

## INDEX TO RM HISTORY NOTES

### A-

#### ANKLETS

To be worn with KD trousers (puttees with shorts)

45 Cdo DRO

18

Oct

1952

#### AIGULETTES

**Army Type** - Last RM entry in Appendix to the December 1948  
Navy List

**Naval Type** – First RM entry in Appendix to June 1951  
the Navy List

Adopted by the RN: Campbell p117  
ADCs to the Queen 1875  
Admirals of the Fleet and the staff of a QR&AI 10 Oct  
Commander-in-Chief 1891

Major M B Reynolds (Comptroller to the Gov  
Gen NZ – Bernard Ferguson) in 1964 –  
Admiralty Board restricted use but Army and  
RAF did not.

#### ATTACHES

First RM Officer appointed a Military attache - Norway  
13 Jun 1977

A B HARFIELD

ARMOURERS & BRAZIERS, Worshipful Company of

Award to Best Student on Arm 3 Course  
 Presentation of Silver Menu Holder  
 Luncheon in their Hall for visiting Marine Corps Commandants  
 during Tercentenary celebrations

G&L 1976/265

G&L 1980/328

24 Sep 1980

22 Jul 1964

**AVIATION** see also PILOTS

First RM Officer to command RN Commando Squadron  
 First RM 'Primary Forward Air Controller' appointed

M J REECE  
 D A OAKLEY

G&L 1969/140  
 G&L 1968/270

4 Apr 1967

**B-**  
**BADGES**

Specialist

Para & Observers on SNCOs' mess dress  
 Caterers' badge approved ('K' below, two stars & laurel wreath)  
 Gunnery no longer required  
 Officers not to wear Observer's badge  
 Band branch to be cloth instead of anodised on all uniforms  
 Proposal to do away with stars and crowns on branch badges turned down  
 Pipers, particularly for 42 Cdo proposed

NDUCC

G&L 1968 p343  
 3 Jun 1971

Sep 1974

RMRO 93/70  
 NUDCC

1 May 1970  
 1967

1971 Being worn in Blue

**Uniform**

G&L 1959/160

Rank

WO1s' to be the same as FCPO  
 Khaki on Khaki for combat clothing discontinued.  
 Black embroidered on green to be issued  
 - to be worn on right sleeve only. Slip on brassards not to be worn  
 C/Sgts to wear large arm badge in Lovat dress not approved on cost

DCI(RN)U459/71 para 6

1973

Feb 1963

Cap

Not to be worn in DPM Combat Caps

RM 10/26/104

27 Sep 73

Collar

Lyres no longer worn by Junior Musicians

1970

## BADGES CAP

(contd)

### Combat Caps

Cap Badges not to be worn with DPM Combat Caps

RM 10/26/104  
dated 27 Sep  
1973

### RMLI

New split badge

G&L 1921/71

## BADGES, GENERAL

### Gilt Badges and Buttons

No further orders from June 1962. Existing stocks reallocated to waste out prior to introduction of anodised badges and buttons

V 52/10/62

## BADGES OF RANK, OFFICERS

Worn on cuff of service dress jacket

A&N VolXV  
p630

## BADGES OF RANK – OTHER RANKS

### **Bandmasters 1<sup>st</sup> Class**

To wear lyre encircled by a laurel wreath surmounted by a Crown [RMRO 1172/46](#)  
[G&L 1946/300](#)

### **Staff Bandmasters**

New badge approved by CGRM – Nov 1962 [V 54/4/62](#)

### **Staff Clerk**

Crown and laurel wreath with a star above [Major Percy](#)  
[Turner](#)

### **WO1's Badge**

To be the same as FCPOs [DCI\(RN\)U](#)  
[459/71\(6\)](#)

Proposal by WO1 Tappin to introduce a more distinctive badge of rank for JWH [See RMRO](#)  
[90/75](#)

### **Combat Clothing**

K on K badges of rank for combat clothing to be discontinued in 1973.  
Black embroidered on green to be issued – to be worn on right sleeve only.  
Slip on and brassards not to be worn.  
Combat smock, combat shirt, OG shirt and JWH

### **Synthetic Gold Chevrons**

Trials in 1981 – *Cost one fifth and do not* [RM 19/13/118](#)

*tarnish*

Pk III

**RMA & RMLI**

Gold lace chevrons worn by L/Sgts and A/Bdrs  
RMA

KR&AI(1906)  
Art 1138

Worset chevrons by L/Sgts and L/Cpls RMLI

**BADGES, SQ (contd)**

**Lovat Uniform & Blue Uniform**

Proposal to remove SQ badges from Lovat and  
place on blue uniform

Dress Cttee  
12.3.80

SQ badges to be discontinued on Lovat uniform  
in 1985

New Gold on blue badges for Blue Uniform in  
1985

DCI(RN) 409/84

Wef 1 Jan 1985

**King's and Prince's Badges on JWH**

To be worn with immediate effect (as soon as  
suitable badges available) on the left arm 2"  
below the shoulder seam on the JWH

RMRO 126/86)

**Caterer**

'K' with crown and 2 stars

Approved by  
NDUCC – Jun  
1971

**Gunnery**

No longer required in Sep 1974

CHECK

**Band Branch Badge**

To be cloth instead of anodised on all uniforms (G on B for Blues) (G on Gr for Lovat) (K on KD for KD). Metal badges were unsuitable because lugs chaffed the shirt and made holes and on to BM tunic had holes and had to be replaced. In April 1970 Treasury approval awaited for gratuitous issue (badges cost 14/6d each). (Initial expenditure £1,750)

Replaced out of KUA on normal kit maintenance w.e.f. 1 May 1970.

RMRO 93/70

Proposal to do away with stars and crowns and only have simple and plain branch badges throughout RN & RM turned down by NUDCC in 1967

Issue of Gold on Blue SQ badges – end of 1984

*(Included RM Caterer)*

### **RM Provost**

SQ badge provided in 1964

V 54/5/62

### **Snipers**

*Guards Division wear similar badge to RM*

## **BADGES, COLLAR**

Lyre collar badges abolished

1970

## **BAND DRESS**

See also CONCERT DRESS

**Bass Players' Aprons**

Buff aprons replaced by blue cloth aprons –  
double sided with Lovat cloth on the reverse

**BAND CONCERT UNIFORM**

Introduction but put into abeyance

1973

**BADGES, BAND**

**RNSM**

To wear the same badge as RM on caps – 13  
Sep 1946

RMRO 1172/46

G&L 1946/300

**Portsmouth Group**

Wearing Royal Cyphers on headdress

RMRO 369/55

**Depot Band (1925)**

POW plume worn above normal cap badge by  
Depot Band

Museum Photos

3/89

**BAYONETS  
(contd)**

Pool of ceremonial bayonets established and  
held by HQ Cdo Forces and RM Poole

RMRO 147/76

## BATTLE DRESS

Obsolete

1 Apr 1966

## BELTS

Band ranks permitted to purchase white plastic from Potters privately

1972

## BELTS, BUFF WAIST

See also EQUIPMENT, WHITE BUFF – LOCKETS, UNION

To be worn on leave when web equipment withdrawn RM Circ 8 Apr 1940

RM Bands to revert to wearing white belts (also white helmets and cross belts [sic]) RMRO 1452/45

### Greatcoats

Belts worn underneath RMRO 8/57

### Buglers

Issued on completion of training RMRO 236./57

### Band Ranks

Permitted to privately purchase white plastic belts from Messers Henry Potter (£1.10) in 1972.

Brass runners and lockets Union removed from buff belts and issued on loan

## BERET, GREEN



Issued in 40 Cdo on 26 Oct 1942 ('*Light Blue Lanyard*' page 34) ADM 202/87  
War Diary

### **BLUE UNIFORM, ORs**

#### **New Blue Uniform**

in worsted serge available for issue from 1 Sep 1974. All NCOs and Marines to have a suit by 1 Mar 1976. (Includes a blue cloth belt)  
[Dates in paras 6 & 7 of DCI should be 1976]

DCI(RN)S  
127/74  
G&L 1974/313

To be issued to RMFVR wef 1 Apr 1976

RM 10/13/118

### **BOATS CREW**

Dress for Divisional Boats Crews abolished

G&L 1921/59

### **BOOTS, DMS**

To replace Boots CS on a wastage basis over next 12 months. Not to be polished when issued but treated with dubbin

RMRO 115/66

#### Band Ranks & Buglers

In order to provide suitable footwear for military training 1 pr Boots, Naval pattern to be

replaced by 1 pr Boots DMS or CS. New entries issued to this scale wef 1 Apr 1970.

RMRO 44/70

Printers

RMRO 87/70

Armourers and Drivers

Non slip to be issued to Armourers and Drivers on vehicle inspection and servicing duties

RMRO 24/72

In 1971 recruits issued with DMS Boots, but no laces! – in error.

**BOOTS, SEA SERVICE**  
**[Boots, ankle, Naval pattern]**

No longer issued to recruits, shoes, black leather issued in lieu.

G&L 1959/189

No longer to be included in initial kit issue. In future 1 pr to be issued to RM Ors on first being drafted to sea.

RMRO 145/67

**Band Ranks and Buglers**

In order to provide suitable footwear for military training 1 pr naval pattern boots replaced by 1 pr Boots CS or Boots DMS. New entries to be issued to this scale wef 1 Apr 1970.

RMRO 44/70

**BUTTONS**

### Gilt Badges and Buttons

No further orders from June 1962. Existing stocks reallocated to waste out prior to introduction of anodised badges and buttons V 52/10/62

### BISHOPS

SOUTHWELL - First ex-RM Officer	J D Wakeling	10 Oct 1970
NORWICH - Chaplain 48 Cdo 1944	Maurice Wood	14 Oct 1970
BRADFORD - Chaplain 43 Cdo - Italy	Ross Hook MC	4 Jul 1974

### BROADCASTING

First Radio broadcast by RM Band - HMS Calcutta, Montreal	ARCH 23/2/3	3 Sep 1925
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### BUGLES

Silver/Nickle plated introduced		Apr 1964
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### C-

#### CANADA

Toronto Exhibition - First RM Band to take part see also BROADCASTING	G&L 1939/531	1939
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#### CANES

Officers - no longer to be carried	RM 15/12/93	3 Dec 1970
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### CANES and STICKS

Not to be carried by other ranks

RM Circ  
5079/39Q  
Dated 25 Sep  
1939

## Specification

Malacca covered in dark brown leather, stitched along the length, rounded at the ends, length 24", diameter 3/4"

RMRO 398/53

## Officers

Suggestion for officers not to carry canes put forward by Po Gp in Oct 1970 and supported by Ply Gp.

RM 15/12/93  
dated 3 Dec  
1970

Canes no longer to be carried by officers wef 11 Dec 1970

RMRO 231/70

## RSMs

Authority (*This may refer to Sticks*)

Dress Regs Art  
0610  
RMI 6706

Sticks, Walking, Black Ebony – Sergeants  
First in Dress Regulations – June 1955

## CANOES

Cross Channel Record of 4 hours      Capt H G Bruce  
This has since been beaten - 3hrs 20 mins 30 secs

G&L 1951/262      28 Jul 1951  
1961

## CAPES

Admiralty constabulary pattern for unit Provost. Badges of rank on collar as for SNCOs' mess dress

Band Officers' introduced with scarlet lining and gold lace around collar

1965      Dec 1964

## CAPS

Field Service - 1st RM Bn (CO 'Jumbo' Leicester) wore leather chin straps - known as Jumbo Straps

White plastic topped - with Lovat Dress

RMRO 183/65 & 163/66

Forage Caps of W/T Officers to have blue band instead of scarlet

(Appx to the Navy List Jan 1921 para 2)

### Cap Covers

Abolished by Order dated 30 April 1921  
Countermanded 27 October  
1922

RMA History  
Vol II p901

Men in possession of Caps Blue RM and RMB  
may be issued with 2 covers per man

RMRO 646/46

### CAP FIELD SERVICE

#### Blue FS Cap

Included in Apr 1920 Appx to the Navy List for  
RMA and RMLI Officers but omitted from Jan  
1921 Appx.

“Forage cap for active service and peace  
manoeuvres”

Appx to the Navy  
List 1893

1893, New pattern for officers

G&L Vol I p201

Not included in July 1904 Appx but included in  
Apr 1905.

#### Khaki FS Cap

G&L 1939/440

RMLI wore the Blue FS Cap at an angle, unlike other LI who wear it straight on the head

G&L 1951/330

[1896] “The Austrian pattern Field Service Cap replaced the Glengarry in the RMLI and for drill in the RMA who however retained their pill-box for walking out”

Blumberg’s RM  
Records Vol III

1st RM Bn (CO Lt Col ‘Jumbo’ Leicester) wore leather chin straps with khaki FS cap - known as Jumbo Straps

## CAPES

Blue Cloth for Band ranks and Buglers approved – 1963

CGRM’s Report

Admiralty Constabulary capes for Unit Provost – badges of rank to be worn on the collar – to be as for SNCOs’ mess dress – December 1964

### Band Officers

- with scarlet lining and gold lace around the collar introduced in 1965

## CAPS (contd)

RM wearing 'peaked Brodricks', RMB wearing normal forage caps

G&L 1932/11

## CLOTH BELTS

### Officers

"Not the present intention to introduce army pattern cloth belt as an alternative to Sam Browne in the Royal Marines"

RM Circ  
5079/39  
dated 25 Sep  
1939

Optional item for officers in Blue and Khaki SD

RM Circ  
dated 12 Aug  
1941

### Staff Car Drivers

In Blues and Lovat to wear cloth belts and no medals for reasons of safety.

CGRM's  
instruction

## CLOTH INSIGNIA

### 3 Cdo Bde formation sign – Fighting Knife

Not worn in B/D by a man qualified as a parachutist and with a King's Badge.

Suggestion for wear on peak of Arctic cap in 1983

## CONCERT UNIFORM, BAND

Introduction in 1973 put in abeyance because, although most Band Cpls and Musns agreed to pay 50% of the cost, many Band Funds could not stand the other 50% of the cost.

Uniform to be:-

- Scarlet mess jacket (normal size badges)
- Black Cumberbund
- White shirt
- Black bow tie
- Normal blue uniform trousers

#### CHAPLAINS

Last RN Chaplain to be killed in WWII - Rev H C W Maugher RNVR - 42 Cdo Shrubb 21 Mar 1945

#### COLOURS

Last time in France G&L 1947/292 1947  
Previously last time on foreign soil - Japan 1864

#### COMMANDANT GENERAL RM

First to fly flag afloat Gen R A D Brookes G&L 1948/5 28 Nov 1947

#### COMMISSIONS

Three brothers on the same day - O'Donnells 2 Aug 1921

#### D-

#### DIRECTORS OF MUSIC

Three brothers all commissioned on the same day - O'Donnells 2 Aug 1921

#### DRESS



Changes in Dress in 2000 by Maj Maerk Bentinck

RMHS N/L Aug 2000/6

**DRESS COMMITTEE, CORPS**

Renamed 'CGRM's Advisory Dress Committee'

Dec 1972

**DRILL INSTRUCTORS**

Title

Specialist Qualifications

RMRO 15/53

AFO 1634/51

RMRO 16/53

**DRUM MAJORS**

Wearing miniature medals in

1957

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD - Change in rules for wearing medallion

Apr 1965

**DENIM OVERALLS**

Denim Trousers to be replaced by Olive Green polyester cotton trousers in 1972/1973.

**DRESS COMMITTEE, CORPS**

Until 1967

CGRM (Chairman)

Rep Col Comdt

MGRM Po

MGRM Ply

AQMG

Rep D of V

Rep D of S(SD)

DAQMG (Secretary)

Reformed in Jan 1972 as

COS Chairman

AAG  
Branch  
AQM

Rep – 'G'

DAAG (PS) (Secretary)

Renamed in Dec 1972

CGRM's Advisory Dress Committee

## DRUM MAJORS

All qualified Drum Majors to wear ceremonial tunics *(At this time only Drum Majors of staff bands wore the tunic)* RM 10/13/134 dated 4 Mar 1977

**E-**

EATON HALL (OCTU)

First RM Cadets to attend - from Y19 Squad

ARCH 6/19/13

6 Jun 1947

EDINBURGH

Tattoo

First RM to take part

G&L 1951/316

1951

EQUERRIES

First RM Officers appointed to HRH Prince Philip

G F D Roberts

G&L 1955/45

12 Feb 1955

EQUIPMENT

Trials of courene equipment in UK and S'pore - more suitable than plastic  
White polythene issued to all ranks by

RM 10/14/46(c)

late 1962

1 Nov 1971

**EQUIPMENT, WHITE**

Approval for white blanched web belts, rifle slings G&L 1947/61

Trials of white Courlene equipment (Belt, bayonet frog and rifle sling) in late 1962 in UK and Singapore – considered more suitable than plastic.

All regular ranks issued with white polyethylene webbing by 1 November 1971 and issued to RMR ranks in 1977. RM 10/14/46(c)  
dated 12 Mar  
1971

## **F-**

### **FALKLAND ISLANDS**

Relief Force embarked in HMS Veryan Bay

G&L 1954/189

### **FLAGS**

First time CGRM's flag flown afloat  
Origin of RM Senior Officers' flags

G&L 1948/5

28 Nov 1947

G&L 1951/257

### **FROCK COAT**

Band Officers' frock coats supplied on permanent loan – Sept 1975

**G-**

**GOOCH'S MARINES**

Grover	p15
Br Hist III Pt I	p31
Cannon	p23
P Smith	p22
BSS Vol I	pp73,88/9
Gillespie	p40

**GLENGARRY CAP**

Introduced for ORs – <u>24 Jan 1870</u>	<u>BSS II p163</u>
Introduced for Officers – <u>9 Jul 1880</u>	<u>BSS II p164</u>

Last included in Appx to the Navy List April 1893

Worn until 1896	<u>MHS Special No 2002 p6</u>
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[1896] .....Field Service Cap replaced nthe Glengarry in the RMLI.....	<u>Blumberg's RM Records Vol III</u>
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**GOOD CONDUCT BADGES**

In 1943 for 3, 8 and 13 years

**GORGET PATCHES**

Bronze buttons worn by Captain General W/T Officers to wear blue with crimson gimp

G&L Xmas 1974 (Appx to the Navy List Jan 1921)

## GORGET PATCHES

Captain General wearing bronze buttons on  
gorget patches in Lovat Dress G&L Cover  
Christmas 1974

## GREATCOATS

Atholl Grey - Corps interested in combined Army/RAF project to develop  
British Warm's

1972

Approval to be worn when not on parade with troops

RM 11/4/112

12 Apr 72

Approval to be worn with Blues when not on parade - own expense -  
no badges of rank

RM 15/12/93

7 Jun 74

## GREATCOATS (contd)

Illustration of OR's greatcoat – 1927 G&L 1927/242

Corps interested in Army/RAF project to develop  
Atholl Grey greatcoat in 1972.

### **Blue greatcoat**

Approved by 2<sup>nd</sup> Sea Lord – 7 Sep 1984

New Blue greatcoat to be introduced in 1986 DCI(RN) 409/84  
First worn for Nov ceremonies in 1986 G&L 1986/354  
Introduction RMRO 127/87

Band Service prefer blue greatcoat to blue  
cape Dress  
Committee

12 March 1980

### **British Warmes**

Proposal by HQ Cdo Forces approved for officers to wear British Warmes in Bluer uniform due to being unable to fit from greatcoat pool, at own expense, with no badges of rank and not on parade with troops.

RM 15/12/93  
dated  
7 Jun 1974.

### **GUNNERY**

Last RM officer to qualify Long 'G'  
Last RM Gunnery Officer to retire  
(excl Officers appointed to Naval Ordnance)

M G BARBER

1957

R C SIDWELL

### **H-**

#### **HELMETS**

Blue Cloth - Officers permitted to wear until

GORM 40/05

1 Jan 1908

**HELMETS, WP**  
**Improved pattern**

Wolsey Pattern White Helmet – Sir Garnet Wolsey was C-in-C Egyptian War of 1882. He was Cardwell's military Assistant and served with distinction in the Crimean War. Commanded 90<sup>th</sup> Foot (2<sup>nd</sup> Cameronians) in the Indian Mutiny.

*(Cole & Priestly p221)*

Introduced into RM in 1912.

BSS Vol II p307

No issues until present stocks exhausted	<u>GORM 78/1912</u>
<u>Officers</u> may wear present pattern until Jan 1915	<u>GORM 10/1915</u> <u>GORM 110/35</u>
<u>Probationary 2Lts</u> to provide themselves with Helmets WP on joining and not on completion of Theoretical Military Course.	<u>RM Circ</u> <u>5079/39Q</u> <u>Dated 25 Sep 1939</u>
<u>WWII</u> – Not to be worn in Home Ships and establishments for the duration of the War. Personal issue discontinued and all helmets to be returned to store. (Worn by RM Band during WRNS 40 <sup>th</sup> Birthday parade at Buckingham Palace – 11 Apr 1943)	<u>RM Circ</u> <u>4 Feb 1943</u>
<u>Post WWII</u> – RM Bands to revert to wearing white helmets (also white belts and cross belts [sic]) Worn by ranks on parade for Presentation of Colours to the Commandos in Malta in Nov 1952	<u>RMRO 1452/45</u> <u>RMRO 293/47</u>  <u>RMRO/206/54</u>
Ranks drafted to HMS <i>Royal Prince &amp; Royal Albert</i> (Germany).	<u>RMRO 57/56</u>
To be worn in UK for Ceremonial: a. Parading for the Royal Family b. When Colours paraded. c. Duties in London. d. Important ceremonial duties outside London.	<u>RMRO 21/64</u>
On other occasions at discretion of Group	<u>RMRO 182/64</u>

Commanders.

RM Detachments. Issued on personal loan.

To be issued to ranks of AW Squadron, Naval Beach Unit and SBS detachment, HMS *Jufair*.

### **Chin Chains**

On or after 23 Apr 1926 all Officers RM will wear a gilt curb chain chin strap with the helmet on occasions when full dress tunic is worn. GORM 154/25

Issued to Band and Buglers in Dec 1938 for the Royal Tour of Canada in 1939. Sir Vivian Dunn's Notes

Issued to Street Lining Company for Their Majesties' drive to London Guildhall and to be retained by ranks on completion of the duty. RM Circ 7 Jun 1939

Stocks insufficient to issue to all Other Ranks ashore and afloat, issue will be made forthwith to all ranks serving in ships. Issues to ranks ashore deferred until all stocks sufficient for simultaneous issues to be made. RM Circ 17 May 1939

Chin chains to be returned to store. RM Circ 5 Feb 1940

### **HELMETS, BLUE CLOTH**

Officers permitted to wear Blue Cloth Helmets until 1 Jan 1908 GORM 40/05



## HM SHIPS

HMS Veryan Bay - Relief Force for Falkland Islands embarked

G&L 1954/189

## HONOURS & AWARDS

See also MEDALS

First award in WWII - BEM - DEMS C/Sgt Thos Watkins

LG 15/12/1939

First awards in WWII - Other than DEMS - River Plate Action

LG 20/2/1940

First MBE to WO after re-introduction of rank

WO2 C V J Wheeler

First QGM to RMR Rank

Mne J Crawford

RMRO 2/76

First QGM

Cpl J W Hall

LG 21/1/1975

HOSTILITIES ONLY OFFICERS see OFFICERS

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J-

JOINT WARFARE ESTABLISHMENT

Last Commandant

Maj Gen P J Ovens OBE MC

## JERSEY WOOL HEAVY

## RMR

Issued to the RMR cg 1 Apr 1975

(TAVR already in possession in Mar 1974)

RM 7/14/69(A)

K-

KING'S BADGE

Two brothers

S C Scott - 206/7 Troop  
& R B Scott - 225 Troop

G&L 1977/258

Awarded to first specially enlisted clerk  
Only time presented by the Sovereign

STOKES - 285 Troop  
F E Woods - 353 Squad

G&L 1940/15

19 Dec 1939

New Service Dress Regulations for Army  
Officers N&AI Vol XIV  
p106

### KIT UPKEEP ALLOWANCE

Ceased 1 April 1992 – one for one exchange of  
kit G&L 1992/73

**L-**

### LANYARDS

All ranks - Navy Blue to be worn by HQ Cdo Forces & Cdo Log Regt

1 & 6(V) Bns The Queen's all ranks to wear blue lanyards

Origin of 41 Cdo yellow lanyard

Orange worn by 1ACG Royal Netherlands Marine Corps

Officers' Blue Lanyard - article

Letters RM see SHOULDER TITLES

RM 15/12/93

26 Mar 1971

1971

RMHS SP8 p41

G&L 1951/257

### LANYARDS, OFFICERS

First shown in Dress Regulations

Blue - RMA

Crimson - RMLI

Appx to Navy

List

July 1893

RMLI changed to Green

Appx – July

1902

Notes on Officers' Blue Lanyard

1. Not noted in Blue Undress pre WWII – only in Drill Order.
2. Not noted in KSD pre WWII
3. Not shown in KD pre WWII
4. First shown in Blue Undress Appx – June 1948
5. First shown in Battledress Appx – June 1948
6. 'Whistle Cord' NOT 'Lanyard', Method of wearing G&L 1951/186, 221,257

Worn as privilege by Officers and WO1s of the East Surrey Regiment, a custom continued on amalgamation by the Queen's Regiment. Proposed in 1971 should be worn by all ranks of 1 and 6(V) Bns Queen's.

**LANYARDS, UNIT**

Introduced into Commandos in Hong Kong – **To be confirmed**  
Dec 1947

Comacchio Company – old Gold and Scarlet RMRO 63/81

Commando Logistic Regiment – Blue Change No 3 to BR/81 (P928/72)

Yellow Lanyard of 41 Cdo previously worn by

No 5 Army Cdo

Lt Col P R  
Thomas

White Lanyard worn by 1 RM Bn and then  
passed to 42 Cdo.

Red Lanyard of 45 Cdo worn by 'Whisky' Coy  
(13 Coy) RNLMC - 17 May 1974

G&L 1974/239\*

44 RM Cdo wore a dark blue plated  
lanyard on the right shoulder.

Maj Gen Owen –  
confirmd by Capt H  
D Phillips

May be worn in blue uniform where local  
circumstances make it necessary when  
authorised by senior officer

(RM 13/2/45)  
RMRO 282/45

## LANYARDS, UNIT

### Clasp Knife & Lanyard

1. Only to be worn with 'Fighting Order'

RMRO 336/53

2. Knife lanyards, when ordered, to be worn  
on the right shoulder.

GORM 90/27

3. Lanyard is to be worn in an ordinary loop

GORM 2/29

### 41 Commando

Origin of yellow unit lanyard

RMHS SP 8 p44

Request by R Netherlands MC landing craft

detachment to wear green lanyard in 1986

## LOCKETS UNION

Introduced in 1955	<u>CGRM's Newsletter</u>
If not fitting flush armourer to adjust	<u>RMRO 32/58</u>
RMFVR not to be issued with Lockets Union	<u>RMRO 397/62</u>
To be returned on discharge	<u>RMRO 5/75</u>
Corps stock kept by CTCRM	<u>RMRO 23/77</u>

## LONDON, CITY OF

First RM Guard of Honour at the Guildhall

G&L 1947/130

15May 1947

## LOVAT DRESS

Naval Secretary received HM Queen's approval by

30 Jul 1962

## LOVAT SERVICE DRESS

Gen Cartwright Taylor was against wearing Lovat Dress as No 4 Dress as we had always said it replaced battledress.

Naval Secretary had received HM's approval

for Lovat Dress by 30 Jul 1962.

Serge Lovat suits ceased to be issued in 1974, when the issue was to be: 1 Worsted suit, 1 pr Barrack workind dress trousers, 2 x JWH. To use up stock 1 pr serge Lovat trousers were issued in lie of W/D trousers.

RMR

To be issued to RMR Ranks wef 1 Apr 1976

RM 10/13/118

N/STE/3044/75

**M-**

**MEDALS**

See also HONOURS & AWARDS

Last serving member of the Band Service

with WWII campaign stars

Last serving RM with a 1914 Star

Capt A D Haigh

Maj M G Pughe

BB Mar 1975/10

G&L 1949/292

**MEDALS  
(contd)**

Medals to be worn again wef 1 Jan 1950

G&L 1949/326

**MESS DRESS**

Officers

Kamarbands in place of waistcoats permitted

SNCOs

Para & Observers' badges

Approval to wear scarlet mess dress

C-in-C Fleet

July 1971

G&L 1968/343

NDUCC meeting

26 Jul 1972

## MESS DRESS

(see also KAMARBANDS)

### **RM Band Officers & Schoolmasters.**

The King approves blue mess dress of schoolmasters and Officers and WOs of RM Band Service being replaced by scarlet mess dress as for other officers. (No charge to the public in consequence of this change). Blue Mess Dress will cease to be worn after 31 March 1935.

GORM 57/30

### **Not to be worn during the war**

For the duration of the war.....not to be worn on any occasion. Mess undress will worn afloat as ordered.

RM Circ 25 Sep 1939

Mess Undress may be worn by those in possession

RMRO 516/47

**Kamarbands** not to be worn in white mess dress – only a white waistcoat

CRMEI N/L No 1  
5 Oct 1946

Permitted in lieu of messjackets by C-in-C Fleet - July 1957

“**Red Sea Rig** of their own invention” allowed

CRMEI N/L No 3  
19 Dec 1946

[1896] “The RMLI, following the Guards, adopted the present pattern mess jacket in lieu

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of the gold laced shell jacket and laced waistcoat”

**Generals and Colonels**

Capt Gen wearing incorrect pattern (No buttons)

G&L 1950/6  
G&L 1953/237

**Overalls, Wellington Boots and Spurs**

Confined to No 2 Ball Dress and No 6 Mess Dress and not in No 7 Mess Undress

RM 11/4/112  
dated  
9 Jun 1972

**Soft Evening Shirts**

Confined to No 7 Mess Undress

RM 11/4/112  
dated  
9 Jun 1972

**MESS DRESS**

SNCOs

Tropical white mess dress by Sgts in HM ships.

BR 81  
Change 1  
(1968)

(Tropical in temperate climates approved in 1956)

Approved by HM The Queen

Buckingham  
Palace letter –  
19 Dec 1958

“On occasions when the White mess jacket authorised for POs”

BR 81  
Change 2  
(1970)



Scarlet or white at all times for Sgts [sic] BR81 (1984)

Messers Bernards Oct 1966 - Price of Mess Jacket £10.10.0

Trousers

£ 5.19.6

#### MOUNTAINEERING

Mount Paget, South Georgia  
Mount Phabrang, Nepal

V N Stevenson  
D V Nicholls

13 Dec 1960  
28 Sep 1980

#### MOURNING

Joint service regulations amended to allow RM to cover second button of tunic as previously

June 1974

Warrant Officers to wear black arm bands in service mourning (QRRN being amended)  
Funeral of Duke of Windsor

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black arm bands ordered to be worn on JWH in service mourning

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#### **M O U R N I N G**

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BSS II p305  
QR Army  
J8.113h(4)

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RM Office Memo  
58 dated 2 July  
1942

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RMRO 488/44

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Wearing of Mourning bands RMRO  
488/44

Funeral of Duke of Windsor 1972  
RM WOs to wear black armbands in service mourning - QRRN J1104 being amended.  
Armbands were ordered to be worn with JWH.

**N-**

**NORTHERN IRELAND**

First Cdo deployed for IS duties                      41 Cdo (Spearhead)  
Det from NCOs School to HMS Gannet

28 Sep 1969  
Autumn 1954(?) 17 Dec 1956

**NORWAY**

First Exercise - Ex DONALD DUCK                      43 Cdo  
First Winter Training  
First RM Military Attache in Oslo                      Maj A B Harfield

12 Oct 1962  
13 Jun 1977

**O-**

**OFFICERS**

Last ex 'HO' officer who transferred to CS to retire  
First ex 'HO' officer who transferred to CS to retire

J C C Richards  
E A R Syms

**OPERATIONS**

'Bittern' - Ambulance Drivers & Hospital Auxiliaries Strike  
'Briskett' - Road Haulage Drivers' Strike,  
'Burberry' - Firemen's Strike,  
'Hewcal' - Ambulance Drivers & Hospital Auxiliaries Strike  
'Keelman' - Water & Sewerage Workers Strike,  
'Kindly' - Ambulance Drivers & Hospital Auxiliaries Strike  
'Leadburn' - Tankers Drivers' Strike,  
'Paddock' - Prison Service Strike,  
'Scarab' - Fire Fighting Duties,  
'Uplifter' - Ambulance Drivers & Hospital Auxiliaries Strike

1979  
1977/78  
1981/82/83  
1981-82  
1981  
1980/81

**OVERALLS see TROUSERS**

**P-**

**PILOTS**

Other ranks as light aircraft pilots

April 1965

First RM NCO to qualify as helicopter pilot

Sgt Philip Lawrence G&L 1966/67

#### PRINCE'S BADGE

List of Recipients

First to be Commissioned

RMHS N/L May 2001

RMHS N/L May 2001

#### PUTTEES

To be worn with KD shorts( anklets with KD trousers)

45 Cdo DRO

18 Oct 1952

#### PERSONAL KIT

Gratuitous issues of pants, vests, pyjamas, brushes, housewife, laces etc stopped with the introduction of the new pay code.

#### PROVOST/POLICE

##### **RM Provost – 1945 – Caps**

In blue uniform to wear RM Police blue caps fitted with red MP cap cover and RM badge

RMRO 895/45

##### **Provost Sergeant**

Badge of rank – three inverted chevrons on the right arm below the elbow

Sword Staff Sergeants to be worn with appropriate orders of dress (not B/D). Belt, sword staff sergeants as appropriate in buff or brown leather.

RMRO 197/58

No special issue of chevrons for this purpose.

##### **Unit Police**

To wear white web belt with white web brace

attachment over the right shoulder in all orders of dress. SNCOs not to wear the scarlet sash. RMRO 19758  
RMRO 215/67

### **Admiralty Constabulary Capes**

For unit provost – badges of rank to be worn on the collar – to be as for SNCOs' mess dress – December 1964

**SQ Badge and 'MP' armbands**  
Provided for RM Provost in 1964

V 54/5/62

**R-**

RADIO

see also BROADCASTING

REGIMENTAL RACE CLUB, RM  
Origins

G&L 1948/137

RM RESERVE

First RMR Officer to be promoted Colonel

C E Phillipson

PARM 39/82

22 Nov 1982

Suggestion to have lovat trousers and JWH as replacement for battledress

**RAINCOATS, RM BLUE**

See also RAINCOATS, RM

Authority to wear

Po Div Standing

Orders para

485a

Illustration in Cooper's Advertisement

G&L 1951/35

## RESERVE, ROYAL MARINES

Change in title from RMFVR to RMR RMRO 193/66

Suggestion for RMR to have Lovat trousers  
and JWH as replacement for battledress March 1973

### **S-** SEA SERVICE

Last serving officer to have served in a  
sea-going battleship - HMS Vanguard

R M B Otway-Ruthven

1952/54

### SADDLE CLUB, RM

see also REGIMENTAL RACE CLUB, RM

### SHIRTS

Tropical Cellular ceased to be issued

31 May 1964

### **SHIRTS**

See also BUSH SHIRTS

### All Purpose Shirts

Scales on introduction of Lovat Dress RMRO 270/62

### Blue and White Striped – 1939

No objection to manufacture of cotton shirts,  
blue and white striped, whilst shortage of khaki  
shirting. RM Circ 3 Oct  
1939

### Tropical – 1940

New pattern Shirt, Tropical, Cellular. (Issue of Shirts, Cotton, Blue and White Stripe to be confined to personnel not required to embark eg Labour and Engineer Units)

RM Circ 8 Jan  
1940

Tropical

Shirts, Tropical, Khaki, Cellular ceased to be issued after 31 May 1964

**SHOES, BLACK LEATHER**

**Not issued during Hostilities**

Black leather shoes and khaki stockings not being issued as part of tropical dress during hostilities.

RM Circ 11 Mar  
1941

**Civilian Pattern-1942**

Wearing of civilian pattern boots and shoes in B/D not authorised for RM (ACI 741/42 not applicable to RM)

RM Circ 29 Apr  
1942

**Reintroduction - 1942**

Black Shoes and khaki stockings as additional clothing for wear on board or ashore on leave,

RM Circ 25 Aug  
1942

**Officers** may wear RN Officers' pattern off parade.

RMRO 711/48

Shoes, black leather with toecaps for officers to be available from service sources(in place of naval pattern)

RMRO 44/55

**Other Ranks**

Black shoes may be worn when walking out in.No 1 dress, in which case blue or black socks will be worn. RMRO 201/50

Black shoes to be issued to recruits on entry in lieu of sea service boots. G&L 1959/189

**NS Officers - Blue Uniform**

NS officers who do not possess officers' pattern boots are to wear naval officers' pattern black shoes in blue uniform. RMRO 298/53

'Shoes Soldiers/Airmen' available for issue from Apr 1981 to replace seamen's style shoes (Army shoes have toe caps)

**SHOES, BROWN CANVAS**

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Not to be blackened (practice to be discontinued *RM Circ 24 Jul 1942*

To be withdrawn *G&L 1959/189*

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## SOCKS

### **Other Ranks with Shoes**

Blue or black socks are to be worn when shoes are worn when walking out in No 1 Dress

RMRO 201/50

### **Blue and/or Grey**

Both may be maintained in compulsory kit scale after recruit training

RMRO 47/58

### **Khaki Socks**

Introduced to replace grey socks

RMRO 259/62

### **Lovat Socks for Officers**

Corps tailors to stock

Dress Cttee—  
16.11.79

## SHORTS

No 10 Tropical Drill to be cancelled as an order of dress.

Shorts only to be worn as a working dress

Sep 1973

Provision of stone coloured and stockings. At present only worn by Band Service and some RM personnel ashore

RMRO 45/86

7 Apr 1986

## SHOULDER TITLES

Letters 'RM'

All ranks changed to ½" by

1 Apr 1966

## SILVER INSTRUMENTS

Recommended by the Leech Porter Committee

## SOVEREIGN, THE

First visit by reigning sovereign to a RM Barracks

Edward VII

G&L 1904/27

21 Feb 1904

Only King's Badge presented by see - KING'S BADGE

George VI

## 'SPEARHEAD'

First RM unit top assume duties

41 Cdo

4 Jan 1964

## STAFF CLERKS

Short Article by AJD

RMHS N/L Aug 2000/3

## SWORD KNOTS

Method of Wearing, 1931

Po Div SO 12

Made up sword knots

N&AI Vol XV  
p630

## WORDS

See also SWORD KNOTS

Wearing in Review Order etc

Po Div Standing  
Orders paras 9  
& 10

Not to be worn ashore for the duration of the War

RM Circ  
5079/39Q dated  
25 Sep 39

Officers in Review Order – 1926

When undrawn not to be “hooked up” except by Colour Officers. To be carried in left hand when on the march.

When swords are drawn, scabbards to be hooked up in accordance with para 960(iv) of KR.

GORM 109/26

[1896] .....the introduction of the new pattern straight thrusting sword for RMLI officers with a steel hilt instead of the brass-hilted cut and thrust sword hitherto in use. This was designed to meet the new Italian exercise recently introduced with a straight arm guard.

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Records Vol III

T-

## TROUSERS

Denim to be replaced by olive green polyester cotton

1972/73

Overalls

Confined to No 2 Ball Dress and No 6 Mess Dress.

Not to be worn in No 7 Mess Undress.

Soft evening shirts to be confined to No 7 Mess Undress RM 11/4/112 9 Jun 1972

Not to be worn with the Pattern 'B' tunic by Generals & Colonels

## TUNICS

White - CINCFLEET band using up 1968 trial tunics

### **TUNICS, WHITE TROPICAL**

Band of CINCFLEET using up trial (1968) white tropical tunics in 1973 (Army No 3 Dress tunic)

White tunics scaled only for RM personnel serving in the Royal Yacht. Tropical dress for other RM personnel is the No 6 suit.

Request for white tunics to be issued to Band of Cdo Forces for Malta visit not approved RM 10/13/63  
dated 17 Mar  
1978

Became general issue for all band ranks in about 1981 – previously

*Band of the Woolwich Div wore white tunics  
until 1867*

Random  
Records p175

## TAILORS, CORPS CIVILIAN

### Corps Tailors appointed

Dege Ltd  
Peter Marsh  
Gieves

Corps Dress  
Committee  
16 Nov 1979

1973

## TROPICAL DRESS

45 Cdo -18 Oct 1952

Puttees to be worn with KD Shorts  
Anklets to be worn with KD Trousers

## U-

### UNIFORM

see also BAND CONCERT UNIFORM

Blue - 40 suits sold to Falkland Islands Defence Force (1966 and 1968)

New Blue

G&L 1974/313

UNIFORM GRANT - increase from £27 to £33 on promotion to Major

1 Dec 1964

### UNIFORM GRANTS

#### Field Officers

Increase grant of £27 to cover overalls, Wellington boots and spurs on promotion to Major – all officers promoted on or after 1 Dec 1964 (Total grant now £33)

**V-**

**W-**

#### WARRANT OFFICERS

to wear black arm bands in service mourning (QRRN being amended)

WO1s

More distinctive badge of rank on JWH proposed

RMRO 90/75

**WRNS  
(Wrens)**

When in Northern Ireland Wrens to wear RM khaki shirts, open neck in summer, black tie in winter and khaki JWH in winter

D/WRNS/5/16/4  
Dated 5 Apr  
1981

**X-**

Y-  
Z-