



MILITIA DRESS REGULATIONS.

I.—GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Badges of Rank.

The several ranks of officers are designated by embroidered badges as follows:—

Colonels wear a crown and star; Lieutenant Colonels, a crown; and Majors, a star. And similarly:—

Captains wear a crown and star; Lieutenants, a crown; and Sub Lieutenants, a star.

These badges, when worn on the collar, will be an inch high; and when on the saddle cloth, 2½ inches high.

Regimental officers having Brevet Rank wear the badges of their regimental rank.

Boots and Spurs.

Mounted officers, except where otherwise specified, wear when on mounted duties, high boots with crane backed spurs fastened with straps and buckles, Officers who are not mounted wear Wellington, or ankle boots. The high boots must be, as regards shape, in accordance with the sealed pattern, but the height will depend upon the length of the leg and the relative height of the calf. The boot which is sloped down at the back, should reach at the back just to the top of the calf, generally about 4½ or 5 inches from the top of the knee.

Braid, Buttons, &c.

Unless otherwise specified, loops, forgs and buttons on the front of tunics, &c., will be at equal distances. Buttons, generally, will be an inch in diameter, and "small" buttons ¾ of an inch. When loops of lace or cord are worn across the breast, the top loops will reach to the sleeve seams, and those at the waist will be 4 inches long.

Depth of Skirts

The skirts of tunics for officers 5 feet 9 inches high will be—

For Colonels on the Staff, Artillery, Engineers and Infantry regiments, 10 inches;

For General Staff, Cavalry and Rifle regiments, 9 inches;

The skirts of frocks will be 17 inches deep for all officers 5 feet 9 inches high.

The proportionate variation for each inch of difference in height is about ¼ inch in the skirts of frocks and ¼ inch in the skirts of tunics.

Forage Caps.

Forage caps will be 2½ inches high.

Gloves.

Gloves, except where otherwise stated, will be of white leather.

Patrol Jackets.

Patrol jackets, except those otherwise specified, will be made according to the following description:—

Blue cloth, 28 inches long from the bottom of the collar behind, for an officer 5 feet 9 inches in height, with a proportionate variation for any difference in height, rounded in front, and edged with inch mohair braid all round and up the openings at the sides. On each side in front, four double drop loops of ¼ inch flat plait, with eyes in the centre of each loop, the top loops reaching to the sleeve seams, and the bottom ones 4 inches long; four netted olivets on the right side, to fasten through the loops on the left. On each sleeve, an Austrian knot of flat plait 7 inches high from the bottom of the cuff. Double flat plait on each back seam, with crow's foot at the top and bottom, and two double eyes at equal distances. Pockets fitted with flaps in and out. Hooks and eyes in front.

Sashes.

Sashes will be worn diagonally over the left shoulder and under the left shoulder cord; the ends will be crossed through a runner at the waist, and the sash will be of such length that the ends of the tassels shall just reach the bottom of the skirt of the tunic.

STAFF.

DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Tunic.

Scarlet cloth, edged all round, except the collar, with round back silver cord. Blue cloth collar and cuffs; the collar ornamented with half inch lace round the top, silver Russia braid along the bottom, and a rich tracing in double silver braid below the lace, at each end the badges of rank embroidered in gold; the cuffs pointed, with half inch lace round the top, and a rich tracing in double silver braid above and below the lace, extending 7 inches from the bottom of the cuffs. On each side of the breast, four loops of round back silver cord, with caps and drops, fastening with gold worked olivets. On each back seam, a line of the same cord forming three eyes at the top, passing under a netted cap at the waist, below which it is doubled, and ending in an Austrian knot, reaching to the bottom of the skirt. On each shoulder, a silver cord loop, with a small button. The skirt rounded off in front, closed behind, and lined with white.

Lace.

Silver, Staff pattern.

Buttons.

Silver, frosted, with burnished laurel round the edge.

Dress Trousers.

Blue cloth, with 1½ inch lace down the side seams.

Spurs.

Brass.

Cocked Hat.

Of black beaver, or silk; and of the following dimensions:—The left side 7 inches high, the right side 6½ inches, each corner 4¾ inches long. There will be a black silk cockade on the right side, with a loop and button over it; and at each corner a bullion tassel, 1½ inch long, exclusive of the head, with loop of ¾ inch lace; tassels, netted, silver pearl head, eight small bullions, with seven crimson bullions over them.

Plume.

White swan feathers, drooping outwards, 6 inches long, with read feathers under them long enough to reach the ends of the white ones; feathered stem 3 inches long.

Sword.

Half basket hilt, and back piece of steel or gilt metal, black fish skin grip, bound with silver wire when the hilt is of steel, or with gilt wire when the hilt is of gilt metal; slightly curved blade, grooved and spear pointed. Full size—blade 35 inches long and 1½ inch wide at the shoulder; extreme length, including the hilt, 41 inches; weight, without scabbard, 2 pounds. Second size—blade 33 inches long, and an inch wide at the shoulder; extreme length, including hilt, 38½ inches; weight, without scabbard, 1 pound 12 ounces.

Scabbard.

Brass.

Sword Knot.

Silver and crimson cord, with silver and crimson acorn,

Sword Belt.

Russia leather, 1½ inch wide, with slings an inch wide; two stripes of silver embroidery on belt and slings; a silver hook to hook up the sword.

Waist Belt.

Round, silver clasp with royal cypher and crown in the centre, and a laurel wreath on the outer circle.

Shoulder Belt.

Silver lace, 1½ in. wide, with crimson morocco leather lining and edging; silver ornamented buckle, tip and slide.

Telescope Case.

Black patent leather, to hold a binocular field glass; solid leather flap, reaching to the