

# THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF SCOTLAND (SCOTS)



DRESS REGULATIONS



# INTRODUCTION



Through out history Regiments and individual soldiers have been respected for their uniform, standards of discipline and turn-out. It is all too easy for a Regiment to get a bad reputation but it takes great effort and attention to detail by all ranks of a Regiment to maintain its good name. In the British Army many traditions are handed down through the generations in the Regiments dress, The Royal Regiment of Scotland is no exception. When soldiers are in uniform they are ambassadors for their nation and Regiment. The highest standards of dress and turn-out are considered to be the outward sign of the inner spirit of good discipline. Every soldier in the Regiment, be he Officer or soldier, has a duty to be a good ambassador for his country and to promote the good name of the Regiment especially when wearing the Queens uniform.

These Dress Regulations are designed to ensure that all Officers and Soldiers serving in The Royal Regiment of Scotland are correctly dressed for every occasion. It is the duty of all Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior Non Commissioned Officers to ensure that the highest standards of dress, turn out and discipline is maintained by all ranks. All members of the Regiment should aspire to set the highest standards of turn-out and bearing when wearing uniform.

*O why the deuce should I repine and be an ill foreboder,  
I'm twenty three and five feet nine, I'll go and be a soldier.*

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# NUMBER 1 DRESS

## No. 1A - CEREMONIAL

No.1A Ceremonial order of dress is to be worn on all State, ceremonial and formal occasions such as Royal Guards, Guards of Honour, Quarter Guards and Public Duties. It is also worn by Officers when carrying out the duties of Equerry at Court.

| Uniform                     | Officers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | WOs                                                  | SNCOs              | JNCO/Ptes          | Remarks                                   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Headdress                   | Glengarry and Cockfeather with white feathers facing to rear of badge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                      |                    |                    | All ranks.                                |
| Jacket Ceremonial           | Archer Green barathea doublet of Scottish pattern. Officers with Gold Russia piping and White Russia for Other Ranks. No medal ribbons to be attached to this jacket.                                                                                                                                   |                                                      |                    |                    | All ranks.                                |
| Rank Insignia               | Shoulder cords with black lace thread, 1 inch gold enamelled rank stars and crowns with red cushion.                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Gold braid with green backing.                       |                    |                    |                                           |
| Shirt                       | White collarless with gold cufflinks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Green T-Shirt.                                       |                    |                    |                                           |
| Collar Badges               | Officers pattern Gold embroidered thistle.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Other ranks gilt thistle. Thistles to face outwards. |                    |                    |                                           |
| Cross Belt                  | White Cross Belt. Worn under sash at front and over sash at rear. Sword slings attached.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                      |                    |                    |                                           |
| Waist Belt                  | White issue waist belt with brass plate superimposed with regimental Cap badge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                      |                    |                    |                                           |
| Sash                        | Crimson silk sash worn over left shoulder. Over cross belt at front and under at the rear. Knot of sash to be worn just below the waist belt.                                                                                                                                                           | Red issue sash.                                      | Red issue sash.    |                    | Medals pinned through sash to the Jacket. |
| Gloves                      | White Cotton.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | White knitted in greatcoat order only                |                    |                    |                                           |
| Kilt                        | Govt 1A tartan worn with central vertical line of the Set running in line with buttons on jacket and belt buckle. Dark horizontal line on cross of Set central between top of sporran and bottom of belt plate forming a cross. The bottom of the apron should hang 1inch above the centre of the knee. |                                                      |                    |                    |                                           |
| Kilt Rosettes               | Yes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                      |                    | No.                |                                           |
| Sporran                     | White hair with two black tassels and white belt. Worn a hands width from the top of the sporran to the bottom of the belt plate.                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                      |                    |                    | Not to be trimmed.                        |
| Hose Tops                   | Footless stocking black and red dicing. Worn with top of dice two fingers width from the side of knee bone. Three diamonds showing above top of gaiters.                                                                                                                                                |                                                      |                    |                    |                                           |
| Flashes                     | Scarlet flat 4 inch flashes worn with forward edge of the flash in line with the centre of the dice and in line with the shin bone. Length of flash must be worn in line with the bottom of the second dice down on the hose.                                                                           |                                                      |                    |                    |                                           |
| Gaiters                     | Long pattern white canvas with 8 black buttons. High point in the back, black leather strap under instep, secured by two black buttons on each side.                                                                                                                                                    |                                                      |                    |                    |                                           |
| Sgian Dubh                  | Regtl Sgian dubh with Cap badge. Worn behind rear flash on right leg.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                      |                    |                    |                                           |
| Shoes                       | Issue black brogue highly polished.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                      |                    |                    |                                           |
| Accoutrements and Side Arms | Broadsword with full Basket and Plated Scabbard.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Rifle and Bayonet.                                   | Rifle and Bayonet. | Rifle and Bayonet. | As directed.                              |



OFFICER No. 1A - CEREMONIAL



WO2/SNCO No. 1A - CEREMONIAL



JNCO No. 1A - CEREMONIAL

# No. 1B - NON CEREMONIAL

No.1B Non Ceremonial order of dress is to be worn at State, Ceremonial and formal occasions such as investitures when there is no requirement to carry swords, rifles or side arms. It is to be worn by spectators at Sovereigns Parades, ushers and escorts at formal parades.

| Uniform           | Officers                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | WOs                                                 | NCOs                      | Ptes | Remarks                                                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Headdress         | Glengarry with Cockfeather, white feathers to rear of badge.                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                     |                           |      | All ranks.                                                               |
| Ceremonial Jacket | Green barathea doublet of Scottish pattern with Gold Russia piping for Officers and White Russia piping for Other Ranks.                                                                                                         |                                                     |                           |      | All ranks.                                                               |
| Rank Insignia     | Green backed gold shoulder cords with black thread and green backing. 1inch gold enamelled rank stars and crowns with red cushion.                                                                                               | Gold braid badge and chevrons with green backing.   |                           |      |                                                                          |
| Shirt             | White collarless with gold cufflinks.                                                                                                                                                                                            | Green T-Shirt.                                      |                           |      |                                                                          |
| Collar Dogs       | Officers pattern Gold embroidered thistle.                                                                                                                                                                                       | Other ranks brass thistle worn on collars.          |                           |      |                                                                          |
| Waist Belt        | White issue plastic waist belt with brass plate and superimposed regimental cap badge.                                                                                                                                           |                                                     |                           |      |                                                                          |
| Sash              | Crimson silk sash worn over cross belt at front and under at rear.                                                                                                                                                               | Red issue sash.                                     |                           |      | Medal ribbons are only worn on Jacket when being invested with an award. |
| Gloves            | White Cotton.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | White knitted gloves when in great coat order only. |                           |      |                                                                          |
| Kilt              | Govt 1A tartan worn with central line of Set in line with buttons of jacket. Cross line of Set central between top of sporran and bottom of belt plate. The bottom of the apron should hang 1 inch above the centre of the knee. |                                                     |                           |      |                                                                          |
| Kilt Rosettes     | Yes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                     |                           | No.  |                                                                          |
| Sporran           | White hair with two black tassels and white leather belt. Worn a hands width from the top of the sporran to the bottom of the belt plate.                                                                                        |                                                     |                           |      | Not to be trimmed.                                                       |
| Hose Tops         | Footless stocking black and red dicing. Worn with top of hose two fingers below bone at the knee. Three dicing shown above top of gaiter.                                                                                        |                                                     |                           |      | All ranks.                                                               |
| Flashes           | Flat scarlet 4 inch flash worn with forward edge of the flash in line with centre of front diamond and in line with shin bone. Length of flash in line with bottom of second dice.                                               |                                                     |                           |      | All ranks.                                                               |
| Gaiters           | Long pattern white canvas with 8 black buttons. High point in the back, black leather strap under instep, secured by two black buttons on each side.                                                                             |                                                     |                           |      | All ranks.                                                               |
| Sgian Dubh        | Regtl Sgian Dubh worn behind rear red flash on right leg.                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                     |                           |      |                                                                          |
| Shoes             | Issue black brogue highly polished.                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                     |                           |      | All ranks.                                                               |
| Accoutrements     | Regtl Cane.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Pace Stick.                                         | Cane for stick orderlies. |      |                                                                          |



NO. 1B - NON CEREMONIAL

# No. 1C - LEVEE DRESS

No.1C Levée Order of dress is to be worn when carrying out duties as an Equerry to Royalty attending to Court Investitures and Regimental weddings.

| Uniform                     | Officers                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Remarks                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Headdress                   | Glengarry with Cockfeather. White feathers behind badge.                                                                                                                                                        |                         |
| Ceremonial Jacket           | Archer Green barathea doublet of Scottish pattern.<br>Gold Russia piping for Officers and White Russia piping for Other Ranks.                                                                                  |                         |
| Rank Insignia               | Issued green backed gold shoulder cords with black thread and green backing. 1inch Gold enamelled rank stars and crowns with red cushion.                                                                       |                         |
| Shirt                       | White collarless with gold cufflinks.                                                                                                                                                                           |                         |
| Collar Badges               | Gold embroidered thistle at ends of collar.                                                                                                                                                                     |                         |
| Cross Belt                  | White plastic Cross Belt.<br>4x3 inch brass plate of Regimental Crest.<br>Two slings with loops and studs.                                                                                                      |                         |
| Waist Belt                  | White issue plastic waist belt with brass plate with superimposed regimental cap badge.                                                                                                                         |                         |
| Sash                        | Crimson silk sash worn over cross belt at front and under at rear.<br>Medals to be pinned through sash to jacket. The knot of the sash is to be worn just below the bottom of the waist belt on the right rear. |                         |
| Gloves                      | White Cotton.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                         |
| Kilt                        | Govt 1A Tartan worn with cross of Set central in line with buttons of jacket and between top of sporran and bottom of belt plate. The bottom of the apron should hang 1 inch above the centre of the knee.      |                         |
| Kilt Rosettes               | Yes.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                         |
| Sporran                     | White hair with two black tassels and white leather belt. Worn with top of sporran a hands width from bottom of belt plate.                                                                                     | Hair not to be trimmed. |
| Ball Hose                   | Full length black and red diced hose with centre of dice running down shin bone.                                                                                                                                |                         |
| Flashes                     | Flat scarlet 4 inch flashes, worn no longer than the bottom of the second dice and the forward edge running down the centre of the dice in line with shin bone.                                                 |                         |
| Sgian Dubh                  | Worn behind rear flash on the right leg.                                                                                                                                                                        |                         |
| Shoes                       | Buckled evening shoes.                                                                                                                                                                                          |                         |
| Accoutrements and Side Arms | Broadsword Full basket. Plated Scabbard.                                                                                                                                                                        |                         |



OFFICER No. 1C - LEVEE DRESS

# NUMBER 2 DRESS

## No. 2A - CEREMONIAL

No.2A Ceremonial order of dress is to be worn whilst carrying out Regimental duties, Quarter Guards, Courts Martial duties, Commanding Officers Orders, formal interviews and drill parades.

| Uniform                     | Officers                                                                                                                                                                                                   | WOs                                                                      | NCOs                                             | Ptes               | Remarks                                 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Headdress                   | Glengarry with Cockfeather. White feathers to rear of badge.                                                                                                                                               |                                                                          |                                                  |                    |                                         |
| Service Dress Jacket        | Dark shade barathean Jacket of Scottish pattern.                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                                                  |                    | All ranks.                              |
| Rank Insignia               | Gold enamelled 1inch rank stars and crowns with red cushion.                                                                                                                                               | Khaki cloth, WO and CSgt crowns to have 3mm red backing.                 |                                                  |                    | Medals pinned above left breast pocket. |
| Collar Badges               | Bronze Officers pattern worn on collars.                                                                                                                                                                   | Other ranks pattern in gilt worn on collars. Thistles to point outwards. |                                                  |                    |                                         |
| Shirt and tie               | Officers pattern khaki shirt and issue braided khaki tie.                                                                                                                                                  | Issue shirt and braided Khaki tie.                                       |                                                  |                    |                                         |
| Sash and Belt               | Sam Browne.                                                                                                                                                                                                | White belt and frog with rifle/bayonet.                                  | White issue plastic Waist belt with brass plate. |                    | WOs,SNCO & ORs with Bayonet frogs.      |
|                             | No Sash Worn.                                                                                                                                                                                              | Red sash.                                                                | Red sash.                                        |                    |                                         |
| Gloves                      | Brown leather.                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                          |                                                  |                    |                                         |
| Kilt                        | Govt 1A Tartan worn with cross of Set centrally in line with jacket buttons and between top of sporran and bottom of belt buckle. The bottom of the apron should hang 1 inch above the centre of the knee. |                                                                          |                                                  |                    |                                         |
| Kilt Rosettes               | Yes.                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Yes.                                                                     | Yes.                                             | No.                |                                         |
| Sporran                     | White hair with two black tassels and white leather belt. Worn with top of sporran a hands width from bottom of belt buckle/plate.                                                                         |                                                                          |                                                  |                    | Hair not to be trimmed.                 |
| Hose Tops                   | Footless stocking black and red dicing. Worn with three diamonds showing above top of gaiters. Centre of front dice in line with shin bone.                                                                |                                                                          |                                                  |                    |                                         |
| Flashes                     | Flat 4 inch scarlet flashes, worn no longer than the bottom of the second dice and the forward edge running down the centre of the dice and shin bone.                                                     |                                                                          |                                                  |                    |                                         |
| Gaiters                     | Long pattern white canvas with 8 black buttons. High point in the back, black leather strap under instep, secured by two black buttons on each side.                                                       |                                                                          |                                                  |                    |                                         |
| Sgian Dubh                  | Regimental Sgian Dubh worn behind rear flash on right leg.                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                          |                                                  |                    | Offrs and WOs only.                     |
| Shoes                       | Issue black brogue highly polished.                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                          |                                                  |                    |                                         |
| Accoutrements and Side Arms | Broadsword with Full basket and Leather Scabbard.                                                                                                                                                          | Pace Stick when not carrying rifle and bayonet.                          | Rifle and Bayonet.                               | Rifle and Bayonet. |                                         |



OFFICER No. 2A - CEREMONIAL



WO/SNCO No. 2A - CEREMONIAL



NCO No. 2A - CEREMONIAL

# No. 2B - NON CEREMONIAL

No.2B Non Ceremonial is to be worn for Battalion and Company drill parades, cadres, visits and inspections.

| Uniform              | Officers                                                                                                                                                                                                               | WOs                                                                     | SNCOs                                             | JNCO/Ptes | Remarks      |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Headdress            | Glengarry with Cap badge.                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                         |                                                   |           | All ranks.   |
| Service Dress Jacket | Dark shade barathea Jacket of Scottish pattern.                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                         |                                                   |           | All ranks.   |
| Rank Insignia        | Gilt enamelled 1inch Rank stars and Crowns with red cushion.                                                                                                                                                           | Khaki cloth with 3mm red backing.                                       | Khaki cloth. CSgt crowns to have 3mm red backing. |           |              |
| Collar Badges        | Other ranks pattern in bronze worn on lapels.                                                                                                                                                                          | Other ranks pattern in gilt worn on lapels. Thistles to point outwards. |                                                   |           |              |
| Shirt and Tie        | Scottish Officer pattern khaki shirt and issue braided khaki tie.                                                                                                                                                      | Khaki issue shirt and braided tie.                                      |                                                   |           |              |
| Sash and Belt        | Sam Browne.                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Brown leather sword belt.                                               | White issue belt with plate.                      |           |              |
|                      | No Sash Worn.                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Red issue sash.                                                         | Red issue sash.                                   |           |              |
| Gloves               | Brown leather.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Green knitted in winter only.                                           |                                                   |           |              |
| Kilt                 | Govt 1A Tartan worn with dark cross of Set worn centrally in line with buttons on jacket and between top of sporran and bottom of belt buckle. The bottom of the apron should hang 1inch above the centre of the knee. |                                                                         |                                                   |           |              |
| Kilt Rosettes        | Yes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                         |                                                   | No.       |              |
| Sporran and Badge    | Brown leather purse and strap with badge of crowned thistle.                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                         |                                                   |           | All ranks.   |
| Lovat Hose           | Lovat green hose. Should be worn with four fingers width turn down and top of hose two fingers width from side bone.                                                                                                   |                                                                         |                                                   |           | All ranks.   |
| Flashes              | Flat 6 inch scarlet flashes, 2 inches displayed with the forward edge of the flash running down the centre of the shin bone.                                                                                           |                                                                         |                                                   |           | All ranks.   |
| Sgian Dubh           | Sgian Dubh with Cap badge worn directly behind rear flash on right leg.                                                                                                                                                |                                                                         |                                                   |           | Offrs & Wos. |
| Shoes                | Issue black brogue.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                         |                                                   |           | All ranks.   |
| Accoutrements        | Regimental cane.                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Issue Pace Stick.                                                       |                                                   |           |              |



OFFICER No. 2B - NON CEREMONIAL



WO2/SNCO No. 2B - NON CEREMONIAL



JNCO No. 2B - NON CEREMONIAL

# No. 2C - NON CEREMONIAL TREWS

No.2C Non Ceremonial with Trews is to be worn on Battalion duties during cold weather at the discretion of Commanding Officers. It is to be worn by all ranks on Regimental duties at Retreat-Staff Parade after 1800 hrs daily.

| Uniform              | Officers                                                                     | WOs                                                                            | NCOs                                                       | Ptes | Remarks    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------|------------|
| Headdress            | Glengarry with Cap badge.                                                    |                                                                                |                                                            |      | All ranks. |
| Service Dress Jacket | Dark barathea Jacket of Scottish pattern.                                    |                                                                                |                                                            |      | All ranks. |
| Rank Insignia        | Gilt 1inch enamelled rank stars and crowns with red cushion.                 | Khaki cloth badge with 3mm red backing.                                        | Khaki cloth chevrons with 3mm red backing for CSgt crowns. |      |            |
| Collar Badges        | Officer pattern in bronze. Worn on each lapel with Thistles facing outwards. | Other ranks pattern in gilt. Worn on each lapel with Thistles facing outwards. |                                                            |      |            |
| Shirt and tie        | Officer pattern khaki shirt and issue braided khaki tie.                     | Issue khaki shirt and tie.                                                     |                                                            |      |            |
| Sash and Belt        | Sam Browne.                                                                  | Sword or white belt.                                                           | White issue belt with brass plate.                         |      |            |
|                      | No Sash Worn.                                                                | Red issue sash.                                                                | Red issue sash.                                            |      |            |
| Gloves               | Brown leather.                                                               | Green knitted in winter only.                                                  |                                                            |      |            |
| Trews                | Govt 1A Tartan Staff Trews, High back, braces.                               | Govt 1A Tartan Trews, straight cut with belt loops.                            |                                                            |      |            |
| Shoes                | Issue black brogue.                                                          |                                                                                |                                                            |      | All ranks. |
| Accoutrements        | Cane.                                                                        | Pace Stick.                                                                    |                                                            |      |            |



OFFICER No. 2C - NON CEREMONIAL TREWS



WO2/SNCO No.2C - NON CEREMONIAL TREWS



JNCO No. 2C - NON CEREMONIAL TREWS

# NUMBER 8 DRESS

## NO. 8 DRESS - COMBAT ORDER

No.8 Combat Dress is to be worn in barracks, on field training and operations as directed by Commanding Officers, Officers Commanding and Detachment Commanders.

| Uniform                              | Officers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | WOs                     | NCOs                             | Ptes | Remarks                                             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Head Dress                           | Khaki Balmoral with badge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                         | Khaki Tam O' Shanter with badge. |      | TOS to be worn pulled down on the right.            |
| Tartan Patch                         | 63 x 63 mm Govt 1A tartan patch. With dark horizontal line in centre and dark green half of patch to rear.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                         |                                  |      | All ranks.                                          |
| Cap badge                            | Worn on left of bonnet over tartan patch.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                         |                                  |      | All ranks.                                          |
| Hackles                              | 1 SCOTS - Black -Patt No. 15131.<br>2 SCOTS - White -Patt No. 17924A.<br>3 SCOTS - Red -Patt No. 19122.<br>4 SCOTS - Blue -Patt No. 18515.<br>5 SCOTS - Green -Patt No. D00976.<br>6 SCOTS - Hackles as per Coy affiliation.<br>7 SCOTS –Hackles as per Coy affiliation<br>a. Hackle worn behind cap badge.<br>b. Pers at ERE to wear hackle of last battalion served with.<br>c. Regt Lt Col, Colonels and above do not wear a hackle.<br>d. Regimental Band do not wear a hackle. |                         |                                  |      |                                                     |
| Rank Insignia                        | Khaki cloth stars and crowns with 3mm red backing on DPM slide.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Issue CS95 rank slides. |                                  |      | Issue rank slides for officers on Ops or field trg. |
| Tactical Recognition Flash (TRF)     | Lion Rampant on Saltire.<br>TRF (Blue/gold/white) worn on upper right arm -shirts only.<br>TRF (Green/black) worn on upper right arm -jackets only.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                         |                                  |      | All ranks.                                          |
| Stable Belt                          | Govt 1A Tartan worn with buckle over left hip and central light coloured line in the centre of the body.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                         |                                  |      | All ranks.                                          |
| Combat 95 Jacket, Shirt and Trousers | DPM as issued.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                         |                                  |      | All ranks.                                          |
| Boots Combat                         | Black leather, Issued.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                         |                                  |      | All ranks.                                          |
| Accoutrements                        | As directed by CO.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                         |                                  |      |                                                     |



ALL RANKS No. 8 - COMBAT DRESS

# NUMBER 10 DRESS

## No. 10A - MESS DRESS

No.10A Mess Dress is to be worn at State and Regimental Dinners, Summer Balls and all formal Regimental mess functions.

| Uniform                       | Officers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | WOs and SNCOs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | JNCOs                                                                 | Remarks              |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Headdress                     | Glengarry with Cap badge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Cpls Mess Dress is No 10B as for SNCOs but with dark blue cummerband. | As directed.         |
| Mess Dress Jacket and Buttons | Scarlet refine doeskin with roll collar. Dark Blue coloured quilted silk on lapels and plain dark blue coloured silk round collar. White piping 1/8 inch wide all round edge of Jacket. Dark Blue refine doeskin gauntlet cuff with white piping; fly for 4 small mounted Regimental buttons. Four small mounted Regimental buttons and buttonholes down front. No collar badges. Lined with Dark Blue and cream coloured art quilted silk. One inside pocket. | Scarlet refine doeskin Jacket. Dark blue superfine roll collar and pointed cuffs. Three small Regimental buttons mounted on the cuff. Three small Regimental buttons down front. No piping, no collar badges. Gold badges of rank with black backing. |                                                                       |                      |
| Rank Insignia                 | Twisted Gold shoulder cords with embroidered thistle at base. Small embroidered badges of rank stars and crowns with red cushion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Gold cloth badges and chevrons with dark blue backing.                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                       |                      |
| Mess Waistcoat                | Dark blue refine cloth with roll collar all edged round with gold piping. Pockets decorated with gold, 2. Gilt mounted Regimental buttons, 4.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Government 1A tartan with dark blue rayon back and strap buckle. 'V' front without collar. No piping. Three small mounted Regimental buttons and holes.                                                                                               |                                                                       |                      |
| Shirt and Bow Tie             | White Marcella shirt, white buttons and soft collar. Black bowtie.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                       |                      |
| Sashes                        | Crimson issue sash worn on duty under the jacket but over the waist coat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Red issue sash worn on duty only.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                       | Orderly Offr.        |
| Kilt                          | Govt 1A Tartan with centre of Set in line with waist coat buttons and cross line between top of sporran and waist.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                       |                      |
| Sporran                       | White hair with two black tassels, bells at tope of tassels, and white leather belt and cantle.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                       |                      |
| Ball Hose                     | Full length black and red diced hose. Scarlet Flashes worn with forward edge running down the centre of the shin bone.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                       |                      |
| Sgian Dubh                    | Regimental Sgian Dubh worn behind flash on right leg.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                       | Offrs and WO's only. |
| Shoes                         | Buckled brogues.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                       | JNCOs issue brogues. |
| Accoutrements and Side Arms   | Officers to carry a cane.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                       |                      |



OFFICER No. 10A - MESS DRESS



WO2/SNCO No. 10A - MESS DRESS

# No. 10B - MESS UNDRRESS

No.10B Mess Undress is to be worn at informal mess functions and sporting events such as Regimental Boxing nights and Burns Suppers as directed by Commanding Officers.

| Uniform           | Officers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | WOs and SNCOs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | JNCOs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Remarks              |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Headdress         | Glengarry with Cap badge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | All ranks.           |
| Mess Dress Jacket | Scarlet refine doeskin with roll collar. Dark Blue coloured quilted silk on lapels and plain dark blue coloured silk round collar. White piping 1/8" wide all round edge of Jacket. Dark Blue refine doeskin gauntlet cuff with white piping; fly for 4 small mounted Regimental buttons. Four small mounted Regimental buttons and buttonholes down front. No collar badges. Lined with Dark Blue and cream coloured art quilted silk. One inside pockets. | Scarlet refine doeskin Jacket. Dark blue superfine roll collar and pointed cuffs. Three small Regimental buttons mounted on the cuff. Three small Regimental buttons down front. No piping, no collar badges. Gold badges of rank with black backing. | Scarlet refine doeskin Jacket. Dark blue superfine roll collar and pointed cuffs. Three small Regimental buttons mounted on the cuff. Three small Regimental buttons down front. No piping, no collar badges. Gold badges of rank with black backing. |                      |
| Rank Insignia     | Twisted Gold shoulder cords with dark green lacing entwined embroidered and thistle at base. Small embroidered badges of rank. Crowns with red cushion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Gold cloth badges and chevrons with dark blue backing.                                                                                                                                                                                                | Gold cloth badges and chevrons with dark blue backing.                                                                                                                                                                                                |                      |
| Mess Waistcoat    | Dark blue refine cloth with roll collar all edged round with gold piping. Pockets decorated with gold. Gilt mounted Regimental buttons, 4.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Government 1A Regimental tartan with dark blue rayon back with strap and buckle. 'V' front without collar. No piping. Three small mounted Regimental buttons with button holes.                                                                       | Regimental dark blue silk cummerbund in lieu of a waistcoat.                                                                                                                                                                                          |                      |
| Shirt and Bow Tie | White Marcella shirt, white buttons and soft collar. Black bowtie.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | All ranks.           |
| Sashes            | Crimson issue sash.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Red issue sash.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Orderly<br>Offr/Sgt. |
| Trews             | Govt 1A Tartan trews.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Govt 1A Tartan issue trews.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                      |
| Socks             | Black/Navy blue.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                      |
| Shoes             | George Boots*.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Issue brogue.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | *OffrRSM.            |
| Accoutrements     | Regtl Cane.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                      |



OFFICER No. 10B - MESS UNDRESS



WO2/SNCO No. 10B - MESS UNDRRESS



JNCO No. 10B - MESS UNDRESS

# NUMBER 13 DRESS

## No. 13A - BARRACK DRESS

No.13A Barrack Dress is to be worn as routine dress for all ranks in barracks as directed by Commanding Officers and Officers Commanding.

| Uniform           | Officers                                                                                                                                                                                                        | WOs and<br>SNCOs                        | JNCOs                                                                       | Ptes | Remarks    |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------------|
| Headdress         | Glengarry with Cap badge.                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                         |                                                                             |      | All ranks. |
| Jersey            | Regimental Jersey.                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                         | Issued Jersey Heavy Wool.                                                   |      |            |
| Rank Insignia     | Cloth badges of rank with 3mm red backing on olive green slide.                                                                                                                                                 | Khaki cloth badge with 3mm red backing. | Khaki cloth chevrons and CSgt crowns with 3mm red backing sewn onto jersey. |      |            |
| Shirt and Tie     | Officer pattern khaki shirt and issue braided khaki tie.                                                                                                                                                        | Issue shirt and braided khaki tie.      |                                                                             |      |            |
| Stable Belt       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                         | The Regimental stable belt may be worn under the jersey if required.        |      |            |
| Kilt              | Govt 1A tartan worn with the bottom of the apron 1 inch above the centre of the knee. The dark cross of Set worn centrally in line with buttons on jacket and between top of sporran and bottom of belt buckle. |                                         |                                                                             |      |            |
| Kilt Rosettes     | Yes.                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes.                                    | No.                                                                         | No.  |            |
| Sporran and Badge | Brown leather purse and strap with badge of crowned thistle.                                                                                                                                                    |                                         |                                                                             |      | All ranks. |
| Lovat Hose        | Lovat green hose worn with top of hose two fingers below bone on side of knee. The turn down should be three inches in length.                                                                                  |                                         |                                                                             |      | All ranks. |
| Flashes           | Scarlet flat flashes worn with 2 inches showing below turn down and the forward edge running down the centre of the shin bone.                                                                                  |                                         |                                                                             |      | 6" flash.  |
| Sgian Dubh        | Sgian Dubh worn behind rear flash on right leg.                                                                                                                                                                 |                                         |                                                                             |      |            |
| Shoes             | Issue black brogue.                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                         |                                                                             |      | All ranks. |
| Accoutrements     | Regtl Cane.                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Pace Stick.                             |                                                                             |      |            |



OFFICER No. 13A - BARRACK DRESS



WO2/SNCO No. 13A - BARRACK DRESS



JNCO/PTE No. 13A - BARRACK DRESS

# No. 13B - BARRACK DRESS, TREWS

No.13B Barrack Dress with trows is to be worn as routine dress for all Officers, Warrant Officers and SNCOs in barracks after Retreat Staff Parade at 1800 hrs daily and during cold weather as directed by Commanding Officers.

| Uniform       | Officers                                                                                                       | WOs                                                        | NCOs                                    | Ptes | Remarks |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------|---------|
| Headdress     | Glengarry with Cap badge.                                                                                      |                                                            |                                         |      |         |
| Jersey        | Regimental Jersey.                                                                                             |                                                            | Issued Jersey Heavy Wool.               |      |         |
| Rank Insignia | Khaki cloth badges of rank with 3mm red backing on olive green slide.                                          | Khaki badges of rank on 3mm red backing sewn onto garment. | Khaki cloth chevrons sewn onto garment. |      |         |
| Shirt and Tie | Offr pattern khaki shirt and issue braided khaki tie.                                                          | Issue khaki shirt and braided tie.                         |                                         |      |         |
| Belt          | Government 1A tartan regimental stable belt worn with buckle over right hip and line of Set in centre of body. |                                                            |                                         |      |         |
| Trews         | Govt 1A Tartan trews, straight cut with belt loops.                                                            |                                                            |                                         |      |         |
| Socks         | Black/ Navy blue.                                                                                              |                                                            |                                         |      |         |
| Shoes         | Issue black brogue.                                                                                            |                                                            |                                         |      |         |
| Accoutrements | Regtl Cane.                                                                                                    | Pace Stick.                                                |                                         |      |         |



OFFICER No. 13B - BARRACK DRESS, TREWS



WO2/SNCO No. 13B - BARRACK DRESS, TREWS



JNCO No. 13B - BARRACK DRESS, 'TREWS

# NUMBER 14 DRESS

## No. 14A - SHIRT SLEEVE ORDER CEREMONIAL

No.14A Shirt Sleeve Order Ceremonial is to be worn on all Ceremonial and formal occasions such as Guards of Honour and Quarter Guards during extremely hot weather as directed by higher formation and Commanding Officers.

| Uniform                     | Officers                                                                                                                                                            | WOs                                            | NCOs                                     | Ptes | Remarks                            |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------|
| Headdress                   | Glengarry and Cockfeather with white fathers facing to rear behind badge.                                                                                           |                                                |                                          |      | All ranks.                         |
| Shirt                       | Blue warm weather shirt.                                                                                                                                            |                                                | Khaki issued shirt.                      |      |                                    |
| Rank Insignia               | Gold enamelled<br>linch rank stars and<br>crowns with red<br>cushion.                                                                                               | Gilt metal on<br>Govt 1A tartan<br>wrist band. | Khaki cloth chevrons sewn onto<br>shirt. |      |                                    |
| Belt                        | Sam Browne.                                                                                                                                                         | White belt and plate with bayonet frog.        |                                          |      |                                    |
| Sash                        | No Sash Worn.                                                                                                                                                       | Red.                                           | Red.                                     |      |                                    |
| Kilt                        | Govt 1A Tartan with centre line of Set in line with shirt buttons and buckle.                                                                                       |                                                |                                          |      | All ranks.                         |
| Kilt Rosettes               | Yes.                                                                                                                                                                |                                                |                                          | No.  |                                    |
| Hair Sporran                | White hair with two black tassels and white leather belt to be worn a hands width below belt buckle and top of sporran.                                             |                                                |                                          |      |                                    |
| Hose Tops                   | Footless stocking Black and Red dicing. Worn with three dice* above top of gaiters and 2 fingers below bone on side of leg.                                         |                                                |                                          |      | *4 dice<br>above for<br>tall pers. |
| Flashes                     | Flat 4 inch scarlet flashes, worn no longer than the bottom of the second dice and the forward edge of the flash in line with the centre of the dice and shin bone. |                                                |                                          |      |                                    |
| Gaiters                     | Highlander's pattern. Long white canvas with 8 black buttons. High point in the back, black leather strap under instep, secured by two black buttons on each side.  |                                                |                                          |      |                                    |
| Sgian Dubh                  | Regtl Sgian Dubh worn behind rear flash on right leg.                                                                                                               |                                                |                                          |      |                                    |
| Shoes                       | Issue black brogues highly polished.                                                                                                                                |                                                |                                          |      | All ranks.                         |
| Accoutrements and Side Arms | Broadsword with full basket and leather scabbard.                                                                                                                   | Rifle and Bayonet.                             |                                          |      |                                    |



OFFICER No. 14A - SHIRT SLEEVE ORDER CEREMONIAL



WO/SNCO/JNCO  
No. 14A - SHIRT SLEEVE ORDER CEREMONIAL

# No. 14B - SHIRT SLEEVE ORDER BARRACK DRESS

No.14B Shirt Sleeve Order Barrack Dress is to be worn as routine dress for all Officers, Warrant Officers and SNCO's in barracks during hot weather as directed by Commanding Officers.

| Uniform Item         | Officers                                                                                                                                               | WOs                                            | NCOs                                       | Ptes | Remarks    |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------|------------|
| Headdress            | Glengarry with Cap badge.                                                                                                                              |                                                |                                            |      |            |
| Shirt                | Blue warm weather shirt with white buttons.                                                                                                            |                                                | Issue khaki shirt.                         |      |            |
| Rank Insignia        | Gold enamelled<br>1inch Stars. Crowns<br>with red cushion.<br>Pinned to epauletts.                                                                     | Gilt badge on<br>tartan Govt A1<br>wrist band. | Khaki cloth chevrons sewn onto<br>garment. |      |            |
| Waist Belt           | Brown Leather Belt<br>with plate.                                                                                                                      | Leather sword<br>belt with plate.              | White belt with plate.                     |      |            |
| Kilt                 | Govt 1A Tartan worn with centre line of Set in line with shirt buttons and belt buckle.                                                                |                                                |                                            |      |            |
| Kilt Rosettes        | Yes.                                                                                                                                                   |                                                |                                            | No.  |            |
| Sporran and<br>Badge | Brown leather purse with leather strap and badge of crowned thistle. Sporran<br>badge to be in line with belt buckle and shirt buttons.                |                                                |                                            |      | All ranks. |
| Lovat Hose           | Lovat green hose worn with top of hose two fingers below the side of the knee<br>bone. Turn down to be 3 inches.                                       |                                                |                                            |      | All ranks. |
| Flashes              | Flat 6 inch scarlet flashes worn in line with the bottom of the second dice and the<br>forward edge running down the centre of the dice and shin bone. |                                                |                                            |      | All ranks. |
| Sgian Dubh           | Regtl Sgian Dubh worn on right leg<br>behind rear flash.                                                                                               |                                                |                                            |      |            |
| Shoes                | Issue black brogue.                                                                                                                                    |                                                |                                            |      | All ranks. |
| Accoutrements        | Regtl Cane.                                                                                                                                            | Issue Pace Stick.                              |                                            |      |            |



OFFICER No. 14B - SHIRT SLEEVE ORDER BARRACK DRESS



WO2/SNCO No. 14B - SHIRT SLEEVE ORDER BARRACK DRESS

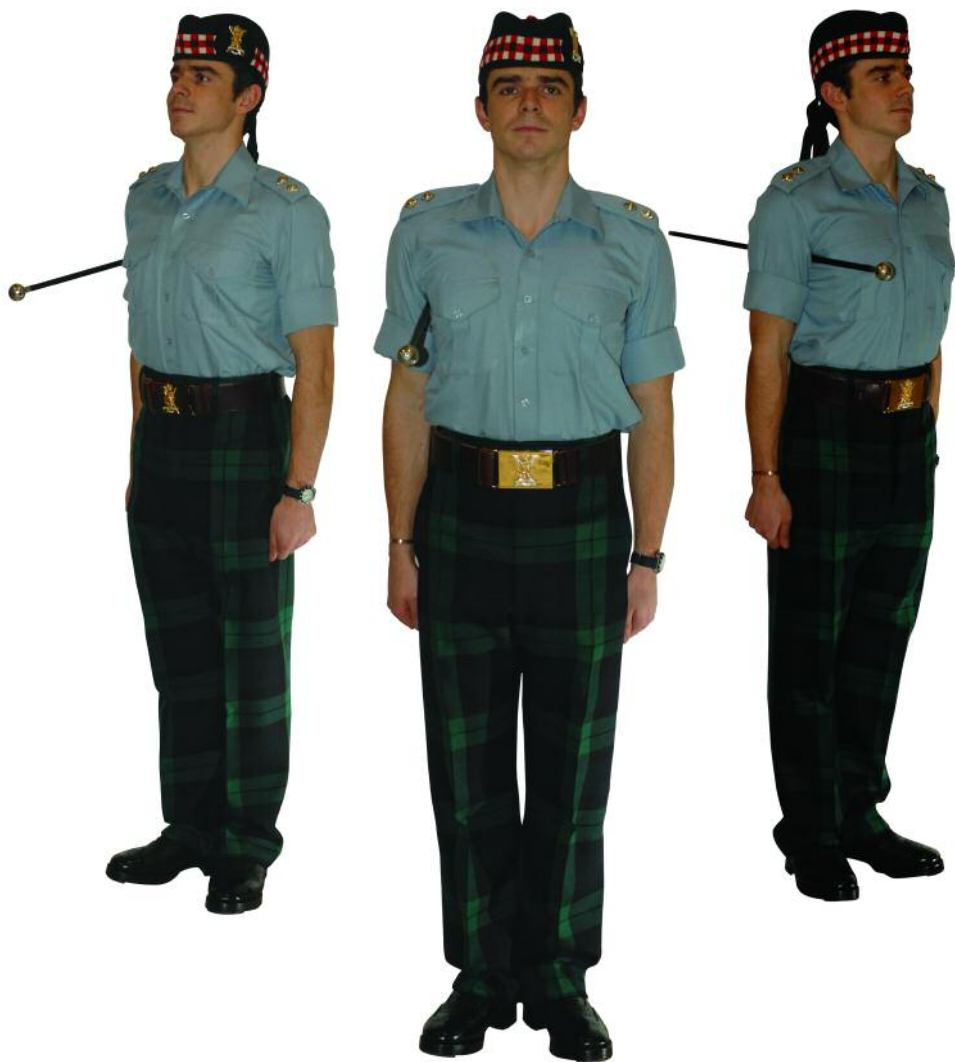


JNCO No. 14B - SHIRT SLEEVE ORDER BARRACK DRESS

# No. 14C - BARRACK DRESS TWEWS SHIRT SLEEVE ORDER

No.14C Shirt Sleeve Order Barrack Dress is to be worn in hot climates as directed by Commanding Officers.

| Uniform Item  | Officers                                                                                  | WO s                                | NCO s                                        | Ptes | Remarks                            |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------|
| Headdress     | Glengarry with Cap badge.                                                                 |                                     |                                              |      | All ranks.                         |
| Shirt         | Blue warm weather shirt with white buttons.                                               |                                     | Issue khaki shirt.                           |      |                                    |
| Rank Insignia | Gold enamelled<br>linch Stars and<br>Crowns with red<br>cushion. Pinned to<br>epaulettes. | Gilt badge on<br>tartan wrist band. | Khaki cloth chevrons sewn onto<br>shirt.     |      |                                    |
| Waist Belt    | Brown Leather belt with plate.                                                            |                                     | White belt with plate for duty<br>personnel. |      | Stable belt<br>when<br>authorized. |
| Trews         | Govt 1A tartan trews, straight cut with belt loops.                                       |                                     |                                              |      |                                    |
| Socks         | Black/ Navy blue.                                                                         |                                     |                                              |      | All ranks.                         |
| Shoes         | Issue black brogue.                                                                       |                                     |                                              |      | All ranks.                         |
| Accoutrements | Regtl Cane.                                                                               | Pace Stick.                         |                                              |      |                                    |



OFFICER No. 14C -  
BARRACK DRESS TREWS SHIRT SLEEVE ORDER



WO2/SNCO No. 14C -  
BARRACK DRESS TREWS SHIRT SLEEVE ORDER



JNCO No. 14C -  
BARRACK DRESS TREWS SHIRT SLEEVE ORDER

# NUMBER 15 DRESS

## NO. 15 DRESS - BLUE PATROL

This order of dress is to be worn by Field and Orderly Officers on duty after Retreat at 1800 hours, whilst patrolling coy lines and at Tattoo. RSM's are to wear this order of dress when supervising battalion duties and at informal mess events.

| Uniform Item                   | All Officers and Regimental Sergeant Majors                                     | Remarks             |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Headdress                      | Glengarry with Cap badge.                                                       |                     |
| Blue Patrol Jacket and buttons | Patrol pattern Jacket, 15 small Regtl buttons.<br>Triple spine down the back.   | Medal Ribbons only. |
| Rank Insignia                  | Gold enamelled lynch rank stars, crowns with red cushion. Pinned to epaulettes. |                     |
| Shirt                          | White collarless shirt with gold cufflinks.                                     |                     |
| Sash                           | Crimson silk sash worn over left shoulder.                                      | Duty pers only.     |
| Gloves                         | White cotton.                                                                   |                     |
| Trews                          | Govt 1A tartan staff trews.                                                     |                     |
| Socks                          | Black/Navy blue.                                                                |                     |
| Shoes                          | George boots.                                                                   |                     |
| Accoutrements                  | Regtl Cane for all Offrs, RSM pace Stick.                                       |                     |



OFFICER No. 15 DRESS - BLUE PATROL

# LEG DRESS

## *Diced Hose*

Are worn showing three diamonds above the top of the gaiter, this includes the turn down of the hose. Tall men may show four diamonds above the top of the gaiter in exceptional cases when the hose appears too short. The centre of the front diamond is to run down the shin bone. The top of the hose is to be two fingers width below the knee bone on the side of the leg.

## *Red Flash*

Are to be worn with the forward edge of the flash in line with the shin bone and the centre of the front diamond. The bottom of the flash is to be in line with the bottom of the second diamond. When wearing the 6 inch flash with Lovat hose only 2 inches of flash should be displayed below the bottom of the turn down.

The forward edge of the flash is to run down the centre of the shin bone. The turn down on Lovat Hose should be 3 inches / four fingers width.

## *Skian dubb*

Is to be worn on the right leg directly behind the rear flash with the handle visible.



# THE HISTORY OF OUR UNIFORM

## *Capbadge*

The capbadge is made up of the Saltire (silver diagonal cross taken from the National Arms of Scotland) the Lion Rampant (from the Royal Arms of Scotland) the Crown of Scotland (as housed in Edinburgh Castle) and the Regimental Motto: 'Nemo Me Impune Lacessit' (Latin for 'No one molests me with impunity').

## *Tartan*

Tartan was first worn in the British Army when the Highland regiments were raised. The normal uniform was the Government or 42nd tartan (Black Watch). But as the Highland regiments proliferated, they sought to encourage their individual identities by introducing differences into the Government tartan. The Regiment wears the Government 1A tartan.

## *Tartan Belt*

The Regimental tartan belt is worn with Combat 95. The buckle is worn to the left and rear. The lighter green stripe is central as with the kilt.

## *Glengarry*

The Glengarry was introduced to the British Army by Lieutenant Colonel The Hon Lauderdale Maule as Commanding Officer of the 79th. It was a practical and popular form of bonnet which soon became the undress wear in the Highland Regiments and by the 1870s was worn by all the Lowland and many English and Welsh line regiments.

The Regiment wears the green, white and red dicing previously worn by the Royal Scots, Kings Own Scottish Borderers, Royal Scots Fusiliers, Royal Highland Fusiliers, Seaforth Highlanders and Gordon Highlanders. It is worn at an angle slightly down on the right.

## *Tam O'Shanter*

When the Scottish regiments went to war in 1914 they wore the Glengarry, but it was found to be so impractical for trench warfare that many soldiers took to wearing a balaclava instead. In 1915 a flat highland bonnet was introduced to replace the Glengarry. At first there was a wide variety of styles and colours. The term Tam O'Shanter was introduced by the War Office for the older term Balmoral and the two are synonymous. The Regiment wears the khaki Tam O'Shanter with a square patch of Government 1A tartan, the Regimental badge and a battalion hackle. The badge and hackle can be removed on training or operations, if demanded by camouflage.

# THE HISTORY OF OUR UNIFORM

## *Hackles*

The hackle (or “Vulture’s feather” as it was termed) was originally an aid to identification in battle.

Different coloured hackles were used to identify different companies: white hackle for right of the line, green for light infantry company, red and white for companies in the centre of the line. There were many Regimental variations.

The red hackle worn by 3 SCOTS originates from an action of the 42nd at Geldermalsen on 5th January 1795. Later that year, on the King’s Birthday, there was a

parade at Royston, Hertfordshire, when a Red Hackle was distributed to every man on parade. But it was not until 1822 that an order from the Adjutant-General confirmed that only the 42nd would have the privilege of wearing the Red Vulture feather in their bonnets. Red Hackle Day is still celebrated by 3 SCOTS. The blue hackle worn by 4 SCOTS originates from a visit to the 1st Camerons in France in December 1939 by King George VI when he gave permission to wear a royal blue hackle in their bonnets. The white hackle worn by 2 SCOTS originates from permission granted to the Royal Scots Fusiliers for their services in the South African War of 1899 – 1902. 1 SCOTS and 5 SCOTS were granted permission to wear the black hackle and green hackle on formation of the Royal Regiment of Scotland. The hackles identify the battalion in which an officer or soldier is serving or last served.



## *The Black Cock Feather*

There is evidence of pipers of the 25<sup>th</sup> Regiment wearing Black cock feathers in Minorca in 1771. The majority of Regimental pipers wore the Black cock feather with the exception of the 79<sup>th</sup> Regiment, who wore an Eagle feather, from the end of the Crimean war. The Black cock feather was worn by all ranks of The Royal Scots and The Kings Own Scottish Borderers in ceremonial orders of dress. Pipers in the Gordon’s and Argyll’s also wore it in ceremonial dress.

### *Tactical Recognition Flash (TRF)*

The tactical recognition flash worn on the upper right arm of combat shirts and jackets is based on the cap badge and consists of the Lion Rampant superimposed on the Saltire.

### *The Kilt*

The Highland regiments wore the kilt when they were initially raised. However, the 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th and 91st were removed from the Highland establishment in 1809 and did not become kilted again until 1881. The 71st and 74th did not resume wearing the kilt until it was returned to the Highland Light Infantry in 1948. The Royal Regiment of Scotland wears the kilt as its principal form of barrack and ceremonial dress.

### *Trews*

Tartan trews (from the Gaelic 'triubhas') were first authorised for use in undress uniform by kilted regiments in 1830. Trews were worn as the principal dress of lowland regiments from the 19th century. Trews have always been treated as a convenient and comfortable form of barrack dress. The Regiment wears trews as an undress uniform and after Retreat when on duty.

### *Sporrans*

In the early days of the Highland regiments, the sporran was a simple and useful purse ('sporran' is Gaelic for purse) made of goatskin or leather. After the Napoleonic Wars the sporran became more elaborate with metal top (cantle) and decorative tassels. The sporran worn by the Regiment has origins in sporrans worn by a number of our antecedent regiments.

### *Diced Hose*

Red and white diced hose were worn by highland regiments since their earliest days. The Regiment wears red and black diced hose which were first worn by the 42nd and 92nd in the mid 19th century.

### *Lovat Hose*

In the First World War khaki hose tops were introduced to replace the diced hose which were difficult to keep clean in the trenches. They continued to be worn by Highland regiments until after the second World War when hose of Lovat green were adopted for wear with the kilt in non-ceremonial dress.

# THE HISTORY OF OUR UNIFORM

## *Spats*

Gaiters were originally called “Spatterdash” a name which was shortened over the centuries to the now familiar “Spats”. They were worn by all infantry regiments from the 17th century onwards and were designed to protect the soldier’s hose and to prevent stones and mud getting into the shoes. The original shoes were not made for left and right feet but designed for either feet. Spats were variously white, black, grey and khaki. White linen spats were issued in 1818 and have changed little since then. The Regiment wears spats with black buttons, which originate from the 92nd Highlanders.

## *Sgian Dubh*

The sgian dubh (Gaelic for black knife) is not a weapon. It came into fashion with civilian Highland dress in about 1820. Officers and pipers of Highland regiments started wearing the sgian dubh from about 1840 when uniforms were becoming increasingly ornamental. It is worn by all officers, warrant officers and pipers of The Royal Regiment of Scotland.

## *Dirk*

Dirk is an old Scottish name for a short dagger. It was originally made from the blade of an old or broken sword which was sharpened and fitted to a dagger hilt. In Medieval times it was carried in the hand of the arm holding the shield and was used in conjunction with the sword. Over the years Dirks have become extremely ornate and are treasured family heirlooms.

# UNIFORM MISCELLANY

## *Regimental Sergeant Majors*

Are to wear officer pattern uniform and accoutrements less rank insignia. There is to be a 3mm red piping behind the rank badge in No.2 Service Dress. RSMs are to wear a brass badge on a Govt 1A tartan wrist band in No.14 Dress Shirt Sleeve Order.

## *Provost Staff*

Are to wear the issue RP Arm Band, NSN 8455-99-973-8586, with red "RP" legend when wearing No.2 and 8 Dress.

## *Head Dress*

### *Pipers and Drummers*

The Pipers Glengarry is to be worn by all Pipers and Drummers in No.8 and No.13 Dress when in barracks. The Glengarry should be worn at a jaunty angle tilted to the right. They are to wear the Tam O Shanter when in an operational theatre or taking part in field training.

### *Pipers and Drummers*

Pipers and Drummers are to wear antecedent uniform in No.1 and No.2 Dress but are to comply with these Regulations in all other orders of dress. They are to wear Regimental stable belt and tartan patch on Tam O Shanter.

## *Decorations and Medals*

Decorations and medals are to be court mounted and should be worn as follows:

**No.1 Dress** - Decorations and medals are to be worn but ribbons should not be sewn onto No.1 Dress jackets, unless being invested with an award or decoration.

**No.2 Dress** - Decorations and medals worn in ceremonial dress and ribbons sewn to jacket above left breast pocket.

**No.13 Dress** - Decorations and medals are not worn in shirt sleeve order and medal ribbons are not displayed.

**No.15 Dress** - Medal ribbons are to be displayed on Blue Patrol but medals should not be worn.

## *Qualification and Trade Badges*

Qualification and Trade Badges are to be worn on No.2 Dress jackets by eligible personnel as directed in JSP 886. These qualification badges are to be worn as issued with no red piping.

## *Wearing of Poppies*

Remembrance Day Poppies are to be worn by all ranks in uniform from 1st to 12th November annually. The poppy is to be worn in head dress in all orders of dress.

The poppy is to remain whole and the stem secured behind the pin that holds the crown on the cap badge.

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