

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

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

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISIONS	ACTION
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 th 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	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.		
	b. <u>No 2 Dress</u> . A number of design issues were discussed in conjunction with displays of models and samples described below:		
	(1) <u>Style</u> . The style preferences agreed at Mar & 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: see attached table at Annex A.	Endorsed	SO1 FAD/DC IPT
	(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.	Endorsed	SO1 FAD/DC IPT
	(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.		
	(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.	Endorsed	SO1 FAD /DC IPT
	(b) <u>Trousers/Slacks & Skirt</u> . The default position was that the trousers [and female slacks & 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		



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	options and the desire to link with Barrack Dress		SO1 FAD
	(and possibly No 1). The Hist Adv referred to		/DC IPT
	the Army tradition of different coloured trouser		
	with Corps/Regt piping. The Chairman		
	confirmed that the option should be retained and		
	a final decision on trouser colour would be put		
	to ECAB following feedback from the FAD		
	Roadshow in the Autumn and user trials (see		
	below).		
	Afternote. An opportunity to display progress		
	to ECAB on 24 Sep is being staffed.		
	(4) <u>Trials</u> . The ADC was appraised of the		
	associated costs and protracted nature of conducting		
	a large user trial, particularly since the basic design		
	and same materials were already in service with the		
	RN and RAF. However, a limited trial of specific		
	users [RMAS key personnel] would be possible		
	using the remaining lengths of material held by DC		
	IPT. The ADC directed that a limited trial be		
	conducted and progress and findings reported at the		
	next ADC. SCLM would confirm whether the		SO1 FAD
	associated costs could be absorbed by DCIPT.		/DC IPT
	<u>Afternote</u> . DCIPT assess the number of suits		
	available from remaining material as 8 (Green khaki		
	x 3; Brown x 5: propose 1 x offr, 2 x female OR, 5 x		
	male OR at a cost of £350 per uniform) with a lead		
	lead time for production of approx 10 weeks with		
	delivery in Oct 04. DCIPT will liaise direct with		
	AcSM to determine sample and subject sizes (via the		
	RMAS Tailor).		
	c. No 13/14 [Barrack] Dress. Barrack Dress would		
	incorporate common items of dress with No2 Dress in the		
	shirt and tie whilst the No2 Dress trouser style would		
	provide the Barrack Dress trouser design [less colour and		
	material options]. A number of design issues were discussed,		
	in conjunction with displays of models and samples,		
	described below:		
	(1) <u>Trousers</u> . The ADC confirmed that the Barrack		
	Dress trousers and slacks should provide an exact		
	style match and close colour match with the No 2		
	Dress trousers/slacks. The need for BD trousers to be		
	durable (able to be washed and tumble-dried		
	frequently; with supercrease on front seam only)		
	required a mixed material of wool/polyester or		



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	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		
	Barathea material of W/P mix (60/40) in both brown		
	and green khaki and P/W (55/45) in green khaki		SO1 FAD
	would be procured by DCIPT to undertake a limited		/DC IPT
	but targeted trial. SO1 FAD and DCIPT were tasked		SO1
	to determine trial size based on material & cost		PS12(A)
	grounds. SCLM would confirm whether the		
	associated costs could be absorbed by DCIPT. SO1		
	PS12(A) would assist SO1FAD in determining trial		
	population.		
	Afternote. DC IPT will provide details on		
	purchase of suitable cloth, trouser number and		DC IPT
	type (incl female slacks), cost and timelines (lead-		
	time for cloth x 16 wks; manufacture x 8 wks).		
	(2) Shirt. 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:		SO1 FAD
	material – cotton/polyester; fit - step graded; collar –		/DC IPT
	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		SO1 FAD
	reported at the Nov ADC.		/DC IPT
	(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.		
	(4) Footwear. No2 Dress trouser and Barrack Dress		
	trouser design will be optimised for wear with shoes.		
	However, it was confirmed that No 2 & No13/14 Dress		
	will involve no change to current policy and scaling for		
	footwear.		
	d. No 1 Dress. SO1 FAD reported his initial findings on		
	No1 Dress re ceremonial, Op Bridges and proposed LAND		



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	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.		SO1 FAD /DC IPT
	 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 & APRC. f. <u>FAD Project Way Ahead</u>. SO1 FAD briefly discussed the Project Outline. The Chairman considered that Barrack 		SO1 FAD
	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.		/DC IPT
4. Matters Arising From Current Proposals	a. <u>Senior Warrant Officer Class 1 Rank Badges.</u> 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.		AcSM Sec ADC
	b. <u>DInf's Proposal for the Wearing of TRFs by Cadets</u> . The Committee considered the proposal submitted by DInf, but decided there was insufficient justification for the wearing of TRFs by the cadet organisation – primarily		



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	because it was felt that the TRF, given its specific tactical origin and purpose, should remain the preserve of the trained soldier, but also because it was felt that cadets' entitlement to wear the cap badge of their affiliated regt, along with their ACF County Flash, provided adequate recognition of their regt and geographical associations. DACOS Pers LAND would write to DInf accordingly.	NOT APPROVED Decision 4040	DACOS Pers LAND
5. New Proposals.	a. <u>AAC Avn Aircrewman Qualification Badge</u> . The Committee approved the single badge replacing the old Air Gunner and Observer badges, displaying the letters "AC" in lieu of "G"and "O", and for it to be worn on the left breast of combat dress jackets.	APPROVED Decision 4041	RHQ AAC
	 b. <u>Change of Dress for Pipes and Drums 51st Highland</u> <u>Regiment</u>. A decision on the Scottish Div proposal was deferred until the outcome of FAS was known in detail. SO1 PS12(A) would however discuss the matter with DInf. 		HQ Scottish Div SO1 PS12(A)
	c. Lanyard and Stable Belt for 16 CS Med Regt. Notwithstanding the fact that on amalgamation the unit adopted the lanyard and stable belt worn by the former 23 & 144 Para Fd Ambs, the Committee were minded not to accept a measure which ran counter to the principle and nature of single Corps identities (as manifest in 16 Bde Corps TRFs) – and were not prepared to give a decision on this matter until the Sec ADC had conducted a survey into the existence of other Corps belts/lanyards within 16 Air Asslt Bde.		Sec ADC
	 d. <u>RLC Band Dress Regulations</u>. The Committee recorded their thanks to the Hist Adv for his work in producing the detailed and summarised versions of the RLC dress regs, in conjunction with RHQ RLC, and duly approved them with the proviso that: (1) Drum Major of the Band was to wear the musician's lyre badge superimposed on the chevrons, ie. not stacked (2) Band would continue to wear their current dark blue greatcoat, but might in future (on a maintenance basis) adopt the RHA pattern cloak for DOM and WO1. (3) Two additional officer pattern RLC swords for the Drum Major and the Band Sgt Major would be permitted, but procured at regimental expense. 	APPROVED Decision 4042	RHQ RLC



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	 e. Forage Caps for Female Musicians in H Div Bands. 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 view was that majority opinion favoured the status quo). 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 would conduct research on opinion and report back to the ADC at the next meeting. 		DACOS Pers LAND HQ LONDIST
6. AOB.	a. <u>Promulgation of Formation Badge and TRF Designs</u> . 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).		Sec ADC
7.Arrangement for Next Meeting.	The next meeting would take place in the Conference Room Wellington Barracks, 1300 for 1330 hours, on Tue 9 Nov 04. <u>Post – meeting note</u> . The meeting will now take place on Mon 29 Nov 04, same time and place.		Sec ADC

RO2c PS12(A) Sec Army Dress Committee

Annex:

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

Distribution:



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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 South Atlantic 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:

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Action:

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

email).

Information:

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FUTURE ARMY DRESS – NO 2 DRESS STYLE ISSUES

Feature	Selection/Decision	Comment/Decision
LACKET		
JACKET Back	Patrol style	Double vent of 20 cms (medium length).
Front	Single breasted/4 buttons	Button arrangement – cruciform rather than T design
1.10111		selected
Pocket: U	Patch with pleat; curved shape.	3 x internal pockets [left, right & ticket]
	Winged flap (3 pointed) with button	
D 1 (I	& press studs.	
Pocket: L	Sewn-on patch – no pleat; curved shape at lower corners	
	Rectangular flap angular; no button	With poppers fore and aft
	not angle and angle angle and a second	with poppers fore and art
Sleeve	Rifle cuff	No sleeve button
Waist	Fitted waist but looser fit	Acceptable for ceremonial. Test of looser fit is for
		wearer to sit down in comfort
Belt	Accompanying detachable cloth belt	Fitted belt hooks x 2 located at rear side seam that
		can be removed. Black enamelled. No material belt loops on jacket.
Shoulder	Standard design models to include	
straps	shoulder straps under collar	
Edge	Swelled or stitched edge	Afternote: ADC determine out of committee
stitching		fol DCIPT advice
TROUSER		
Waist	For use with braces (via inside	Dalt large α (standard 75 mm/2" datthe 20 mm/2/4" midthe
	buttons) and stable belt 1 x pleat; zip fly	Belt loops x 6 standard 75mm/3" depth; 20mm/ 3/4" width; not buttoned
	No side straps	not outtoiled
Length	Maximised/tailored for shoe wear	Minor crimpling/bagging with boots acceptable
•		Supercrease at front only
		Raised seam – DCIPT to advise as an option
Pockets	Standard side pockets	1. Pocket material to be determined
	1 x hip pocket (right)	
FEMALE	REQUIREMENTS	
Jacket	To echo male design for front, back,	Panel seams – shoulder to hem
	sleeves & shoulder straps; no upper	Length optimised for wear with both slacks and skirt
	pockets to reflect female design reqt	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)
Slacks	To echo male design + appropriate	Front zip fly; belt loops 1cm width and shallower to reflect
~	tailoring to meet female reqt	narrower stable belt; 1 x pleat; right hip pocket
		Raised seam – DCIPT to advise as an option
Skirt	Waist band same depth as slacks &	Twin pleat at front; belt loops 1cm width
	stable belt	LAND – need to maintain option of slack and trouser

