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JERSEY WOOL HEAVY - BADGES

Reference:

A. Visit of AAG 22 Oct 74

1. As discussed during the recent visit of the AAG concern has been expressed in Cdo Forces over the lack of standardisation for wearing badges with the Jersey Wool Heavy.
2. Guidance on wearing the Royal Marines Commando flash is given in RMRO 253/71 which it is hoped will soon be incorporated in the rewrite of ER 81. However, it is for consideration that instructions should be issued on whether officers' badges of rank should be trimmed to the shape of the star or crown; whether in the case of stars the badge should be sewn on square or diagonally and if the first badge should be placed flush with the shoulder seam or a certain distance from it.
3. In our opinion badges of rank should be untrimmed, the first positioned flush with the shoulder seam, and subsequent badges adjoining. This would obviate the need for elaboration on the angle of the star.
4. Could an RMRO standardising the wearing of badges on Jersey Wool Heavy be issued pending inclusion in ER 81 please?

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References:

- A. RMRO 131/74
 - B. CF 15/12/30 dated 24 October 1974
1. A copy of reference B is forwarded for HQ Trg Gp RM and HQ RMR.
 2. We confirm that officers black-on-green rank badges should be untrimmed, the first positioned flush with the shoulder seam and subsequent badges adjoining.
 3. A RMRO will be issued shortly until this instruction is published in BR 81.

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131. UNIFORM—BADGES OF RANK ON TEMPERATE COMBAT JACKETS AND JERSEYS WOOL HEAVY

1. *Introduction.* In future, black-on-green rank badges are to be worn by all officers, WOs and NCOs on temperate combat jackets and the use of khaki serge badges is to be discontinued. At the same time, new black-on-green rank badges for WOs are being introduced for wear on both temperate combat jackets and jerseys wool heavy (JWH) in place of the anodised badges in current use.

2. *Gratuitous Issues.* Black-on-green rank badges are to be issued as follows:

| Serial (a) | Dress (b) | Rank/Circumstances (c) | Quantity (d) |
|---------------|--------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 1. | Temperate Combat Jackets | Serving officers | 2 sets |
| 2. | | Serving WOs and NCOs | 2 badges |
| 3. | | On promotion or when issued with combat jacket | As for serial 1 or 2 above |
| 4. | Jerseys Wool Heavy | Serving officers | Nil (1) |
| 5. | | Serving WOs | 1 badge |
| 6. | | Serving NCOs | Nil (1) |
| 7. | | Officers on promotion | 1 badge |
| 8. | | WOs and NCOs on promotion | 2 badges |

Note:

(1) Officers and NCOs have already received a gratuitous issue for one JWH. The second JWH and badge, for both WOs and NCOs, are to be obtained from KUA by 1 October 1975 - DCI(RN) S31/74 refers.

3. *Manner of Wear.* Black-on-green rank badges are to be worn on temperate combat jackets and JWH as follows:

| Serial (a) | Rank (b) | Temperate Combat Jacket (c) | Jersey Wool Heavy (d) |
|---------------|-------------|--|--------------------------|
| 1. | Officers | On detachable green sleeves fitted on both shoulder straps | On both shoulders |
| 2. | WOs | On the right forearm, the bottom point of the badge to be positioned 4 inches above the bottom of the sleeve cuff. | |

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253. WEARING OF ROYAL MARINES COMMANDO FLASHES ON HEAVY JERSEY

1. To give the Army pattern Jersey Wool Heavy, which is now widely in use as everyday uniform, a distinctive Royal Marines appearance, the Commandant General has decided that the flash "Royal Marines Commando", once worn on Battledress, should be re-introduced.
2. Accordingly all Royal Marines officers and other ranks who have completed the Commando Course are in future to wear the flash on both sleeves of the heavy jersey. The flash is to be sewn centrally with its upper edge touching the shoulder seam.
3. This order is to be implemented as soon as possible subject to individual unit programmes. Units are to demand flashes, Patt 32915 from PSTO(N) Plymouth on the basis of an initial gratuitous issue of 2 per man. Replacement issues are to be on a repayment basis at the current Fleet Issuing Price (0.05p).
4. BR 81 - RN & RM Uniform Regulations will be amended in due course.

254. IMPROVED BLUE SHORTS PT

1. Stocks of a new improved pattern PT Shorts Blue in Polyester/Cotton are now available and may be demanded as required.
2. Details are as follows:
 - a.

| Vocab No. | Waist (of Man) |
|-----------|----------------|
| 21820 | 26" |
| 21821 | 28" |
| 21822 | 30" |
| 21823 | 32" |
| 21824 | 34" |
| 21825 | 36" |
| 21826 | 38" |
| 21827 | 40" |
 - b. *Fleet Issuing Price*
 - (1) For sales to NCOs and men and to officers entitled to Purchase Tax exemption - £0.75p per pair.
 - (2) For sales to officers in shore establishments at home and HM Ships in Home waters which are not regularly sea going (inclusive of Purchase Tax) - £0.84p per pair.
3. The scales for officers and other ranks as laid down in BR 81 RN & RM Uniform Regulations will be amended to read "2 pairs of blue PT Shorts".

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3. NCOs

On the right upper arm, the bottom point of the badge to be positioned $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches below the shoulder seam.

4. *Demands.* All badges are obtainable from PSTO(N) Devonport and this RMRO should be quoted as the authority. Vocabulary Numbers and accounting details for the new WOs' badges are shown in the Annex to this order.
5. *Regulations.* BR 81 (RN and RM Uniform Regulations) and BR 93 (Victualling Manual) will be amended.

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