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ROYAL MARINES ROUTINE ORDERS

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Commandant General

1. The Commandant General has approved the proposal that Senior Non Commissioned and Warrant Officers should be allowed to wear a dark blue waistcoat with their mess dress in place of the scarlet cummerbund.
2. The style of the waistcoat is based on that of the pattern and shape currently worn by officers except that there is no lapel. The buttons to be used will be the small standard anodised pattern as used on the shoulders of Nos 1 and 4 Dress and which are available from clothing stores. (BR81 Page 6A-7 refers)
3. The waistcoat may be worn with effect from the publishing date of this RMRO. A period of grace has been authorised to allow the procurement of this item of uniform which will last until 1 January 1992. Until that time SNCOs may wear either the cummerbund or the waistcoat at mess functions. From 1 January 1992 the cummerbund is not to be worn with Temperate Mess Kit. BR81 will be amended in due course.