

THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF SCOTLAND
(SCOTS)



DRESS REGULATIONS
PART ONE

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INTRODUCTION



Throughout history Regiments and individual soldiers have been respected for their uniform, standards of discipline and turn-out. It is all too easy for a Regiment to get a bad reputation but it takes great effort and attention to detail by all ranks of a Regiment to maintain its good name. In the British Army many traditions are handed down through the generations in the Regiments dress, The Royal Regiment of Scotland is no exception. When soldiers are in uniform they are ambassadors for their nation and Regiment. The highest standards of dress and turn-out are considered to be the outward sign of the inner spirit of good discipline. Every soldier in the Regiment, be them Officer or Soldier, has a duty to be a good ambassador for their country and to promote the good name of the Regiment, especially when wearing the Kings uniform.

These Dress Regulations are designed to ensure that all Officers and Soldiers serving in The Royal Regiment of Scotland are correctly dressed for every occasion. It is the duty of all Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior Non Commissioned Officers to ensure that the highest standards of dress, turn out and discipline is maintained by all ranks.

***O why the deuce should I repine and be an ill foreboder,
I'm twenty three and five feet nine, I'll go and be a soldier.***

Rabbie Burns 1792

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No1A DRESS: CEREMONIAL

REGULATIONS

Uniform	Officers/WO1	WOs	SNCOS	ORs	Remarks
Headdress	Glengarry, capbadge and Blackcock feather with white feathers facing to the rear of the badge				All ranks.
Jacket Ceremonial	No1 Dress Scottish Pattern. Archer green barathea doublet with gold Russia piping for Officers and white Russia piping for Other Ranks. No medal ribbons.				All ranks.
Rank Insignia	Shoulder cords with black lace thread, 1 inch anodised gold Bath stars and St Edward's crowns with red cushion.	Gold braid with green backing.			For Ofrrs, see Fig 1, page 62. WO1 rank insignia as per WO2 pattern.
Shirt	White collarless with gold cufflinks	Issue T-Shirt			
Collar Badges	Officers pattern gold embroidered thistle.	Other ranks gilt thistle.			Thistles to face outwards.
Cross Belt	White cross belt. Worn under sash at the front and over sash at the rear. Sword slings attached.	N/A			
Waist Belt	White issue waist belt with brass plate superimposed with regimental capbadge.				
Sash	Crimson silk sash worn over left shoulder. Front view over the cross belt, rear view under the cross belt. Medals pinned through the sash.	Red issue SNCO sash worn over the right shoulder.	N/A		Knot of the sash worn on right/left buttock.
Gloves	White cotton issued gloves				
Kilt	Government 1A tartan worn with central vertical line of the set running in line with buttons on the jacket and belt buckle. Dark horizontal line on cross of set is central between top of the sporran and bottom of the belt plate. The bottom of the apron should hang 1 inch above the centre of the knee.				
Kilt Rosettes	Officers and SNCO regimental green rosette pattern.			N/A	
Sporran	White hair, two black tassels, brass effect cantle and white belt. The top of the cantle should sit one hands width from the bottom of the belt plate.				Not to be trimmed.
Stockings, Footless	Stockings, footless, tartan (red and black dicing). The highest point of the top dice is worn three fingers width from the side of the knee bone. Three dice are to be on show above the top of the gaiters.				See page 60
Flashes	Scarlet flat 4 inch flashes worn with forward edge of the flash in line with the centre of the dice and in line with the shin bone. The lowest part of the flash is worn in line with the bottom of the second visible dice on the hose top.				
Gaiters	Gaiter, Scottish pattern, white canvas with eight black buttons worn on the outside of the leg. Black leather strap under instep secured by two black buttons on each side.				
Sgian Dubh	Regimental pattern with cap badge. Worn behind rear flash on the right leg.	N/A			
Shoes	Shoes, service, Scottish pattern, black brogue – highly polished.				
Accoutrements and Side Arms	Broad sword with full basket and plated scabbard.	Rifle and bayonet. Or as directed for the ceremonial occasion.			WO1 accoutrement dependant on appointment.
Female Alternative	A female SCOTS pattern skirt, natural colour tights and female black court shoes to replace the male defence supply issue of sporran, kilt, brogues, hose and spats.				Can choose to wear the same as males.

No 1A Dress Ceremonial is worn on all State, ceremonial and formal occasions such as Royal Guards, Guards of Honour, Quarter Guards and Public Duties. It is also worn by Officers when carrying out the duties of Equerry at Court:



OFFICER



WO2



SNCO



OR

Uniform	Officers/WO1	WOs	SNCOS	ORs	Remarks
Headdress	Glengarry, capbadge and Blackcock feather with white feathers facing to the rear of the badge				
Jacket Ceremonial	No1 Dress Scottish Pattern. Archer green barathea doublet with gold Russia piping for Officers and white Russia piping for Other Ranks. Medal ribbons may be required for award investitures				
Rank Insignia	Shoulder cords with black lace thread, 1 inch anodised gold Bath stars and St Edward's crowns with red cushion.	Gold braid with green backing.			For Offrs, see Fig 1, page 62. WO1 rank insignia as per WO2 pattern.
Shirt	White collarless with gold cufflinks	Issue T-Shirt			
Collar Badges	Officers pattern gold embroidered thistle.	Other ranks gilt thistle.			Thistles to face outwards.
Waist Belt	White issue waist belt with brass plate superimposed with regimental capbadge.				
Sash	Not Worn	Not Worn		N/A	
Gloves	White cotton issued gloves				
Kilt	Government 1A tartan worn with central vertical line of the set running in line with buttons on the jacket and belt buckle. Dark horizontal line on cross of set is central between top of the sporran and bottom of the belt plate. The bottom of the apron should hang 1 inch above the centre of the knee.				
Kilt Rosettes	Officers and SNCO regimental green rosette pattern.			N/A	
Sporran	White hair, two black tassels, brass effect cantle and white belt. The top of the cantle should sit one hands width from the bottom of the belt plate.				Not to be trimmed.
Stockings, Footless	Stockings, footless, tartan (red and black dicing). The highest point of the top dice is worn three fingers width from the side of the knee bone. Three dice are to be on show above the top of the gaiters.				See page 60
Flashes	Scarlet flat 4 inch flashes worn with forward edge of the flash in line with the centre of the dice and in line with the shin bone. The lowest part of the flash is worn in line with the bottom of the second visible dice on the hose top.				
Gaiters	Gaiter, Scottish pattern, white canvas with eight black buttons worn on the outside of the leg. Black leather strap under instep secured by two black buttons on each side.				
Sgian Dubh	Regimental pattern with cap badge. Worn behind rear flash on the right leg.		N/A		
Shoes	Shoes, service, Scottish pattern, black brogue – highly polished.				
Accoutrements and Side Arms	Regimental cane for Officers only and no Swords.	No rifles, side arms or Pace Stick.			
Female Alternative	A female SCOTS pattern skirt, natural colour tights and female black court shoes to replace the male defence supply issue of sporran, kilt, brogues, hose and spats.				Can choose to wear the same as males.

No 1B Dress Non Ceremonial is worn at State, Ceremonial and formal occasions such as investitures when there is no requirement to carry swords, rifles or side arms.



OR

OFFICER

SNCO

Uniform	Officers	Remarks
Headdress	Glengarry, capbadge and Blackcock feather with white feathers facing to the rear of the badge	
Jacket Ceremonial	No1 Dress Scottish Pattern. Archer green barthea doublet with gold Russia piping for Officers. No medal ribbons.	
Rank Insignia	Shoulder cords with black lace thread, 1 inch anodised gold Bath stars and St Edward's crowns with red cushion.	See Fig 1, page 62.
Shirt	White collarless with gold cufflinks	
Collar Badges	Officers pattern gold embroidered thistle.	Thistles to face outwards.
Cross Belt	White cross belt. Worn under sash at the front and over sash at the rear. Sword slings attached.	
Waist Belt	White issue waist belt with brass plate superimposed with regimental capbadge.	
Sash	Crimson silk sash worn over left shoulder. Front view over the cross belt, rear view under the cross belt. Medals pinned through the sash. Knot of the sash worn on right buttock.	
Gloves	White cotton issued gloves	
Kilt	Government 1A tartan worn with central vertical line of the set running in line with buttons on the jacket and belt buckle. Dark horizontal line on cross of set is central between top of the sporran and bottom of the belt plate. The bottom of the apron should hang 1 inch above the centre of the knee.	
Kilt Rosettes	Officers regimental green rosette pattern.	
Sporran	White hair, two black tassels, brass effect cantle and white belt. The top of the cantle should sit one hands width from the bottom of the belt plate.	Not to be trimmed.
Full Stockings Ball Hose	Full length stockings of black and red dicing with the centre of the dicing running down the shin bone. The top of the hose is worn three fingers width from the side of the knee bone.	
Flashes	Scarlet flat 4 inch flashes worn with forward edge of the flash in line with the centre of the dice and in line with the shin bone. The lowest part of the flash is worn in line with the bottom of the second dice on the Ball Hose.	
Sgian Dubh	Regimental pattern with cap badge. Worn behind rear flash on the right leg.	
Shoes	Buckled evening highland shoes.	
Accoutrements and Side Arms	Broad sword with full basket and plated scabbard.	
Female Alternative	As per No 1A Cerimonial	Can choose to wear the same as males.

No 1C Dress Levée is an order of dress worn when carrying out duties as an Equerry to Royalty attending to Court Investitures and Regimental weddings.



OFFICER

Uniform	Officers/WO1	WOs	SNCOS	ORs	Remarks
Headress	Glengarry, capbadge and Blackcock feather with white feathers facing to the rear of the badge				All ranks.
Service Dress Jacket	No2 Dress Scottish pattern. Khaki cloth, barathea.				All ranks
Rank Insignia	1 inch anodised gold Bath stars and St Edward's crowns with red cushion.	Khaki cloth with 3mm red backing.	Khaki cloth with 3mm red backing for CSgt crowns.	Khaki cloth for JNCO.	For Offrs, see Fig 2, page 62. WO1 rank insignia as per WO2 pattern.
Shirt and tie	SCOTS Officer pattern khaki shirt and issued braided khaki tie.	Issued khaki shirt and braided khaki tie.			
Collar Badges	SCOTS Officer pattern in bronze worn on lapels.	SCOTS other rank pattern in gilt worn on lapels.			Thistles to point outwards.
Cross Belt	Officers pattern Sam Browne.	N/A			
Waist Belt	As per Sam Browne	SCOTS pattern issued white plastic belt with brass plate and capbadge. White bayonet frog worn when rifles are carried.			
Sash	N/A	Red issue SNCO sash worn over the right shoulder. Knot of the sash worn on the left buttock.		N/A	
Gloves	Brown leather gloves	White cotton issued gloves worn when ordered.			
Kilt	Government 1A tartan worn with central vertical line of the set running in line with buttons on the jacket and belt buckle. Dark horizontal line on cross of set is central between top of the sporran and bottom of the belt plate. The bottom of the apron should hang 1 inch above the centre of the knee.				
Kilt Rosettes	Officers and SNCO regimental green rosette pattern.			N/A	
Sporran	White hair, two black tassels, brass effect cantle and white belt. The top of the cantle should sit one hands width from the bottom of the belt plate.				Not to be trimmed.
Stockings, Footless	Stockings, footless, tartan (red and black dicing). The highest point of the top dice is worn three fingers width from the side of the knee bone. Three dice are to be on show above the top of the gaiters.				See page 60
Flashes	Scarlet flat 4 inch flashes worn with forward edge of the flash in line with the centre of the dice and in line with the shin bone. The lowest part of the flash is worn in line with the bottom of the second visible dice on the hose top.				
Gaiters	Gaiter, Scottish pattern, white canvas with eight black buttons worn on the outside of the leg. Black leather strap under instep secured by two black buttons on each side.				
Sgian Dubh	Regimental pattern with cap badge. Worn behind rear flash on the right leg.	N/A			
Shoes	Shoes, service, Scottish pattern, black brogue – highly polished.				
Accoutrements and Side Arms	Broad sword with full basket and leather scabbard.	Pace Stick or Rifle and bayonet. As directed for the ceremonial occasion.			WO1 accoutrement dependant on appointment.
Female Alternative	A female SCOTS pattern skirt, natural colour tights and female black service/court shoes to replace the male defence Supply issue of sporran, kilt, brogues, hose and spats.				Can choose to wear the same as males.

No2A Dress Ceremonial is to be worn whilst carrying out Regimental duties, Quarter Guards, Courts Martial duties, Commanding Officers Orders, formal interviews, military funerals and drill parades.



OFFICER





WO



SNCO



OR

Uniform	Officers/WO1	WOs	SNCOS	ORs	Remarks
Headdress	Glengarry and capbadge.				All ranks.
Service Dress Jacket	No2 Dress Scottish pattern. Khaki cloth, barathea.				No medals worn.
Rank Insignia	1 inch anodised gold Bath stars and St Edward's crowns with red cushion.	Khaki cloth with 3mm red backing.	Khaki cloth with 3mm red backing for CSgt crowns.	Khaki cloth for JNCO.	For Ofrrs, see Fig 2, page 62. WO1 rank insignia as per WO2 pattern.
Shirt and tie	SCOTS Officer pattern khaki shirt and issued braided khaki tie.	Issued khaki shirt and braided khaki tie.			
Collar Badges	SCOTS Officer pattern in bronze worn on lapels.	SCOTS other rank pattern in gilt worn on lapels.			Thistles to point outwards.
Cross Belt	Officers pattern Sam Browne.	N/A			
Waist Belt	As per Sam Browne	Brown leather sword belt for CSM. SCOTS pattern brown belt for WO2.	SCOTS pattern issued white plastic belt.		Less Officers, belts to include SCOTS pattern brass plate and capbadge.
Sash	N/A	Red issue SNCO sash worn over the right shoulder. Knot of the sash worn on the left buttock.		N/A	
Gloves	Brown leather gloves				
Kilt	Government 1A tartan worn with central vertical line of the set running in line with buttons on the jacket and belt buckle. Dark horizontal line on cross of set is central between top of the sporran and bottom of the belt plate. The bottom of the apron should hang 1 inch above the centre of the knee.				
Kilt Rosettes	Officers and SNCO regimental green rosette pattern.			N/A	
Sporran and Badge	Brown leather purse and strap with SCOTS badge of crowned thistle.				All ranks.
Stockings, Lovat Hose	Lovat green hose to be worn with a four finger width turn down and for the top of the hose to sit three fingers width down from the side bone.				All ranks
Flashes	Scarlet flat 4 inch flashes worn with 2 inches on display with the forward edge of the flash in line with the centre of the shin bone.				All ranks.
Sgian Dubh	Regimental pattern with cap badge. Worn behind rear flash on the right leg.		N/A		
Shoes	Shoes, service, Scottish pattern, black brogue – highly polished.				
Accoutrements and Side Arms	Regimental cane for Officers only.	CSM with Pace Stick and the remaining ranks as directed.			RSM Pace Stick
Female Alternative	Female SCOTS pattern skirt, natural colour tights and female black service/ court shoes, to replace the male defence Supply issue of purse, kilt, brogues, hose and flashes.				Can choose to wear the same as males.

No2B Dress Non Ceremonial is to be worn for Battalion and Company drill parades, cadres, visits and inspections or as directed by the chain of command.



OFFICER



WO



CSM



SNCO



OR

Uniform	Officers/WO1	WOs	SNCOS	ORs	Remarks
Headdress	Glengarry and capbadge.				All ranks.
Service Dress Jacket	No2 Dress Scottish pattern. Khaki cloth, barathea.				No medals worn.
Rank Insignia	1 inch anodised gold Bath stars and St Edward's crowns with red cushion.	Khaki cloth with 3mm red backing.	Khaki cloth with 3mm red backing for CSgt crowns.	Khaki cloth for JNCO.	For Offrs, see Fig 2, page 62. WO1 rank insignia as per WO2 pattern.
Shirt and tie	SCOTS Officer pattern khaki shirt and issued braided khaki tie.	Issued khaki shirt and braided khaki tie.			
Collar Badges	SCOTS Officer pattern in bronze worn on lapels.	SCOTS other rank pattern in gilt worn on lapels.			Thistles to point outwards.
Cross Belt	Officers pattern Sam Browne.	N/A			
Waist Belt	As per Sam Browne	Brown leather sword belt for CSM. SCOTS pattern brown belt for WO2.	SCOTS pattern issued white plastic belt.		Less Officers, belts to include SCOTS pattern brass plate and capbadge.
Sash	N/A	Red issue SNCO sash worn over the right shoulder. Knot of the sash worn on the left buttock.		N/A	
Gloves	Brown leather gloves				
Trews	Issued Government 1A tartan trews, straight cut with belt loops. Worn with braces.				Officers may elect to buy Staff Trews.
Shoes	Shoes, service, Scottish pattern, black brogue – highly polished.				
Accoutrements and Side Arms	Regimental cane for Officers only.	CSM with Pace Stick and the remaining ranks as directed.			RSM Pace Stick
Female Alternative	Female cut trews, natural colour tights and female black service/court shoes.				Can choose to wear the same as males.

No2C Dress Non Ceremonial with Trews is to be worn on Battalion duties during cold weather at the discretion of Commanding Officers. It is to be worn by all ranks on Regimental duties at Retreat-Staff Parade after 1800 hrs.



OFFICER



WO



CSM



SNCO



OR

No3A DRESS:

REGULATIONS

No3 Dress is worn in tropical climates in lieu of No1 Dress. Unless stated below, the dress regulations for No1 Dress are to be adhered to:

Uniform	Officers/WO1	WOs	SNCOS	ORs	Remarks
Jacket Ceremonial	No3 Dress Scottish pattern jacket of a white lightweight material with detachable buttons. Worn in tropical climates in lieu of No1 Dress jacket. No medal ribbons to be attached to this jacket.				All ranks in No3A Dress.
Gloves	No gloves to be worn				
Female Alternative	A female SCOTS pattern skirt, natural colour tights and female black service/court shoes to replace the male defence Supply issue of sporran, kilt, brogues, hose and spats.				Can choose to wear the same as males.

ILLUSTRATIONS



No4 Dress is worn by Officers in tropical climates in lieu of No2 Dress. Unless stated below, the dress regulations for No2A, No2B and No2C Dress are to be adhered to:

Uniform	Officers/WO1	Remarks
Jacket Ceremonial	No4 Dress Scottish Officer pattern jacket of stone colour lightweight material with detachable buttons. Worn by Officers in tropical climates in lieu of No2 Dress jacket.	Officers in No4A, No4B and 4C Dress.
Gloves	No gloves to be worn	

ILLUSTRATIONS



Officer

No6 Dress is worn by all ranks in tropical climates in lieu of No2 Dress. Unless stated below, the dress regulations for No2A, No2B and No2C Dress are to be adhered to:

Uniform	WOs	SNCOS	ORs	Remarks
Jacket Ceremonial	No6 Dress Scottish pattern jacket of stone colour lightweight material with detachable buttons. Worn by other ranks in tropical climates in lieu of No2 Dress jacket.			Other ranks in No6A, No6B and 6C Dress.
Shirt	Issued T-shirt to be worn or as directed.			
Gloves	No gloves to be worn			

ILLUSTRATIONS



No6 Dress Jacket

Uniform	Officers/WO1	WOs	SNCOS	ORs	Remarks
Headdress	Khaki Balmoral with capbadge.		Khaki Tam O' Shanter with capbadge.		Worn pulled down on the front right.
Hackles	Scottish single standard pattern worn behind the capbadge. The colour of the hackle worn is dependent on the location and position identifier assigned to a soldier: 2 SCOTS - White 3 SCOTS - Red 4 SCOTS - Blue BAK Coy - Green 6 SCOTS - Black 7 SCOTS - Black Soldiers on external postings are to wear the Black Regimental hackle. The Black Regimental Hackle is also to be worn in headdress by the following cohort:- Officers of Col rank and above, Regimental Lt Col, Regimental Command Sergeant Major and the SCOTS Regimental Military Band.				
Tartan Patch	A Government 1A tartan patch (63mm x 63mm) is to be worn on the left side of the headdress with dark horizontal line in the centre of the patch and the vertical darker shade of tartan to the rear of the patch.				See Fig 3, page 62
Tactical Recognition Flash	The Tactical Recognition Flash (TRF) depicts the Lion Rampant on the Saltire and is worn on the upper right arm. TRF with colours blue/gold/white is for wear with shirts. TRF with colours green/black (subdued) is for wear with jackets.				TRF subdued is worn on all MTP when on field training or on operational duty.
Rank Insignia	Cloth embroidered Bath Star and St Edwards Crown with a 3mm red backing worn on a plain olive green SCOTS embossed rank slide.	Plain olive green SCOTS embossed rank slide. For WO1 and WOs in MTP SSO, a gilt badge on Government No1 tartan wrist band is to be worn when in barracks.			See Fig 4, page 62. See Fig 5, page 62. WO1 rank insignia as per WO2 pattern.
Military Terrain Pattern Jacket, Shirt and Trousers.	The standard issue Military Terrain Pattern (MTP) clothing is worn by all ranks. Issued T-Shirt is worn with all MTP variants.				
Belts	The Government 1A Tartan stable belt is worn with MTP shirt and trousers. The stable belt buckle is worn on the left side and the central light coloured tartan line is positioned in the centre of the body. A standard military pattern green belt is worn when wearing the MTP jacket.				
Gloves	Standard issue gloves worn when required.				
Boots Combat	Standard military pattern issued combat boots.				
Accoutrements and Side Arms	As directed by the chain of command.				

Note 1

Name Badges. It is not regimental policy to wear name badges on MTP, but battalions must adhere to the dress policy of their parent formation which may require them to wear name badges.

Note 2

Jumper Utility. While in barracks it is acceptable to wear an issued olive drab jersey with MTP clothing.

No8 Dress Combat Order is to be worn in barracks, on field training and operations as directed by Commanding Officers, Officers Commanding and Detachment Commanders.



Officer

OR

WO



Officer



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Officer



OR

Uniform	Officers/WO1	WOs and SNCOS	Remarks
Headress	Glengarry with capbadge	N/A	Offrs/WO1s.
Jacket Mess Dress and Buttons	Scarlet refine doeskin with roll collar. Dark blue coloured quilted silk on lapels. Plain dark blue coloured silk round collar. White piping 1/8 inch wide edge around the jacket. Dark blue refine doeskin gauntlet cuff with white piping. Rear cuff fly with 4 small mounted Regimental buttons. Four small mounted Regimental buttons with button holes down jacket front. Lined with dark blue and cream coloured art quilted silk. One inside pocket. No collar badges.	Scarlet refine doeskin jacket. with roll collar. Dark blue superfine roll collar and gauntlet cuff. Three small mounted Regimental buttons on rear of cuff. Three small mounted Regimental buttons with button holes down jacket front. No piping. One inside pocket. No collar badges.	Miniature medals worn at all times.
Rank Insignia	Twisted gold shoulder cords with embroidered thistle at base. Small embroidered rank stars and crowns with red cushion.	Gold cloth badges and chevrons with dark blue backing.	For Offrs, see Fig 6, page 62. WO1 rank insignia as per WO2 pattern.
Mess Waistcoat	Dark blue refined cloth with roll collar, edged all round with gold piping. Pockets decorated with gold braiding. Four small mounted Regimental buttons with button holes down waistcoat front.	Government 1A tartan with dark blue rayon back and strap buckle. 'V' front without collar. Three small mounted Regimental buttons with button holes down waistcoat front. Pockets not decorated and no piping.	
Shirt and Bow Tie	White Marcella shirt, white buttons or black onyx studs and soft collar. Black bow tie.		
Sash	Crimson issue sash worn by duty Officer. Under the jackets but over the waistcoat.	Red sash worn by duty SNCO. Under the jackets but over the waistcoat	Orderly Officer and SNCO
Kilt	Government 1A tartan worn with central vertical line of the set running in line with buttons on the jacket and belt buckle. Dark horizontal line on cross of set is central between top of the sporran and bottom of the belt plate. The bottom of the apron should hang 1 inch above the centre of the knee.		
Kilt Rosettes	Officers and SNCO regimental green rosette pattern.		
Sporran	White hair, two black tassels, brass effect cantle and white belt. The top of the cantle should sit one hands width from the bottom of the belt plate.		Not to be trimmed.
Full Stockings Ball Hose	Full length stockings of black and red dicing with the centre of the dicing running down the shin bone. The top of the hose to sit three fingers width down from the side bone.		
Flashes	Scarlet flat 4 inch flashes worn with forward edge of the flash in line with the centre of the dice and in line with the shin bone. The lowest part of the flash is worn in line with the bottom of the second dice on the Ball Hose.		
Sgian Dubh	Regimental pattern with cap badge. Worn behind rear flash on the right leg.		Officers and WOs only.
Shoes	Buckled evening highland shoes.		
Accoutrements and Side Arms	Regimental cane for Officers only.	N/A	
Female Alternative	A female cut mess dress jacket with SCOTS officers/SNCO style bib and SCOTS pattern tartan long skirt and black court shoes to replace the male defence supply issue of sporran, kilt, buckled brogues and hose.		Can choose to wear the same as males.

No10A MESS DRESS

ILLUSTRATIONS

No.10A Mess Dress is to be worn at State and Regimental Dinners, Summer Balls and all formal Regimental mess functions.



Officer



SNCO

Uniform	Officers/WO1	WOs/SNCOS	JNCO	Remarks
Headdress	Glengarry with capbadge	N/A		Offrs/WO1s.
Jacket Mess Dress and Buttons	Scarlet refine doeskin with roll collar. Dark blue coloured quilted silk on lapels. Plain dark blue coloured silk round collar. White piping 1/8 inch wide edge around the jacket. Dark blue refine doeskin gauntlet cuff with white piping. Rear cuff fly with 4 small mounted Regimental buttons. Four small mounted Regimental buttons with button holes down jacket front. Lined with dark blue and cream coloured art quilted silk. One inside pocket. No collar badges.	Scarlet refine doeskin jacket. with roll collar. Dark blue superfine roll collar and gauntlet cuff. Three small mounted Regimental buttons on rear of cuff. Three small mounted Regimental buttons with button holes down jacket front. No piping. One inside pocket. No collar badges.		Miniature medals worn at all times.
Rank Insignia	Twisted gold shoulder cords with embroidered thistle at base. Small embroidered rank stars and crowns with red cushion.	Gold cloth badges and chevrons with dark blue backing.		For Offrs, see Fig 6, page 62. WO1 rank insignia as per WO2 pattern.
Mess Waistcoat	Dark blue refined cloth with roll collar, edged all round with gold piping. Pockets decorated with gold braiding. Four small mounted Regimental buttons with button holes down waistcoat front.	Government 1A tartan with dark blue rayon back and strap buckle. 'V' front without collar. Three small mounted Regimental buttons with button holes down waistcoat front. Pockets not decorated and no piping.	N/A	
Cummerbund	N/A		Regimental dark blue silk cummerbund in lieu of waistcoat	
Shirt and Bow Tie	White Marcella shirt, white buttons or black onyx studs and soft collar. Black bow tie. Wing collars shirts are acceptable for JNCOs only.			
Sash	Crimson issue sash worn by duty Officer. Under the jackets but over the waistcoat.	Red sash worn by duty SNCO. Under the jackets but over the waistcoat	N/A	Orderly Officer and Orderly SNCO.
Trews	Issued Government 1A tartan trews, straight cut with belt loops. Worn with braces.			
	Black or navy blue.			
Shoes	George boots	Shoes, service, Scottish pattern, black brogue – highly polished.		WOs, SNCO and JNCOs may elect to wear George boots.
Female Alternative	Officers/NCOs to wear female cut trews and black court shoes. Female cut Mess jackets and rank specific SCOTS bibs are to be worn.			Can choose to wear the same as males.

No10B Mess Undress is to be worn at informal mess functions and sporting events such as Regimental Boxing nights and as directed by Commanding Officers.



Officer



SNCO





JNCO

No11A, 11B DRESS:

REGULATIONS

No11 Dress is worn in tropical climates in **lieu** of No10 Dress. Unless stated below, the dress regulations for No10A and No10B Dress are to be adhered to:

Uniform	Officers/WO1	WOs	SNCOS	JNCO	Remarks
Jacket	No11 Dress Scottish pattern jacket of a white lightweight material with detachable buttons. Worn in tropical climates in lieu of No10 Dress jacket.				
Ceremonial					
Mess Waistcoat or Cummerbund	For Officers and SNCOs, a Regimental dark blue silk cummerbund can if required, be worn in lieu of a waistcoat.				

ILLUSTRATIONS



Officer



JNCO



SNCO



Uniform	Officers/WO1	WOs and SNCO	ORs	Remarks
Headdress	Glengarry and capbadge.			All ranks.
Jersey	Regimental Pattern		Issued Jumper Utility, olive drab, round neck.	No medals worn.
Rank Insignia	Cloth embroidered Bath Star and St Edwards Crown with a 3mm red backing worn on a plain olive green rank slide.	Khaki cloth with 3mm red backing for WO and CSgt crown. Sgt as per JNCO.	Khaki cloth for JNCO.	For Ofprs, see Fig 7 page 62. WO1 rank insignia as per WO2 pattern.
Shirt and tie	SCOTS Officer pattern khaki shirt and issued braided khaki tie.	Issued khaki shirt and braided khaki tie.		
Kilt	Government 1A tartan worn with central vertical line of the set running in line with buttons on the jacket and belt buckle. Dark horizontal line on cross of set is central between top of the sporran and bottom of the belt plate. The bottom of the apron should hang 1 inch above the centre of the knee.			
Kilt Rosettes	Officers and SNCO regimental green rosette pattern.		N/A	
Sporran and Badge	Brown leather purse and strap with SCOTS badge of crowned thistle.			All ranks.
Stockings, Lovat Hose	Lovat green hose to be worn with a four finger width turn down and for the top of the hose to sit three fingers width down from the side bone.			All ranks
Flashes	Scarlet flat 4 inch flashes worn with 2 inches on display with the forward edge of the flash in line with the centre of the shin bone.			All ranks.
Sgian Dubh	Regimental pattern with cap badge. Worn behind rear flash on the right leg.		N/A	Officers and WOs only
Shoes	Shoes, service, Scottish pattern, black brogue – highly polished.			
Accoutrements and Side Arms	Regimental cane for Officers only.	CSM with Pace Stick. Remaining ranks as directed.		RSM Pace Stick.
Female Altrnative	Female SCOTS pattern skirt, natural colour tights and female black service/court shoes to replace the male defence supply issue of purse, kilt, brogues and hose.			Can choose to wear the same as males.

No13A Barrack Dress is to be worn as routine dress for all ranks in barracks as directed by Commanding Officers.



Officer



WO



SNCO



OR

Uniform	Officers/WO1	WOs and SNCO	ORs	Remarks
Headdress	Glengarry and capbadge.			All ranks.
Jersey	Regimental pattern.		Jumper Utility.	
Rank Insignia	As per No 13A Barrack Dress			
Shirt and tie	As per No 13A Barrack Dress			
Trews	Issued Government 1A tartan trews, straight cut with belt loops. Braces worn.			
Shoes	Shoes, service, Scottish pattern, black brogue – highly polished.			
Accoutrements and Side Arms	Regimental cane for Officers only.	CSM with Pace Stick. Remaining ranks as directed.		RSM Pace Stick.
Female Alternative	Officers/NCOs to wear female cut trews and court shoes.			Can choose to wear the same as males.

ILLUSTRATIONS



WO



Officer



SNCO



OR

Uniform	Officers/WO1	WOs	SNCOS	ORs	Remarks
Headdress	Glengarry, capbadge and Blackcock feather with white feathers facing to the rear of the badge				All ranks.
Shirt	Regimental pattern, warm weather blue shirt.		Issued khaki shirt.		
Rank Insignia	1 inch anodised gold Bath stars and St Edward's crowns with red cushion.	Gilt badge on Government No1 tartan wrist band.	Khaki cloth chevrons sewn directly onto shirt.		WO1 rank insignia as per WO2 pattern. See Fig 5, page 62.
Cross Belt	Officers pattern Sam Browne.	N/A			
Waist Belt	As per Sam Browne	SCOTS pattern issued white plastic belt with brass plate and capbadge. White bayonet frog worn when rifles are carried.			
Sash	N/A	Red issue SNCO sash worn over the right shoulder. Knot of the sash worn on the right buttock.		N/A	
Gloves	N/A				
Kilt	Government 1A tartan worn with central vertical line of the set running in line with buttons on the jacket and belt buckle. Dark horizontal line on cross of set is central between top of the sporran and bottom of the belt plate. The bottom of the apron should hang 1 inch above the centre of the knee.				
Kilt Rosettes	Officers and SNCO regimental green rosette pattern.			N/A	
Sporran	White hair, two black tassels, brass effect cantle and white belt. The top of the cantle should sit one hands width from the bottom of the belt plate.				Not to be trimmed.
Stockings, Footless	Stockings, footless, tartan (red and black dicing). The highest point of the top dice is worn three fingers width from the side of the knee bone. Three dice are to be on show above the top of the gaiters.				See page 60
Flashes	Scarlet flat 4 inch flashes worn with forward edge of the flash in line with the centre of the dice and in line with the shin bone. The lowest part of the flash is worn in line with the bottom of the second visible dice on the hose top.				
Gaiters	Gaiter, Scottish pattern, white canvas with eight black buttons worn on the outside of the leg. Black leather strap under instep secured by two black buttons on each side.				
Sgian Dubh	Regimental pattern with cap badge. Worn behind rear flash on the right leg.		N/A		
Shoes	Shoes, service, Scottish pattern, black brogue – highly polish.				
Accoutrements and Side Arms	Broad sword with full basket and leather scabbard.	Pace Stick or Rifle and bayonet. As directed for the ceremonial occasion.			WO1 accoutrement dependant on appointment.
Female Alternative	A female SCOTS pattern skirt natural colour tights and female black service/court shoes to replace the male defence Supply issue of sporran, kilt, brogues, hose and spats.				Can choose to wear the same as males.

No14A Dress Ceremonial, Shirt Sleeve Order is worn during hot weather as directed by the Commanding Officer for ceremonial and formal occasions such as Guards of Honour and Quarter Guards.



Officer



OR



WO



SNCO

No14B BARRACK DRESS

SHIRT SLEEVE ORDER REGULATIONS

Uniform	Officers/WO1	WOs	SNCOS	ORs	Remarks
Headdress	Glengarry and capbadge.				All ranks.
Shirt	Regimental pattern, warm weather blue shirt.		Issued khaki shirt.		
Rank Insignia	1 inch anodised gold Bath stars and St Edward's crowns with red cushion.	Gilt badge on Government No1 tartan wrist band.	Khaki cloth chevrons sewn directly onto shirt.		WO1 rank insignia as per WO2 pattern. See Fig 5, page 62.
Waist Belt	SCOTS pattern brown belt. Brown leather sword belt for those in CSM appointment.		SCOTS pattern issued white plastic belt.		Belts to include SCOTS pattern brass plate and capbadge.
Sash	N/A	Sash worn when directed		N/A	
Kilt	Government 1A tartan worn with central vertical line of the set running in line with buttons on the jacket and belt buckle. Dark horizontal line on cross of set is central between top of the sporran and bottom of the belt plate. The bottom of the apron should hang 1 inch above the centre of the knee.				
Kilt Rosettes	Officers and SNCO regimental green rosette pattern.			N/A	
Sporran and Badge	Brown leather purse and strap with SCOTS badge of crowned thistle.				All ranks.
Stockings, Lovat Hose	Lovat green hose to be worn with a four finger width turn down and for the top of the hose to sit three fingers width down from the side bone.				All ranks
Flashes	Scarlet flat 4 inch flashes worn with 2 inches on display with the forward edge of the flash in line with the centre of the shin bone.				All ranks.
Sgian Dubh	Regimental pattern with cap badge. Worn behind rear flash on the right leg.		N/A		
Shoes	Shoes, service, Scottish pattern, black brogue – highly polished.				
Accoutrements and Side Arms	Regimental cane for Officers only.	CSM with Pace Stick and the remaining ranks as directed.			
Female Alternative	Female SCOTS pattern skirt, natural colour tights and female black service/court shoes to replace the male defence supply issue of purse, kilt, brogues and hose.				Can choose to wear the same as males.

No14B BARRACK DRESS

SHIRT SLEEVE ORDER
ILLUSTRATIONS

No 14B Barrack Dress Shirt Sleeve Order is worn as routine dress for all ranks in barracks during hot weather as directed by Commanding Officers.



Officer



WO



CSM



SNCO



OR

No14C BARRACK DRESS TREWS SHIRT SLEEVE ORDER REGULATIONS

Uniform	Officers/WO1	WOs	SNCOS	ORs	Remarks
Headdress	Glengarry and capbadge.				All ranks.
Shirt	Regimental pattern, warm weather blue shirt.		Issued khaki shirt.		
Rank Insignia	1 inch anodised gold Bath stars and St Edward's crowns with red cushion.	Gilt badge on Government No1 tartan wrist band.	Khaki cloth chevrons sewn directly onto shirt.		WO1 rank insignia as per WO2 pattern. See Fig 5, page 62.
Waist Belt	SCOTS pattern brown belt. Brown leather sword belt for those in CSM appointment.		SCOTS pattern issued white plastic belt or SCOTS pattern stable belt when directed.		Belts to include SCOTS pattern brass plate and capbadge.
Sash	N/A	Sash worn when directed		N/A	
Trews	Issued Government 1A tartan trews, straight cut with belt loops.				Officers may elect to buy Staff Trews.
Shoes	Shoes, service, Scottish pattern, black brogue – highly polished.				
Accoutrements and Side Arms	Regimental cane for Officers only.	CSM with Pace Stick and the remaining ranks as directed.			
Female Alternative	Officers/NCOs to wear female cut trews, natural colour tights and court shoes.				Can choose to wear the same as males.

No14C BARRACK DRESS TREWS SHIRT SLEEVE ORDER

ILLUSTRATIONS

No 14C Barrack Dress Shirt Sleeve Order is worn as routine dress for all ranks in barracks during hot weather as directed by Commanding Officers.



Officer



WO



CSM



SNCO



OR

Uniform	Officers/WO1	Remarks
Headdress	Glengarry, capbadge.	
Jacket	SCOTS Patrol pattern jacket. Quadruple box pleats on the back running vertically down the jacket spine. Fifteen small mounted Regimental buttons in total, including 3 on each cuff	Medal ribbons only.
Rank Insignia	1 inch anodised gold Bath stars and St Edward's crowns with red cushion.	See Fig 2, page 62.
Shirt	White collarless with gold cufflinks	
Collar Badges	N/A	
Sash	Crimson Silk sash worn over left shoulder when Duty Officer. Knot of the sash worn on right buttock.	
Gloves	White cotton issued gloves	
Trews	Issued Government 1A tartan trews, straight cut with belt loops. Braces worn.	Officers may elect to buy Staff Trews.
Gloves	White cotton issued gloves.	
Shoes	George boots	
Accoutrements and Side Arms	Regimental cane for Officers and where appropriate, pace stick for WO1s.	
Female Alternative	Female SCOTS pattern trews, natural colour tights and female black service/court shoes.	Can choose to wear the same as males.

No 15 Dress Blue Patrol is worn by Field and Orderly Officers on duty after Retreat at 1800 hours, whilst patrolling coy lines and at Tattoo. WO1s are to wear this order of dress when supervising battalion duties and at informal mess events.



Officer

The blue/grey greatcoat is worn over ceremonial orders of dress in winter months only or as required by the ceremonial occasion. Unless stated below, the dress regulations for No1A Dress are to be adhered to:

Uniform	Officers/WO1	WOs and SNCO	ORs	Remarks
Greatcoat	Officers pattern blue/grey double breasted greatcoat.	ORs pattern blue/grey single breasted greatcoat.		SCOTS buttons
Rank Insignia	As per No2A Dress (less WO1).	As per colour and size of Household Division pattern. Worn on right arm only.		
Waistbelt	As per No1A Dress.	SCOTS pattern white belt and buckle worn outside the greatcoat.		

ILLUSTRATIONS



Officer



OR

Stocking, Footless, Diced Hose

When wearing ceremonial dress, diced hose are worn showing three diamonds above the top of the gaiter, this includes the turn down of the hose. Tall men may show four diamonds above the top of the gaiter in exceptional cases when the hose appears too short. The centre of the front diamond is to run down the shin bone. The top of the hose is to be three fingers width below the knee bone on the side of the leg.

Scarlet Four Inch Flash

The flash is to be worn with the forward edge of the flash in line with the shin bone and the centre of the front diamond. The bottom of the flash is to be in line with the bottom of the second diamond.

When wearing the 4 inch flash with Lovat hose only 2 inches of flash should be displayed below the bottom of the turn down. The forward edge of the flash is to run down the centre of the shin bone. The turn down on Lovat Hose should be 3 inches / four fingers width.

Sgian Dubh

The Sgian-dubh is to be worn on the right leg directly behind the rear flash with the handle visible.



UNIFORM POLICY - MISCELLANY

WO1s

Are to wear officer pattern uniform and accoutrements less rank insignia.

Regimental Duty Staff

Are to wear arm brassards designated 'RDS' in all forms of Regimental Dress less No1 Dress or as directed.

Antecedent Dress

Pipers and Drummers are to wear the uniform of their respective antecedent Regiment in all forms of ceremonial dress (No1, No2, No3 and No14 Dress) less cap badge and buttons which are to be of SCOTS pattern. The exception to antecedent dress policy is in No14 Dress, when the SCOTS Officers pattern blue shirt is to be worn on all occasions. In all other forms of dress, Pipers and Drummers wear the uniform of The Royal Regiment of Scotland.

Detailed dress policy for Pipers, Drummers and Bandsmen is covered in Part 2 to these Dress Regulations.

Colonel Rank and Above

General Staff Dress Regulations takes precedence, unless the officer is engaged in a Regimental representative role. In General Staff Barrack Dress or No8 Dress, SCOTS Headdress and rank insignia should be worn.

Decorations and Medals

Decorations and medals are to be court mounted and should be worn as follows:

No1 Dress - Decorations and medals are to be worn but ribbons should not be sewn onto No.1 Dress jackets, unless being invested with an award or decoration.

No2 Dress - Decorations and medals worn in ceremonial dress and ribbons sewn to jacket above left breast pocket.

No14 Dress - Decorations and medals are not worn in shirt sleeve order and medal ribbons are not displayed.

No15 Dress - Medal ribbons are to be displayed on Blue Patrol but medals should not be worn.

Qualification and Trade Badges

Qualification and Trade Badges are to be worn on No.2 Dress jackets by eligible personnel as directed in Defence Log Framework. These qualification badges are to be worn as issued with no red piping.

Wearing of Poppies

Remembrance Day Poppies are to be worn by all ranks in uniform from 1st to 12th November annually. In No8 Dress, the poppy is to be worn pinned to the left breast above the breast pocket. In all other forms of dress, the poppy is to be worn in head dress. The poppy is to remain whole and the stem secured behind the pin that holds the crown on the cap badge.

Turbans

The Regiment has 2 x colours of Turban; one dark blue in colour akin to the Glengarry for ceremonial and barrack dress and the other is khaki in colour akin to the ToS for No8 Dress (MTP). Both outer and keski (inner turban) are to be of the same colour. The SCOTS badge is to be worn front centre of the Turban with the issue hackle worn behind the cap badge when in No8 Dress. The Blackcock feather is not worn in ceremonial dress. Each individual is entitled to 3 x turbans to be procured at public expense.



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3



Fig 4



Fig 5



Fig 6



Fig 7

THE HISTORY OF OUR UNIFORM

Capbadge

The Regimental capbadge is made up of the Saltire (silver diagonal cross taken from the National Arms of Scotland) the Lion Rampant (from the Royal Arms of Scotland) the Crown of Scotland (as housed in Edinburgh Castle) and the Regimental Motto: 'Nemo Me Impune Lacessit' (Latin for 'No one provokes me with impunity').

Tartan

Tartan was first worn in the British Army when the Highland regiments were raised. The normal uniform was the Government or 42nd tartan (Black Watch). But as the Highland regiments proliferated, they sought to encourage their individual identities by introducing differences into the Government tartan. The Regiment wears the Government 1A tartan.

Tartan Belt

The Regimental tartan belt is worn with MTP. The buckle is worn to the left and rear. The lighter green stripe is central as with the kilt.

Glengarry

The Glengarry was introduced to the British Army by Lieutenant Colonel The Hon Lauderdale Maule as Commanding Officer of the 79th. It was a practical and popular form of bonnet which soon became the undress wear in the Highland Regiments and by the 1870s was worn by all the Lowland and many English and Welsh line regiments.

The Regiment wears the green, white and red dicing previously worn by the Royal Scots, Kings Own Scottish Borderers, Royal Scots Fusiliers, Royal Highland Fusiliers, Seaforth Highlanders and Gordon Highlanders. It is worn at an angle slightly down on the right.

Tam O'Shanter

When the Scottish regiments went to war in 1914 they wore the Glengarry, but it was found to be so impractical for trench warfare that many soldiers took to wearing a balaclava instead. In 1915 a flat highland bonnet was introduced to replace the Glengarry. At first there was a wide variety of styles and colours. The term Tam O'Shanter was introduced by the War Office for the older term Balmoral. The Regiment wears the khaki Tam O'Shanter with a square patch of Government 1A tartan, the Regimental badge and a battalion hackle. The badge and hackle can be removed on training or operations, if demanded by camouflage

THE HISTORY OF OUR UNIFORM

The Hackles

The hackle (or “Vulture’s feather” as it was termed) was originally an aid to identification in battle. Different coloured hackles were used to identify companies: white hackle for right of the line Grenadier companies, green for Light companies, red and white for Line companies in the centre.

Black Hackle

The black hackle can claim its heritage from the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) uniform which goes back to at least the pre-World War 1 era when the hackle appears on solar helmets. Black plumes were worn on the 1881 rifles shakos, and it’s said that this heritage can go back as far as Marlborough’s time in the early 1700’s but at that time black hackles were widely worn and not just by the 26th Regiment of Foot.

On formation of the Regiment in 2006, the 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots Borderers (1 SCOTS) were granted authority to wear the black hackle. When 1 SCOTS became 1 RANGER in November 2021, the black hackle was adopted as the Regimental hackle and is now worn by all ranks from 6 & 7 SCOTS and those not serving at Regimental Duty.

White Hackle

The white hackle worn by 2 SCOTS was inherited from the Royal Highland Fusiliers in 2006. The hackle/plume was a standard colour worn by grenadiers and fusiliers and originates from the Royal Scots Fusiliers who wore it from 1768 to 1866. It was restored to the regiment in 1902 to mark its distinguished service during the South African War of 1899-1902.

Red Hackle

There are a number of stories relating to the origin of the red hackle worn by 3 SCOTS. The most prominent relates to an action of the 42nd at Geldermalsen on 5th January 1795. Later that year, on the King’s Birthday there was a parade at Royston, Hertfordshire, when a Red Hackle was distributed to every man on parade.

Whilst the 42nd certainly wore a red hackle as early as 1776, it was not until 1822 that an order from the Adjutant-General confirmed that only the 42nd would have the privilege of wearing the Red Vulture feather in their bonnets. Red Hackle Day is still celebrated by 3 SCOTS on or about the 5th January.

Blue Hackle

The blue hackle worn by 4 SCOTS originates from a visit to the The Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders in France in December 1939 by King George VI when he gave permission to wear a royal blue hackle in their bonnets.

Green Hackle

5 SCOTS were granted permission to wear the green hackle on formation of the Regiment and this tradition is now carried forward to Balaklava Company.

THE HISTORY OF OUR UNIFORM

Tactical Recognition Flash (TRF)

The tactical recognition flash worn on the upper right arm of combat shirts and jackets is based on the cap badge and consists of the Lion Rampant superimposed on the Saltire.

The Kilt

The Highland regiments wore the kilt when they were initially raised. However, the 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th and 91st were removed from the Highland establishment in 1809 and did not become kilted again until 1881. The 71st and 74th did not resume wearing the kilt until it was returned to the Highland Light Infantry in 1948. The Royal Regiment of Scotland wears the kilt as its principal form of barrack and ceremonial dress.

Trews

Tartan trews (from the Gaelic 'triubhas') were first authorised for use in undress uniform by kilted regiments in 1830. Trews were worn as the principal dress of lowland regiments from the 19th century. Trews have always been treated as a convenient and comfortable form of barrack dress. The Regiment wears trews as an undress uniform and after Retreat when on duty.

Sporrans

In the early days of the Highland regiments, the sporran was a simple and useful purse ('sporran' is Gaelic for purse) made of goatskin or leather. After the Napoleonic Wars the sporran became more elaborate with metal top (cantle) and decorative tassels. The sporran worn by the Regiment has origins in sporrans worn by a number of our antecedent regiments.

Diced Hose

Red and white diced hose were worn by highland regiments since their earliest days. The Regiment wears red and black diced hose which were first worn by the 42nd and 92nd in the mid 19th century.

Lovat Hose

In the First World War khaki hose tops were introduced to replace the diced hose which were difficult to keep clean in the trenches. They continued to be worn by Highland regiments until after the second World War when hose of Lovat green were adopted for wear with the kilt in non-ceremonial dress.

THE HISTORY OF OUR UNIFORM

Spats

Gaiters were originally called '*Spatterdash*' a name which was shortened over the centuries to the now familiar '*Spats*'. They were worn by all infantry regiments from the 17th century onwards and were designed to protect the soldier's hose and to prevent stones and mud getting into the shoes. The original shoes were not made for left and right feet but designed for either feet. Spats were variously white, black, grey and khaki. White linen spats were issued in 1818 and have changed little since then. The Regiment wears spats with black buttons, which originate from the 92nd Highlanders.

Sgian Dubh

The sgian dubh (Gaelic for black knife) is not a weapon. It came into fashion with civilian highland dress in about 1820. Officers and pipers of Highland regiments started wearing the sgian dubh from about 1840 when uniforms were becoming increasingly ornamental. It is worn by all officers, warrant officers and pipers of The Royal Regiment of Scotland.

Dirk

Dirk is an old Scottish name for a short dagger. It was originally made from the blade of an old or broken sword which was sharpened and fitted to a dagger hilt. In medieval times it was carried in the hand of the arm holding the shield and was used in conjunction with the sword. Over the years dirks have become extremely ornate and are treasured family heirlooms.

All proposed amendments to or observations for Dress Regulations should be staffed through unit Adjutants to Regimental Headquarters.

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