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**MINUTES OF 319th MEETING OF THE ARMY DRESS COMMITTEE HELD AT ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY SANDHURST ON 26 JULY 2004**

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| Present       | Maj Gen TN Tyler<br>[Redacted]                                     | DAG<br>DACOS Pers HQ LAND<br>SO1 PS12(A)<br>RO2c PS12(A)  | Chairman<br><br><br>Secretary |
| In Attendance | [Redacted]<br>[Redacted]<br>[Redacted]<br>[Redacted]<br>[Redacted] | SO1 Future Army Dress (FAD)<br>Senior Customer Liaison Manager (SCLM)- DC IPT<br>Customer Liaison Officer (CLO) Army at DC IPT<br>Team Leader Clothing & Textiles System (CATS)<br>DC IPT<br>DPO 1 DC IPT<br>DPM 2 DC IPT<br>Hist Adv<br>Asst Hist Adv<br>AcSM RMAS |                               |

| ITEM                                     | DISCUSSION   | DECISIONS | ACTION |
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| 1. Chairman's Opening Remarks,           | The Chairman welcomed all present to his first full meeting of the ADC and thanked the AcSM for the very useful live soldier display of No 2 Dress models, examined by the Committee prior to the meeting. |           |        |
| 2. Minutes of 318 <sup>th</sup> Meeting. | The Minutes of the 318th Meeting and Extraordinary Meeting held on 26 May 04 were approved as a true record.   |           |        |



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| 3. Future Army Dress | <p>a. <u>Future Army Dress</u>. SO1 FAD reported progress on FAD design options for ADC attention and direction. The PowerPoint presentation pack used is attached.</p> <p>b. <u>No 2 Dress</u>. A number of design issues were discussed in conjunction with displays of models and samples described below:</p> <p>(1) <u>Style</u>. The style preferences agreed at Mar &amp; May 04 ADCs along with proposed design options were shown using standard and live models, along with current and past OR jackets. After much discussion and advised by DCIPT and the Historical Adviser the following style issues were agreed: <b>see attached table at Annex A.</b></p> <p>(2) <u>Material</u>. Sample uniforms in the two short-listed cloth types of Worsted Serge/Twill and Barathea were paraded on live models and static display. The ADC recommended Barathea as the preferred material/cloth.</p> <p>(3) <u>Colour/Shade</u>. Sample uniforms in light khaki, brown khaki and green khaki were presented to the ADC using live and static models. Discussion and decisions are reported below.</p> <p>(a) <u>Jacket</u>. Three sample jackets in light, brown and green shades of khaki were paraded (in both natural and artificial light). The light khaki was ruled out as an inappropriate shade. The ADC recommended that brown and green khaki shades should be presented to ECAB for their choice of preference.</p> <p>(b) <u>Trousers/Slacks &amp; Skirt</u>. The default position was that the trousers [and female slacks &amp; skirt] would match the colour of the jacket with the exception of those regiments with a tradition of wearing a different trouser colour (Hussar, IRISH, LI). However, LAND's view was to retain the option of a different coloured trouser with the khaki jacket (i.e. not a khaki suit) to replace the current khaki suit for the majority of Army users and the matter should be put forward as an option to ECAB. Samples of trousers were paraded to demonstrate colour</p> | <p>Endorsed</p> <p>Endorsed</p> <p>Endorsed</p> | <p>SO1 FAD/DC IPT</p> <p>SO1 FAD/DC IPT</p> <p>SO1 FAD /DC IPT</p> |





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|      | <p>wool/cotton; also a commercial cloth was recommended for cost reasons. Samples of commercial wool/polyester and polyester/cotton material and in-Service trousers were demonstrated. Polyester/cotton was ruled out. It was decided that Barathe material of W/P mix (60/40) in both brown and green khaki and P/W (55/45) in green khaki would be procured by DCIPT to undertake a limited but targeted trial. SO1 FAD and DCIPT were tasked to determine trial size based on material &amp; cost grounds. SCLM would confirm whether the associated costs could be absorbed by DCIPT. SO1 PS12(A) would assist SO1FAD in determining trial population.</p> <p><b><u>Afternote.</u> DC IPT will provide details on purchase of suitable cloth, trouser number and type (incl female slacks), cost and timelines (lead-time for cloth x 16 wks; manufacture x 8 wks).</b></p> <p>(2) <u>Shirt.</u> In Jun 04 DCIPT distributed the Shirt Information Pack on re-design of the tri-Svc shirt. Single Services were asked to submit their preferences for the standard tri-Svc features of the core design (less single Service options re colour, material, shoulder straps, pen holder, etc). ADC endorsed the Army preferences: material – cotton/polyester; fit - step graded; collar – classic 2.5”; back – box pleat; sleeve/cuff – dual closure; front opening – strap front; pockets – patch with pleat and flap; shoulder straps; long and short sleeve variety; female blouse required. A decision on material selection should be benchmarked against the other svcs following a mtg in Sep 04. A final decision on colour must await the selection of No 2 Dress colour. Progress should be reported at the Nov ADC.</p> <p>(3) <u>Tie.</u> An appropriate coloured tie would complement the shirt and No 2 Dress. The final selection would follow No 2 Dress colour selection and parallel shirt selection to optimise the ensemble.</p> <p>(4) <u>Footwear.</u> No2 Dress trouser and Barrack Dress trouser design will be optimised for wear with shoes. However, it was confirmed that No 2 &amp; No13/14 Dress will involve no change to current policy and scaling for footwear.</p> <p>d. <u>No 1 Dress.</u> SO1 FAD reported his initial findings on No1 Dress re ceremonial, Op Bridges and proposed LAND</p> |           | <p>SO1 FAD<br/>/DC IPT<br/>SO1<br/>PS12(A)</p> <p>DC IPT</p> <p>SO1 FAD<br/>/DC IPT</p> <p>SO1 FAD<br/>/DC IPT</p> |



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|  | <p>pool requirements. Agreement by LONDIST to trial a modified No1 Dress (with detachable accoutrements and some modifications to spec of tunic and trouser) for the Hounslow PD Bn wef Aug 05 was reported. Op Bridges requirements were being met via procurement action by HQ LAND Log Sp Br. LAND relayed continued support for No1 Dress to be available for SNCOs and above, and also for a pool for key unit occasions. The LAND/Army pool requirement needs development and the case for its establishment made in conjunction with PS12(A) and HQ LAND. SO1 FAD to proceed with this work and report progress to the ADC in Nov.</p> <p>e. <u>FAD Cost Assessment.</u> SO1 FAD reported his initial findings on costs associated with introducing FAD items of dress. The introduction of No2 Dress, Barrack Dress and possible enhancements to CS95 would all impact the non-operational clothing budget to create a spike in the latter years of STP 05. Thus, the introduction of FAD items would need to be carefully programmed in order to reduce STP spiking and so tolerable to affected TLBs. However, once the capital issue of No2 Dress was complete it would be cost neutral over the medium to long-term. The Chairman stated that further detailed work would be required along with an assessment of options prior to submission of a short paper to ECAB &amp; APRC.</p> <p>f. <u>FAD Project Way Ahead.</u> SO1 FAD briefly discussed the Project Outline. The Chairman considered that Barrack Dress be given higher priority and to be developed in tandem with No2 Dress given the need to introduce Barrack Dress sooner rather than later.</p> |           | <p>SO1 FAD<br/>/DC IPT</p> <p>SO1 FAD</p> <p>SO1 FAD<br/>/DC IPT</p> |
| <p>4. Matters Arising From Current Proposals</p> | <p>a. <u>Senior Warrant Officer Class 1 Rank Badges.</u><br/>After discussion, it was agreed that a standard design, as drawn by the Asst Hist Adv, and colouring suggested by the Hist Adv, be recommended to the appropriate WOs of RE, R SIGNALS, AMS, REME and AGC – which would not contain a Corps distinguishing feature, either interwoven or displayed underneath.</p> <p>b. <u>DInf's Proposal for the Wearing of TRFs by Cadets.</u><br/>The Committee considered the proposal submitted by DInf, but decided there was insufficient justification for the wearing of TRFs by the cadet organisation – primarily</p>  |           | <p>AcSM<br/>Sec ADC</p>  |





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|   | <p>e. <u>Forage Caps for Female Musicians in H Div Bands.</u><br/>           HQ LONDIST's proposal was for female musicians serving in the H Div Bands to wear the appropriate colour headband and piping on the standard female forage cap – which had been in existence for some decades (and [REDACTED] view was that majority opinion favoured the status quo).<br/>           However the Chairman, whilst acknowledging the desired aim of the proposal, queried the need and requirement for a female cap and stated that the proposal prompted a wider debate on the issue; to that end, before any further consideration by the ADC, it was agreed that [REDACTED] would conduct research on opinion and report back to the ADC at the next meeting.</p> |           | <p>DACOS Pers<br/>LAND</p> <p>HQ<br/>LONDIST</p> |
| <p>6. AOB.</p>                          | <p>a. <u>Promulgation of Formation Badge and TRF Designs.</u><br/>           Sec ADC updated the Committee: posters are in the process of being published by AD Def Pub(A) within DGMC, to be sent out to all units and HQs in August, whilst the colour illustrations and rules for wearing these badges on combat dress have been placed on the Defence Information Intranet (DII).</p>   |           | <p>Sec ADC</p>                                   |
| <p>7. Arrangement for Next Meeting.</p> | <p>The next meeting would take place in the Conference Room Wellington Barracks, 1300 for 1330 hours, on Tue 9 Nov 04. <b><u>Post – meeting note.</u></b> The meeting will now take place on Mon 29 Nov 04, same time and place.</p>  |           | <p>Sec ADC</p>                                   |

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 Sec Army Dress Committee

Annex:

A. Future Army Dress – No 2 Dress Style Issues.

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**FUTURE ARMY DRESS – NO 2 DRESS STYLE ISSUES**

| Feature                    | Selection/Decision   | Comment/Decision   |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| <b>JACKET</b>              |  |  |
| Back                       | Patrol style   | <b>Double vent of 20 cms</b> (medium length).  |
| Front                      | Single breasted/4 buttons  | Button arrangement – cruciform rather than T design selected   |
| Pocket: U                  | Patch with pleat; curved shape. Winged flap (3 pointed) with button & press studs.                             | 3 x internal pockets [left, right & ticket]  |
| Pocket: L                  | Sewn-on patch – no pleat; curved shape at lower corners<br>Rectangular flap angular; no button                 | With poppers fore and aft  |
| Sleeve                     | Rifle cuff   | No sleeve button   |
| Waist                      | Fitted waist <b>but looser fit</b>   | Acceptable for ceremonial. <b>Test of looser fit is for wearer to sit down in comfort</b>  |
| Belt                       | Accompanying detachable cloth belt   | Fitted belt hooks x 2 <b>located at rear side seam</b> that can be removed. <b>Black enamelled. No material belt loops on jacket.</b>  |
| Shoulder straps            | Standard design models to include shoulder straps under collar   |  |
| Edge stitching             | Swelled or stitched edge   | <i>Afternote:</i> ADC determine out of committee fol DCIPT advice  |
| <b>TROUSERS</b>            |  |  |
| Waist                      | For use with braces (via inside buttons) and stable belt<br>1 x pleat; zip fly<br>No side straps               | Belt loops x 6 standard 75mm/3” depth; 20mm/ 3/4” width; not buttoned  |
| Length                     | Maximised/tailored for shoe wear   | Minor crimpling/bagging with boots acceptable<br>Supercrease at front only<br><b>Raised seam – DCIPT to advise as an option</b>  |
| Pockets                    | Standard side pockets<br>1 x hip pocket (right)  | 1. Pocket material to be determined  |
| <b>FEMALE REQUIREMENTS</b> |  |  |
| Jacket                     | To echo male design for front, back, sleeves & shoulder straps; no upper pockets to reflect female design reqt | Panel seams – shoulder to hem<br>Length optimised for wear with both slacks and skirt<br><b>DCIPT to advise Female SC on female button arrangement to accommodate Sam Browne/Belt for bottom two size ranges (maintain minimum spacing or raise top button by 2cm or alternative optimum solution)</b> |
| Slacks                     | To echo male design + appropriate tailoring to meet female reqt  | Front zip fly; <b>belt loops 1cm width</b> and shallower to reflect narrower stable belt; 1 x pleat; right hip pocket<br><b>Raised seam – DCIPT to advise as an option</b>   |
| Skirt                      | Waist band same depth as slacks & stable belt  | <b>Twin pleat at front; belt loops 1cm width</b><br><b>LAND – need to maintain option of slack and trouser</b>   |

