

270 LOVAT SERVICE DRESS AND ALL-PURPOSE SHIRT

1. Approval has been given for the introduction of lovat service dress and the khaki all-purpose shirt. It is expected that issues will start by April, 1964.

2. Lovat Service Dress will be made from both a wool worsted and a serge material. The former will be used for officers and for the other ranks better suit, the latter for the other ranks second suit. Lovat Service dress will be worn on occasions of minor ceremonial, by dutymen and sentries, for walking out and on normal occasions of work and drill in place of the present second blue suit and khaki battledress. The present blue uniform will be worn on important ceremonial occasions. The Band service will continue to wear their blue cloth tunic. There will be no future requirement for blue serge trousers in the basic compulsory kit of other ranks. Revised dress regulations will be promulgated defining the dresses and occasions on which they are to be worn.

3. Scales of issue of the new items on entry will be:—
- a. **Officers** (1) 2 suits lovat service dress in worsted material.
(2) 4 khaki all-purpose shirts.
 - b. **Other Ranks** (1) 1 suit lovat service dress in worsted material.
(2) 1 suit lovat service dress in serge material.
(3) 4 khaki all-purpose shirts.
4. The scales at paragraph 3 above will apply to Officers and other ranks who are serving at the time of introduction, but the changes will probably be implemented over a period of 2 years. The present intention is for:—
- a. **Officers** (1) To be given an allowance, based on reputable tailors average cost of service dress, with which to provide from the tailor of their choice one suit of worsted lovat service dress.
(2) To provide themselves with a second suit of worsted lovat service dress during the transition period in place of the second blue suit and khaki battledress.
(3) To replace in the normal course of kit maintenance during the transition period the present khaki shirts by all-purpose shirts. The number of white shirts and collars to be maintained will also be reduced.
 - b. **Other Ranks** (1) To be provided gratuitously with a suit of lovat worsted service dress.
(2) During the transition period to provide in the normal course of kit replacement, a second lovat service dress. At the same time the need to maintain the second blue suit and khaki battledress will lapse. Men who prefer to provide themselves with a second lovat worsted suit instead of a serge will be allowed to do so.
(3) Replace in the normal course of kit maintenance from KUA the present khaki flannel and cellular shirts by all-purpose shirts.
5. The buttons and ornaments on the lovat tunic will be in bronze, as will beret badges and officers badges of ranks. Changes in ornaments and rank badges and other minor adjustments to the kit scales for officers and other ranks serving at the time of introduction will be paid for by the individual out of the maintenance allowances for kit. Rank and SQ badges for wear on the lovat uniform will be gold on green. SQ badges will be compulsory on the better suit only; GCBs will not be worn on this uniform. As the changes progress SQ badges will be omitted from wear on blue uniforms, but Gold on Scarlet rank badges and GCBs will continue to be worn on this dress.
6. The RMFVR is not affected by these changes.