

UNIFORM FOR OFFICERS OF THE FLEET.

EXTRACTS FROM THE QUEEN'S REGULATIONS AND ADMIRALTY INSTRUCTIONS.

The prescribed patterns are to be strictly adhered to.

When to be worn.

117. Every officer, from the time of his joining the fleet, squadron, or ship to which he shall be appointed, to that of his being removed from it, shall wear the uniform established for his rank, except when he shall have leave from the Admiralty or the senior officer to be absent from his duty, or as hereinafter provided.

Plain clothes.

1. Permission may be given to the officers to wear plain clothes on ordinary leave, but at reviews, public balls, or entertainments given by naval or military authorities, by civil functionaries, or by military messes at ports at which their ships may be lying, officers are to wear the uniform of their rank, as prescribed for the various occasions specified under "Dresses, and occasions on which they are to be worn," and no deviations are to be authorised without special authority previously obtained from the Admiralty.

Subordinate officers.

3. Subordinate officers when on ordinary leave are to wear the uniform of their ranks; but permission may be granted to them to wear plain clothes when going into the country, or to ride, shoot, play cricket, or for exercise.

Foreign ports.

4. In foreign ports great discretion should be exercised in allowing officers to appear out of uniform, as in such cases they can have no right to expect to be recognised as British officers.

Royal Marines.

5. Officers of the Royal Marines are to wear their full dress on the occasions when full dress and frock coat with epaulettes dress are worn.

Officers on retired and reserved lists.

118. Officers on the retired and reserved lists, whose names appear on the list of the Navy, are permitted to wear the uniform of their respective ranks on state and other occasions of ceremony.

Decorations and medals, how to be worn.

119. Her Majesty approves of the following regulations as to wearing decorations and medals:—

4. Decorations and medals are to be worn with "full" dress.

5. They are to be worn on the left breast in a horizontal line, suspended from a single bar placed in a line about one inch below the point

of the shoulder, but no part of the bar or buckle is to be seen.

6. The ribbon is not to exceed one inch in length, unless the number of clasps require it to be longer.

7. The buckles attached to the ribbons of the third class of the orders of the Bath and of St. Michael and St. George, being part of the decoration, are to be shown half-way between the upper and lower edge of the ribbon.

8. When the decorations and medals, on account of their number, cannot be suspended from the bar so as to be fully seen, they are to overlap.

9. Medals will be worn in the order of the dates on which they were conferred, the first decoration or medal obtained being placed furthest from the shoulder.

10. The following is the order of the arrangement:—

I. British decorations.*

II. British medals.†

III. Foreign decorations.

IV. Foreign medals.

11. The medal for long service and good conduct is to be worn after all British orders and medals.

12. Chief gunners, chief boatswains, and chief carpenters, warrant officers, and chief officers of coastguard, who have been awarded the good conduct medal prior to their promotion, are to wear it in accordance with the regulations of this article.

13. Medals awarded by a society for bravery in saving human life, if specially authorised to be worn, are to be worn on the right breast.

14. Officers who are Knights Grand Cross of orders may wear the broad ribbon of the order, or the broad ribbons of the orders to which they belong, with full dress and half dress uniforms only, the ribbon or ribbons being worn over the waistcoat. Knights Commanders will wear the ribbon of the order, or the ribbons of the orders to which they belong, inside the collar of the coat, the badge being suspended two inches below the lower edge of the collar.

15. On similar occasions, officers who may be members and honorary associates of the order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, are to wear the badge of the order.

16. Stars of orders and ribbons of decorations and medals are to be worn with the frock coat with epaulettes dress, ribbons of decorations and medals will be worn with frock coat dress and undress. These ribbons are to

be sewn plain on to the cloth of the coat or jacket, without intervals, and must be the full size, and half an inch in length. They are not to be made to overlap, as in the case of medals, but when there is not sufficient room to wear the ribbons in one row, they are to be worn in two rows, clear of the lapel, the lower row being arranged directly under the upper. In such cases the ribbon of a Knight Grand Cross, or Knight Commander of any order, is not to be worn, the ribbon of the companion of the order being substituted.

17. Stars of orders are never to be worn with the undress coat or jacket.

18. An officer who is a Knight Grand Cross of an order may wear the star of the order with all uniforms except undress, mess dress, and mess undress.

19. An officer who is a Knight Commander of an order is to wear the star and badge of the order with all uniforms on which epaulettes are worn.

20. Miniature decorations and medals are only to be worn on the undress tail coat and jacket; they are not to be worn under the lapel, but, when their number requires it, the bar is to extend over the lapel.

21. Stars of orders, and miniature decorations and medals, are authorised to be worn in evening dress (plain clothes) in the presence of members of the Royal Family, or of Viceroy and Governors General, and on public and official occasions.

22. Retired officers are authorised to wear stars of orders, and miniature decorations and medals, in evening dress on all public and official occasions.

23. In all cases the bar for the suspension of decorations and medals is to be provided at the expense of the wearer. It may be of any metal or material, and of any pattern consistent with the above instructions, provided the bar and the buckle are wholly concealed by the ribbons.

I.—RANK AND BRANCH DISTINCTIONS.

(1.) All coats are the same for commissioned officers, except full dress coats of Chief Gunners, Chief Boatswains, and Chief Carpenters.

(2.) The principal indication of rank is the stripes on the sleeves, and when not worn there, on the shoulder straps.

(3.) Branches are distinguished as follows:—

Military ...	By the circle on the upper row of lace.	
Medical ...	scarlet	cloth.
Accountant ...	white	"
Engineer ...	purple	"
Naval Instructor ...	light blue	"

} in combination with the stripes.

* The Queen's jubilee medals will be suspended from decorations.
† The badge of the order of St. John of Jerusalem in England will be worn through medals.

* The miniature decorations and medals are only to be worn with the undress coat or jacket, or with the undress tail coat or jacket.

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(4.) Nine sizes of gold lace are used, viz (PLATE X.)

Ranks.	Cocked hat and shoulder straps.	Trowsers.	Collar.	Flaps on the skirt.	Blacks on sleeves.	Stripes on sleeves.
Flag Officers	3 inches.	1 1/2 inch.	1 1/2 inch.	1 1/2 inch.	1 inch.	1 1/2 inch
Captains and Commanders	—	1 1/2 "	1 1/2 "	1 1/2 "	1 "	1 "
Lieutenants	—	1 1/2 "	1 1/2 "	1 1/2 "	1 "	1 "
Sub-Lieutenants	—	1 1/2 "	1 1/2 "	1 1/2 "	1 "	1 "
Warrant Officers, over 10 years' seniority	—	1 1/2 "	1 1/2 "	1 1/2 "	1 "	1 "

Unless otherwise specified, officers of the civil branch wear the same lace as the corresponding ranks of the military branch.

(5.) The uniform of Commodores, 1st Class, is the same as Rear Admiral, except the epaulettes and devices on shoulder straps.

(6.) The uniform of Commodore, 2nd Class, is the same as Captain, except the cocked hat, full dress sword belt and scabbard, cuffs, and shoulder straps.

(7.) Officers of the navigating branch will wear the same uniform as Captains, Commanders, and Lieutenants, according to rank, except as stated under epaulettes devices.

3.—FULL DRESS COAT. (PLATES I. AND IX.)

For all Commissioned Officers, except Chief Gunners, Chief Boatwains, and Chief Carpenters.—Blue cloth, double-breasted, eight buttons in each row, 3 inches apart across the breast, the skirt to begin at one-fifth the circumference from the front edge, and lined with white kerseymer; one button at the bottom of each plait, and two in the waist seam behind. Pointed blue flaps on skirt and three buttons under them.

For Flag Officers, and Commanders, 1st Class.—Flaps on skirt laced all round with 1 1/2 inch lace. A row of 1 inch lace to encircle the hip buttons and form a point above them on the seam.

For Commodore, 2nd Class, and Captains.—Flaps on skirt laced all round with 1 1/2 inch lace. A row of 1 inch lace to encircle the hip buttons and form a point above them on the seam.

For Commanders.—Flaps on skirt laced all round with 1 1/2 inch lace.

For Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants.—Flaps on skirt laced all round with 1 inch lace.

For Chief Gunners, Chief Boatwains, and Chief Carpenters, and Warrant Officers.—Blue cloth, double-breasted, eight buttons in each row, to bottom the four lower buttons, fall down collar, round cuffs, with three buttons and notched holes of blue twist thread; pointed flaps with notched holes of blue twist and buttons under them to correspond; three buttons in the fold of the plait of the skirt; the skirt to begin at one-fifth the circumference from the front edge.

3.—COLLAR OF THE FULL DRESS COAT. (PLATE XI.)

For all Commissioned Officers, except Chief Gunners, Chief Boatwains, and Chief Carpenters.—White cloth, the front edges slightly slaped, and fitted with a black silk tongue to cover the space between them; fastened at the bottom with one hook and eye.

To be trimmed with gold lace according to rank, namely:—
 Flag Officers.—1 1/2 inch top and front edges, 1/2 inch lower edge.

Captains and Commanders.—1 1/2 inch top and front edges, 1/2 inch lower edge.

Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants.—1 inch top and front edges, 1/2 inch lower edge.

Not less than 1/2 inch of white to show between the upper and the lower lace. If necessary, the lower lace may be partly on the coat.

4.—CUFFS OF THE FULL DRESS COAT.

For all Commissioned Officers, except Chief Gunners, Chief Boatwains, and Chief Carpenters.

—Blue cuffs, with a white pointed slash with three buttons, and rows of distinction lace according to rank; the dimensions of the slash are—7 inches high at the point, 6 1/2 inches at the seam, and 1 1/2 inches wide at the centre. The outside edge of the slash bound with gold lace according to rank, namely:—
 Flag Officers and Commanders, 1st Class ... 1 inch wide
 Commodore, and Class, Captains and Com-
 manders ... 1 1/2 "

Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants ... 1 "

Rows of distinction lace—

For Flag Officers, and Commanders, 1st Class.—A band of 1 1/2 inch lace round the cuffs, with rows of 1/2 of an inch distinction lace round the sleeve above the cuff, according to rank, viz.—

Admiral of the Fleet, 4 rows.	
Admiral ... 3 "	The upper row to form a circle two inches in diameter, in the centre of the upper sleeve.
Vice-Admiral, and Rear-Admiral, and Commanders, 1st Class.	

For Commodore, 2nd Class.—A band of 1 1/2 inch lace round the cuffs, and a circle 1 1/2 inch in diameter formed of 1/2 inch distinction lace above it.

For Captains ... 4 rows of 1/2 inch lace.

Commanders ... 3 " of 1/2 inch lace with a row of 1/2 inch lace between them.

Lieutenants over 8 years' seniority ... 1 " of 1/2 inch lace.

Lieutenants under 8 years' seniority ... 1 row of 1/2 inch lace.

Sub-Lieutenant ... 1 row of 1/2 inch lace.

Chief Gunners and Chief Boatwains ... 1 " of 1/2 inch lace.

Gunners and Boatwains over 10 years' seniority ... 1 " of 1/2 inch lace.

The upper row to form a circle 1 1/2 inch in diameter in the middle of the sleeve.

For Officers of the Civil Branch.—The cuffs will have the same number of rows as those of officers of the corresponding ranks in the military branch, but the upper row will be straight instead of being formed into a circle, and the space between the rows will be of coloured cloth according to branch.

Assistant Paymasters of 6 years' seniority ... 1 row of 1/2 inch lace above 1 row of 1/2 inch lace.

Engineers under 6 years' seniority ... 1 row of 1/2 inch lace.

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The space between each row of distinction lace to be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

5.—UNDRESS TAIL COAT.

For all Commissioned Officers (except Chief Gunners, Chief Boatmen, and Chief Carpenter), Midshipmen over 12 years of age, and Clerks.—Blue cloth, double-breasted, six button holes in each row, four in the turn and two below, padded turn-down collar; painted flaps with three notched holes of black twist, and buttons under; one button at the bottom of each plait, and two in the waist seam behind. Round cuffs, the sleeves laced, as in full dress, omitting the slash. Shoulders fitted for epaulettes.

For Midshipmen.—The collar to have on each side a white turnback of 2 inches, with a notched hole of white twist, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long, and a corresponding button. Three buttons on each cuff, with corresponding notched holes of black twist.

For Clerks.—The cuffs the same as Midshipmen, but with one row of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch wide white cloth.

6.—FROCK COAT.

For all Officers except—

- Midshipmen.
- Naval Cadets.
- Assistant Clerks.

Blue cloth, double-breasted, with padded turn-down collar; cut for six buttons, but to have five buttons on each breast, to button four buttons; the width of lapel to be $\frac{3}{4}$ inches at fourth button, tapering to $\frac{1}{2}$ inches at waist seam; two buttons on the hips, with side edges on plait of skin extending half-way down the skirt, with a button at bottom of each side edge; for Officers 5 feet 9 inches in height, length of coat 38 inches, with a proportionate variation for difference in height. Lining, black silk. Hook for sword belt.

Round cuffs, sleeves laced as in full dress, omitting the slash.

Shoulders fitted for epaulettes; the fittings covered with blue cloth.

7.—UNDRESS COAT.

For all Officers.—Blue cloth, with padded turn-down collar; the length to be sufficient to cover the hips; double-breasted, with five holes and buttons at equal distance on each side, to button four. Pockets, without flaps, at the sides, in a line with the lower button, and one outside left breast pocket. An opening 5 inches long at the bottom of each side seam.

Round cuffs, the sleeves laced as in full dress, omitting the slash.

Midshipmen will wear the same distinction marks on the collar as described in No. 5.

Naval Cadets will wear, on each side of the collar, a

button-hole of white twist, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long, with a corresponding button.

Clerks and Assistant Clerks will wear, round each cuff, one row of $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch wide white cloth.

WHITE UNDRESS COAT.

White drill, single-breasted, stand collar, with hook and eye at neck, five buttons up the front, and an opening at bottom of each side seam, 5 inches long. A patch pocket on each breast, without flaps. Shoulders fitted for shoulder straps, if required.

Midshipmen and Naval Cadets are to have the same distinction marks on the collar of the white undress coat as on the blue, and there is to be an eyelet hole in the collar for the button.

8.—JACKET.

For all Officers except—

- Midshipmen.
- Naval Cadets.
- Clerks.
- Assistant Clerks.

Blue cloth, double-breasted, six button holes in each row, four in the turn and two below, padded turn-down collar, slightly rounded, i.e. rounded, over the hips, with a rounded peak behind; two pockets, with welts, at the sides.

Round cuffs, the sleeves laced as in full dress, omitting the slash.

For Midshipmen and Naval Cadets.—Blue cloth, single-breasted, with seven buttons; three notched holes of black twist on each cuff with buttons to correspond; a stand-up collar with a hook and eye, and with the white turnback and button hole, as described in No. 5 and No. 7. When worn it is always to be hooked at the top.

For Clerks and Assistant Clerks.—The same as for Midshipmen, but with a plain turn-down collar, three button holes in the turn and four below. One row of $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch wide white cloth round each cuff.

WHITE JACKET.

For all Officers.—White linen, and of the same shape as the blue jacket for commissioned officers, but with a roll collar; to be worn laced with two No. 2 size buttons connected by a ring.

Shoulders fitted for straps if required.

9.—TROUSERS.

Laced.—Blue cloth, with a gold stripe down the outside seam—

- $\frac{1}{2}$ inch broad for Officers of Flag Rank.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ " " " Captains and Commanders.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ " " " Lieutenants and Officers of corresponding ranks.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ " " " Officers which correspond with Captains and Commanders.

Plain.—The same as the above, but no gold lace.

White.—Material. Duck or Drill.

10.—WAISTCOATS.

MORNING.

For all Officers.—Blue cloth, single-breasted, with six buttons.

EVENING.

Blue.—Blue cloth, single-breasted, cut low, with four buttons; a gold braid edging down the front, and along the bottom to the side seam, the pocket edged with a similar braid. The band to be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide.

For Warrant Officers.—The same, but without gold braid.

White.—White material, the same pattern as the blue waistcoat.

11.—SHOULDER STRAPS.

For GREAT COAT, WHITE UNDRESS, AND WHITE JACKET.

For Flag Officers, and Commanders, 1st class.—Blue cloth; the top covered with a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide gold lace, showing a margin of $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch of cloth; the same device as on the epaulettes, but the large star to be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, and the small stars $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter.

For all other Commissioned Officers.—Blue cloth, with distinction lace, and coloured cloth, according to rank and branch, the same as worn on the sleeves of the frock coat.

For Warrant Officers.—Blue cloth, with distinction lace according to rank and branch for officers over 10 years' annuity, and plain for others.

Shoulder straps to be $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long, $\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, and to have a button at the top.

The method of attachment to coats is to be in accordance with scaled patterns.

12.—AIGUILLETES. (PLATE VI.)

For Admiral of the Fleet.—Is of gold wire basket cord, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick, and consists of two single plaits of cord and two cord loops, starting from each end of plait; at the termination of the plaits there are a few inches of plain cord ending in netted heads and gilt embossed metal tags. The plait and cord are joined together with blue cloth about $\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, in which is a button-hole to allow of the aiguillette being fastened to the brass slide of the epaulette. The long cord is looped up on the top of front cord, the front cord and short and long plaits are fastened together, and a small gold metal loop is fixed thereon to attach to the top button on the right breast of coat. The aiguillette is worn on the right shoulder, the arm being passed through between front plait and cord, and the back or long plait and cord.

For Aides-de-Camp to the Queen.—Dress.—The same as for Admiral of the Fleet, except that gold grip cord $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch in diameter is used, instead of wire basket cord; $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch thick.

Undress.—As above, but of cord, $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch thick, and fitted with plaited shoulder strap, it is fastened to the coat in a similar manner to the epaulette.

* The proportionate variation in length of skirt for each inch of difference in height is $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch.