

(U)†739.—Uniform—Chief Petty Officers and Royal Marines Senior Non-Commissioned Officers—Evening Rig

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1. Her Majesty The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the introduction of evening rigs for wear by Chief Petty Officers and Royal Marines Senior Non-Commissioned Officers in temperate climates.
2. Briefly, the arrangements are that CPOs will be permitted to wear optionally a blue mess jacket and RMSNCOs a scarlet mess jacket, similar in design to the equivalent officers' patterns under the same general conditions now applied to the wearing of white mess jackets abroad. Full details are given in the Annex to this Instruction.
3. The Uniform Regulations will be amended.

ANNEX

1. *Description of Dresses*

Chief Petty Officers

Royal Marines SNCOs

Blue diagonal serge mess jacket	Scarlet mess jacket with blue lapels and cuffs.
	Globe and Laurel Badge officers' pattern (on lapel of mess jacket).
Miniature Medal Ribbons.. ..	Miniature medals.
Black Silk Kamarband (RN officers pattern)	Scarlet silk Kamarband (RM officers pattern).
No 1 Dress blue trousers	No 1 Dress blue trousers.
Black Bow Tie	Black Bow Tie.

Shirts either soft white or soft with Marcella front and cuffs or soft with ribbed front and cuffs.

Collars, soft turned down (to match shirt fronts).

Black socks.

Black shoes uniform pattern.

Distinguishing badges are not to be worn except by Master-at-Arms who will wear a gold MAA's badge (in miniature if possible) on the jacket above the buttons.

Badges of rank on right sleeve as follows:
RSM's QM's Staff Bandmaster and Bandmaster.—Embroidered gold and scarlet.
Colour Sergeants.—Miniature gold chevrons 2-in wide on scarlet background with small embroidered gold on scarlet crown above.

Sergeants.—Miniature gold chevrons 2-in wide on scarlet background.

Note.—Gold on scarlet King's badge will be worn by entitled SNCOs.

2. *Style of Mess Jackets.*—Detailed descriptions are:—

- a. *Chief Petty Officers.*—Diagonal blue worsted serge with roll collar; single breasted with patrol back; melton under collar. Jacket fully lined; black lining to body, white lining to sleeves; chest padded and quilted. Inside pocket in right forepart. Set-in sleeves with three buttons on each cuff; two buttonholes in each front with link button in upper pair; two show buttons in each front; all buttons 36 ligne gilt crown and anchor crested buttons. No shoulder straps to be fitted and the jacket to be slightly roached over the hips with peak at back.
- b. *Royal Marines Senior Non-Commissioned Officers.*—Scarlet cloth with blue cloth roll collar and facings; set-in sleeves with blue cloth cuffs $3\frac{5}{8}$ -in deep. Patrol back and under collar of scarlet body cloth. Jacket fully lined; scarlet lining to body and cream lining to sleeves. Chest padded. No shoulder straps, front fasteners, buttonholes or show buttons to be fitted. Jacket to be slightly roached over the hips with a rounded peak at back.

3. *Occasions for Wear.*—The dress is optional. Approval for the wearing of the rig will in every instance be at the discretion of the Commanding Officer or Senior Officer where more than one ship or establishment is concerned. Approval will normally be given only in respect of organised evening social functions taking place in, or sponsored by, HM ships or establishments or in other Service messes and at functions organised by civic authorities for the Services when appropriate.

4. *Entitlement to Wear.*—These dresses may be worn as appropriate by:—

- a. all CPOs;
- b. all RMSNCOs serving in RM establishments and units; and
- c. Colour Sergeants and above serving in HM ships and RN establishments.

5. *Supply arrangements.*—The mess jackets will *not* be available from Service sources. CPOs and RMSNCOs who wish to provide themselves with these jackets should purchase them privately. All the private traders listed in DCI (RN) 1362/65 have been informed of the introduction of the dress and are expected to be in a position to supply shortly. The prototype jacket for RMSNCOs was made by Messrs Hobsons & Sons (London) Ltd, 154/164 Tooley Street, London Bridge, London, S.E.1.

6. *Cost.*—The price of the mess jackets is expected to be of the order of £10 to £12.

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