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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 21 November in which you requested the following information:

“Under the freedom of information act I would like a copy of any Army Dress Committee notes that have been issued since the 359th meeting on the 7th March 2019

Also if they are available the dress regulation for the pipes and drums of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and those to the pipes and drums of the various battalions of the Royal Regiment of Scotland.”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The minutes of 360^h meeting of the Army Dress Committee held in February 2020 is attached at Annex A. Some information has been redacted in accordance with Section 40(2) of the FOIA, in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in deciding to withhold the information. Please note the name of the Committee’s Chairman has been misspelt and should read Maj Gen Sharon Nesmith.

Information has also been redacted under Section 23 of the FOIA (information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters). Section 23 is also an absolute exemption. Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) I can confirm that there have been no subsequent Army Dress Committee meetings.

The dress regulations of the Pipes and Drums of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards can be found at Annex B.

The dress regulations of the Pipes and Drums of the seven Battalions of the Royal Regiment of Scotland is held by the Ministry of Defence, however is exempt under Section 21 of the Act because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. The regulations are already in the public domain and can be found at the following link:

<https://theroyalregimentofscotland.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/SCOTS-Dress-Regs-Part-2.pdf>

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Yours sincerely,


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**RECORD OF OUT OF COMMITTEE DECISIONS OF THE 360th MEETING OF THE ARMY DRESS
COMMITTEE - FEBRUARY 2020**

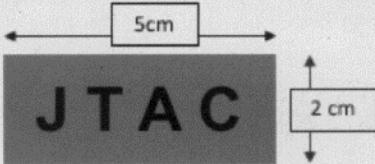
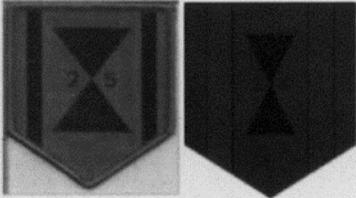
Present

Rank (a)	First Name (b)	Surname (c)	Appointment (d)	Remarks (e)
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Brig	Simon	Banton	Hd Arms & Svcs	Deputy Chairman
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Lt Col	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	DES	
Lt Col	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Army HQ E&C Policy	
WO1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Army Sgt Major	
WO1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	HC Sgt Major	
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Lt Col (Retd)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Army Historical Advisor	
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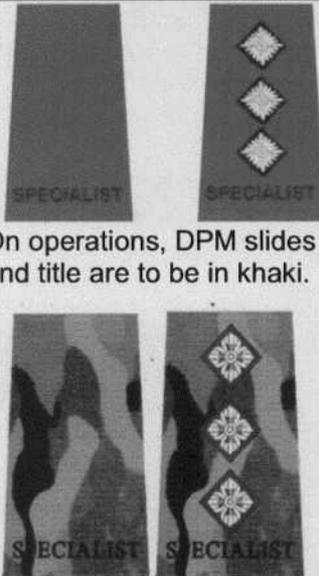
Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
Item 1. Background	The following proposals were approved by the Army Dress Committee using the out-of-committee procedure.	
Item 2. 24 Cdo Regt	The Committee approved the proposed design of an emblem for use on letterheads, electronic media and unit signage and an amended design for a Camp Flag for 24 Cdo Regt RE. The Camp Flag is not to have any script ie the standard RE design of flag with a cdo dagger in the centre.	Corps Col RE

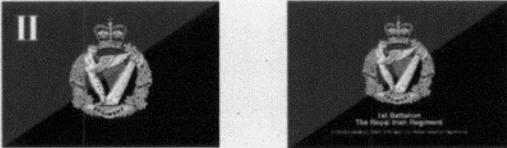
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	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p>As with all Camp Flags and emblems, they are not to be provided at public expense.</p> <p>Decision. Approved by ADC Decision 4446</p>	
<p>Item 3. Royal Hospital Chelsea</p>	<p>The Committee approved a proposal from Royal Hospital Chelsea (RHC) that The Adjutant, Captains of Invalids and the Quartermaster are authorised to wear standard issued non-ceremonial No 1 Dress and Barrack Dress noting that RHC will purchase these items of uniform and associated accoutrements from commercial sources using their own funding.</p> <p>Part 12 of Army Dress Regulations to be amended.</p> <p>Decision. Approved by ADC Decision 4447</p>	<p>Royal Hospital</p>
<p>Item 4. Royal Army Dental Corps (RADC)</p>	<p>The Committee approved a proposal from HQ RADC for a design of an emblem for use on letterheads, promotional literature and electronic media to represent the centenary celebrations of the RADC. The design consisting of the cap badges of the historic Army Dental Corps and the current Royal Army Dental Corps is shown below (though on a white background):</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>As with all emblems, they are not to be provided at public expense.</p> <p>Decision. Approved by ADC Decision 4448</p>	<p>Corps Col AMS</p>
<p>Item 5. 6 (UK) Division</p>	<p>The Committee approved the resurrection of the 6 (UK) Div Formation Flash and emblem to be worn by those of HQ 6 (UK) Div and others on Combat Dress as a Formation Flash and used as an emblem on letterheads, electronic media and unit signage.</p> <p>As with all Formation Flashes and emblems, they are not to be provided at public expense.</p>	<p>HQ 6 (UK) Div</p>

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	<p>Decision. Approved by ADC Decision 4449</p>	
<p>Item 6. Combat Aviation Beret</p>	<p>The Committee approved a proposal that the light blue beret, as currently worn by AAC personnel, should be used to denote an "aviation" unit, formation or headquarters and be worn by all personnel serving in that organisation.</p> <p>Aviation units/formations/headquarters are to be defined as those organisations whose operational role is the delivery of Army Aviation capability. Defining the role of any organisation is to be the responsibility of the operational chain of command, advised by the relevant Regimental/Corps Headquarters.</p> <p>As with those serving with 3 Cdo Bde and 16 AA Bde, personnel other than AAC are to revert to parent Regiment/Corps headdress when serving outside of specialist units/formations.</p> <p>Part 9 of ADRs to be amended.</p> <p>Decision. Approved by ADC. Decision 4450</p>	<p>All Corps Cols</p>
<p>Item 7 Joint Helicopter Command Flag</p>	<p>The Committee approved a proposal for the design of a Camp Flag to represent HQ JHC with the JHC emblem (approved by the College of Arms) superimposed onto the Joint Forces flag on the proviso that public funding was not used to procure the flag.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Decision. Approved by ADC. Decision 4451</p>	<p>HQ JHC</p>
<p>Item 8. HUMINT Qualification Badge</p>	<p>The Committee agreed to a reduction of the number of HUMINT qualification badges from 2 to one retaining the yellow trident within the kite to indicate HUMINT Operator. The qualification badge is to be worn on the left forearm above Warrant Officer rank (approximately 165mm from the cuff) in perpetuity by all ranks who qualify on all parade orders of dress but not Combat Dress to preserve OpSec. Part 9 of Army Dress Regulations to be updated.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Decision. Approved by ADC. Decision 4452</p>	<p>Corps Col Int Corps</p>
<p>Item 9. Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) Badge</p>	<p>The Committee approved the design of a qualification badge that is to be worn in perpetuity by all ranks who qualified and qualify on one of the following courses:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	

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	<p>a. FAC - Operations Forward Air Controller Joint</p> <p>b. JTAC - Operations Joint Terminal Attack Controller Joint</p> <p>c. JTAC-I - Operations Joint Terminal Attack Controller Instructor Joint</p> <p>d. JTAC-E - Operations Joint Terminal Attack Controller Evaluator Joint</p> <p>e. SupFAC - Operations Supervisory Forward Air Controller Joint</p> <p>In parade orders of dress, the badge is to be worn on the upper left arm. The badge to be worn on Combat Dress is shown below:</p>  <p>Part 9 of Army Dress Regulations to be updated.</p> <p>Decision. Approved by ADC. Decision 4453</p>	All Corps Cols
Item 10. 25 (CS) Engr Gp	<p>The Committee approved the design of a Formation Flash and emblem for use on letterheads, unit signage and electronic media by 25 (CS) Engr Gp.</p>  <p>As with all Formation Flashes and emblem, they may not be procured or used at public expense.</p> <p>Decision. Approved by ADC. Decision 4454</p>	Corps Col RE
Item 11. HQ 29 EOD&S Gp	<p>The Committee approved the re-use of an historic design as a Formation Flash and emblem to for use on letterheads, unit signage and electronic media by HQ 29 EOD&S Gp.</p>  <p>As with all Formation Flashes and emblems, they may not be procured or used at public expense.</p> <p>Decision. Approved by ADC. Decision 4455</p>	Corps Col RE

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<p>Item 12. Junior Staff Centre</p>	<p>The Committee approved the design of an emblem for use on letterheads, unit signage and electronic media by the Junior Staff Centre.</p>  <p>As with all emblems, they may not be procured or used at public expense.</p> <p>Decision. Approved by ADC. Decision 4456</p>	<p>JSC(L)</p>
<p>Item 13. Army Scholarship Achievement Badge</p>	<p>The Committee approved the design of a badge to be worn by cadets in Combat Dress who have been awarded an Army Scholarship by ASB. Funding to be provided from Cadet funding.</p>  <p>Decision. Approved by ADC. Decision 4457</p>	<p>Cadet Branch HQ RC</p>
<p>Item 14. Joint Counter Terrorism Training and Advisory Team emblem</p>	<p>The Committee approved the design of an emblem for use on letterheads, unit signage and electronic media by JCTTAT.</p>  <p>As with all emblems, they may not be procured or used at public expense</p> <p>Decision. Approved by ADC. Decision 4458</p>	<p>HQ JCTTAC</p>
<p>Item 15. [REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>
<p>Item 16. [REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>
<p>Item 17. 77 Bde Specialist Rank Slides</p>	<p>The Committee approved the use of rank slides to differentiate specialist officers and Officer Cadets working within 77 Bde. On olive green slides, the rank insignia to have dark blue backing and title in dark blue similar in style to R SIGNALS slides. As these slides are of similar style to regimental rank slides, they may not be provided from public funds.</p>	<p>77 Bde</p>

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	 <p data-bbox="523 427 1246 488">On operations, DPM slides may be worn but both the rank and title are to be in khaki.</p> <p data-bbox="523 808 1177 842">DPM rank slides may be provided at public expense.</p> <p data-bbox="603 875 1174 909">Decision. Approved by ADC. Decision 4461</p>	
<p data-bbox="233 1037 488 1126">Item 16. HQ ARRC Sp Bn & Innsworth Station</p>	<p data-bbox="523 943 1070 1133">The Committee approved the design of an emblem for use on letterheads, unit signage and electronic media by HQ ARRC Sp Bn and Innsworth Station. As with all emblems, they may not be procured or used at public expense</p>  <p data-bbox="603 1167 1174 1200">Decision. Approved by ADC. Decision 4462</p>	<p data-bbox="1278 1003 1469 1099">Corps Col RLC ARRC Sp Bn</p>
<p data-bbox="233 1346 496 1402">Item 17. 34 Fd Hosp Emblem</p>	<p data-bbox="523 1234 1050 1391">The Committee approved the design of an emblem for use on letterheads, unit signage and electronic media by 34 Fd Hosp. As with all emblems, they may not be procured or used at public expense.</p>  <p data-bbox="603 1458 1174 1491">Decision. Approved by ADC. Decision 4463</p>	<p data-bbox="1278 1357 1477 1391">Corps Col AMS</p>
<p data-bbox="233 1637 456 1693">Item 18. Cdo Log Sp Sqn RLC</p>	<p data-bbox="523 1525 1015 1715">The Committee approved the design of an emblem for use on letterheads, unit signage and electronic media by Cdo Log Sp Sqn RLC. As with all emblems, they may not be procured or used at public expense</p>  <p data-bbox="603 1749 1174 1783">Decision. Approved by ADC. Decision 4464</p>	<p data-bbox="1278 1615 1469 1648">Corps Col RLC</p>
<p data-bbox="233 1895 488 1951">Item 19. RAMC Paramedics Badge</p>	<p data-bbox="523 1816 1066 1906">The Committee approved the redesignation of an existing Class 1 qualification badge from Unit 1st Aid Instructor to Paramedic.</p> <p data-bbox="523 1939 1007 2007">Part 9 of Army Dress Regulations to be updated.</p> 	<p data-bbox="1278 1906 1477 1939">Corps Col AMS</p>

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	Decision. Approved by ADC. Decision 4465	
<p>Item 20. Royal Irish Regiment Camp Flag</p>	<p>The Committee approved a change to the heraldic field of the existing R IRISH Camp Flag. This design may also be used on unit signage – examples of both the flag and a unit sign is shown below.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Decision. Approved by ADC. Decision 4466</p>	RHQ R IRISH
<p>Item 14. Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>The Committee will continue to consider uncontentious proposals out of committee. The next full meeting will be scheduled when required.</p>	All

{Original Signed}

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Dress Regulations of the Pipes and Drums of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards

Pipers

- Full Dress:** Feather Bonnet, belts, dirk, doublet, plaid kilt, hair sporran, spats, hosetops, sgian-dubh, brogues.
- No. 1 Dress:** As above, with Glengarry and small white hackle instead of a Feather Bonnet.
- No. 2 Dress:** Kilt or trews with No. 2 jacket. If kilt is worn, a leather sporran and lovat hose will also be worn.
- Duty Piper:** Before guard mounting – kilt, leather sporran, heavy wool jersey, lovat hose.

From guard mounting – No. 2 Dress trews.
A small hackle is worn at all times when Duty Piper.
- Review Order:** (Used on semi-important occasions). Kilt, spats and hair sporran with No. 2 jacket, small white hackle, belts, dirk and Glengarry.

Trews may also be worn with spats and No. 2 Dress jacket for certain occasions e.g. nonplaying parade.
- Working Dress:** Barrack dress trousers or trews, Glengarry and heavy wool jersey.
- Officers' Mess Functions:**
- a. Guest Night (Mess Dress)
 - (i) Attendance. Pipe Major and 2 x Pipers
 - (ii) Dress. Full Dress with Banners
 - b. Blues Night
 - (i) Attendance. 3 x Pipers (Piper Major not required)
 - (ii) Dress. No. 1 Dress. No Banners.
 - c. Black Tie Night
 - (i) Attendance. 1 x Piper
 - (ii) Dress. No. 1 Dress. No Banner

NOTE: Pipe ribbons are worn on parades. Capes in inclement weather.

Drummers

- Full Dress:** Bearskin, plume, scarlet jacket, belts, overalls, boots and spurs.
- No. 1 Dress:** Atholl bonnet, small white hackle, doublet, shoulder chains, dress cords, belts, trews, spats, brogues.
- No. 2 Dress:** No. 2 jacket, trews, Atholl bonnet, small white hackle if on duty.
- Review Order:** No. 2 Jacket, small white hackle, spats, trews, Atholl bonnet, white belts.
- Working Dress:** Barrack dress trousers or trews, Atholl bonnet, heavy wool jersey.

NOTE: Drag ropes are worn on important parades on the side of the tenor drums. The Bass drummer wears a leopard skin in No. 1 and Full Dress.

Dancers

Depending on the occasion and the time available to change, one of two Dresses can be used:

- a. Doublet, dancing plaid, dancing shoes, long diced hose or RS hose, no sgian-dubh, kilt, hair sporran, Glengarry and white hackle waist belt only.
- b. Mess jacket, white shirt and bow tie, waist belt, Glengarry and small white hackle, hair sporran, kilt, long diced hose or RS hose, dancing shoes, no sgian-dubh.