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**MINUTES OF 326th MEETING OF THE ARMY DRESS COMMITTEE HELD AT HQ
 AG UPAVON ON 5 DEC 2005 TO CONSIDER R WELSH FIS DRESS PROPOSAL**

Present	Maj Gen MFN Mans [Redacted]	DAG DACOS Pers HQ LAND SO1 PS12(A) RO2c PS12(A) AcSM RMAS	Chairman Secretary
In Attendance	[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]	Senior Customer Liaison Manager, DC IPT Customer Liaison Officer (Army), DC IPT Development Project Officer 1 DC IPT Hist Adv Asst Hist Adv	
R WELSH Team	Brig RJM Porter [Redacted] [Redacted]	Chairman Working Group Div Lt Col Prince of Wales's Div Regt Sec RRW	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISIONS	ACTION
1. R WELSH Dress Proposal	a. Brig Porter presented the draft proposal at Annex A with the assumptions that: (1) 1 Mar 06 would be the formation date for the new Regt because of 1 RWF's imminent departure for Cyprus shortly thereafter. It also took advantage of St David's Day and the potential presence of the right guests in Cardiff.	APPROVED Decision 4075 (except for serials 3,4 15,20,36 and 37)	Div Lt Col Prince of Wales's Div




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	<p>(2) Commonality of Prince of Wales's Div dress (No 1 Dress, No 2 Dress and Mess Dress) already existed between RWF and RRW.</p> <p>(3) There was a need to avoid unnecessary costs to the public purse and individuals. Hence the Working Group had been guided by the principle of using existing embellishments wherever possible.</p> <p>(4) The proposal had carried the unanimous agreement of both Regts.</p> <p>b. Items of dress were approved by the Committee, except where stated in the remarks column in bold, which also contains specific ADC comments where relevant. There would be three re-submissions:</p> <p>(1) Collar badge at serials 3,15 and 37, although the ADC approved the wearing of current collar badges at formation.</p> <p>(2) Rank badge for WOs and SNCOs at serial 4.</p> <p>(3) NCOs and soldiers belt buckle on No 2 Dress. And in addition consideration would be given by the Regt for blue facings or cuffs on the NCOs' Mess Dress jacket.</p> <p>c. The Committee noted that the dress for the 1 Mar 06 parade would be No 2 Dress which necessitated the speedy issue of buttons, and Regt/DC IPT action on the issue of 4x2 plumes.</p> <p>d. It was agreed that the design of a new cap badge would be drawn up in conjunction with the Hist Advs and the College of Arms – and would be presented to the ADC at the same time as a collar badge proposal.</p>		<p>DC IPT</p> <p>Div Lt Col</p>
<p>2. MERCIAANS Headdress</p>	<p>The Committee rejected the draft design of cap badge on the grounds that it was too similar to the existing KRH and QDG badges, and also that the design should be based more on antecedent regt symbology rather than that for the old Mercian Brigade. Hist Advs would assist in drawing up a new design in conjunction with the College of Arms, to be considered by the ADC in due course.</p>		



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3. Next Meeting	<p>The date for the next FIS meeting would be promulgated by the Sec ADC shortly.</p> <p><u>Post meeting note:</u> the next extraordinary meeting of the ADC to consider The Rifles dress proposal will take place at HQ AG at 1330 hours on Mon 6 Feb 06.</p>		Sec ADC

Signed on CHOtS


 RO2c PS12(A)
 Sec Army Dress Committee

Annex:

A. R WELSH FIS Dress Proposal.

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PROPOSED DRESS AND EMBELLISHMENTS - THE ROYAL WELSH

	Order of Dress/Item	Description	Remarks
Ser	<u>No 1 Dress</u>		
1.	Uniform	Welsh Brigade pattern blues.	As currently worn by RWF and RRW, including same trouser stripes. There are no Honours or distinctions. ADC Comment: one regt colour of piping on shoulder board to be confirmed – preferably scarlet.
2.	Hat	<p>a. Officers and Warrant Officers Class I – Forage Hat as for No2 Dress (see Serial 12).</p> <p>b. Warrant Officers Class II – Service issued forage cap with gunmetal anodised cap badge.</p> <p>c. Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers– Blue beret, Regimental cap badge and hackle.</p>	<p>Blue beret to match with blue uniform.</p> <p>Comment: for “gunmetal anodised” read “embroidered”.</p> <p>Comment: this reflected present RWF practice.</p>
3.	Collar Badges	Approval is to be sought for an embroidered version of new collar badge design (see Serial 15).	<p>In the interim, current RWF and RRW collar badges (as per Serial 15):</p> <p>RWF officers’ badge in woven format – gold fusilier grenade with silver Dragon rampant, soldiers’ badge is brass fusilier grenade.</p> <p>RRW silver (anodised for soldiers) Dragon passant surrounded by Wreath of the</p>



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			<p>Immortelles.</p> <p>ADC Decision. Wearing of current collar badges at formation approved. However, proposal for a future single Regt badge to be submitted. The new design of the collar badge might consist of an embroidered grenade bearing a dragon passant and the Wreath of the Immortelles – similar to that displayed by the Asst Hist Adv (except dragon would be passant not rampant). Also fastening would be clutch and pin.</p>
4.	Rank Badges	<p>Officers - Woven badges of rank (⁵/₈-in. gold embroidered) on blue shoulder boards.</p> <p>Warrant Officers and non Commissioned Officers - Standard Infantry ceremonial Warrant Officers' crowns and chevrons.</p>	<p>Comment: “boards” should read “straps”.</p> <p>Backing to Non Commissioned Officers' chevrons and piping around shoulder boards for Soldiers and Non-Commissioned Officers to follow current Regimental practice (GT):</p> <p>RWF: Red</p> <p>RRW: Green</p> <p>Not approved by ADC: principle of one colour to be adopted. To be re-submitted.</p>
5.	Flash	Regimental distinction worn by all battalions	See Notes to Serial 16.



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6.	Medals	Court mounted.	See Notes to Serial 17.
7.	Officers' No 1 Dress Undress	Serials 1-6 with brown leather Infantry pattern Sam Browne and brown gloves.	
8.	Dress Ceremonial	a. Officers – Serials 1-6 with shoulder boards ceremonial (gold cords with black thread and blue backing with silver rank badges), crimson sash, white gloves, and silver sword scabbard with Infantry pattern sword. b. Warrant Officers Class II - red sash.	Comment: “boards” should read “cords” and for “silver” read “plated”.
9.	Parade Belt (Other Ranks)	Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers - White textile belt with new Regimental buckle	To be adapted – see Serial 20.
10.	Footwear	a. Officers - George boots. b. Warrant Officers, Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers – Black boots highly polished.	For FAD, ORs will have issue shoes, suitable for barrack dress and above.
11.	Socks	a. Officers - Navy blue. b. Warrant Officers, Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers - As issued.	

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	<u>Service Dress (No 2)</u>		
12.	Headdress	<p>a. Officers and Warrant Officers Class I – Blue-faced cloth dress cap, scarlet band, and scarlet piping round the crown. Drooped peak. Chinstrap of black patent leather ½ inch wide held by two small gold POW Division pattern buttons and embroidered Regimental cap badge. For field officers, gold braid on peak.</p> <p>b. Warrant Officers Class II – Issued forage cap with embroidered badge.</p> <p>c. Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers – Khaki beret, Regimental cap badge and hackle.</p>	
13.	Service Dress Tunic and Trousers	<p>a. Officers and Warrant Officers Class I – Welsh Brigade pattern (Dark Guards Barathea)</p> <p>b. Warrant Officers Class II, Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers – as issued.</p>	As currently worn by RWF and RRW.
14.	Tunic Buttons	Prince of Wales's Division Pattern Buttons	Comment: DC IPT to use existing RWF button, except wording to be changed to "THE ROYAL WELSH", and the 3 feathers centred in the middle of the button.
15.	Collar Badges	A newly designed collar badge will be submitted for approval. The proposed design may consist	In the interim, Bns to wear current collar badges:



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		of a gunmetal grenade and flames, with a Wreath Immortelles and dragon superimposed on grenade.	<p>RWF: Fusilier grenade with dragon rampant in gunmetal.</p> <p>RRW: Silver (anodised) Dragon passant surrounded by Wreath of the Immortelles.</p> <p>Assistant Army Historical Advisor has been invited by PS12(A) to draw up designs for collar badge</p> <p>To be re-submitted as per Serial 3.</p>
16.	Flash	Regimental distinction to be worn by all Battalions of The Royal Welsh.	<p>Originating in the time when soldiers wore pigtails powdered and greased and enclosed in a 'queue bag', the Flash is a special mark of distinction of the Royal Welch Fusiliers. In 1834 it was approved by King William IV "as a peculiarity worn by that distinguished Regiment". In 1924 after much debate and with the approval of King George V, the Army Council issued instructions for the wearing of the Flash by all ranks of the Regiment. The flash consists of 5 black ribbons of specific dimensions, as set out in RWF Standing Orders Para 2.0101. The soldier's flash is 6 ins long; that for officers and Warrant Officers is 9 ins long. It is worn at the back, sewn to the inside of the collar.</p> <p>ADC noted DC IPT issue material and flash</p>



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			is then made up by regt tailor.
17.	Medals	Court Mounted.	This is not a public cost. It is acknowledged that MOD only pays by task, i.e. Public Duties
18.	Sword	Infantry pattern.	
19.	Sam Browne	Brown leather Infantry pattern.	
20.	Parade Belt (Other Ranks)	a. Warrant Officers – issued brown sword belt. b. Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers - White textile belt & Regimental buckle	Comment: purchased not issued. A new design of buckle is envisaged. It is, in fact a 50/50% mix of the buckles currently worn by RWF and RRW soldiers. It will be based on the Badge of the Heir Apparent (tongue, currently RWF), surrounded by the Wreath of Immortelles (groove, as currently worn by RRW). ADC Decision. To be re-submitted: design acceptable but colour to be gilt or brass.
21.	Rank Badges	Gunmetal Eversleigh pattern.	ADC Comment: in bronze.
22.	Tie	Brown	
23.	Shirt	Dark brown issue shirt	
24.	Shoes	Serial 52.	It is acknowledged that , for FAD, ORs will have issue shoes, suitable for barrack dress and above.
25.	Socks	Serial 53.	



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26.	Warrant Officers' Pace Sticks	Rosewood.	
27.	Gloves.	Officers and Warrant Officers Class I: brown leather buttoned.	
28.	Metal Shoulder Titles	As per serial 48.	ADC Comment: fastening to be clutch and pin
	<u>Combat/Training Dress (No 8)</u>		
29.	Beret	Khaki	Infantry pattern. Already approved by ADC.
30.	Cap Badge	Badge of the Heir Apparent. a. Officers and Warrant Officers – embroidered version. b. Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers - silver anodised version.	Badge of the Heir Apparent (often described as The Prince of Wales's feathers), as currently worn by RRW with modified edging (see Serial 30). The Badge of the Heir Apparent is a historic symbol granted to both Regiments in the past by the Prince of Wales. It was also worn by the Welsh Brigade, albeit in a different style, until 1970. It has therefore been common to both Regts. Temporary solution before new badge adopted.
31.	Badge Edging	Green felt 5mm beyond edge of badge.	The RRW currently wear a green square patch

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			<p>behind the cap badge while the RWF officers cap badge is edged in red. The green edging reflects a combination of both traditions. Edging for officers is integral to the badge; for Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers, it is to be sewn to the beret.</p> <p>DC IPT issue the cloth – regt tailor sews on.</p>
32.	Hackle	White feather plume – The hackle as currently worn by RWF. To be worn by Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers.	<p>The custom of wearing the hackle in the Royal Welch Fusiliers originated in 1702 when the 23rd Foot was formed into a regiment of fusiliers. As was then customary for a fusilier regiment the same pattern of headdress as the grenadier companies of the line regiments was adopted. After the introduction of the blue beret in 1950 all fusilier regiments wore the hackle.</p> <p>Hackles may be worn as order of the day at the CO's discretion but it will always be worn by Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers in No1, No2 and No13 Dress.</p> <p>The hackle is white in colour and its dimensions are 3 ins high from the top of the badge and 3 ins across at its widest part.</p> <p>RWF propose a new hackle of the following dimensions of 4 ½ ins by 1 ins</p> <p>ADC Comment: cost to any change to</p>



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			current 3x3 issue hackle must be contained within FIS budget limit. Also principle remains: not to be at individual expense.
33.	Stable Belt	Blue (NAVY, top 30mm) Red (SCARLET middle 4mm) & Green (WIMBLEDON, bottom 30mm), with black leather 2 strap buckle worn on left side.	The colours on the stable belt are the adopted Regimental colours, subdued hues of the colours of the former Welsh Brigade. The order and the width of the stripes represent the design of the proposed Regimental flag: the Welsh National Red Dragon on a field of blue (NAVY) and green (WIMBLEDON). Research has not identified a belt of matching colour scheme and layout. ADC Comment: to be at public expense on transition only.
34.	Tactical Recognition Flashes	Cloth patch 5 x 3 cm. 1st Battalion – Red dragon rampant on blue background. 2nd Battalion – Red dragon passant on green background. 3rd Battalion – Blue and green horizontal stripes, reflecting background to the Regimental flag.	1 RWF Golden Thread ADC Comment on funding: as above. ADC Decision. Not Approved but single Regt TRF as presented, depicting red dragon passant on blue and green horizontal stripes with blue border WAS APPROVED.
35.	Rank/Regimental Slides	a. Officers and Warrant Officers – Olive slides with black stars and crowns with the insignia 'R	Issue DPM slides for field use.



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		<p>WELSH’.</p> <p>b. Non Commissioned Officers - DPM slides with olive/brown rank and insignia ‘R WELSH’.</p> <p>a. Soldiers – No slides.</p>	<p>Comment: public expense for transitional arrangements as for serials above.</p>
	Mess Dress (No 10)		
			<p>General - Minimal change to Mess Dress. All ranks RWF will be required to change Mess waistcoat at private expense. Other accoutrements remain as now until introduction of new Regimental collar badge.</p>
36	Jacket and overalls	<p>Welsh Brigade pattern:</p> <p>Jacket. Officers. : Material scarlet wool superfine. Dark blue wool superfine stand up collar to fasten at neck. Front jacket to fall away to show waistcoat (Serial 39). Plain dark blue wool superfine pointed cuffs with 2 small anodized regimental buttons on cuff. 5/8" gold infantry lace around top of collar and down front to bottom of jacket. Scarlet shoulder straps are sewn down at the sleeve head and fixed at the neck end by a 22 ligne regimental button. No3 gold Russia braid along bottom of blue stand up</p>	<p>ADC Comment: Col R Welsh (Des) asked to consider introducing blue facings or cuffs to the NCOs’ Mess Dress jacket in view of the fact that the Regt would be adopting green waistcoats. Col R Welsh agreed to look at a design.</p>



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		<p>collar.</p> <p>Jacket. WOs & NCOs: Scarlet jacket with rounded lapels mid front up to and forming collar. Reverse of jacket is pointed in the centre. Embroidered badge of rank worn on right sleeve only.</p> <p>Overalls. Officers: Overalls. Dark blue all wool barathe, 23 ounces, with scarlet weld 1/4" wide. Worn strapped over Wellington Boots (Serial 43).</p> <p>Overalls. WOs & NCOs: Dark blue material with 1" scarlet weld. Worn to fall naturally over George Boots.</p>	
37	Collar Badges	Approval is to be sought for an embroidered version of a new collar badge design (see Serial 15).	<p>In the interim, as currently worn by RWF and RRW:</p> <p>RWF: woven gold fusilier grenade with silver Dragon rampant.</p> <p>RRW: woven Badge of the Heir Apparent.</p> <p>To be re-submitted as for Serials 3 and 15.</p>
38	Flash		See Serial 16.



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39	Waistcoat	<p>a. Officers - Grass Green woollen 1902 pattern with zip fastener at right side and top of centre back. Two jetted pockets. No. 3 gold Russia braid each side of centre seam “touching” and from shoulder seam down front, crow’s foot at bottom and along bottom edge to side seam. Front lined cream art silk.</p> <p>b. Warrant Officers and Non Commissioned Officers – 1939 pattern, cloth moss green. No lapels, 2 welted pockets. Black strap and buckle, lined green. 4x 22 ligne Prince of Wales Division buttons on front.</p>	Comment: “moss green” cloth should be as close as possible to offrs grass green.
40	Rank Badges	⁵ / ₈ -in. gold embroidered.	
41	Medals	Miniatures Court Mounted.	See Notes to Serial 17.
42	Shirt	<p>a. Officers - Plain white collarless with double cuffs.</p> <p>b. Warrant Officers and Non Commissioned Officers - White shirt golf ball pattern with collar, worn with black bow tie.</p>	Marcella fronted.
43	Footwear	<p>a. Officers - Mess Wellingtons boxed.</p> <p>b. Warrant Officers & Non Commissioned Officers – George boots.</p>	Field officers (and Adjts), only, wear spurs of infantry pattern.
	<u>Barrack Dress (No 13)</u>		



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44	Headdress	<p>a. Officers and Warrant Officers Class I - Guards dark baratheca cap with short drooped peak, brown leather chinstrap 3/8 ins wide retained by two small, gunmetal POW Division pattern buttons. Cap badge in gunmetal.</p> <p>b. Warrant Officers Class II – forage cap as issued with gun metal cap badge.</p> <p>c. Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers - khaki beret, Regimental cap badge and white hackle.</p>	<p>RRW cap badge but in gunmetal as is RWF custom.</p> <p>Comment: staybright button as for No 2 Dress. For “gun metal” read “embroidered”.</p>
45	Stable Belt	See Serial 33.	Worn outside pullover
46	Shirt	<p>a. Officers and Warrant Officers Class I - Dark brown officers’ issue pattern shirt.</p> <p>b. Warrant Officers Class II, Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers – as issued.</p>	
47	Pullover	Standard issue pattern.	
48	Metal Shoulder Titles	Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers – staybright ‘R WELSH’	
49	Rank Badges	Cloth slides (see Serial 35) or slides with Eversleigh gunmetal rank badges.	Worn in both shirtsleeve order and pullover order.



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50	Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' Sash	Issued red sash.	
51	Tie	a. Officers and Warrant Officers - Dark brown woollen weave. b. Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers – As issued	No tie to be worn in Summer order.
52	Shoes	a. Officers and Warrant Officers Class I: Brown Veldtshoen style with toecap. b. Warrant Officers Class II, Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers: Black polished issued high boots.	
53	Socks	a. Officers & Warrant Officers – Brown b. Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers – Black	



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**MINUTES OF 325th MEETING OF THE ARMY DRESS COMMITTEE HELD AT HQ
 AG UPAVON ON 22 NOV 2005**

Present	Maj Gen MFN Mans [REDACTED]	DAG DACOS Pers HQ LAND CO DCPA SO1 PS12(A) RO2c PS12(A) AcSM RMAS	Chairman Female Rep Secretary
In Attendance	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	SO1 Future Army Dress Regt Sec LANCS Senior Customer Liaison Manager, DC IPT Customer Liaison Officer (Army), DC IPT DPO 1 DC IPT Hist Adv	

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1. Minutes of 322 nd and 323 rd Meetings	The Minutes of the 322 nd and 323 rd meetings held on 19 Jul 05 and 24 Oct 05 respectively were approved as true records.		
2. Dress Proposals	a. <u>FIS – LANCS.</u> (1) Following Decision 4065 taken at the 323 rd ADC Meeting, the Committee further approved a domed brass button mounted with a matt white metal fleur-de-lys (with a derivative for ORs to be in line with current costs), a 5x3cmTRF comprising a gold glider on a dark green background with a 0.5cm maroon surround.	APPROVED Decision 4068	King's Div



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	<p>(2) The Committee, however, were dismayed over LANCS wish not to retain the historically important White Horse of Hanover badge for the small button, and wished for the LANCS Formation Committee (FC) to re-consider at its Jan meeting.</p> <p>(3) The Committee ruled that fastening for collar badges would be clutch and pin, not two-shank and split pin, and this would apply to all badge fastenings – in line with FAD. DC IPT were looking at making the fastening more robust.</p> <p>(4) The Committee noted that the issue of a dark blue facing for the Mess Dress jacket (and for the waistcoat colour to be dark blue or scarlet) had still not been resolved, and a decision would be taken by the LANCS FC at its Jan 06 meeting. The Hist Adv also stressed the fact that in this case it is historically mandatory for the facings on the Offrs jacket to be dark blue – the correct colour for Royal Regts.</p> <p>b. <u>FIS – YORKS</u>. The Committee noted that YORKS would also be re-submitting their Mess Dress jacket proposal based on a Hannover Horse badge in embroidered silver thread, with recommended adoption of a DWR pattern cuff – as per the 323rd ADC minutes.</p> <p>c. <u>FIS – SCOTS</u>.</p> <p>(1) The matter of SCOTS headdress was resolved by ECAB. The ADC decision was referred to ECAB for appeal by D Inf. ECAB decided that a single headdress for SCOTS bns in orders of dress other than Nos 5,8 Dress was to be adopted. In the light of this decision the ADC approved the proposal for the Lowland pattern Glengarry to be worn, with a blackcock feather in ceremonial dress.</p> <p>(2) The Committee approved the SCOTS re-submission for the breastplate design, in the interests of standardisation, to be based on the cap badge - although reservations were expressed by the Committee on the space that there might be for any additional elaboration or symbol. DC IPT would now produce prototype.</p> <p>(3) The Committee noted that progress had been made by DC IPT on development of a prototype badger hackle.</p>	<p>Decision 4069</p> <p>APPROVED Decision 4070</p> <p>APPROVED Decision 4071</p>	<p>King's Div</p> <p>King's Div</p> <p>DC IPT</p> <p>King's Div</p> <p>King's Div</p> <p>Scottish Div</p> <p>Scottish Div</p> <p>DC IPT</p>



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	<p>Sec ADC would promulgate finalised ADC-approved versions of LANCS, YORKS and SCOTS dress proposals in due course – from which regts could produce their own dress regs in detail.</p> <p>d. <u>FIS - Funding.</u> (1) DACOS Pers LAND confirmed that overall funding for FIS had been approved, and a funding certificate for LAND TLB action, with 25% cost coming from ATRA/AG TLB, would be forthcoming. This would allow DC IPT to implement development and production.</p> <p>(2) It was also noted that APRC had approved the public funding of TRFs, stable belts and rank slides, but only for FIS formation changes i.e. in the transitional phase. Action on this would be undertaken between Inf Divs and LAND.</p> <p>e. [REDACTED]</p> <p>f. <u>RY Cap Badge.</u> The Committee approved the design for the badge (and for green backing to be worn on the beret only), but ruled that another painting was required to be produced by the College of Arms which showed the three elements of crown, interlocking 'A' symbol and scroll being joined as a single entity – required for manufacture by Firmans. The cost of a second painting would have to be met by the RY. It was also agreed that the individual sqns would retain their existing collar badges. Post-meeting note: it was confirmed that there is no backing to the collar badge.</p> <p>g. <u>QRH and RDG Pipes and Drums.</u> The proposed uniform for the QRH Pipes and Drums, less the horizontal stripes on the front of the tunic, and for the RDG which was now to follow Irish pipes dress(with green hackle), was approved. The committee noted the very detailed work that had been</p>	<p>APPROVED Decision 4072</p> <p>APPROVED Decision 4073</p>	<p>Sec ADC</p> <p>HQ LAND</p> <p>HQ AG/ATRA</p> <p>Inf Divs</p> <p>HQ LAND</p> <p>Sec ADC</p> <p>HQ DRAC</p> <p>HQ DRAC</p>



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	<p>undertaken by the Hist Adv in conjunction with HQ DRAC and the two regts - and in particular highlighting the important principle, in the case of the drums, of drummers wearing Regimental Full Dress uniform. LAND funding needed to be confirmed. Details are at Annexes A and B. Post-meeting note: Log Sp LAND confirmed funding agreed, for ceremonial duties.</p> <p>h. <u>CAMUS Mess Dress.</u> Although the Committee were broadly in agreement with the proposed design of a Corps No 10 Dress jacket, it was decided that the proposal should be re-submitted in a more complete form: illustrating and demonstrating the clear difference between Offrs, Sgts and female varieties, in conjunction with advice from the Hist Adv. At the same time the Chairman stressed the importance of HQ CAMUS securing the approval of A & SDs.</p>		<p>HQ LAND Sec ADC</p> <p>HQ CAMUS</p>
<p>3. Future Army Dress</p>	<p>a. <u>No 2 Dress.</u> (1) <u>Design.</u> The design of No2 Dress was complete including female jacket, skirt and slacks. A SCOTS Div cut-away jacket prototype was displayed which echoed the standard design and colour. Hist Adv commented that Gauntlet cuff designs were traditional in Scottish dress and should consider this design option. The ADC approved the design and directed that SCOTS Div should see the jacket and confirm suitability. <i>After note:</i> SCOTS Div received the new jacket on 23 Nov 05.</p> <p>(2) <u>No2 Dress Specification.</u> SO1 FAD was directed to undertake a final check of the design specification to ensure it accommodated the full range of belts, standard and non-standard Sam Brownes and Crossbelts, and swords.</p> <p>(3) <u>Accoutrement Fasteners.</u> The need to minimise damage to the new No2 Dress to enable recycling of approx 3000pa warrants clutch and pin fasteners for all collar dogs and shoulder titles. Conversion of current accoutrement items to clutch and pin was approved.</p> <p>(4) <u>No2 Dress – Female Requirement.</u> SO1 FAD reported that APRC and ECAB retained the option for both skirt and slacks. AcSM confirmed that the formal</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p>	<p>SO1FAD</p> <p>SO1 FAD</p> <p>SO1 FAD</p> <p>SO1 FAD/ DC IPT</p>



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	<p>parade order for females was with skirt. The Female Rep described the difficulties associated with maintaining a satisfactory fit of slacks. Issue of both skirt and slacks would add £0.25M, mainly to the capital issue costs. Work was undertaken to examine the issue of skirts and then slacks in 2 tranches. The ADC agreed that skirts should be issued as the No2 Dress parade order and that slacks and skirts would be provided as part of Barrack Dress pending successful trials.</p> <p>(5) <u>Preferred System of Funding for Officers.</u> PS10(A) have advised that the preferred system of funding new No2 Dress for officers was a free initial issue and maintained on repayment. The policy was agreed by ADC.</p> <p>(6) <u>No2 Dress – Way Ahead.</u> Timelines for No2 Dress were outlined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC IPT finalise Technical Data Pack – Nov 05 • Identify Supply Fit infrastructure – Nov 05 • Develop Deployment Plan – Dec 05 • Tender Process - Jan-Jul 06 • Deployment/Issue - FY 07/08 <p>b. <u>Shirt & Tie.</u></p> <p>(1) <u>Shirt Design.</u> Extant ADC design decisions for the Army shirt incl long and short-sleeved shirts along with a female blouse were reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Material – cotton rich • Fit – step graded • Collar – classic 6.5cm • Back – plain • Sleeve/cuff – dual closure cuffs • Front opening – strap front • Pockets – patch with pleat and buttoned flap • Shoulder strap – as per current issue shirt • Female – block as per male cut to female pattern incl blouse version of short-sleeve shirt <p>(2) <u>Shirt and Tie Colour.</u> The current issue shirts were reported: khaki for OR, fawn and dark brown for offrs along with issue ties. A colour range of shirts from cream to brown was presented using prototypes on</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>SO1 FAD</p> <p>SO1 FAD</p> <p>SO1 FAD PS12(A)</p> <p>SO1 FAD</p>



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	<p>dummies and samples. The requirement was to produce a single colour for both long and short-sleeved shirts and the female blouse. This would produce a universal parade and barrack dress order and simplify the shirt inventory. A range of polyester ties in various colours was also paraded. Following ADC discussion and comparison of various combinations, a mid-range fawn colour shirt was selected along with a slightly darker tie. SO1 FAD was directed to consult with stakeholders, incl the Snr RSM's Conference in Jan 06, to obtain feedback. Progress would be reported at the next ADC.</p>	Noted	SO1 FAD
	<p>c. <u>No 13/14 [Barrack] Dress – Trousers/Slacks/Skirt.</u> A delay in material production from the supplier was reported. The Barrack Dress trial will now commence in Jun 06 and will conclude in Nov 06. A report will be produced in Dec 06. Progress will be reported at the next ADC.</p>	Noted	SO1 FAD
	<p>d. <u>Shoes.</u> The universal issue of shoes would provide an Army parade standard. The ADC were shown both male and female versions of the General Purpose Direct Moulded Soul (DMS) shoe with toe-cap currently issued to entitled military personnel - black for ORs and brown for officers. LAND will undertake a capital issue of shoes in tandem with the introduction of the new No2 Dress; ATRA will issue to all recruits from FY 07/08. DCIPT would await notification of the No2 Dress Deployment Plan and Funding Certificate from LAND prior to volume changes in the current contract.</p>	Noted	SO1 FAD/ DC IPT
	<p>e. <u>Waterproof Jacket.</u> The waterproof jacket requirement was outlined. Design options were assessed with several prototypes on display: (1) <u>Design.</u> Design features were agreed: ¾ length to cover No2 Dress jacket, fold down collar with front zip terminating at top of strap front, a single rank loop at front, lower pockets with flap, 2 x inside map pockets, cuffs with Velcro fastening, zip and fasteners to accommodate CS95 liner. (2) <u>Material.</u> A Moisture Vapour Permeable 3 ply fabric; garment unlined. (3) <u>Colour.</u> Several prototypes in fawn, brown and green khaki shades were paraded and assessed in comparison with No2 new Dress to ensure a</p>	Noted	SO1 FAD/ DC IPT



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	<p>complementary solution. A green khaki was selected.</p> <p>(4) <u>Next Steps</u>. SO1 FAD was to consult with Stakeholders, incl the Snr RSM's Conference in Jan 06, to gain feedback and report at the next ADC.</p> <p>f. <u>No 1 Dress</u>. SO1 FAD reported progress on No1 Dress; The trial of modified infantry pattern No1 Dress with the London Public Duties Bn would report in Summer 06. The outcome would help scope future harmonisation options prior to consultation with stakeholders/A&SD. LAND is nearing completion of the audit of No1 Dress holdings which will inform options for development of the No1 Dress pool. SO1 FAD is to report progress at the next ADC.</p> <p>g. <u>OR Mess Dress</u>. The Dress Paper Aug 03 and ECAB Sep 03 recommendation identified a need to resolve the OR Mess Dress requirement. AG was keen to identify a solution since the matter related to how the Army values its soldiers. A short paper was required outlining options. The Paper should cover funding via an allowance or grant for which PS10(A) should lead; harmonisation/standardisation and cost reduction should be identified by PS12(A) . SO1 FAD was to staff the requirement.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>SO1 FAD</p> <p>SO1 FAD</p> <p>DPS(A) SO1 FAD</p>
4 AOB.	<p>a. No 1 Dress for ADC to Dep Comd JFC Brunssum approved.</p> <p>b. <u>Funding</u>. SCLM DC IPT stressed the importance of users and the chain of command identifying funding resources at an early stage of any ADC dress submission, where required. To that end Sec, ADC was tasked with ensuring that funding resources were specifically included in any future dress proposals, where appropriate.</p>	<p>APPROVED Decision 4074</p>	<p>PS10(A)</p> <p>Sec ADC</p>
5.Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting would take place on Mon 5 Dec 05 in AG's office at HQ AG Upavon at 1000 hours, VB to DAG by SO1 PS12(A) and Sec ADC at 0930 hours.</p>		<p>Sec ADC</p>

Signed on CHOtS

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Annexes:

- A. QRH P & D Dress.
- B. RDG P & D Dress.

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HQ 102 Log Bde
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HQ BF South Atlantic Islands
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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
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Secretary - Army Dress Committee
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Reference: D/DRAC/4-22/103



Date: 15 Nov 05

**SUBMISSION FOR THE FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFORM FOR THE
QUEEN'S ROYAL HUSSARS (QRH) PIPES AND DRUMS BAND**

Reference:

A. Unreferenced Letter [REDACTED] dated 6 Apr 05.

ISSUE

1. To obtain ADC approval for the uniform of the QRH Pipes and Drums.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. The ADC is invited to endorse the proposed uniform, at Annex A, for the Pipes and Drums of the QRH.

TIMING

3. By Dec 05, thus enabling the QRH Pipes and Drums to perform over the Christmas festive season.

BACKGROUND

4. The QRH, which has Irish antecedent regiments (The 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars and The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars), originally formed its Pipes and Drums on St Patrick's Day 1972. Members of the Pipes and Drums are all volunteers who are otherwise employed as tank crewmen. The Pipes and Drums play at all regimental functions, in the Officers' and Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Messes and on parade. They have also played at The Royal Tournament and Edinburgh

Tattoo. In addition they have attended many other high profile events and have been especially successful on KAPE tours.

5. PS12(A) were, in Apr 05, finalising their plans for various VIP funeral arrangements and raised the matter of participation in these funerals by appropriate RAC Pipes and Drums. This raised the issue of the current status of the QRH Pipes and Drums in order that it might be included in the marching party for Op FORTH BRIDGE. In addition, LAND Comd recently identified funds to procure uniforms for the Pipes and Drums provided they are approved by the ADC.

6. The QRH are now very keen to formalise their Pipes and Drums, and are ready to comply with the Historical Advisor' advice, which is at Reference A, by removing the gold lace bars across the doublet chest and ensuring only the Pipe Major has gold lace on the collar. A point to note is that the photographs at Enclosure 1 still show the lace bars across the doublet chest and the gold lace on the collar, these will be removed to comply with the Historical Advisor's advice.

7. Approval of the Pipes and Drums would be most welcome not least due to the imminent reduction of RAC bands from 4 to 2. By expanding official recognition to include the QRH Pipes and Drums the RAC will be able to field 4 Pipes and Drums¹. Notwithstanding the fact that the band members are volunteers from the 'tank park' and remain dual hatted, they will continue to attend the "long course" at the School of Piping at Edinburgh. A point to note is that their success and commitment to the Pipes and Drums is such that the regiment is hopeful that 2 of its members will shortly be selected to attend the prestigious Pipe Majors course.

8. DRAC commends the proposed uniform for the QRH Pipes and Drums to the ADC, as detailed in Annex A, and looks forward to the band being formally approved and accredited to the Regiment, thus allowing them to receive formal taskings and meet official commitments.

Original Signed


Col
COS HQ DRAC

Annex:

A. Proposed Uniforms for The Queen's Royal Hussars Pipes and Drums.

Enclosure:

1. Photographs of a QRH Piper and Drummer.

¹ SCOTS DG, RDG, QRH and 1 RTR.

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ANNEX A TO
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PROPOSED UNIFORMS FOR THE QRH PIPES AND DRUMS

1. This uniform will be worn by all Pipers in the QRH P&D band. The uniform below is for Full Dress and No1 Dress, in the case of No2 Dress the khaki tunic should have the skirts rounded (as worn by the Scottish infantry). The accompanying photographs depict a piper and a drummer. The ADC is requested to disregard the gold lace bars on the chest and the gold lace on the collar, as they will be removed.

- a. Bonnet. A Caubeen, dark green with enlarged QRH badge. (For small quantities, embroidered badges may be more economical). The Caubeen will have a red and white hackle (to signify the Hussar hackle as worn with ceremonial dress).
- b. Tunic. A green doublet with upright collar, rounded cut away front skirts and no external pockets. Pipe Major's collar may be edged along top edge and front ends with 5/8th inch gold Shamrock lace and his shoulder straps can be edged with similar lace (except across their outer ends). Doublet should have Patrol Cut Back. The Gauntlet Cuff is preferred to the Round Cuff. Pipe Major would have a row of 5/8th inch gold Shamrock lace on cuff along its top edge and (on outside face only) down rear edge. Loops on cuffs for Pipe Major to be of gold Russia braid (or thin gold cord) and for the Pipers the loops would be of yellow worsted Russia braid (or thin yellow cord). Collar badges featuring the white horse of Hanover facing inwards located on the collar and a gold pipers badge, on a rifle green backing, worn on the right arm below the shoulder.
- c. Buttons. Regimental buttons in gilt colour.
- d. Belts. A 3" patent leather piper's belt with a silver buckle festooned with a shamrock and regimental badge.
- e. Kilt. A full pleated saffron kilt adorned with two green shamrock badges on the right hand side. The upper shamrock bearing the cap badge of the Queen's Own Hussars and the lower that of The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars.

- f. Plaid. A rifle green shawl, (the *brath*), trimmed with a gold fringe, and lined in garter blue. The brath to be supported at the left shoulder with a white horse of Hanover broach.
- g. Purse. A plain black patent leather purse supported by a belt of black leather and silver chain, the regimental badge placed centrally below the flap
- h. Hose. Plain green with garter blue gaiters (flashes).
- i. Footwear. Full brogue shoes featuring buckles etched with shamrock, the Buckle 8cm wide by 5cm. The laces of the shoes are concealed by the buckle.
- j. Cloak. The cloak is to be sleeveless, dark green with garter blue lining, similar to The Irish Guards Pipers pattern but with gilt regimental buttons and if possible QRH badges to the gilt collar chain.

PROPOSED QRH DRUMMERS UNIFORM

- 2. The Queen's Royal Hussars P&D Drummers uniform is Regimental ceremonial dress with a gold drummers badge on a black backing on the right arm.

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SUBMISSION FOR THE FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFORM FOR THE ROYAL DRAGOON GUARDS (RDG) PIPES AND DRUMS BAND

Reference:

A. Unreferenced Letter [REDACTED] dated 6 Apr 05.

ISSUE

1. To obtain ADC approval for the uniform of the RDG Pipes and Drums.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. The ADC is invited to endorse the proposed uniform, at Annex A, for the Pipes and Drums of the RDG.

TIMING

3. By Dec 05 thus enabling the RDG Pipes and Drums to perform at the Munster Music Festival.

BACKGROUND

4. The RDG, which has Irish antecedent regiments (The 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, The 6th Inniskilling Dragoons and The 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards), formed a Pipes and Drums in 1993, after the reduction and amalgamation of the RAC bands to 4. In 1998 they wished the Pipes and Drums to participate in their Standards Parade, but, since they had never been fully approved and were, therefore, unofficial, it was deemed necessary to submit a dress proposal to the ADC.

The ADC was unable to sanction the form of dress then in use with the band, which was tartan based with accoutrements of Scottish origin. At that time the Regiment did not accept the ADC's recommendations so their Pipes and Drums did not participate in the parade.

5. PS12(A) were, in Apr 05, finalising their plans for various VIP funeral arrangements and raised the matter of participation in these funerals by appropriate RAC Pipes and Drums. This raised the issue of the current status of the RDG Pipes and Drums in order that it might be included in the marching party for Op MENAI BRIDGE. In addition, LAND Comd recently identified funds to procure uniforms for the Pipes and Drums provided the ADC approves them.

6. The RDG are now very keen to formalise their Pipes and Drums, and are ready to conform to a historically acceptable order of dress. Expert advice was sought from the Historical Advisors to the ADC, who produced Reference A, which is a letter detailing the correct order of dress for the RDG Pipes and Drums.

7. The ADC will wish to note that the RDG wish to wear a green hackle as opposed to white, as advised by the Historical Advisors. DRAC endorses this change because the green signifies their Irish ancestry and complements the green overalls worn in ceremonial dress.

8. Approval of the Pipes and Drums would be most welcome, not least due to the imminent reduction of RAC bands from 4 to 2. By expanding official recognition to include the RDG Pipes and Drums the RAC will be able to field 4 Pipes and Drums². Notwithstanding the fact that the band members are volunteers from the 'tank park' and remain dual hatted, they will continue to attend the "long course" at the School of Piping at Edinburgh.

9. DRAC commends the proposed uniform for the RDG Pipes and Drums to the ADC, as detailed in Annex A, and looks forward to the band being formally approved and accredited to the Regiment, thus allowing them to receive formal taskings and meet official commitments.

Original Signed



Col
COS HQ DRAC

Annex:

A. Proposed Uniforms for The Royal Dragoon Guards Pipes and Drums.

² SCOTS DG, RDG, QRH and 1 RTR.

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ANNEX A TO
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DATED 15 NOV

PROPOSED UNIFORMS FOR THE ROYAL DRAGOON GUARDS PIPES AND DRUMS

1. This uniform will be worn by all Pipers in The Royal Dragoon Guards P&D band. The uniform below is for Full Dress and No1 Dress, in the case of No2 Dress the khaki tunic should have the skirts rounded (as worn by the Scottish infantry).
 - a. Bonnet. A Caubeen, dark green with large RDG badge. (For small quantities, embroidered badges may be more economical). The Caubeen will have a **green** hackle.
 - j. Tunic. A green doublet with upright collar, rounded cut away front skirts and no external pockets. Pipe Major's collar may be edged along top edge and front ends with 5/8th inch gold Shamrock lace and his shoulder straps can be edged with similar lace (except across their outer ends). Doublet should have Patrol Cut Back. The Gauntlet Cuff is preferred to the Round Cuff. Pipe Major would have a row of 5/8th inch gold Shamrock lace on cuff along its top edge and (on outside face only) down rear edge. Loops on cuffs for Pipe Major to be of gold Russia braid (or thin gold cord) and for the Pipers the loops would be of yellow worsted Russia braid (or thin yellow cord).
 - k. Buttons. Regimental buttons in gilt colour.
 - l. Belts. "Baldrick" shoulder belt. Black, wide with large buckle tip and slide, atleast one of which will wear an RDG device. The waist belt will match the shoulder belt. It will be wide with a large rectangular waist belt-plate to match the shoulder belt fittings, of curved cross section with an RDG device. The metal fittings are to be of either gilt or silver in colour but must match. If decorated a shamrock will be a suitable motif.
 - m. Kilt. Plain saffron in colour. Kilt pin to bear a small regimental badge.
 - n. Plaid. The Regiment would like a small shoulder plaid (the *brath*) that matches the kilt, trimmed with gold fringe and lined in maroon.

- o. Purse. The Regiment would like a leather purse with a regimental badge. The leather purse to match the belts. The purse to carry a regimental badge but will remain in all other aspects very plain.
- p. Hose. Plain green with primrose garter tabs.
- q. Footwear. The Regiment would like brogues with a large silver buckle. These would match the silver fittings on the belts.
- r. Cloak. The cloak is to be sleeveless, dark green with maroon lining, similar to The Irish Guards Pipers pattern but with gilt regimental buttons and if possible RDG badges to the gilt collar chain.

PROPOSED ROYAL DRAGOON GUARDS DRUMMERS UNIFORM

2. The proposed Drummers' uniform will in full dress include a brass helmet with plume, a scarlet tunic, with a blue velvet collar and cuffs trimmed with a yellow worsted cord. Overalls and George boots will be boxed with swan neck spurs. The No 1 Dress Cap to be worn with the normal No1 or No2 Dress of the Regiment on appropriate occasions. The RHA pattern dark blue cloak is appropriate and acceptable. White drum carriage belts with brass fittings that conform with the waist belt are appropriate.