

GENERAL ORDERS,
BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS,
THE FIELD MARSHALL COMMANDING
IN CHIEF.

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G.O. 96 — DRESS OF OFFICERS.

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Paragraphs 586 to 594 of the Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Army are hereby cancelled, and the following revised rules will be substituted instead:—

I. DRESS OF OFFICERS.

1. Detailed descriptions of the dress, prescribed by Her Majesty for the officers of the army, are contained in the "Dress Regulations," copies of which are furnished, for information and guidance, to general officers commanding, and to commanding officers of corps.

2. Sealed patterns of buttons, lace, embroidery, collars, badges, devices, and horse furniture and appointments are deposited, for reference and guidance, at the Horse Guards, War Office, and commanding officers are strictly forbidden to introduce or sanction any unauthorized embroidery, ornament, or the addition to or increase in the width of lace, or other deviation from the approved patterns. A book containing sealed patterns of officers' lace, collar and forage-cap badges and numbers, is furnished to every Infantry corps in the service, and is to be produced before the general officer at each half-yearly inspection.

3. The rank of officers in the army is indicated by the lace and badges on their cuffs, collars, &c., &c., as laid down in the "Dress Regulations."

4. All regimental badges and devices and other peculiar distinctions which may have been granted under special authority to different corps, as enumerated in the "Dress Regulations," are to be strictly preserved.

5. On all occasions on which the Sovereign is present officers are to appear in full dress uniform with the riband of any order or decoration over the coat. Such riband is not, however, to be worn in undress uniform.

6. Miniature orders and medals, or ribands only, are to be worn by officers in undress uniform.

7. Officers are to wear their prescribed uniform in camp and quarters while on duty; but it is left to the discretion of general officers commanding to permit the use of plain clothes for the purpose of recreation.

Officers will appear in full dress uniform when attending public balls or entertainments within the district in which they are quartered.

8. Officers on leave from regiments on foreign service, are always to be in possession of their uniform; otherwise, if detailed for duty in this country, or on the return voyage, they will be required to provide themselves with a fresh outfit.

9. Officers in uniform, when in mourning or attending funerals, are to wear a band of black crepe round the left arm above the elbow, and no other sign of mourning is to be worn at any time by officers in uniform, unless specially ordered.

10. Brevet field officers, doing duty with their regiments as captains, are to wear uniform according to their rank in the army; in the Infantry, however, such officers will

not wear spurs on parade, except when performing duty as field officers

11. Medical officers having the relative rank of field officers are to provide themselves with chargers and horse furniture, and to appear mounted when required to attend parades.

12. The scarlet patrol-jacket is to be worn at drill, and on parade when the men are dressed in frocks.

The blue patrol-jacket may be worn on regimental boards and on fatigue, stable or orderly duties but not on parade. Officers of line regiments are not obliged to provide themselves with blue patrol jackets, but may wear the scarlet patrol jacket on occasions when the blue patrol jacket is authorized to be worn.

13. Pantaloon and high boots are to be worn on all mounted duties by Cavalry and by mounted officers but not in review order by officers of the staff, Artillery, Engineers, and Foot Guards.

14. On dismounted duties generally, trousers are to be worn. Stable-jackets with shoulder belts and swords will be worn in barracks at inspections and on orderly duty.

15. The following general rules are to be observed as to the manner and times of wearing certain articles of uniform, viz:—

a. The sash is to be worn (over the sword belt with the tunic, and with the scarlet patrol jacket, when the chaco is worn.

b. The shoulder belt with pouch is to be worn diagonally over the left shoulder, by officers of mounted corps on duty or on parade. The staff will wear it in undress on duty and parade only.

c. The sword belt will be worn as follows, viz:—

Over the tunic by field marshals, general officers, and colonels of the staff; personal staff of the Sovereign and Royal Family. Officers of all arms (except as below mentioned).

Under the tunic by general staff, personal staff of general officers, and officers of Lancers, Hussars, and of Rifle regiments.

Over the blue frock coat and under all jackets, except the Infantry scarlet patrol jacket when worn with the chaco.

d. When the sword belt is worn over the tunic or frock coat and the sword is hooked up, the edge must be turned to the rear, and the back of the sword to the front. Swords to be hooked up during parade. Sword knots to be twisted round the hilt.

e. When officers dismounted draw their swords, the scabbards are to be hooked up by officers who wear the waist belt over the tunic or frock coat as laid down in "c," but carried in the left hand by all other officers.

f. The sabretache to be worn on mounted duties only, except by Hussars and Horse Artillery, who wear it on all occasions when the sword is worn. In the field the sabretache may be attached to the saddle.

g. Steel spurs, both fixed and with straps and buckles, are to be worn with the Wellington and high boot respectively by all mounted officers, except those entitled to wear brass scabbard, who will have brass spurs. Dress spurs (of brass) are to be worn by all mounted officers,—except adjutants and musketry instructors of Infantry and

officers of rifle regiments,—at levées and in evening dress.

h. Whenever spurs are worn with trousers, straps are to be worn also.

i. The sleeves of the tunic and jacket are not to be of excessive width.

k. Watch-chains and trinkets are not to be worn outside the tunic or jacket.

16. The following orders of dress, for parade and otherwise, are to be observed by officers:—

a. *Review Order*; to be worn when the Sovereign is present, for Royal escorts and guards of honour, at all State ceremonies, and otherwise when specially ordered.

	Officers' Dress.	Horse Furniture for Mounted Officers.
Staff	Full dress; as laid down in the "Dress Regulations of the Army."	Complete equipment; as laid down in the "Dress Regulations of the Army."
Cavalry	do do but with cloaks and capes.	do do (including shabraque) but without valise.
Artillery	do do but with cloaks and capes.	do do but without valise.
Engineers	Full dress; as laid down in the "Dress Regulations."	Complete equipment; R.E. Train same as Cavalry.
Infantry	Full dress; as laid down in the "Dress Regulations."	Complete equipment.

b. *Marching Order*; to be worn on the line of march, at route marching, in the field, and on other occasions when specially ordered.

	Officers' Dress.	Horse Furniture For Mounted Officers.
Staff	Undress: as laid down in the "Dress Regulations" but with cocked hats & shoulder belts	Complete equipment but without saddle-cloth; and for general officers, undress wallets.
Cavalry	Same as in "review order," but with undress belts, sword knot & sabretache. [See also par. 27.]	Complete equipment (including valise) but with undress lamb-skins or tiger-skin. No shabraque.
Artillery	Same as in "review order" but with pantaloons and high boots, undress belts, pouch and sabretache. [See par. 31 c.]	do do
Engineers	Same as in "review order," except sword knot. Pantaloons and boots for mounted officers.	Complete equipment, but without saddle-cloth: R.E. Train same as cavalry.
Infantry	Same as in "review order," but with scarlet patrol jacket instead of tunics.	Complete equipment, but without saddle-cloth