

**\*1683.—Uniform—Tropical Evening Rig for Chief Petty Officers and Senior N.C.Os.  
Royal Marines—Introduction**

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It has been represented that there is a desire for a uniform evening rig for wear by Chief Petty Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers, Royal Marines, in tropical climates. The following rig has accordingly been authorised for wear on an optional basis, and subject to paragraph 2 below by :—

- (a) Chief Petty Officers ;
- (b) R.S.Ms., Q.M.Ss., Staff Bandmasters, Bandmasters, and Colour Sergeants, Royal Marines.
- (c) Sergeants, Royal Marines, in R.M. Establishments ashore (but *not* other Sergeants, Royal Marines).

Details of the rig are :—

*C.P.Os. and S.N.C.Os.*

White mess jacket of appropriate officers' pattern

Evening tie

Shirts, *either* soft white *or* soft with marcella front and cuffs *or* soft with ribbed front and cuffs

Collar, soft, turned-down—to match shirt front

Trousers, blue, uniform

Shoes, black leather, uniform pattern

Socks, black

*C.P.Os.*

- Black silk kamarband
- Buttons, gilt,  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. on sleeves of mess jacket (positioned as on No. 1 Dress)
- Miniature medal ribbons
- Distinguishing badge—None except for Masters-at-Arms who are to wear a gold Master-at-Arms badge (in miniature if obtainable) on the right cuff of the jacket above the buttons

*S.N.C.Os.*

- Scarlet silk kamarband (R.M. officers' pattern)
- Globe and laurel badge officers' pattern (on lapel of mess jacket)
- Buttons, gilt R.M. small 4 No. (on front edge of mess jacket)
- Miniature medals

Badges of rank as follows to be worn on right sleeve :—

*R.S.Ms., Q.M.Ss., Staff Bandmasters, Bandmasters*

Metal badge as worn on No. 6 and 7 Dresses

*Colour Sergeants*

Miniature gold chevrons 2-in. wide on red background with officers' small metal crown above

*Sergeants* (serving in R.M. Establishments ashore)

Miniature gold chevrons on red background

The miniature badges are as is customary to be obtained privately.

2. Approval for the wearing of the rig will in every instance be at the discretion of the Commanding Officer or the Senior Officer where more than one ship or establishment is concerned and will normally be given only in respect of organised evening social functions taking place in, or sponsored by, H.M. Ships or Establishments or in other Services Messes and at functions organised by Civic authorities for the Services as appropriate. Officers attending functions at which the wearing of evening rig by C.P.Os. or S.N.C.Os. has been authorised will wear either modified white mess dress or white mess undress as ordered by the Senior Officer.

3. The wearing of this dress has been authorised for Sergeants R.M. in R.M. Establishments *ashore* because in such Establishments all S.N.C.Os., R.M. are messed together as in the Army where no distinction is made in the wearing of mess dress between Sergeants and other S.N.C.Os.

4. The following items of officers' clothing are to be made available for issue on repayment to S.N.C.Os. R.M., and Appendix V of A.F.O. 670/56 (*Clothing, Soap and Tobacco—Issuing Prices, Kit Upkeep Allowances, etc.*) is to be amplified accordingly.

- Collars, soft piqué for shirts, evening (soft fronted)
- Collars, soft plain for shirts, evening (soft fronted)
- Kamarbands, silk, scarlet
- Shirts, evening, soft fronted with two piqué collars
- Ties, evening, double-ended
- Ties, evening, single-ended

5. No additional space can be provided in H.M. Ships for stowage of additional clothing obtained under the above arrangements.