 and 4. Badges of rank in gilt metal on shoulder-straps and shoulder-chains, and in silver metal on gold shoulder-cords (gilt metal for Corps with silver shoulder-cords).
- b. **Soldiers** Universal pattern; detachable shoulder-straps (except in regiments wearing shoulder-chains), of the same material as the jacket, edged with cloth piping normally in the colour of the facings (scarlet piping for regiments with blue facings). Badges of rank in gold lace or embroidery, on backing of same colour as the piping.

02.323. Lanyards. Lanyards, where authorised, are worn in No.2/No.4 Dress, No.6 Dress, No.7 Dress and No.14 Dress only, on the left or right shoulder according to regimental custom, with the loose end secured within the respective breast pocket. Female officers and servicewomen wear a plain loop in the same colour as the lanyards of their male counterparts. Colours and materials of lanyards of individual regiments and Corps are detailed in the relevant Part of these Regulations.

02.324. Leather Items. Officers of Regiments and Corps in which a black Sam Browne or pouch belt is authorised should wear black gloves, shoes or boots, sword-knot, sword-frog or sword-slings, and scabbard in No. 2 Dress. If wearing a khaki peaked cap, the chinstrap should also be black.

02.325. Mourning Bands. A mourning band is a piece of black crepe 3¼ inches wide. It is worn on the left sleeve, positioned so that the bottom of the band lies two inches above the elbow. The rules concerning the wearing of mourning bands in general are listed below. The only extraordinary exceptions are at paras f. and g. below that relate to a state of private mourning within a unit that remains the prerogative of the commanding officer.

- a. A mourning band will only ever be worn with parade uniform where there is a jacket or coat. It is not to be worn on combat clothing of any type.
- b. During a period of National Mourning only officers and warrant officers class 1 of the Household Cavalry dressed in parade uniform are to wear mourning bands. During a period of Royal Mourning, specific instructions will apply. The only exceptions to this rule are listed below.
- c. Officers attending Service funerals and repatriations in parade uniform are to wear a mourning band. Officers on duty at these events will also wear mourning bands, whether in the procession, acting as ushers, or in another capacity. These rules apply to officers attending associated memorial services held on the same day.
- d. Warrant officers attending Service funerals and repatriations in uniform, or acting as ushers, are to wear mourning bands. They are not to wear them if they are on duty in the procession (including bearer parties), lining the route or elsewhere. These rules apply to warrant officers attending associated memorial services held on the same day.

e. Mourning bands are not to be worn at any other memorial service or other ceremonies such as unveiling of memorials and Remembrance services unless directed to do so by PS12(A).

f. Exceptionally, during private mourning, for example following the death of a member of a unit, or at reception ceremonies related to the repatriation of a body or remains, mourning bands may be worn by officers and warrant officers only, but in accordance with the instructions listed above.

g. Extraordinarily, when, Service personnel are given permission to wear uniform during private mourning at a family funeral they may wear a mourning band if so desired. It should be noted that this is the only occasion on which Service personnel below the rank of warrant officer may wear mourning bands.

h. After a military burial, personnel should remove mourning bands after return to barracks.

02.326. Orders, Decorations and Medals. Instructions for wear are detailed in Part 13 of these Regulations.

02.327. Overalls. Overalls worn by officers in mounted regiments and corps should be cut straight, and between 1½ and 2 inches longer than ordinary trousers. They should be strapped down firmly to the boot, and, when spurs are worn, the overalls should fit closely above the spurs.

02.328. Pantaloon.

a. Pantaloon of white leather (or suitable imitation leather) are worn in Full Dress by Field Marshals and, in mounted Full Dress, by all ranks of the Household Cavalry.

b. Blue cloth pantaloon are worn for mounted duties in No.1 Dress by Household Cavalry, and by all ranks of the King's Troop RHA when mounted in Full Dress or No.1 Dress. They should also be worn by all ranks of Line Cavalry (green or crimson pantaloon for RDG and KRH respectively) or mounted corps, if undertaking mounted duties on an occasion when Full Dress or No.1/No.3 Dress is worn. The stripes on blue pantaloon should be of the same colour and width as those prescribed for No.1 Dress overalls.

c. Pantaloon should be cut loose in the thigh, but tight at the knee and below the knee to the ankle. Ample length from the hip to the knee is essential to provide freedom in mounting and dismounting. They should have buckskin or cloth strapping at the knee.

02.329. Sashes (other than for RRS)

a. **Officers:** Sashes are worn round the waist, except in the Royal Regiment of Scotland. Waist sashes are to be 2¾ inches wide, with pendant ends terminating in tassels with 9-inch fringe. The ends of the tassels are to hang immediately to the rear of the front sword-sling, and the pendant parts of the sash are to extend 4 inches below the skirts of the tunic. Sashes are gold with crimson stripes for General Officers, gold and crimson net for Foot Guards (in State Dress), black and gold for RTR and plain crimson silk (or synthetic equivalent) for infantry (other than Rifle regiments) and other users.

b. **Warrant Officers and SNCOs:** Sashes are worn over the right shoulder by Warrant Officers and SNCOs. Those of WOs are woven in crimson artificial silk; those of Staff Sergeants and Sergeants are scarlet worsted.

02.330. Shoulder-cords.

a. **General Officers.** As described in Part 4.

b. **Other Officers.** The Universal Pattern, for Staff, infantry (except Foot Guards and rifle regiments) and most Corps, consists of a triple row of gold or silver cord, twisted four times, sewn to a cloth lining of colour to match the uniform. Shoulder cords for officers of the Household Division, Line Cavalry, RA, RE and Rifle Regiments are described in the relevant Parts of these Regulations.

c. **Soldiers.** Detachable shoulder-straps (except in regiments wearing shoulder-chains), of the same material as the jacket, edged with cloth piping normally in the colour of the facings (scarlet piping for regiments with blue facings).

02.331. Skirts of Tunics and Jackets:

a. The skirts of officers' and soldiers' Full Dress tunics and No.1/No.3 Dress jackets should reach approximately to the bottom of the sleeve when the wearer is standing to attention. Tunics worn with a waist sash or waist belt should be cut slight slightly longer to allow for the shortening effect of a belt.

b. The skirts of frock coats should reach to the knees.

c. The skirt of No 2 Dress is of a standard length for both officers and soldiers.

02.332. Spurs.

a. Jack spurs are worn by personnel wearing any form of knee boots, or puttees and ankle-boots, for mounted duties. These spurs are of plated steel except in the Foot Guards in which brass spurs are worn. Officers wear spur-chains of the same metal as the spur under the boot in Full Dress and No.1 Dress. The neck of the spur is to be not less than 1 inch and not more than 1¼ inches long. Details of special patterns of jack spurs worn by officers of the Household Cavalry are given in Part 3 of these Regulations. Spur-straps are to be of leather matching the colour of the boot. When wearing field boots with laced insteps, spur-tabs are to be worn on the straps.

b. Box spurs are worn with overalls and Wellington or George boots by personnel wearing overalls for mounted duties, and on other occasions by officers and soldiers of mounted regiments and corps. Box spurs are swan-necked, of plated steel. Officers of the Household Cavalry and certain RAC regiments wear straight-necked spurs in No 10/ No 11 Dress (See Part 4 of these Regulations.)

02.333. Swords. There are a number of patterns of sword currently worn by officers in various Regiments and Corps of the Army as shown below. Specification of each type is at Annex C to this Section:

a. Field Marshals and General Officers: Mameluke pattern (in Full Dress and No 1 Dress only)

- b. Cavalry pattern: Household Cavalry, Line Cavalry and RAVC.
- c. Royal Artillery Pattern: RHA, RA and RLC
- d. Infantry Pattern: General Staff, RTR, RE, R SIGNALS, Inf (less SCOTS, RIFLES and RGR), AAC, RAMC, RADC, REME, INT CORPS, AGC, SASC, RAPTC .
- e. Rifle Regiment Pattern: RIFLES and RGR
- f. Claymore: SCOTS

Notes:

1. The Foot Guards' sword has a hilt similar to the Rifle Regiment pattern but with Infantry pattern blade. See Annex C for more detail.
2. Chaplains do not carry swords.

02.334. Sword Knots. The sword knot was originally designed as a loop attached to the basket which was wound around the thumb and the hand to avoid losing the sword if knocked from the hand. Losing the sword when mounted was clearly far more critical than those on the ground. The general principle therefore was – and is that those officers who would have been mounted wear a loose sword knot – Staff officers, Cavalry and Field Officers of Infantry Regiments. All others wear the sword knot tightly bound around the basket. The 2 illustrations below show an Infantry Sword carried by a Subaltern on the left and a Cavalry sword on the right.



02.335. – 02.250 Spare

ANNEX A TO SECTION 3 - RANK MARKINGS ON PEAKS OF CAPS, FORAGE, PEAKED

MAJOR GENERAL AND ABOVE



BRIGADIER & COLONEL



LIEUTENANT COLONEL & MAJOR



BELOW MAJOR



ANNEX B TO SECTION 3 – GORGET TABS

**GENERAL
OFFICER**

**BRIGADIER &
COLONEL**

No 1 and No 3 Dress – 4 ½”



No 2 and No 4 Dress – 3 ½”



No 6, 13 and 14 Dress – 2”



ANNEX C TO SECTION 3 – SPECIFICATIONS OF SWORDS

1. **Field Marshals’ and General Officers’ Sword.** Mameluke pattern with plain or ornamentally embossed curved blade with gold ornamental cross piece and ivory grips. Dimensions are:

Length of Sword	2 ft 11½ in
Length of Scabbard	2 ft 7 in
Length of blade from shoulder to point	2ft 6in
Weight of sword	11lb 10½ oz



It should be noted that Field Marshals have the cross batons emblem on the cross piece while General Officers have a cross sword and baton.

The scabbard is of steel and is fitted with an iron sputcheon with brass mouthpiece fixed to the scabbard by 2 screws. Two bands with loose rings are fixed on with 2 screws 3 inches and 12 inches respectively from the top of the mouthpiece. The lining consists of 2 strips of wood held in place by the sputcheon.

(Historical note: This pattern of sword was reputedly brought back from India by Maj Gen Arthur Wellesley (later the Field Marshal the Duke of Wellington) in 1803 and became popular with a number of Cavalry Regiments. In 1836, The Duke as Commander-in-Chief, directed that this style of sword was only to be worn by Field Marshals and General Officers.)

2. **Cavalry Pattern.** The blade is straight. The blade tapers gradually from shoulder to point and is fullered on both sides, the fullers commencing at 2½ to 3 in from the shoulder and extended to within approximately 9 in of the point. The thickness of the steel between the fullers is from .007 in L to .10 in H. The full guard is not pierced but chased with an ornamental device without any other embellishment. The grip is of wood covered with fish skin and bound with 17 turns of silver wire. The blade may be plain or ornamentally embossed. If the latter while it is not necessary that a uniform pattern of ornamentation is followed, the design should not include any badge or device apart from the Royal Cypher and Crown or the regimental badge together with the usual manufacturer’s name and trade mark. Dimensions are:

Length of Sword	3 ft 6¼ in
Length of Scabbard	3 ft 0 in
Length of blade from shoulder to point	2 ft 11 in
Weight of sword	2 lb 6½ oz



The scabbard is of steel with steel mouthpiece. Two bands with loose rings are attached to the scabbard 2 ¾ inches and 10 7/8 inches from the top of the mouthpiece. The lining is of wood waterproofed by soaking in melted paraffin wax.

3. **Royal Artillery Pattern:** The blade is slightly curved, tapers gradually and is fullered on both sides commencing 1½ in from the hilt to about 9 inches from the point. The guard is of stamped mild steel of the 3 bar pattern. The grip is of wood covered with fish skin and bound with silver wire. The length of the grip must be between 5 and 5¾ inches. The blade may be plain or ornamentally embossed. If the latter while it is not necessary that a uniform pattern of ornamentation is followed, the design should not include any badge or device apart from the Royal Cypher and Crown or the regimental badge together with the usual manufacturer's name and trade mark. Dimensions are:

Length of Sword	3 ft 5¼ in
Length of Scabbard	3 ft 0 in
Length of blade from shoulder to point	2 ft 11 in
Weight of sword	2 lb 0 oz



The scabbard is of steel with steel mouthpiece. Two bands with loose rings are attached to the scabbard 2 ¼ inches and 10½ inches from the top of the mouthpiece. The lining is of wood waterproofed by soaking in melted paraffin wax.

4. **Infantry Pattern:** The blade is straight and tapers gradually. It is fullered on both sides commencing 2 inches from the hilt to about 17 inches from the point. The full guard is of nickel-plated steel and is pierced with an ornamental device: the size of the perforations should not allow a sword point to penetrate the guard to injure the hand. The ornamentation will usually include The Sovereign's Cypher. The grip is of wood covered with fish skin and bound with silver wire. The length of the grip must be between 5 and 5¾ inches. The blade may be plain or ornamentally

embossed. If the latter while it is not necessary that a uniform pattern of ornamentation is followed, the design should not include any badge or device apart from the Royal Cypher and Crown or the regimental badge together with the usual manufacturer's name and trade mark. Dimensions are:

Length of Sword	3 ft 2½ in
Length of Scabbard	2 ft 9¾ in
Length of blade from shoulder to point	2 ft 8½ in
Weight of sword	2 lb 1½ oz



The hilt of the Foot Guards' sword is very similar to the Rifle Regiment Pattern with the Regimental badge included in the design. The blade is standard Infantry Pattern but embossed with Regimental battle honours and other devices according to regimental pattern.



The scabbard of both the Infantry pattern and Ft Guard variation is of steel with steel mouthpiece. Two bands with loose rings are attached to the scabbard 2 1/8 inches and 10 3/8 inches from the top of the mouthpiece. The lining is of wood waterproofed by soaking in melted paraffin wax.

5. **Rifle Regiment Pattern.** The hilt is full but pierced with a 4 bar design that includes the regimental badge. The grip is of wood covered with fish skin and bound with silver wire. The length of the grip must be between 5 and 5¾ inches. The blade is similar to the Infantry pattern but of thinner steel and so lighter.



6. **Claymore.** The sword is straight and tapers to a point. The blade is fullered on both sides with both edges ground to a thickness of about 0.01 inch commencing 9 inches from the hilt. The guard is of an open ornamental design lined with white leather covered in crimson cloth and bound around the edge with blue silk ribbon which is tied around grip and scroll of the guard. The lining is detachable. A tassel of crimson silk fringe is fixed under the pommel. The grip is of wood covered with fish skin and bound with silver wire. The blade may be plain or ornamentally embossed. If the latter while it is not necessary that a uniform pattern of ornamentation is followed, the design should not include any badge or device apart from the Royal Cypher and Crown or the regimental badge together with the usual manufacturer's name and trade mark. Dimensions are:

Length of Sword	3 ft 2½ in
Length of Scabbard	2 ft 9¾ in
Length of blade from shoulder to point	2 ft 8½ in
Weight of sword	2 lb 8¾ oz



The scabbard is of steel with steel mouthpiece. Two bands with loose rings are attached to the scabbard 2 1/8 inches and 11 inches from the top of the mouthpiece. The lining is of wood waterproofed by soaking in melted paraffin wax.

SECTION 4 - DRESS DETAILS FOR SPECIAL OFFICER AND RETIRED CATEGORIES

02.41. Uniform Act 1894. The wearing of uniform under this section is not to contravene the provisions of the Uniform Act 1894: an extract of which is reproduced below:

- “2. (1) It shall not be lawful for any person not serving in Her Majesty’s military forces to wear without Her Majesty’s permission the uniform of any of those forces, or any dress having the appearance or bearing any of the regimental or other distinctive marks of any such uniform; provided that this enactment shall not prevent:

Any persons from wearing any uniform or dress in the course of a stage play performed in a place duly licensed or authorised for the public performance of stage plays, or in the course of a music hall or circus performance, or in the course of any bona fide military representation.

- (2) if any person contravenes this section he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £400.

3. If any person not serving in Her Majesty’s naval or military forces wears without Her Majesty’s permission the uniform of any of those forces or any dress having the appearance or bearing any of the regimental or other distinctive marks of any such uniform in such a manner as to bring or under circumstances as to be likely to bring contempt upon that uniform, or employs any other person so as to wear that uniform or dress, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £400, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.”

Officers

02.42. Employment List 2. Officers on Employment List 2 are to continue to wear the dress of the regiment or corps in which they previously served.

02.43. Loan Service. Officers serving with Commonwealth and colonial forces and other appointments not remunerated out of Army funds are to continue to wear the dress of their regiment or corps except that they are to adopt the special headdress, lanyard, tropical dress and stockings, footless, authorized for the unit in which they are serving. Headquarters of the Theatre concerned are to prescribe the details.

02.44. General List. Officers of the General List wear infantry pattern dress with a ‘Royal’ forage cap (dark blue with scarlet band). Badge and buttons are Royal Arms pattern.

02.45. Regular Army Reserve of Officers (RARO), Retired Officers and Ex-officers. Officers who attained the substantive rank of captain or above of the categories detailed below are to wear a metal symbol ‘R’ below their badges of rank when authorized to wear uniform unless special dispensation has been granted from PS12(A). The symbol ‘R’ is to be provided at individual expense and is to be of the colour of the metal badges of rank. Badges or rank worn will be those of the rank or honorary rank granted on retirement.

- a. Retired officers of the Regular Army, Territorial Army and Army Reserves. It is to be noted that those who resigned their commissions are not authorised to wear uniform under any circumstances.

b. Officers in Cadet Units. Officers serving with Combined Cadet Force or Army Cadet Force units do not wear the 'R' symbol on occasions when they are wearing CCF/ACF titles.

c. Officers not in Actual Military Service. Officers in the categories listed at (a), (b) and (c) above who are not in actual military service may wear uniform on the occasions listed below:

- i) Parades in connection with the official birthday of the Sovereign.
- ii) State Ceremonials.
- iii) Ceremonies in connection with Remembrance Day.
- iv) Regimental functions or celebrations at a military station, with the approval of the regimental authority concerned.
- v) Occasions in connection with which an announcement regarding the wearing of uniform is made by MOD beforehand.
- vi) Other occasions, on application to MOD PS12(A).

d. Any individual who is no longer serving on the active list of either the Regular or Army Reserve who is authorised to wear uniform is to conform in all respects to the same rules and regulations that govern the wearing of uniform for serving individuals as detailed in these Regulations and Queen's Regulations.

e. Uniform must be of the current pattern of the individual's former regiment or corps including embellishments, accoutrements and badges. In the rare instance of the former regiment or corps having been disbanded (as opposed to amalgamated or merged), the uniform of the closest affiliated regiment or corps is to be worn subject to the regiment's or corps' approval.

02.46. Form of Address. Retired officers of the rank of captain and above may use, and be addressed by, their rank after being placed on the retired list. The word "Retired" (abbreviated to 'Retd') should be added after the rank in ordinary correspondence and on lists when it is specifically necessary to indicate that an officer is on the retired list and to differentiate him from those still serving. This would particularly apply when a retired officer is employed on MoD business. Officers who resigned their commissions (ex-officers) should not use their former rank in any circumstances.

02.47. Reserve and Retired Officers Abroad. Authority to permit the wearing of uniform by reserve and retired officers when abroad is delegated to:

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| Foreign countries | - Military attaches. |
| Commonwealth countries | - MS/G1 to the forces of the country concerned |
| Foreign countries in which British troops are stationed | - British Army HQ in that country |

Ex-Warrant Officers and SNCOs.

02.48. WOs and substantive SNCOs who terminate their Regular Army or Army Reserve engagements after completing no less than 10 years unbroken service and awarded a military character assessment of not less than 'very good', may apply in accordance with the details below for permission to wear uniform in the UK. It should be noted that permission to wear uniform after discharge is a privilege which, if abused, may be withdrawn either generally or in a specific instance.

02.49. Applications from WOs and substantive SNCOs for permission to wear uniform after discharge are to be made in writing to the appropriate MCM Div. who will grant or withhold permission at their discretion, or when in doubt refer the matter to MOD PS12(A). Permission to wear uniform on occasions listed below, once granted, remain in force until withdrawn. Permission for other occasions must be applied for each time the uniform is to be worn.

02.410. The following conditions apply whenever permission is granted to wear uniform:

a. Only the current pattern of No. 1, 2 or 10 Dress may be worn under the terms of this section. When worn, the uniform is always to carry a letter “R” above the badge of rank on each sleeve. This letter “R” is to be of metal, appropriate to the regiment or corps of the wearer, 10mm high and 7mm wide, and provided at the individual’s expense.

b. The uniform is to be provided at the individual’s expense and, upon all occasions when worn, is to conform to the standards of repair and smartness required of a serving WO or SNCO. The uniform is not to be supplied from Service sources.

02.411. The occasions for which permission to wear uniform may be granted are as follows:

a. Officially sponsored functions in celebration of the Sovereign’s official birthday.

b. Officially sponsored functions in connection with Remembrance Sunday.

c. Regimental functions in barracks or any other military establishment with the approval of the appropriate Garrison Commander or Commanding Officer.

d. Any occasions concerning which a special MOD announcement has been made regarding the wearing of uniform.

e. Other occasions on application to the appropriate MCM Div.

Corporals and Below

02.412. Irrespective of their length of Service, Corporals and below are not normally to be authorised to wear uniform after leaving the Services. If an individual believes there are exceptional circumstances, application may be made to the appropriate MCM Div.

Details of Uniform

02.413. Uniform must be of the current pattern of the individual’s former regiment or corps including embellishments, accoutrements and badges. In the rare instance of the former regiment or corps having been disbanded (as opposed to amalgamated or merged), the uniform of the closest affiliated regiment or corps is to be worn subject to the regiment’s or corps’ approval.