

CHAPTER 5  
CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

**Chaplains commissioned in the Royal Air Force**

0501. **Initial outfitting.** Chaplains are outfitted on the basis outlined for other RAF officers in Chap 6. Variations of outfitting scale and allowances are stated in RAF GAI 6021.

0502. **Uniform distinguishing insignia.**

- a. *Hat badge* (Plate 47). The hat badge consists of a crown surmounting a Maltese cross in black metal with gilded wings and 'RAF' in wreath superimposed over the centre of the cross. This badge is worn on the SD hat by all chaplains.
- b. *Branch badge* (Plate 48). The Maltese cross element of the hat badge is worn in pairs as lapel badges as follows:
  - (1) On jackets of Nos 1, 2 and 6 Dress the base of the badge is to be centred 1 in (2.5 cm) above the inner end of the step opening of the collar. The upright of the cross should be parallel with the inside (rolled) edge and midway between the inside and outside edges of the collar.
  - (2) On jackets of Nos 5 and 8 Dress the top of the badge is to be  $\frac{1}{4}$  in (6 mm) below the inner end of the collar step opening. The upright of the cross is to be parallel with the inside (rolled) edge and midway between it and the outside edge of the collar.

A single branch badge is to be worn with the jersey, shirt-sleeve and bush jacket orders of dress as described in para 0504.

- c. *Chaplains' scarf.* Enlarged embroidered versions of the hat badge are positioned on the scarf as illustrated in Plate 53.

**Honorary Chaplains to the Sovereign**

0503. With uniform orders of dress, honorary Chaplains to the Sovereign wear aiguillettes and shoulder devices, as prescribed in Chap 8. Additional entitlements are as follows:

- a. A special gilt badge consisting of the Royal Cypher and Crown within a laurel wreath (illustrated on the scarf in Plate 53). When conducting religious services this badge is worn below decorations, medals or medal ribbons, on the left side of the scarf and on academic or ordinary clerical dress.
- b. *A red cassock.* Honorary Chaplains may continue to wear this after the relinquishment of the appointment.

The standard version of the badge described in a above may continue to be worn by former honorary Chaplains to the Sovereign, consecrated bishops, or those installed as deans or provosts. A miniature version of the badge may be worn by other former honorary Chaplains to the Sovereign.

**Orders of dress**

0504. Chaplains are to conform with the order of dress regulations in Chap 2, subject to the following variations:

- a. *No 1 Dress.* A clerical collar with a spade stock (not double collar) is to be worn with a blue shirt at all times.
- b. *No 2 Dress.* As for No 1 Dress.
- c. *No 2A Dress.* A clerical collar with a spade stock (not double collar) or a blue shirt and black tie may be worn with the shirt collar inside the jersey. The branch brooch is to be worn on the right shoulder patch of the jersey.
- d. *No 2B Dress.* The branch brooch is to be worn on the right breast of the shirt. In circumstances where the tunic is worn for brief periods during the day it may be worn over No 2B Dress.

- e. *No 4 Dress.* As for No 1 Dress but with white shirts.
- f. *No 5 Dress.* A white shirt with vest stock with double collar. A cummerbund is not to be worn.
- g. *No 6 Dress.* A white shirt with clerical collar and spade stock (not double collar) is to be worn at all times. Branch badges are to be worn on the lapels.
- h. *No 6B Dress.* A clerical collar is not to be worn. The branch brooch is to be worn above the right breast pocket of the bush jacket in both ceremonial and informal modes.
- j. *No 7 Dress.* A clerical collar is not to be worn. A branch brooch is to be worn above the right breast pocket of the shirt.
- k. *No 8 Dress.* As for No 5 Dress.
- l. *No 8A Dress.* A clerical collar is not to be worn. The branch brooch is to be worn on the right breast of the shirt. A cummerbund is to be worn.

### **Chaplains' Assistants**

#### **Outfitting**

0505. Chaplains' Assistants are civilians of officer status and are outfitted on the same basis as WRAF officers, as outlined in Chap 6 and detailed in the appropriate annex to RAF GAI 6021. Chaplains' Assistants are to conform with the regulations and dress tables in Chap 2 and are not to wear RAF insignia or rank badges, except as stated in para 0506.

On appointment, Chaplains' Assistants receive from Chaplaincy Services (RAF) the requisite uniform buttons (with crusader cross motif), RAF Chaplaincy brooches and gilded crosses.

#### **Regulations for the wearing of Chaplains' Assistant Insignia**

0506. The RAF Chaplaincy brooch (Plate 47) is to be worn as follows:

- a. On the officer's SD hat the brooch is to be centrally positioned at the front of the black band, with the top edge of the cross in line with the top edge of the band. On the airwoman's SD hat the brooch is to be positioned centrally on the wearer's left facing of the outer flap, with the forward wing tip 2 ins (5 cm) from the hat front centre.
- b. On Nos 5 and 8 mess dress the brooch is positioned centrally on the wearer's right front corresponding with the position (on their left) in which WRAF officers wear their rank brooches.

0507. **Gilded crosses** (Plate 48).

- a. On uniform jackets and raincoats gilded crosses are to be positioned centrally and vertically with the base of the cross  $\frac{1}{4}$  in (6 mm) above the 'V' of each collar step opening.
- b. When in shirt-sleeve order of dress one cross is to be worn on the wearer's right chest, positioned as for the mess dress brooch.
- c. When in jersey order a cross is to be worn on each shoulder strap, positioned longitudinally with the base of the cross centred  $\frac{1}{4}$  in (6 mm) from the sewn-in edge of the strap.

0508. Entitled insignia and ribbons of orders, decorations and medals may be worn on appropriate uniform dress as indicated in Chap 7.

#### **Scripture Readers**

0509. RAF GAI J 5013 defines the functions of the Soldiers' and Airmen's Scripture Readers' Association (SASRA) and authority for repayment issues of appropriate uniform dress items to accredited scripture readers. The authorized SASRA cap badge, buttons, sleeve flashes and shoulder title are always to be worn with the uniform provided.

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