

Mess Dress

On the amalgamation the scarlet infantry pattern mess jacket of the RMLI was adopted, with the blue facings in accordance with the custom for a 'Royal' regiment. Former RMA officers were allowed to wear their blue mess dress until March 1933. (GO RM 159/29)

A scarlet jacket with four medium sized gilt buttons in front mounted with a silver lion and crown, a rolled blue collar, straight blue cuffs and no shoulder straps. Small gilt metal badges of rank worn on the collar lapels above a small globe and laurel gilt collar badge. (Badges of rank were originally the normal $\frac{5}{8}$ " size but by July 1932 had been reduced to $\frac{3}{8}$ " size).

The mess waistcoat was blue with four small buttons of the same pattern as the jacket. Overalls and Wellington boots were worn with mess dress, but not by Warrant Officers who wore trousers and black shoes.

Until October 1930 the mess jacket and waistcoat worn by Schoolmasters and Band Service officers was blue and whilst Schoolmasters wore the normal globe and laurel lapel badge, Band Service officers wore a gilt lyre over a scroll bearing the motto 'PER MARE PER TERRAM'. Both these groups of officers changed to scarlet mess jackets in 1930, but were allowed to wear their blue jackets until March 1935. (GO RM 57/30)