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**MINUTES OF 318th MEETING OF THE ARMY DRESS COMMITTEE HELD AT HEADQUARTERS ADJUTANT GENERAL, UPAVON ON 18 MARCH 2004**

Present	Maj Gen WR Rollo [Redacted]	DAG DACOS Pers HQ LAND SO1 PS12(A) RO2c PS12(A)	Chairman   Secretary
In Attendance	[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]	SO1 Future Army Dress (FAD) Senior Customer Liaison Manager (SCLM)- DC IPT Customer Liaison Officer (CLO) Army at DC IPT DPM 1 DC IPT DPO 1 DC IPT DPM 2 DC IPT Hist Adv Asst Hist Adv	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISIONS	ACTION
1. Chairman's Opening Remarks,	The Chairman welcomed [Redacted] to his first meeting as the SO1 FAD, and [Redacted] as DPM Textiles at DLO Caversfield.		
2. Minutes of 317 <sup>th</sup> Meeting.	The Minutes of the 317 <sup>th</sup> Meeting were approved as a true record, with one amdt: the last sentence of para 3a(2) should read " Action to follow the progress on No 2 Dress."		
3. Future Army Dress	a. <u>Introduction.</u> SO1 FAD introduced the subject by reference to the ECAB Dress Paper in terms of current		



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	<p>failings of Army dress, ECAB direction and recommendations. The design process needs to reflect the Dress Paper and project reporting to the ADC should provide both a clear audit trail and visibility of decisions. The PowerPoint presentation pack used is attached.</p> <p>b. <u>No 2 Dress</u>. The Chairman emphasised the requirement to ‘level up’ OR No 2 to the offr standard of uniform and desire to remove rank distinctions i.e. an all-ranks uniform. A number of design issues were discussed in conjunction with displays of models and samples described below:</p> <p>(1) <u>Colour</u>. The Dress Paper proposed that the product would be a slightly lighter shade of khaki than the current OR pattern and lighter in weight.</p> <p>(a) <u>Jacket</u>. Three sample jackets in RLC, AAC and Guards colour were paraded (in both natural and artificial light). All satisfied the colour design requirement and all three selected colours were to be included in the uniform samples presented at the Jul ADC. Any decision on whether a flat colour or cloth ‘depth’ would await production of the sample uniforms in the selected materials at the Jul ADC (see b(2) below). However, a blended cloth should be possible which would facilitate consistent production over the in-service period of the uniform (some 20 years) which the Chairman stressed was a key requirement.</p> <p>(b) <u>Trousers</u>. The Chairman stated that the default position was that the trousers would match the jacket with the exception of those regiments with a tradition of wearing a different trouser colour (Hussar, IRISH, LI). LAND’s view was not to rule out a different coloured trouser on pragmatic grounds and the issue should be discussed as an option at the Jul ADC when the sample uniforms were available for a better comparison. Female uniform should include both skirt and trouser. Samples of trousers were paraded to demonstrate colour options including stripes (piping and welt options) and the desire to link with Barrack Dress (and possibly No 1). It was acknowledged that having the No2 Dress trousers in similar</p>	<p>Endorsed</p>	<p>SO1 FAD /DC IPT</p> <p>SO1 FAD</p>



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	<p>colour, but not cut from the same cloth as the jacket, offers some reduction in costs, and ease of issue. However, this two-tone effect was not envisaged by ECAB. The final decision on trousers was postponed until the Jul ADC.</p> <p>(2) <u>Material/Weight</u>. The Dress Paper directed that the uniform is lighter in weight than the current OR No 2 Dress. A graphic illustrating current weights of RN/RM, Army and RAF uniforms enabled agreement of two short-listed cloth types of Worsted Serge (illustrated by RM No 2 Dress) and Baratheia (illustrated by RAF No 1 Dress) which met the requirement. The two cloths were to be used to produce sample uniforms [in the 3 selected colours] for the Jul ADC.</p> <p>(3) <u>Style</u>. The style preferences agreed at the ADC Nov 03 were shown using a standard model; in addition a ‘camel’ design with different arrangement of pockets, and current and past OR jackets and female versions were paraded for comparison and discussion as advised by the Historical Adviser. The following style issues were agreed: see-attached table.</p> <p>The above style decisions were to be incorporated in the model uniforms to be presented at the ADC in Jul.</p> <p>c. <u>No 13/14 [Barrack] Dress</u>. The aspiration to link Barrack Dress and No 2 Dress in order to achieve both flexibility and economies was acknowledged. A number of design issues were discussed, in conjunction with displays of models and samples, described below:</p> <p>(1) <u>Trousers</u>. Trousers should provide a close colour match and design with the No 2 Dress trousers to provide maximum flexibility. However, the long production run of No 2 Dress (anticipated to be some 20 years) must achieve consistent colour matching. Also, the requirement for BD trousers to be durable required a mixed material of wool/polyester which would detract from an exact colour match with No2 Dress all-wool trousers. ADC directed the material should be wool rich but for cost purposes would need to adopt commercial material. Academy RSM also should be consulted to gain feedback. Trousers in a W/P mix to match (by</p>		<p>/DC IPT</p> <p>SO1 FAD /DC IPT</p> <p>SO1 FAD /DC IPT</p> <p>SO1 FAD /DC IPT</p>



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	<p>blend/weight/weave &amp; broadly similar khaki colour – if possible) the No 2 Dress jacket would be produced for the Jul ADC to allow an appreciation of cloth types.</p> <p>(2) <u>Shirt</u>. Feedback was given on progressing a re-design of a tri-Svc shirt following an Army mtg on 8 Mar. A number of sample coloured shirts with a new ‘2.5” classic collar’ were paraded against current shirts. The Chairman directed that tri-Svc commonalities should be identified to achieve economies. The way ahead from the 8 Mar mtg was for DC IPT to produce an Advisory Pack outlining proposed standard tri-Svc features incorporating all single Svc reqts. The Army shirt should include both long and short-sleeved types. A decision on material selection should be benchmarked against the other svcs. A final choice on colour must await the selection of No 2 Dress colour since the shirt [and tie] should complement one another. Progress should be reported at the Jul ADC.</p> <p>(3) <u>Tie</u>. A range of earth coloured ties were paraded. The need to complement the shirt and No 2 Dress was stressed. The final selection of colour would follow No 2 Dress colour selection and parallel shirt selection to optimise the ensemble.</p> <p>d. <u>No 1 Dress</u>. SO1 FAD reported the proposed way ahead for No 1 Dress which was to confirm the Army reqt (primarily for State and regt ceremonial held in pools), conduct an audit and subsequently identify a strategy and policy for procurement and sustainment. This would complement and confirm the current assessment by PS12(A). Some scope for rationalisation as indicated in the Dress Paper may be found and was to be investigated. The proposal was endorsed. SO1 FAD to provide report to the ADC in Jul.</p> <p>e. <u>Mess Dress</u>. The matter had been examined and a variety of options that could be pursued identified. It was the Chairman’s view that the possibility of further public funding was minimal and that the Army’s priorities for action were No 2 Dress, followed by No 1 Dress and lastly Mess Dress.</p> <p>f. <u>FAD Project Way Ahead</u>. SO1 FAD briefly discussed the Project Outline for No 2 Dress. The Chairman concluded the discussion with following actions:</p>		<p>SO1 FAD /DC IPT</p> <p>SO1 FAD /DC IPT</p> <p>SO1 FAD</p>




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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide an update to AG/ECAB with timings.</li> <li>• provide input to RSM's Convention 23-24 Jun</li> <li>• Jul ADC to be briefed on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ costs and whether No 2 Dress would be cost neutral.</li> <li>○ to advise on the requirements for a trial.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sec to staff reqt for STP bid for SO1 FAD post to run for 3 years</li> </ul>		Sec ADC
4. Matters Arising	<p>a. <u>Badges on No 8 Dress.</u> The Sec displayed a draft format for Formation Badge and TRF posters, and it was agreed under the Chairman's direction that:</p> <p>(1) The Sec would reorder the specimen shown numerically, and produce another specimen of the Formation Badge poster which showed divs and bdes in their deployable and regional formations, ie. in the form of a task organisation chart.</p> <p>(2) The layout for the TRF poster was acceptable, but that consideration would have to be given over the proposed change to the QRL TRF, and some corrections to design and colouring were necessary.</p> <p>(3) In both cases revised draft posters would be re-titled and dated, and agreed out of committee.</p> <p>b. <u>CAMUS TRF.</u> The committee reaffirmed the wearing of the CAMUS TRF on No 8 Dress by all musicians, in accordance with Decision 4019 taken at the 316<sup>th</sup> ADC.</p> <p>c. <u>Wearing of Officer Dress by WO1s/RSMs.</u> The Chairman stated that in response to his letter, ECAB had endorsed the views of the Committee that the status quo would be maintained in allowing WO1s/RSMs to wear Officer pattern No 2 Dress and Officer pattern Mess Dress, that this would not be at either public or individual expense, and that if Regts/Corps wished their WO1s/RSMs to be dressed in this way they should meet the costs from Regt/Corps funds. Also a letter to that effect would be sent to RHQs forthwith.</p> <p>d. <u>Senior Warrant Officer Class 1 Rank Badges.</u> The Sec stated that, in response to DAG's letter, there had been a consensus in favour of these distinctive badges and that RE, PM(A) and AMS wished specifically to adopt a Corps RSM badge – in addition to the original proposal from R SIGNALS.</p>	Decision 4036	<p>Sec ADC</p> <p>Sec ADC</p> <p>Sec ADC</p> <p>Sec ADC DAG</p>



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	<p>A discussion ensued on what would be an appropriate design for this badge, and the Hist Adv displayed some alternative designs to the round-shaped RLC Conductors' badge.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Hist Adv and Asst Hist Adv would produce sample designs, attributing corps colours, from which the Committee could agree a standard design as guidance for specific proposals from the four Corps in question.</p>		Sec ADC
5. New Proposals.	<p>a. <u>CAMUS Stable Belt</u>. The Committee ratified the DCAMUS proposed design.</p> <p>b. <u>Replacement No 2 Dress Collar Badge for A Sqn RMLY</u>. After due consideration the Committee agreed the revised design, which included the motto “ PRO ARIS ET FOCIS” within the wreath, and as approved by the College of Arms – with the proviso that the colour of the surrounding ‘wreath’ is in silver-coloured “pear” (not “pearl”) blossom. Consideration might also be given to a slightly enlarged Staffordshire knot. Badge will need to be registered with the College of Arms.</p>	<p>APPROVED Decision 4037</p> <p>APPROVED Decision 4038</p>	<p>HQ DCAMUS</p> <p>HQ DRAC</p>
6. AOB.	<p>a. <u>Desert Combat Rank Slides</u>. ██████████ stated problems were being experienced over the pale colour of the current issue badges. In order to rectify this a darker shade of rank badge was duly chosen from the samples displayed.</p> <p>b. <u>Valedictory</u>. (1) ██████████ thanked Gen Rollo for his time as Chairman, in particular for his focus on those FAD issues that were of importance to officers and soldiers.</p> <p>(2) Finally, the Chairman thanked ██████████ for his contribution to the Dress Committee over many years, on his departure to the R&amp;D branch of DC IPT. At the same time he noted that ██████████ would be taking over as Development Project Manager.</p>	APPROVED Decision 4039	DC IPT
7. Arrangement for Next Meeting.	<p>The date for the next meeting would be confirmed once Gen Tyler was in post, but was forecast as being in the latter part of Jul 04.</p> <p><b>Post – meeting note.</b> 319<sup>th</sup> ADC meeting planned for pm</p>		Sec ADC



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	Mon 26 Jul 04.		

  
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 Sec Army Dress Committee

Annex:

A. Future Army Dress – Style Issues

Distribution:

External:

Action:

SHAPE (for D/UKNMR(A))  
 PJHQ (for DACOS J1)  
 HQ LAND (for Log Sp Branch)  
 HQ ARRC  
 HQ NI (2) (G1, Log Sp Branch)  
 HQ 1 (UK) Armd Div  
 HQ 2 Div  
 HQ 3 (UK) Div  
 HQ 4 Div  
 HQ 5 Div  
 HQ UKSC(G)  
 HQ 101 Log Bde  
 HQ 102 Log Bde  
 HQ LONDIST  
 HQ BF Gibraltar  
 HQ BF Cyprus  
 HQ BF Falkland Islands  
 HQ H Div  
 HQ DRAC  
 RHQ RA  
 RHQ RE  
 RHQ R SIGNALS  
 HQ INF



HQ Scottish Div  
HQ Queen's Div  
HQ King's Div  
HQ Prince of Wales's Div  
HQ Light Div  
RHQ R IRISH  
RHQ PARA  
RHQ Brigade of Gurkhas  
RHQ AAC  
HQ RACHD (2) (Copy to Chaplain DST Leaconsfield)  
RHQ RLC  
HQ AMS  
RHQ REME  
RHQ AGC  
HQ SASC  
HQ INT CORPS  
HQ APTC  
HQ DCAMUS  
HQ RMAS (2) (Copy to AcSM)  
DCT IPT (P&S)

Information:

FSPO RN Supply Organisation  
UCPSM(1) RAF Innesworth  
HQ RM  
HQ 238 Sig Sqn

Internal:

Action:

HQ ATRA (for SO1 Plans)  
All Committee Members and those in attendance.

Information:

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Info (Exp) Analysis Branch  
PS10 (A)  
PS12 (A)

MOD RQMS  
Chairman Army Historical Society  
HQ AG – SO2 Gender (DMA)  
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**FUTURE ARMY DRESS – STYLE ISSUES**

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Selection/Decision</b>	<b>Comment/Decision</b>
<b>JACKET</b>		
Back	Patrol style	
Front	Single breasted	4 buttons
Pocket: U	Patch with pleat; winged (3 pointed) flap with button Position to accommodate medals	Modify Camel to show pocket options as directed <sup>1</sup> for extra-ordinary ADC mtg in May prior to production of standard models for Jul ADC, and illustrate shoulder strap choices.
Pocket: L	TBD options: bellowed, patch with rectangular flap or no external pocket	
Sleeve	Rifle cuff	Smart, traditional + easily adjusted
Waist	Fitted waist	Acceptable for ceremonial. CinC view was to optimise jacket for walking out and therefore a looser fit was desirable
Belt	Accompanying detachable cloth belt	Consider the use of detachable belt hooks.
Shoulder straps	Standard design models to include shoulder straps	Under collar presently preferred
<b>TROUSERS</b>		
Waist	For use with braces, stable belt & side straps	Buttoned fly? Decision reqd from Jul ADC
Length	Maximised/tailored for shoe wear	Minor crimpling/bagging with boots acceptable
Pockets		Decision reqd from Jul ADC
<b>FEMALE REQUIREMENTS</b>		
Jacket	To echo male design + appropriate tailoring to meet female design reqt	Special female sub-ctee to be set up to identify jacket, skirt and trouser design requirement
Trouser	To echo male design + appropriate tailoring to meet female reqt	
Skirt	To be determined for in-svc use of same duration	

<sup>1</sup> Pocket U/L – patch with pleat, 3 pointed flap with button; U/R – patch pocket with bellow right side, 3 pointed flap; L/L – patch with straight flap; L/R – patch pocket with bellow right side, 3 pointed flap.

