

(U)1861.—Uniform—Royal Marines—Introduction of Lovat Service Dress

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Her Majesty the Queen has approved a new uniform for the Royal Marines which will replace battledress and will also be worn as an alternative to blue uniform on certain occasions. The new uniform is of lovat shade and similar in design to the present blue Service dress for R.M. Officers. The buttons and metal badges are bronze and the cloth badges for other ranks are gold on green. A new design of khaki shirt is also being introduced.

2. From 1st April, 1964 in the United Kingdom and on a date to be decided locally abroad, the new lovat uniform will become the normal dress of the day in temperate weather. The present blue uniform of officers and other ranks will be retained for ceremonial occasions, other than those of minor importance when Lovat Service dress will be worn. On 1st April, 1966 the new uniform will finally replace battledress and the second blue uniform which is provided at present; there will, therefore, be a transition period of 2 years during which these uniforms may continue to be worn for certain duties. Revised orders of dress will be promulgated separately.

3. These arrangements do not apply to the R.M.F.V.R., who for the present, will continue to wear their current uniforms.

4. It is anticipated that all entitled personnel serving in the U.K. will be in possession of a suit of the new uniform by the 1st April, 1964, and that entitled personnel serving overseas will have one before the end of 1964.

5. Details of the revised scales of kit for new entries, the arrangements under which serving personnel generally will be required to adjust their kit to these scales, and of the new items to be supplied from service sources are given in the Appendices to this Order as listed below. Detailed arrangements for the supply and distribution of the new items will be communicated separately to the Units concerned.

Appendix A—R.M. Officers

Appendix B—R.M. Other Ranks.

Appendix C—New Service Items.

APPENDIX A

ROYAL MARINES OFFICERS

1. *New Entries on and after 1st April, 1964.*—The scale of initial uniform outfits for the items involved in the change is revised as follows:—

Item	Existing Scale	New Scale
Tunics, blue serge	2 No.	1 No. (see Note (i))
Trousers, blue serge	2 pairs	1 pair (see Note (i))
Blouse, battledress, khaki	1 No.	—
Blouse, battledress, blue	1 No.	—
Trousers, battledress, khaki	1 pair	—
Trousers, battledress, blue	1 pair	—
Suits, lovat, worsted	—	2 No. (see Note (i))
Shirts, khaki, flannel, collar attached	2 No.	—
Shirts, khaki, poplin, R.M. Officers	2 No.	—
Collars, semi-stiff, khaki	4 No.	—
Shirts, khaki, cellular	2 No.	—
Shirts, khaki, (new design)	—	4 No. (see Note (ii))
Shirts, white, soft D.C.	4 No.	2 No.
Collars, white, stiff	12 No.	4 No.
Socks, black, officers	6 pairs	3 pairs
Socks, khaki	3 pairs	6 pairs
Ties, black	2 No.	1 No.
Jersey, pullover	—	1 No.
Badges, beret, Globe and Laurel, Bronze	—	1 No.
Badges, beret, Lion and Crown, Bronze	—	1 No.

APPENDIX B—contd.

Item	Existing Scale	New Scale
Shirts, khaki, flannel, collar attached.	2 No.	—
Shirts, khaki, flannel, without collar.	1 No.	—
Collars, khaki, flannel ..	1 No.	—
Shirts, khaki (new design) ..	—	4 No.
Shirts, khaki, cellular (Tropical Outfit).	3 No.	—
Badges, Globe and Laurel, Lion and Crown.	2 No. G.M. or anodised	2 No. G.M. or anodised
	—	1 No. Bronze
Badges, Globe and Laurel ..	4 No. G.M. or anodised	2 No. G.M. or anodised
	—	4 No. Bronze
Badges, Letters, R.M. ..	6 No. G.M. or anodised	4 No. G.M. or anodised
	—	4 No. Bronze

(see Notes (i) and (ii))

(see Note (iv))

Notes.

- (i) Until further notice new entries are to be kitted up with shirts to the following scale:—
- 3 No. Shirts, khaki, all purpose.
 - 2 No. Shirts, khaki, flannel, with collar.
 - 1 No. Shirts, khaki, flannel, without collar.
 - 2 No. Collars, khaki, flannel.
- (ii) The issue of khaki cellular shirts as part of the tropical outfit is to be discontinued for men entered on or after 1st April, 1964.
- (iii) After the initial issue, ranks may maintain a downgraded worsted suit instead of the serge suit if they wish.
- (iv) Junior Musicians are to be given 2 No. G.M. and 4 No. bronze lyres instead of Globe and Laurel Badges.
- (v) Adult entry musicians only.
2. Other ranks at present serving who are:—
- (i) Not due for discharge before 31st December, 1964, are to be given a gratuitous issue of a lovat worsted suit and 1 set of gold on green rank S.Q. and specialist badges. Kit History sheets are to be annotated when these issues are made quoting this Order as the authority. These men will be required to adjust their compulsory kit to the new scale at 1 above by 1st April, 1966, in the normal course of kit maintenance.
- (ii) Due for discharge before 31st December, 1964, will not be required to adjust their compulsory kit to the new scales and will not normally qualify for a gratuitous issue of a lovat worsted suit.

APPENDIX C

ROYAL MARINES—NEW SERVICE ITEMS

Details of the descriptions, vocabulary numbers and size ranges of the *new items* of Royal Marines clothing to be supplied from service sources are as follows:—

Shirts, Khaki

Vocab. No.	Size	Vocab. No.	Size
71580	13	71586	16
71581	13½	71587	16½
71582	14	71588	17
71583	14½	71589	17½
71584	15	71590	18
71585	15½		

Suits, Lovat, Solid Worsted

Vocab. Nos. 71981–72025—Sizes 1–45; 72026—Specials.

Suits, Lovat, Serge

Vocab. Nos. 72031–72075—Sizes 1–45; 72076—Specials.

(Note—Sizes other than those listed below will be obtained specially, as required).

Size	Vocab. Nos.		Height	Measurements of Man	
	Suits, Lovat Solid Worsted	Suits, Lovat Serge		Chest Under Jacket	Waist Under Jacket
				inches	inches
18	71998	72048	5 ft. 7-in.	35	31
19	71999	72049		36	31
20	72000	72050	to	37	32
21	72001	72051		38	33
22	72002	72052	5 ft. 8-in.	39	34
23	72003	72053		40	35
24	72004	72054		41	36
25	72005	72055	5 ft. 9-in.	36	31
26	72006	72056		37	32
27	72007	72057	to	38	33
28	72008	72058		39	34
29	72009	72059	5 ft. 10-in.	40	35
30	72010	72060		41	36
31	72011	72061	5 ft. 11-in.	36	31
32	72012	72062	to	38	33
33	72013	72063	6 ft. 0-in.	40	35
34	72014	72064		42	37
35	72015	72065	6 ft. 1-in.	36	31
36	72016	72066	to	38	33
37	72017	72067	6 ft. 2-in.	40	35
38	72018	72068		42	37

BADGES

(a) Bronze Badges

Vocab. No.

Beret Badges

38800	Lion and Crown
38880	Globe and Laurel
38802	Globe and Laurel
	Lion and Crown

Collar Badges

38810	Globe and Laurel, small
38811	Lyre

Shoulder Badges

38812	Letters R.M.
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(b) Gold on Green Badges

Vocab. No.

Badges of Rank

39920	R.S.M.	Royal Arms
39921	Q.M.S.	Crown in wreath
39922	Colour Sergeant	..	..	..	Crown
39923	Bandmaster	..	..	..	Lyre, oakleaf wreath and crown
39924	Bandmaster of Staff Band	..	..	..	Lyre
39925	Bugle Major	..	..	..	Bugle
39926	Drum Major	..	..	..	Drum
39929	Staff Bandmaster	..	..	..	Lyre, laurel wreath and crown

Chevrons

39930	..	..	..	..	1 Bar
39931	..	..	..	..	2 Bars
39932	..	..	..	..	3 Bars
39936	..	..	..	..	4 Bars

Specialist, Skill and other Special Badges

The vocabulary numbers of gold on green specialist, skill or other special badges consist of the same last three digits of the numbers of the existing patterns, prefixed by the figures 39.