

Dress Regulations

The following Dress Regulations have been approved since 1939.

2. General(a) Arm Badges

(i) The following formation and unit arm badges will be worn but only on Battle Dress :-

All units

- Badges, Arm, Woven, "Royal Marines".

Training Groups R.M.

- Badges, Arm, Embroidered, Sea Horse on Admiralty Blue Circle on Scarlet Triangle

Commando Group

- Badges, Arm, Woven, "Commando".  
Badges, Arm, Woven, Numeral.  
Badges, Arm, Embroidered Red Dagger on Blue Triangle.

116. Infantry Brigade R.M.

- Badges, Arm, Embroidered Yellow Trident on Red Triangle.

34 Amphibian Support Regiment R.M.

- Badges, Arm, Embroidered, Gold Foul Anchor on Red Triangle on Blue Shield.

(ii) No other unit signs are to be worn without prior approval of C.G.R.M.

(iii) Army Area Badges and other Army distinctive badges (e.g. R. Sigs, R.A., R.E., etc.) will not be worn. If, however a formation or unit is serving under Army Command the wearing of the Army Formation Badge may be worn if specially approved by C.G.R.M.

(R.M. 4643/42.A.3)

(b) Badges, Shoulder, Tropical, "Royal Marines"

These Badges are to be worn with Tropical Dress. They consist of a washable, flat, khaki drill "sleeve" with "Royal Marines" embroidered in scarlet on a blue background, for drawing over the shoulder strap of the khaki drill tunic, bush shirt or tropical shirt

(R.M. 604/99/46.A.3.)

(c) Badges of Rank, Good Conduct Badges, and Badges of Distinction.

Authorised R.M. Badges of Rank, Good Conduct Badges, and Badges of Distinction will always be worn on khaki battle dress.

(R.M. 4741/42.A.3)

(d) Non-Regulation Insignia and Changes in Uniform.

(i) Adoption of non-regulation insignia and changes in uniform will not be permitted without the prior approval of C. G. R.M.

(ii) The wearing of white lanyards with Blue Uniform of other ranks/ <sup>can</sup> be authorised by Senior Officers R.M. when local circumstances make it necessary.

(R.M. 882/2/44.A.3)

(e) Mourning Bands.

(i) The provisions of K.R.A. and A.R. para 1010 (a) will be held in abeyance and the wearing of Mourning Bands at Service Funerals or Memorial Services connected therewith, will be discontinued for the duration of the present emergency.

(ii) Individual Officers and other ranks may wear a mourning band when in private mourning.

(R.M. 882/1/44.A.3)

(f) Blue Uniform.

(i) H.O. Officers may wear Blue Uniform provided that it is in accordance with the sealed pattern. Officers not serving in appointments for which Blue Uniform is authorised will receive neither outfit gratuity for provision of Blue Uniform nor additional clothing coupons.

(R.M. 882/5/45.A.3)

(ii) Blue Uniforms will not be issued to R.M. Landing Craft personnel.

(R.M. 604/41/45.A.3)

(g) War Service Chevrons.

War Service Chevrons, if worn, will be sewn on the right sleeve as follows:-

Tunics with cuffs - The outside edges of the top Chevron will be fitted into the point of the cuff as high as possible without overlapping the edge of the cuff

Battle Dress Blouse - The bottom Chevron will be fitted immediately above the upper edge of the cuff and centrally between the seams

Tunics without cuffs - The bottom chevron will be fitted one inch above the bottom of the sleeve and centrally between the seams

War Service Chevrons will always be worn below all other badges

(ii) A.F.O. 7/44 refers

(R.M. 8669/43.A.3)

3. Officers.

Tropical Dress.

Officers proceeding to the Far East should provide themselves with the following articles before leaving the U.K. :-

- Tunic K.D. .... 1 No.
- Trousers K.D. .... 1 pair.
- Shirts, Tropical with slip on
- Badges of Rank. .... 2 No.
- Shorts. .... 2 pairs
- Stockings, Khaki. .... 2 pairs

2. Tunics K.D. are worn only for Ceremonial occasions and public functions and one only will be required.

3. Officers should not provide themselves with more than 2 Shirts, Tropical, as Bush Shirts are the normal wear. There is some difficulty in getting Bush Shirts made in U.K. and Officers are advised to have them made overseas. There is no objection to Officers drawing Other Ranks pattern Bush Shirts from 1st.Q.M. Stores but in all cases where this is done they must be altered to fit, better type bone buttons (not Regimental buttons) and Officers Pattern Buttons fitted. Sleeves will not be cut short either in Bush Shirts or Shirts Tropical.

(R.M. 883/3/45.A.3)

4. Other Ranks.

(a) Wearing of Web Belts with Battle Dress.

Other Ranks will wear Web Belts with Battle Dress when on leave

(R.M. 463+/43.A.3)

(b) Greatcoats - Wearing of Arm Badges, "Royal Marines" and Letters "R.M." on -

(i) Badges, Arm, Woven, "Royal Marines" will not be worn on Greatcoats.

(ii) Letters, "R.M." will not be worn on Greatcoats when on duty unless all other ranks in the unit possess them.

(R.M. 4799/43.A.3)

(c) Collar and Tie for Other Ranks for wear with Battle Dress.

(i) Shirts with collar attached are being issued in place of the existing collarless shirts. Khaki Ties are also being provided for wear with the new shirt.

(ii) When issues are made the following conditions regarding the wearing of the collar and tie will be observed :-

1. Ties may be worn with Khaki Battle Dress when off duty in Barracks, on leave or walking out and when working in offices, attending lectures or similar indoor instruction. They will not be worn on other occasions.
2. Tie or collar pins will not be worn.

3. When the tie is worn, the top button of the Battle Dress Blouse will be undone.

4. Collar and Tie other ranks - ctd.

4. When the tie is not worn the Blouse will be worn buttoned up to the top.

(iii) A.C.I. 1516/44 is applicable.

(R.M. 882/10/44.A.3)

(d) Civilian Pattern Boots and Shoes.

(i) Other Ranks may wear Black civilian boots and Shoes when on leave or off duty. They must be plain i.e. not heavily punched or sewn, or of the Naval Pattern.

(ii) Clothing Coupons cannot be issued for replacement purposes.

(R.M. 4578/42.A.3)

(e) Caps - R.M. Provost.

R.M. Provost personnel, when on duty and dressed in Blue Uniform, will wear Royal Marine Police Blue Caps fitted with the standard Red Military Police Cap Cover and R.M. Badge.

( R.M. 885/3/45.A.3)

(f) Drivers I.C. - Badge of Distinction.

The correct Badge is "Badge, Arm, Steering Wheel" and the regulations for wearing it are laid down in A.F.O. 444/42.

(R.M. 3831/42.A.3)

5. The following R.M.O.M. and R.M.R.O. are cancelled:-

R.M.O.M.

R.M.R.O.

28	349/44	377/44	498/44
43	1046/44	1263/44	1264/44
56	1673/44	140/45	282/45
58	576/45	684/45	685/45
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