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ROYAL MARINES ROUTINE ORDERS

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009* 3 COMMANDO BRIGADE ROYAL MARINES - INTRODUCTION OF FORMATION
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1. It has been apparent for some time that, whilst wearing DPM Combat Dress, there is no visible distinguishing flash or badge to identify the wearer as being a Royal Marines Commando. When operating with other formations or as part of a Bi/Multi National Coalition it is felt that this is unacceptable.

2. Accordingly, from 1 March 1997 new distinguishing Formation Insignia will be introduced for personnel serving in 3 Cdo Bde RM and the following dress regulations will apply to all Royal Marines and Royal Navy/Army Commando Trained Ranks when wearing DPM Combat Dress:

a. Royal Marines General Service. A black on green "Royal Marines Commando" flash is to be worn by all Royal Marines on both sleeves of the outer garment of all types of DPM Combat Dress (arctic, temperate, tropical and desert). The flash is to be attached centrally with its upper edge 7mm below the shoulder seams.

b. 3 Cdo Bde RM. When serving with 3 Cdo Bde RM, Royal Marines and Royal Navy/Army Commando trained personnel are to wear a red field service fighting knife on a black background on the left sleeve of the outer garment of all types of DPM Combat Dress (arctic, temperate, tropical and desert). It is to be worn on the upper arm, 9cms from the point of the shoulder, and is to be removed upon leaving the Bde. For Royal Marines this will be in addition to the flash identified at sub paragraph 2a above. On no account are Non-Commando trained Royal Navy and Army personnel to wear the badge at any time.

c. Army Ranks. Army Commando trained ranks will continue to wear the field service fighting knife badge as directed in Material Regulations For The Army, Volume 3, Pamphlet 15, Table 8, Serial 25.

3. The above badges are to be attached in accordance with existing instructions.

4. BR 81 will be amended in due course.