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MINUTES OF 328th FIS MEETING OF THE ARMY DRESS COMMITTEE HELD AT HQ AG UPAVON ON 3 MAR 06

Present	Maj Gen MFN Mans [REDACTED]	DAG DACOS Pers HQ LAND RO2c PS12(A)	Chairman Secretary
In Attendance	[REDACTED]	CLO Army DC IPT ACLO Army DC IPT DPO 1 DC IPT Hist Adv Asst Hist Adv AcSM RMAS	
MERCIAN	[REDACTED]	Col STAFFORDS	
R WELSH	[REDACTED]	Regt Sec RRW	
HQ Inf	[REDACTED]	Div Lt Col POW Div	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISIONS	ACTION
1. MERCIAN Dress Proposal	<p>a. [REDACTED] presented the draft proposal at Annex A, which the Committee approved with certain comments as shown in the Annex – except for collar badge design (serial 3), lanyards(serial 7) and Mess jacket facings (serial 18) as follows:</p> <p>(1). <u>Collar Badge</u>. The Committee approved the constituent elements (acorn, oak leaves and FIRM motto), but needed to see and approve the actual design at the next meeting on 14 Mar.</p>	<p>APPROVED Decision 4082 (except for serials 3,7, 18, and 27-30)</p>	<p>Prince of Wales's Div</p>




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	<p>(2). <u>Lanyards</u>. The Committee approved the wearing of bn lanyards, and would consider any proposal for a regt lanyard.</p> <p>(3). <u>Coloured Facings for Offrs/WO1s Mess Jacket</u>. Dark blue not approved as this colour was only appropriate for Royal Regts: ADC recommendation, with Hist Adv's advice, was that colour should be buff.</p> <p>b. <u>TRF</u>. The Committee did not approve the proposed option for separate bn TRFs, but did approve the alternative option of a regt TRF consisting of red, buff and green colours in diamond shape.</p> <p>c. <u>Drummers and Bandsmen</u>. Serials 27-30. These items would be considered at a later date in conjunction with other FIS Regts' proposals. However the principles of Drummers dress in particular would be summarised in the minutes of the next meeting – to which all dress proposals should adhere.</p>		<p>Prince of Wales's Div</p> <p>Prince of Wales's Div</p>
<p>2. R WELSH outstanding items for ADC approval</p>	<p>a. <u>Collar Badge</u>. The Committee approved the following designs:</p> <p>(1) <u>ORs</u>. RWF gilt grenade with RRW anodised silver wreath and dragon passant on No 1 and No 2 Dress.</p> <p>(2) <u>Offrs</u>. Bronze grenade with silver wreath and dragon passant on No 2 Dress, embroidered gold grenade with silver metal wreath and dragon passant on Mess Dress.</p> <p>b. <u>WOs Sword Belt</u>. The Committee approved a brown leather sword belt with brass buckle and motto.</p> <p>c. <u>ORs Piping and Backing Material</u>. The Committee approved a red piping and backing to rank badges on No 1 Dress, and also to preserve RRW 'golden thread' WOs and NCOs to continue to wear green backing to rank badges on No 2 Dress.</p> <p>d. <u>Soldiers' Belt Buckle</u>. After a lengthy discussion on the relative merits of a brass or silver buckle, and Hist Adv's comment on the historical correctness of the latter, The Committee took note of a proposed compromise solution whereby the regt symbols would</p>	<p>APPROVED Decision 4083</p> <p>APPROVED Decision 4084</p> <p>APPROVED Decision 4085</p>	<p>Prince of Wales's Div</p>



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	<p>be in silver and the buckle plate in brass – providing DC IPT confirmed its provision at public expense at the next meeting.</p> <p>e. <u>NCOs Mess Jacket</u>. The Committee endorsed the Regt's decision to adopt blue facings.</p>	APPROVED 4086	
3. Next Meeting	The next meeting would take place on Tue 14 Mar at 1330 hours in the HQ AG conference room.		Sec ADC

Signed on CHOtS


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 Sec Army Dress Committee

Annex:

A. MERCIAN FIS Dress Proposal.

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PROPOSED MERCIAN REGIMENT DRESS AND ACCOUTREMENTS

The facing colour of the Mercian Regiment will be pale buff (22nd (Cheshire) Regiment).

Serial (a)	Order of Dress/Item (b)	Description (c)	Remarks (e)
	No 1 Dress Non-Ceremonial		
1	<u>Tunic/Trousers</u>	<p>Infantry of the Line pattern Blue Patrols.</p> <p>Officers and WO1s – Worn with Infantry pattern Sam Browne (brown leather) and unlined brown leather gloves.</p> <p>WO2s – Worn with Infantry pattern sword belt (brown leather) with Regimental buckle, and red sash. White gloves.</p> <p>NCOs and Soldiers – Worn with white textile belt and Regimental Belt Clasp.</p>	<p>Titles Glider on blue backing (See Serial 33) on upper right arm (1).</p> <p>Mercian Regiment ¾” buttons, bearing Mercian Eagle, in staybrite/brass anodised. 2 buttons on each cuff.</p> <p>Medals court mounted.</p> <p>Worn with white patrol collar and white collarless shirt.</p> <p>Sword Frog to be worn when sword is not carried (2). Infantry of the Line (1896 Pattern) sword, brown leather scabbard and sword knot.</p> <p>Regulation pattern pace-stick.</p> <p>Regimental Belt Clasp (see Serial 32). Senior NCOs to wear red sash.</p>
2	<u>Head-dress</u>	<p>Officers and WO1s – Blue cloth dress Forage Cap with black oak-leaf band and</p>	<p>Mercian Eagle cap badge in silver/gilt. See Serial 31.</p> <p>Regulation field officer</p>



		<p>scarlet piping round crown. Black patent leather chin strap, ½” wide, held by Mercian Regiment ½” brass/anodised buttons.</p> <p>WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers – Service issued Forage Cap. Regimental buttons.</p>	<p>distinctions of gold braid on peak.</p> <p>Mercian Eagle cap badge. See Serial 31.</p>
3	Collar Badge	<p>Regimental pattern of Dettingen Oakleaves and Acorn bearing the motto FIRM (Note 4).</p>	<p>In silver and gilt (4) worn 1½” in from collar fastening.</p> <p>Design to be finalised for ADC approval.</p>
4	<u>Rank Badges</u>	<p>Officers – ¾” gilt and enamel anodised badges of rank on detachable blue shoulder boards.</p> <p>WOs and NCOs – Standard Infantry issue rank badges on black backing (Note 6). All to wear Mercian Regiment shoulder titles.</p>	
5	<u>Footwear</u>	<p>Officers and WO1s – Black George Boots.</p> <p>WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers – Issued black boots.</p>	<p>With black socks.</p> <p>Issued socks.</p>
	No 1 Dress Ceremonial		



6	<u>Changes to Serials 1 - 5</u>	<p>Officers</p> <p>Crimson Waist Sash worn over blue web ceremonial Sword Belt and gold slings. White gloves.</p> <p>Rank badges as for Serial 4 worn on detachable gold shoulder cords on blue cloth backing.</p>	<p>Sword Belt worn when sword not carried (2). Silver sword scabbard and gold sword knot.</p> <p>ADC comment: rank badges to be of silver colour basically.</p>
<u>No 2 Dress/Service Dress</u>			
7	<u>Tunic/Trousers</u>	<p>Prince of Wales's Division Pattern in Guards dark barathea.</p> <p>Whistle lanyards, in Battalion colours (7), worn on left shoulder:</p> <p>1st Bn – Red cerise. 2nd Bn – Lincoln green. 3rd Bn – Black. 4th Bn – Mercian blue.</p> <p>Belts as for Serial 1.</p>	<p>Titles Glider on khaki backing (see Serial 33) on upper right arm.</p> <p>Tunic closed by four Mercian Regiment 1" buttons in dark bronze/gunmetal for officers, the lower (waist) button to be flat. Soldiers' buttons in staybrite/brass anodised. ¾" buttons on pockets and shoulder straps and two on each cuff (Note 7).</p> <p>Medals court mounted.</p> <p>ADC comment: consideration would be given of regt lanyard, if desired.</p>
8	<u>Head-dress</u>	As for Serial 2.	Officers may wear Khaki Peaked Cap or Regimental



			Side Hat when not on parade. Khaki cap in Guards dark barathea with brown leather chinstrap and ½” brass anodised buttons. Dark bronze/gunmetal cap badge. See Serial 25 for Side Hat.
9	<u>Collar Badge</u>	As for Serial 3.	Officers’ badge in dark bronze/gunmetal.
10	<u>Rank Badges</u>	Officers – ¾” dark bronze/gunmetal on cloth shoulder straps. WOs and NCOs – As Serial 4. All to wear Mercian Regiment shoulder titles.	Curved pattern title with MERCIAN in capitals in staybrite/brass anodised. (Note 9)
11	<u>Shirt and Tie</u>	Officers and WO1s – ‘Light’ khaki coloured officers’ shirt worn with officers’ silk woven tie. WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers – Issued No 2 Dress shirt and tie.	Current Cheshire Regiment pattern for officers.
12	<u>Footwear</u>	Officers and WO1s – Brown shoes. WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers – As Serial 5.	‘Dark’ khaki socks. Issued socks.
	No 3 Dress (Warm Weather)		
13	White cotton drill tunic worn with No 1 Dress Trousers.		All other details as for No 1 Dress.



	No 4 Dress (Warm Weather)		
14	Issued Tunic and Trousers in stone coloured polyester/ wool worsted mix.		All other details as for No 2 Dress. May be authorised for wear in temperate/summer conditions but not when on parade with troops. Titles Glider on same material.
	No 8 Dress/Temperate Combat Dress		
14	<u>Smock/Shirt/Trousers</u>	As issued. Tactical Recognition Flashes (Note10) to be worn on upper right arm of smock and shirt, showing battalion distinctions: 1st Bn – Cerise and buff diamond. 2 nd Bn – Lincoln green and maroon diamond. 3 rd Bn – Yellow Stafford Knot on black diamond. 4 th Bn – White Mercian Eagle on blue diamond. Belt will be either issued green web/textile belt or Regimental Stable Belt as ordered.	Battalion TRFs to be worn beneath any authorised Formation flash. Common diamond design and size. ADC decision: only one Regt TRF approved for horizontal colours red-buff-green in diamond shape. For Stable Belt see Serial 32.
15		Infantry khaki pattern	Mercian Eagle cap badge



	<u>Head-dress</u>	beret. Cap badge on square Lincoln green patch (Note 11).	in silver/gilt. See Serial 31.
16	<u>Rank Badges</u>	Woven dark bronze/gunmetal and bearing curved MERCIAN title.	Worn on DPM or green cloth slip-on slides, as ordered. Private soldiers to wear MERCIAN title on cloth slide.
17	<u>Tropical and Desert Combat Dress</u>		All distinctions as for Temperate Combat Dress.
	No 10 Dress/Temperate Mess Dress		
18	<u>Jacket and Trousers</u>	<p>Officers and WO1s – Prince of Wales’s Division (1902) pattern.</p> <p>Duty Field Officer and Orderly Officer to wear sword slings (Note 3).</p> <p>Dark blue Infantry of the Line pattern Mess Overalls</p> <p>WO2s and NCOs –</p>	<p>Dark blue collar and pointed cuffs. Collar worn open. Worn with plain white collarless shirt with double cuffs.</p> <p>Miniature Titles Glider (see Serial 33) in gold wire on scarlet backing.</p> <p>Regimental Oakleaf collar badges in silver/gilt as for Serial 3.</p> <p>$\frac{5}{8}$” gold/silver wire embroidered rank badges on gold mess shoulder cords on scarlet cloth backing.</p> <p>Miniature medals court mounted.</p> <p>ADC comment: buff facings to be considered in lieu of dark blue to conform with page 1</p>



		<p>Prince of Wales's (1936) pattern.</p> <p>Worn with No 1 Dress Trousers.</p>	<p>heading/ note 1.</p> <p>ADC comment: Regs do not allow WO1s to wear overalls except in Mounted units. Only officers are permitted proper (triple, twisted) gold shoulder cords.</p> <p>No coloured facings. Worn with white dress shirt and black bow tie. ADC Comment: there should be some (buff if chosen) facings somewhere, even if only on cuffs.</p> <p>Miniature Titles Glider (see Serial 33) in gold wire on scarlet backing.</p> <p>Regimental collar badges (as Serial 3) on lapels.</p> <p>Infantry standard gold embroidered rank badges on scarlet cloth backing.</p> <p>Miniature medals court mounted.</p>
19	<u>Waistcoat</u>	<p>Officers and WO1s – High neck in overall Lincoln green with gold rose lace and piping and gold-coloured ball buttons. Front fastening. Silver and gold embroidered Mercian Eagles at waist points.</p> <p>WO2s and NCOs – Lincoln green with four ½” Regimental brass</p>	



		anodised buttons.	
20	<u>Footwear</u>	Officers and WO1s – Black leather Mess Wellington Boots. WOs and NCOs – Plain black dress shoes.	Worn with nickel-plated box spurs for field officers.
	<u>No 11 Dress/Tropical Mess Dress</u>		
21	White cotton drill jacket, 1936 Pattern, worn with Temperate Mess Overalls.		Worn with white cotton shirt with attached collar, stiffened shirt front in ‘golf-ball’ design. Black silk bow-tie. Silk cummerbund in Mercian colours (see Serial 32). Titles Glider as for Serial 18. Lightweight Mess Overalls may be authorised.
	<u>No 13 Dress/Barrack Dress</u>		
22	<u>Trousers</u>	No 2 Dress/Service Dress as for Serial 7.	Regimental Stable Belt worn in shirt-sleeve order. See Serial 32.
23	<u>Shirt</u>	As for Serial 11.	Tie (as for Serial 11) to be worn with pullover. Top button undone and sleeves rolled up for shirt-sleeve order. Rank badges and MERCIAN titles as for Serial 10. Officers’ rank badges worn on same colour cotton slides.



			<p>WOs/Senior NCOs' red sash worn in shirt-sleeve order.</p> <p>Lanyards showing battalion distinctions as for Serial 7.</p>
24	<u>Pullover</u>	<p>Officers and WOs – Regimental pattern Buff coloured v-neck Guernsey. Same colour cloth shoulder straps bearing bronze MERCIAN shoulder title.</p> <p>NCOs and Soldiers – Issued olive green pullover.</p>	<p>Rank badges as for Serial 9.</p> <p>Rank badges and MERCIAN titles as for Serial 9.</p> <p>Titles Glider (see Serial 33) on khaki backing (as for No 2 Dress) on all Pullovers.</p>
25	<u>Head-dress</u>	<p>Officers and WO1s – Regimental pattern black Side Hat with buff inner crease and green piping and green peak.</p> <p>WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers – Forge Cap as for Serial 2.</p>	<p>Mercian Eagle silver and gold wire embroidered cap badge (see Serial 31).</p>
26	<u>Footwear</u>	As for Serial 12.	
	Drummers		
27	Tunic and Trousers	<p>Infantry of the Line Pattern Full Dress Scarlet Drummer's Tunic with Buff Holland facings (collar</p>	<p>All Drummers' details to be confirmed prior to later submission to ADC.</p> <p>Titles Glider as for No 1</p>



		and cuffs) and regulation Drummers' Crown Lace. Full Dress Trousers. White textile Belt and Regimental Buckle as for No 1 Dress.	Dress (see Serials 1 and 33). Regulation Drummers' Badge on scarlet backing worn beneath Glider (ADC comment: on scarlet). Regimental Collar Badge. ADC Comment: belts must be Full Dress – not woven etc. Design for Drum Majors' and Tippers' sashes and Drummers' valise to follow.
28	Helmet	Infantry of the Line 1881 Pattern Blue Cloth Helmet.	Universal Pattern brass Star Helmet Plate. Helmet centre of Mercian Eagle surrounded by 'THE MERCIAN REGIMENT', all in brass.
Bandsmen			
29	<u>Tunic and Trousers</u>	As for Drummers but without Crown Lace.	Design of Regimental lace for ADC approval to follow. ADC Comment: lace should not be Regimental, but just white chevron braid on wings. Standard and mandatory for Bandsmen.
30	Helmet	As for Drummers.	
Cap Badge			
31	Authorised by ADC 6 Feb 06.	Officers and WO1s – Mercian Eagle in silver and gilt.	3 types required: Metal badge in silver/gilt, with lugs and split pin



		WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers – Mercian Eagle in silver and gold coloured metal.	fixing. Silver and gold wire embroidered badge on green cloth background. Metal badge 2mm larger all round than officers' badge. Good quality with lugs/split pin fixing.
	Stable Belt		
32		To be buff.	Union locket type belt clasp with Mercian Eagle, all brass. Belt 2½" wide.
	Titles Glider		
33	No 1 Dress No 2 Dress No 10 Dress	Gold wire glider and Stafford Knot on blue cloth rectangular patch. Yellow embroidered glider and Stafford Knot on khaki rectangular patch with black border. Miniature gold wire glider and Stafford Knot on scarlet rectangular patch.	ADC Comment: suggestion for shaped backing, likewise for No 2 and No 10 Dress below. Also worn on Pullover. No 4 Dress same design but on stone coloured cloth.
	Regimental Blazer		
34		Dark blue serge, double-breasted. Mercian Regiment buttons.	Design required for buttons. High quality flat blazer buttons in two sizes (body and cuffs) adorned with Mercian Eagle.
	Regimental Tie		



35		<p>Regimental Tie of thin diagonal stripes in Mercian colours on black field.</p> <p>Regimental 'Country' Tie of wide diagonal stripes in Mercian colours.</p>	
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Notes:

1. Buff recognises the buff facing colour of the 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment and also recognises the Buff/Holland backing to the Stafford Knot (an honour given by King George V in recognition of the 38th Foot having spent 57 years continuous service in the West Indies in the 18th Century) of the South Staffordshire and Staffordshire Regiments.
2. Titles Glider was awarded to the South Staffordshire Regiment (and the Kings Own Border) in 1953 in recognition of the 2nd Battalion taking part in the first major airborne landings in Sicily in 1943. This dress distinction has been worn since that date. It is to be combined with the Stafford Knot to make it distinct from the Glider to be worn by the Duke of Lancasters' Regiment. The Knot was worn by the forbears of the South and North Staffords (the 38th and 64th) since 1782 (and the 80th from 1793). It is an ancient symbol of the Earls of Stafford (since 1444) and is for ever associated with the Staffordshire Regiment.
3. The retention of the sword frog even when not carrying a sword is a distinction of the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment in recognition of an incident in North America in 1746, when officers of the 29th Foot were attacked at mess by Indians. The Regiment has been known since as 'The Ever Sworded'.
4. The Dettingen Oakleaves are a dress distinction of the Cheshire Regiment, awarded by King George II in recognition of the service of a detachment of the 22nd protecting the King at Dettingen in 1743. The motto FIRM is a distinction of the 36th (later 2nd Worcesters) and carried by them on their Regimental Colour since 1773.
5. Rank distinctions in dark bronze are worn by the Staffordshire Regiment in barrack dress to recognise the black facings of the 64th Foot and the North Staffordshire Regiment.
6. Black backing as for Note 4. Black backing to WO2s/NCOs rank badges as worn by 1 STAFFORDS.
7. Buttons on cuffs as worn by original Mercian Brigade.
8. Lanyard Colours: The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalion colours are as worn today - Red Cerise is the long adopted colour of the Cheshire Regiment; Lincoln Green represents the facing colour of the 45th (later 1st Notts and Derby Regt);



- Black the 64th (later 1st North Staffords). The 4th Battalion's Mercian blue recognises the adopted blue of the Mercian Volunteers and the blue backing to the original Mercian Brigade formation sign, worn from 1947 – 1969. (The sign was a silver gothic 'M' beneath a gold Saxon crown on a blue shield).
9. Shoulder Titles may have to be straight design if a curved 'MERCIAN' does not work.
 10. Battalion TRFs: Battalion distinctions in No 8 Dress are important to secure the critical link to the antecedent regiments on formation – perhaps most difficult for the Mercian Regiment above all other infantry regiments. Over time it is envisaged that distinctions will become diluted as the Mercian region establishes its own identity but initially they are considered to be on the critical path. All TRFs will be a common shape and size of a diamond (Cheshires and WFR wear a diamond design and 7th North Staffords in the Great War wore a black diamond on the sun helmet). Designs are:
 - a. 1st Bn – red and buff, as worn by the Cheshire Regiment in the Great War and beyond.
 - b. 2nd Bn – maroon and green, the colours of the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment since amalgamation in 1971.
 - c. 3rd Bn – yellow Knot (yellow the facing colour of the 38th, the 80th, the South Staffords and the Staffords) on black (facing colour of the 64th and North Staffords).
 - d. 4th Bn – white Mercian Eagle on blue diamond. This is a 'neutral' design given the mix of antecedent regiments and battalions being drawn on to form the 4th Battalion: The West Midlands Regiment, the Kings and Cheshire Regiment, the East of England Regiment, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and the Light Infantry.
 11. Lincoln Green – facing colour of the 45th and the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment.





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MINUTES OF 327th FIS MEETING OF THE ARMY DRESS COMMITTEE HELD AT HQ AG UPAVON ON 6 FEB 06

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	[REDACTED]	SO1 Pers Ops & Plans HQ LAND	
	[REDACTED]	SO1 PS12(A) RO2c PS12(A)	Secretary
In Attendance	[REDACTED]	Customer Liaison Officer (Army), DC IPT	
	[REDACTED]	Development Project Manager 1 DC IPT	
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	[REDACTED]	Hist Adv Asst Hist Adv	
RIFLES Team	Brig JT Jackson	Head of 'Visible Expression Workstrand'	
	[REDACTED]	LI rep Div Lt Col Light Div SO3 Light Div	
MERCIAN Team	[REDACTED]	Col WFR Regt Sec WFR Div Lt Col Prince of Wales's Div	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISIONS	ACTION
1. RIFLES Dress Proposal	a. Brig Jackson presented the draft proposal at Annex A which the Committee approved with certain comments and provisos as shown. In so doing he highlighted 2 important factors:	APPROVED Decision 4076 (except for	Light Div



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	<p>(1) The proposal was based on 3 key principles:</p> <p>(a) There would be no battle honours on working dress.</p> <p>(b) All regular soldiers would be dressed the same to ease the mov of individuals around the Regt and to ensure every Rfn would feel equally at home and welcome wherever he was asked to serve.</p> <p>(c) The Regt would not carry colours.</p> <p>(2) The golden threads that would be preserved would be: the Croix de Guerre for DDLI, the bugle for the LI, the backbadge for RGBWLI and black buttons for RGJ.</p> <p>b. The Regt explained that they had been through a selection process to choose the Battle Honours badges that would be shown on their cross belts and waist buckles. DAG asked that the minutes of this process be forwarded to PS12(A) for record.</p> <p>c. The Hist Adv highlighted some historical aspects of the proposal, which the Committee discussed, and are summarised below:</p> <p>(1) <u>Waistbelt</u>. In accepting the proposed rectangular waistbelt plate, the Committee noted that the Rifleman's "snake hook" clasp, a distinctive feature of Riflemen's dress for over 150 years, would be discontinued except for buglers (and bands) when wearing Full Dress (with which uniform the rectangular plate should not be worn). For the rectangular plate, a very slightly curved or rounded cross-section was desirable.</p> <p>(2) <u>Sash</u>. The Committee was aware of the considerable historical significance of the LI sash worn over the left shoulder but accepted the Regt's view that an even stronger consideration was the general integrity of Rifles uniform style, which should not include a red shoulder-sash.</p> <p>(3) <u>Mess Jacket</u>. Regarding the officer's mess jacket, the Committee drew attention to the essential rule that there should be one facing colour. It would be normal to have scarlet cuffs as well as collar but it was to be permissible in this</p>	<p>serials 2,18, 44 and 53)</p>	<p>Light Div</p> <p>DC IPT</p>



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	<p>case to omit the scarlet from the cuffs. The cuffs would then be of the dark Rifle green body colour. The wide black braid above the cuffs would not be affected. Black Russia braid figuring on the cuff itself (similar to that on collar) could be included, if desired, in either case, but the black velvet was not agreed.</p> <p>(4) <u>Spurs</u>. Regarding box spurs for mess dress, the Committee considered that the general principle should apply in this case: namely that they should remain authorised for field officers and adjutants.</p> <p>d. On the question of the backbadge, and the issue of whether the badge would be worn on all headdress or only on more formal orders of dress, the Chairman stated that it would be inappropriate for the Committee to take a decision, as at this stage there was no consensus within the Regt. He made the following observations:</p> <p>(1) Different practices by Battalions were to be avoided.</p> <p>(2) The manner of the backbadge's adoption in the previous amalgamation that formed the RGBW was to be noted.</p> <p>(3) In the Regt Council's deliberations, the reasons why the back badge should be worn on one form of headdress but not on another should be clearly articulated.</p> <p>If the matter could not be resolved within the Regt Council then it was likely to be referred to ECAB.</p> <p>e. <u>Special Arm Badges</u>. The Committee noted that the D&D Croix de Guerre ribbon would be retained, but not the RGBWLI Presidential Citation.</p> <p>f. <u>Costings</u>. The Committee noted the costs involved, which Light Div would take forward through DInf to HQ LAND. The RIFLES through HQ Light Div were to write to PS10(A) outlining the costs to new officers, so that the new allowance could be calculated.</p>		<p>Brig Jackson</p>




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	g. An Implementation Plan would now be submitted to the ADC by Div Lt Col Light Div. Additionally, the Div was to advise RMAS so that new officers could be directed to buy the new designs at the right time.		Light Div Light Div
2. MERCIAN Cap Badge Proposal	<p>a. ██████ gave an illustrated and detailed presentation on the Regt's wish to adopt a badge based on the old Mercian Bde rather than on antecedent regt symbology. The reasons for this were principally the perceived need to set the badge in a geographical context, i.e. on a regional basis where the Mercian heritage would be preserved, and for the new regiment to forge a new identity and create a new brand.</p> <p>b. Hist Adv's counter proposal that the design of the badge should take more account of the 'golden threads' of the old regts was duly noted by the Committee – but on balance it was felt that the MERCIAN proposal for a badge depicting a gold saxon crown, beaks and talons with double headed eagle in silver was preferable. It was seen to be suitably unlike other regt badges, was acceptable to the College of Arms, and was approved.</p> <p>c. In making its decision, the Committee noted that golden threads would be retained by the Regt's wish to have a CHESHIRE acorn and oak leaves with WFR FIRM motto on the collar badge, WFR Lincoln green cap badge backing and STAFFORDS glider and knot as a special arm badge – and these would feature in the MERCIAN presentation at the next ADC meeting.</p>	APPROVED Decision 4077	Prince of Wales's Div
3. SCOTS, LANCS, YORKS and R WELSH Outstanding Dress Items for Approval	<p>a. <u>SCOTS</u></p> <p>(1) The choice of a fan-shaped (Highlanders style) hackle in a green colour matching the light green patch on Govt 1A issue tartan was approved by the Committee.</p> <p>(2) The Committee noted that a decision on the wearing of TOS or Glengarry in No 13/14 barrack dress order was awaited from HQ Scottish Div, in the light of ECAB's decision on SCOTS headdress.</p>	APPROVED Decision 4078	Scottish Div Scottish Div



ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISIONS	ACTION
	<p>b. <u>LANCS.</u> (1) The ADC accepted with regret the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment's decision not to support the suggested retention of the White Horse of Hanover emblem of the King's Regiment in minimal token form on the cap buttons. The ADC noted that the White Horse, granted to the regiment in 1716, had featured on its uniforms continuously for over 200 years, and was among the oldest of all military badges.</p> <p>(2) It was noted that no decision had yet been made by the Regt on the Mess jacket and waistcoat.</p> <p>c. <u>YORKS.</u> The Committee endorsed the Regt's wish to adopt the DWR cuff, but not the Horse of Hannover, on the Mess jacket.</p> <p>d. <u>R WELSH.</u> (1) The Committee endorsed the Regt's wish to adopt the existing RWF dragon rampant symbol on No 2 Dress buttons, which were now in production by DC IPT.</p> <p>(2) Remaining items, in particular collar badges, would be considered at the next ADC meeting.</p>	<p>Decision 4079</p> <p>Decision 4080</p> <p>Decision 4081</p>	<p>King's Div</p> <p>King's Div</p> <p>King's Div</p> <p>Prince of Wales's Div</p> <p>Prince of Wales's Div</p>
4. Next Meeting	<p>The next, and final special FIS meeting to consider the MERCIAN dress proposal in detail, together with outstanding R WELSH dress items, would be held in AG's office at 1000 hours on Thu 23 Feb 06.</p> <p>Post meeting note. The meeting is now to take place at 1300 hours on Fri 3 Mar in the Trenchard Museum, HQ AG Upavon.</p>		Sec ADC

Signed on CHOtS


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Sec Army Dress Committee

Annex:

A. RIFLES FIS Dress Proposal.



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THE RIFLES DRESS PROPOSAL

1. BRAND ITEMS

1.	Cap Badge	Silver stringed bugle horn (as current LI capbadge) surmounted by Sovereign's Crown (bows on bugle strings hidden by crown). Badge to be sized in ratio 12 : 11 (height : width) being 38mm wide at the widest point (mouthpiece to horn of bugle) and 42mm high at the highest point (centre base of bugle to apex of crown). Badge to be struck in silver for Offrs/WOs and anodised metal for Sldrs.			
2.	Back Badge	Lt Div Council has decided that the Back Badge will be worn by All Ranks in dress uniforms.		Wider display, on berets, remains subject to further discussion.	
3.	Belt Badge	A belt badge, to be worn by All Ranks, has been designed to carry a selection of battle honours from the 4 Forming Regiments. The criteria used to establish which of the combined 913 battle honours should be included on the belt badge were as follows: a) Historical Significance. b) Uniqueness. c) Underpinning ethos. d) Chronological and geographical spread.		Following detailed consideration, the list of battle honours is being given a final staff check by RHQs.	
4.	Cross belt	Officers and Warrant Officers - Black patent leather – silver belt badge, Inkerman Chain and Whistle. Rear pouch displaying silver RIFLES cap badge.	SNCOs to wear narrower plastic with smaller badge	ORs – N/A	ADC comment: two new badges required for DC IPT action to appropriate scaling

5.	Tactical Recognition Flash Regtl Signs	Design to be – horizontal stripes (from top) Rifle Green (thick) : Scarlet (thin) : Black (thick) : Scarlet (thin) : Rifle Green (thick).	TRF to be registered, but not worn.
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2. **NO. 1 DRESS / GREENS (Pool Issue)**

Serial (a)	Item of Clothing (b)	Officers (c)	Warrant Officers (d)	SNCOs (e)	ORs (f)	Remarks (g)
6.	Head dress	Current RGJ pattern – Rifle green with black band around rim; embroidered for Offrs, plain for Sldrs. Field Officer braiding in black. Black chinstrap retained by two small black buttons embossed with RIFLES capbadge.				With cap badge and back badge
7.	Tunic	Current Rifle Green Lt Div tunic with the addition of red piping around base of collar.	Current Rifle Green Lt Div tunic with the addition of red piping around base of collar.			
8.	Tunic Buttons	Front: Black ball buttons with embossed RIFLES cap badge X 5 Pockets: Black flat buttons with embossed RIFLES cap badge X 6 (breast & Cuffs). Epaulettes: Black flat buttons with embossed RIFLES cap badge (screw in) X 2	Front: Black ball buttons with embossed RIFLES cap badge X 5 Pockets: Black flat buttons with embossed RIFLES cap badge X 6 (breast & Cuffs). Epaulettes: Black flat buttons with embossed RIFLES cap badge X 2.			
9.	Shoulder Boards	Current RGJ pattern for both ceremonial & non-ceremonial occasions (no patrol boards).	N/A			
10.	Rank	Black Metal medium Bath star, plain crown, on close-trimmed red backing.	Black on green with insignia individually outlined in silver.			Qualification badges outlined in silver.
11.	Medals	Court mounted.				Not at public expense
12.	Croix de Guerre Special Arm Badge	Worn on both shoulders.				

13.	Cross Belt	Officer pattern cross-belt.	SNCO pattern cross-belt.	N/A	Provided at public expense as per serial 4
14.	Parade Belt with Buckle		For JNCOs and Rfn: black plastic belt with silver chrome plate buckle displaying Belt Badge		Also snake belt agreed by ADC for buglers (and Band).
15.	Gloves	Black leather	N/A		
16.	Trousers	Current RGJ pattern - Black overalls with 2" braid down outside of leg.	Black with black welt.		
17.	Socks	Black			

<p>18.</p>	<p>Footwear</p>	<p>George boots</p>	<p>George boots, brogues or best boots, but not issued shoes.</p>	<p>Lt Div marching pace precludes issue of standard black shoes. ADC Comment. Decision deferred on George Boots or Brogues. While the Committee was generally sympathetic to the request, a cost analysis was to be submitted – and the implications to the Army as a whole, and in the context of FAD, to be considered. Until then ORs would continue to wear issue boots and shoes.</p>
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3. **NO. 2 DRESS / SERVICE DRESS**

Serial (a)	Item of Clothing (b)	Officers (c)	Warrant Officers (d)	SNCOs (e)	ORs (f)	Remarks (g)
19.	Head Dress	As per No1 Dress.	As per No1 Dress.			
20.	Tunic	New issue.				
21.	Tunic Buttons	Front: Black ball buttons with embossed RIFLES cap badge X 4. Pockets: Black flat medium with embossed RIFLES cap badge X 4. Epaulettes: Black flat medium with embossed RIFLES cap badge X 2.	Front: Black flat buttons large with embossed RIFLES cap badge X 6. Pockets: Black flat buttons medium with embossed RIFLES cap badge X 4. Epaulettes X 2 pockets X 2.			1. Buttons subject to new issue. 2. RSM to wear Offr pattern, if permitted. At regt expense
22.	Shoulder Titles	Black metal – “RIFLES”.				ADC Comment: clutch and pin fastening to conform with FAD.
23.	Rank	Metal Bath star, plain crown, black & medium size, no red backing.	As per No1 Dress.			Qualification badges outlined in silver.
24.	Collar Badges	Black Rifles’ cap badge, smaller than the beret badge. Bugles paired.				ADC Comment: clutch and pin fastening to be used.
25.	Whistle Cord	Current RGJ patterns (Offr & Sldr) worn on right shoulder from LCpl.				

26.	Medals	Court mounted.			Not at public expense
27.	Croix de Guerre	To be worn on both shoulders.			
28.	Cross Belt	Officer pattern cross-belt.	SNCO pattern cross-belt.	N/A	
29.	Parade Belt with Buckle	As for serial 14.			
30.	Shirt	Fawn/cream shirt with black buttons.	As issued.		
31.	Tie	Current LI/RGJ pattern.			
32.	Gloves	Black leather.			
33.	Trousers	New issue.			
34.	Socks	Black.			
35.	Footwear	Black brogues.	Black brogues.	George boots, brogues or best boots, but not issued shoes.	Lt Div marching pace precludes issue of standard black shoes. ADC Comment: see serial 18

4. **NO. 8 DRESS / COMBAT 95**

Serial (a)	Item of Clothing (b)	Officers (c)	Warrant Officers (d)	SNCOs (e)	ORs (f)	Remarks (g)
36.	Beret	Rifle Green beret.				
37.	Cap Badge	RIFLES cap badge. Officers and WOs in silver, remainder in anodised metal.				
38.	Back Badge	Subject to further discussion.				See serial 2.
39.	C95 jacket, shirt & trousers	DPM, C95 as issued.				
40..	Rank Slides	Olive green and/or sandy coloured slides. RIFLES surmounted by capbadge embroidered. Rank – current green/black RGJ pattern in cloth.	Olive green and/or sandy coloured slides. RIFLES surmounted by capbadge embroidered. Rank – current green/black RGJ pattern, embroidered.			All Ranks to wear Rank Slides. ADC Comments: DPM slide to be worn in the field.
41.	Stable Belt	Rifle Green cloth, with LI ribbing. Metalwork and leather in black.				
42.	Footwear	Boots, leather, black as issued				

5. **NO. 10 DRESS / MESS DRESS**

1. erial (a)	Item of Clothing (b)	Officers (c)	Warrant Officers (d)	SNCOs (e)	Cpls (f)	Remarks (g)
43.	Head Dress	No1 dress or Side Hat.	N/A			
44.	Mess Dress Jacket	Rifle Green RGJ style but replace black velvet on collar with scarlet cloth and overlay with row of eyes in black Russia braid. Eyes to be separated by 1/8 th inch from wide braid. Wide braid to be 1". Cuffs remain black.	LI/RGJ pattern, without current silver LI buttons. Discussion ongoing as to whether silver RIFLES collar dogs will be worn on lapels.			ADC Comment. Not Yet agreed: only one facing colour – scarlet collar with scarlet or green cuffs.
45.	Rank	None worn.	As per No1/2 Dress style, but reduced in size.			
46.	Croix de Guerre	To be worn on both shoulders.				
47.	Medals	Miniature court mounted				Not at public expense
48.	Shirt & Tie	Plain, soft collar (not wing) white shirt with black bow tie				

49.	Waistcoat	Full side zipped waistcoat. Rifle Green with 2 scarlet cloth bands down centre, overlaid with rows of eyes in black Russia braid to match collar.	Current RGJ officer pattern, including black/red braid to reflect Line Regiment heritage.	N/A	
50.	Cummerbund	N/A	N/A	Rifle Green Cumberbund with horizontal black/red braid in centre in keeping with SNCO waistcoat.	
51.	Trousers	Current RGJ black overalls. Black with 2" braid.	Black with black welt.		
52.	Footwear	George boots.	Black shoes		

6. **NO. 13 DRESS / BARRACK DRESS**

2. Serial (a)	3. Item of Clothing (b)	Officers (c)	Warrant Officers (d)	SNCOs (e)	ORs (f)	Remarks (g)
53.	Head Dress	Cap field service side hat - Current RGJ pattern with silver capbadge and black buttons.		Berets.	Berets.	See remarks at serial 2
54.	Shirt	As per No2 Dress.				
55.	Tie	Current RGJ/LI pattern.	None		None	
56.	Pullover	Jersey heavy wool as issued				
57.	Shoulder Titles	As per No2 Dress.				
58.	Whistle Cord	Current RGJ patterns worn in shirt sleeve order only.				
59.	Rank	Slides – Olive green (cream in shirt sleeve order). Rank - Metal bath star medium size black, plain crown.	Current RGJ pattern: Stitched-on.			

60.	Stable Belt	Current LI pattern in rifle green with ribbing, metalwork to be black.			
61.	Trousers	ADC Comment: LWT issue until issue of FAD.			
62.	Socks	Black socks			All agreed
63.	Footwear	Black brogues.	Black brogues.	George boots, brogues or best boots, but not issued shoes.	Lt Div marching pace precludes issue of standard black shoes. See ADC comment at serial 18.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

64.	Canes	<p>Two styles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Black cane with silver RIFLES cap badge on top (4ft) carried by RSM and Provost Sergeant. 2. Black cane with a silver ball and raised RIFLES cap badge on the top (24") carried by remainder. 			<p>Carriage of smaller cane within battalions is subject to further discussion.</p> <p>ADC comment: at regt expense</p>
65.	Sword	<p>Rifles pattern sword with LI pattern knot. Basket changed to show RIFLES cap badge. Chrome scabbard only. Sword worn/carried in Lt Div manner.</p>	RSM to carry.	N/A	<p>ADC comment: DC IPT to investigate costs of changing baskets.</p>