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## MINUTES OF 320th MEETING OF THE ARMY DRESS COMMITTEE HELD AT ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY SANDHURST ON 29 NOVEMBER 2004

Present	Maj Gen TN Tyler	DAG DACOS Pers HQ LAND SO1 PS12(A)	Chairman
		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 Hist Adv AcSM RMAS	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISIONS	ACTION
1. Minutes of 319 <sup>th</sup> Meeting.	The Minutes of the 319th Meeting held on 26 Jul 04 were approved as a true record.		
2. Future Army Dress	<ul> <li>a. <u>FAD – Roadshow Report.</u> SO1 FAD reported on feedback from the series of Roadshows to A&amp;SD/Regtl DC in Oct &amp; Nov 04. The PowerPoint presentation pack used is attached. In summary:</li> <li>Unanimous support for the No 2 Dress design incl</li> </ul>		



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	shade and derived Barrack Dress order using common items of trouser, shirt & tie.  There was no appetite for a non-suit option. RAC/Inf stated a preference for No 1 Dress. Preferences re specific design options were reported and final ADC decisions/direction are included at the various Design sections of these Minutes.  The Roadshow identified a number of non-operational clothing (N-OC) issues for ADC direction:		Noted	SO1 FAD/ DC IPT
	Issue Lack of tailoring capability Shirt – separate OR v Offr Barrack Dress v Wkg Dress  Woolly jumper – too heavy Footwear  Outerwear eg. raincoat Medal ribbons/mounting Accoutrements: • Rank slides/badge/cap • Collar dogs – clutch&pin  There followed consider including the above issu particularly given the including the above issu particularly given the including that No 2 & No13/14 Drecurrent policy and scalin considered that these "pin the APRC Paper with action/best options to en * Afternote. Current policy and public duties bns in to their ceremonial funct mounted at public experb. No 2 Dress - Design discussed in light of Roaconjunction with uniform described below:  (1) Colour/Shacon and green ADC. The models	eripheral" issues need visibility agreement on courses of sure APRC approval. by only allows ORs in H Div Hounslow and Edinburgh, due ion, to have medals court ase.  Design issues were adshow feedback and in	Noted	SO1 FAD/ DC IPT



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	bound by it. Feedback from the Roadshow supported the brown shade. Initial feedback from AcSM on RMAS trial indicated brown khaki was the popular choice. The preference by ADC Members was for the brown khaki. The selection process for shade/colour was to be reported in the APRC Paper.	Endorsed	SO1 FAD
	(2) <u>Material</u> . Barathea was the recommended material. A target weight of 370 g/m <sup>2</sup> (10.9oz/yd <sup>2</sup> ) was the requirement. Trial uniforms were 389g/m <sup>2</sup> and within tolerance of material production. Initial feedback from the trial was it was a comfortable weight. 370g/m <sup>2</sup> remains the target weight.	Endorsed	SO1 FAD/ DCIPT
	(3) Style. The style preferences agreed at Jul 04 ADC and Roadshow feedback were discussed and advised by DCIPT and the Historical Adviser. The style issues agreed and further actions are shown in the Style Table attached.	Endorsed	SO1 FAD/ DCIPT
	SO1 FAD reported that the drafting of the No2 Specification had commenced and DCIPT would update it as firm decisions were made. The final design decisions & specification would await APRC/ECAB endorsement in Mar 05.		
	c. No 2 Dress Trial. The ADC received an update on the RMAS trial which started in mid-Nov 04. 8 key personnel are involved trialing both green and brown khaki uniforms. AcSM, wearing a brown khaki trial uniform, provided an initial report that the uniforms had stimulated considerable positive interest at RMAS. Trial of various belt and sword requirements would be included. Trial diaries and a final questionnaire would be used to generate both an Interim Report (Jan 05) and Final Report (Mar 05).	Noted	SO1 FAD /DC IPT
	d. No 13/14 [Barrack] Dress - Trousers. The role of Barrack Dress order within the Working Dress range was discussed. It was noted that lightweights [TML] would continue to be an appropriate or preferred working trouser for users on armour/heavy equipment such as the RAC, Inf, REME, etc. A user survey would differentiate cap-badge requirements and Mat Regs	Noted	



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	should reflect them incl appropriate footwear which has H&S/Duty of Care requirements. PECOC proposed changes to Combat Boot to DPM also will impact the assessment and was to be included in the survey. A briefing from DEC GM on PECOC should be arranged for a future ADC. Design issues are summarised below:		
	(1) <u>Design</u> . Design direction and material capabilities given at the Jul ADC were extant. The drafting of the Specification would parallel the No2 Dress process. The FAD Roadshow endorsed the common design and style with No2 Dress.		
	<ul> <li>(2) <u>Trial</u>. SO1 FAD outlined requirements and progress to date on the Barrack Dress trouser trial summarised below:</li> <li>Brown khaki barathea material of W/P mix (60/40) and P/W (55/45) had been ordered (500m of each) for delivery in Apr 05.</li> <li>Trial size: 200 male [trouser]; 100 female [skirt + slacks] in each material. SO1FAD will determine trial population to cover typical users (RMP, SPS, Gds PI, RMAS Cadets, HQ Staffs).</li> <li>Timelines: Jun – Dec 05. Reports: Interim (Sep 05); Final (Jan 06).</li> </ul>	Noted	SO1 FAD/ AcSM (Unit Trials Offr)
	e. No 13/14 [Barrack] Dress – Shirt & Tie.  (1) Shirt. SO1 FAD reported on progress. The Jul ADC shirt design preferences were presented at the Tri-Svc Shirt Mtg on 18 Nov. The ADC directed that a single design of shirt for both offrs and OR should be the outcome. The RN/RAF opted for a polyester rich shirt; the Army would consider a cotton-rich solution. A final decision on colour must await the solution of No 2 Dress colour. Samples	Noted	SO1 FAD /DC IPT
	await the selection of No 2 Dress colour. Samples of shirt and tie on the No2 Dress models were noted and final selection should complement the ensemble. Specimen samples for Feb 05, using step grading, were being produced by DCIPT to determine the block pattern and single Svc options. Progress should be reported at the Mar 05 ADC.  (2) Tie. Material samples for a colour of tie to	Noted	SO1 FAD /DC IPT



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	complement No 2 Dress shade and shirt selection would be obtained by DC IPT.		
	f. No 1 Dress. SO1 FAD reported progress on No1 Dress requirements re ceremonial, Op Bridges and proposed LAND pool requirements. The LAND/Army pool requirement needs development and the case for its establishment made in conjunction with PS12(A) and HQ LAND. The Chairman directed that the No1 Dress requirement needed to be presented in the APRC Paper as an alternative option to No 2 Dress which should be seen as a 'business suit' for those that need it. The case for No1 Dress should be clearly articulated with item costs reflecting FAD work on harmonising the current specs to a standard specification that will enable economies of scale to be achieved. Costing options should include an option re No1 v No 2 Dress. The assumptions should be clear including proposed changes to current policy/Mat Regs re entitled users. SO1 FAD to proceed with this work and report progress at the next ADC.	Noted	SO1 FAD /DC IPT
	<ul> <li>g. FAD Way Ahead &amp; Project Timelines. SO1 FAD reported timelines for FAD deliverables: <ul> <li>(1) No 2 Dress:</li> <li>Apr 05 - finalise Specs + Master Pattern</li> <li>May 05 - SUR + Technical Data Pack</li> <li>May 05-Apr 06 - Tender Process</li> <li>May 06-Mar 07 - Supplier production</li> <li>Apr 07 - Delivery/Deployment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Noted	SO1 FAD /DC IPT
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	<ul> <li>(3) APRC Paper. A proposed structure for the APRC Paper was outlined which accommodated the issues discussed. In outline:</li> <li>Scope (incl assumptions)</li> <li>Scale</li> <li>Design Process</li> <li>Supply Options</li> </ul>		004 545
	<ul><li>Supply Options</li><li>Peripherals</li></ul>	Agreed	SO1 FAD /DCIPT



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	<ul> <li>Policy</li> <li>Deployment</li> <li>Resources</li> <li>TA &amp; Res</li> <li>Communication Plan</li> <li>Future Work</li> </ul> The Chairman stated that the assessment of options was important and much detail was needed in the APRC Paper. Some slippage may occur to enable capture of the necessary detail. SO1 FAD was to staff the Paper.	Noted	SO1 FAD /DC IPT
3. Matters Arising From Current Proposals	a. Senior Warrant Officer Class 1 Rank Badges. Having canvassed opinion amongst Corps RSMs, the AcSM stated that there was a general lack of enthusiasm for the proposal; the problem centred on the variable nature of the appointment: for some cap badges this was an onerous one, whilst for others it was more titular – and this apparent lack of equivalence seemed to undermine its intended purpose.  It was agreed therefore that the AcSM would seek a wider consensus, in effect a unanimous endorsement of the proposed design or otherwise, at his meeting of senior RSMs in Jan.  b. Lanyard and Stable Belt for 16 CS Med Regt. Having expressed its reservations on the elitist element of the proposal, the Committee nevertheless gave retrospective approval for the wearing of the lanyard and stable belt worn by former members of 23 & 144 Para Fd Ambs, in recognising the special and historical nature of these accoutrements as highlighted by DGAMS.  The belt and lanyard would not be worn by members of 16 CS Med Regt when posted out of 16 Air Asslt Bde.  c. Forage Caps for Female Musicians in H Div Bands.  briefed the Committee on her discussions with H Div, and her investigations on the wider aspects of a male versus female forage cap across the Army. It was decided that:  (1) In view of H Div's reversal of their original	APPROVED Decision 4043	AcSM HQ AMS
	proposal, female musicians in H Div would continue to wear the male style forage cap	Decision 4044	HQ H Div



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	(2) The adoption of a male pattern across the Army in the future was a recommendation of the Committee, but the Chairman would discuss the matter with AG.		DAG
4. New Proposals.	a. b. LD Officers Shoulder Belt.	APPROVED Decision 4045	Sec ADC DGS
	The Committee agreed in principle the proposal, which sought to rationalise the anomaly currently existing in the regt with the wearing of four differing styles of shoulder belt deriving from amalgamations in 1922 and 1992.  The display of BHs on the belt was deemed to be correct by the Hist Adv but he would provide the historical justification. However the incorporation of the Jordanian crown required the prior approval of the College of Arms, with necessary input from CMAB (previously HB(A) – and ultimately The Queen. Sec ADC was tasked with taking the necessary action, with a final decision to be taken OOC.  Afternote. The Hist Adv confirmed that the LD, as the descendants of the 13 <sup>th</sup> Hussars, were the only British regt to have any claim to their special distinction of wearing BH scrolls on the shoulder belt – and also that there is precedent for a chain boss in the form of a crown.  Also CMAB have made the point that it would be more correct for the BHs to be displayed in chronological order.		Sec ADC



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TT LIVI	c. Cadet Matters.  (1) BTEC Proficiency Badge The Committee approved the badge, subject to similar approval being granted by the RN and RAF Dress Committees.  (2) Yorks (N&W) County Flash. The Committee were not entirely satisfied with the design of this badge on 2 counts: whether there was any precedence for badges depicting an emblem, and why the badge did not conform in size and shape to others that have recently been approved (eg Durham ACF). Sec ADC was tasked with acquiring from Land Cadets a full record of existing badges and determining the full picture so that a	APPROVED Decision 4046	LAND RF Sec ADC  LAND RF Sec ADC
	decision could be taken OOC.  (3) National Emblem.  The Committee approved the wearing of the union flag on No 8 Dress with immediate effect, now that combat jackets are being issued with the flag already attached. No funding will be made available to issue emblems to cadets who are already wearing old stock jackets, therefore this will become effective for individuals only when they receive new issues or jacket replacement	APPROVED Decision 4047	LAND RF
5. AOB.	a. <u>Promulgation of Formation Badge and TRF Designs.</u> Sec ADC displayed the amended TRF and formation badge posters which had been published by D Def Pub(A) within DGMC, to be sent out to all units and HQs by DSDA Llangennech in Dec, whilst the colour illustrations and rules for wearing these badges on combat dress have been updated on the Defence Information Intranet (DII).		All Cof C
	b. Valedictory. In the absence of the Chairman on his departure for Heathrow, thanks were expressed by SO1 PS12(A), on behalf of all the Committee, to for all her hard work and valuable contribution both in her capacity as the LAND rep as well as the female focus—and wished her well on posting to SP Pol in Feb.		
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	Afternote. Addressees should note that in future the Minutes will be promulgated via e-mail, as well as being on the PS12(A) website within AG web, and Army portal. To that end addressees are asked to confirm their e-mail addresses with Sec ADC.		All addressees Sec ADC
6.Arrange- ment for Next Meeting.	The next meeting would take place on Mon 21 Mar 05 in the conference room HQ AG Upavon at 1330 hours, with light lunch available at 1300 hours.		Sec ADC

RO2c PS12(A) Sec Army Dress Committee

Annex:

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

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## Annex A to D/DPS(A)/25/1/1/PS12(A) dated 14 Dec 04

## FUTURE ARMY DRESS – NO 2 DRESS STYLE ISSUES

Feature	Selection/Decision	Comment/Decision			
MALE JAC	MALE JACKET				
Back	Patrol style	Double vent of 20 cms (medium length).			
Front	Single breasted/4 buttons	Button arrangement – cruciform design selected  Detachable buttons – identify cost & pros/cons  DCIPT advise on button spacing to accommodate belts.			
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 Rectangular flap angular; no button	No button on lower pocket flap With poppers fore and aft			
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. [6cm overease]			
Belt + Hooks	Accompanying detachable cloth belt	Fitted retractable belt hooks x 2; DCIPT advise on best location re side or back seam. Black enamelled. No material belt loops on jacket. Cloth belt – include in costings.			
Shoulder straps	Standard design models to include shoulder straps under collar	Shoulder button location to accommodate max rank reqts			
Edge stitching	Swelled or stitched edge	Stitched edge			
TROUSER	RS				
Waist	For use with braces (via inside buttons) and stable belt 1 x pleat; zip fly 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 Supercrease at front only Plain side seam			
Pockets	Standard side pockets 1 x hip pocket (right)	Use appropriate strength pocket liner material			
FEMALE	FEMALE REQUIREMENTS				
Jacket	To echo male design for front,	Panel seams – shoulder to hem			



	back, sleeves & shoulder straps; no upper pockets to reflect female design reqt	Length optimised for wear with both slacks and skirt 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) will be determined by DCIPT and via RMAS trial. DC IPT to review proportions of lower pockets relative to jacket size.
Slacks	To echo male design + appropriate tailoring to meet female reqt	Front zip fly; belt loops 1cm width and shallower to reflect narrower stable belt; 1 x pleat; right hip pocket
Skirt	Waist band same depth as slacks & stable belt	Twin pleat at front; belt loops 1cm width Maintain option of slack and trouser DCIPT advise on permanent crease in the pleat line.

