

CHAPTER 6

OUTFITTING OF OFFICERS

General

0601. RAF GAI 6021 tables the clothing which is issued free to officers and officer cadets on first appointment and the items to be purchased from initial outfitting allowances at appropriate stages of training or service.

0602. RAF GAI 6022 tables the allowances and scales of warm-weather clothing prescribed for service outside the UK.

0603. AP 830, Vol 3, Part C, Scale C203 and the tables of RAF Nos 9, 10 and 11 Dress list additional items of ceremonial and undress uniform for Directors of Music.

0604. Items to be purchased from trade sources are detailed below. Full specifications or purchase descriptions for bespoke items are already known to the military outfitters who are advised of any changes by ADCRP(RAF).

Male Officers

0605. **Hat, Service Dress** (Plate 31). The SD hat is made of blue/grey worsted baratheia cloth. For Wing Commanders and below the peak is covered in the same material as the hat. Officers of air rank and Group Captains wear embellished black patent leather peaks. Personnel undergoing Initial Officer Training wear white bands over the black mohair band.

0606. **No 1 Service Dress uniform** (Plate 1). The No 1 SD jacket is made of blue/grey worsted baratheia cloth and has plain rounded cuffs with rings of full width blue/black rank braid (Plate 41). Shoulder straps are to be worn by Air Vice-Marshals and above and officers entitled to wear aiguillettes and/or the Royal Cypher (see paras 0405-6). The trousers are made of the same material as the jacket, and are made with stepped bottoms without turn-ups.

0607. **Jacket No 1A Dress**. As described in para 0606 with the addition of embroidered shoulder straps (Plate 74) which are fitted by means of shoulder loops and mounted gilt screw buttons. The jacket waist has a self-supporting hook on the left side. When this jacket is worn as No 1 Dress, plain shoulder straps are to be worn secured by 27 ligne anodized buttons and the belt hook, if not detachable, is to be concealed by the belt.

0608. **Greatcoat**. (see para 0231 and Plate 36). The greatcoat is made of blue/grey fleece cloth and provision is made for a sword slit. It has built-in shoulder straps with blue/black rank braid for Air Commodore and below. For Air Vice-Marshal to Air Chief Marshal the shoulder straps are detachable. One set has conventional blue/black rank braid, and the other set is ranked in gold with embellishments as shown in Plate 74. (Marshal of the Royal Air Force greatcoat shoulder straps are also illustrated in Plate 74.)

0609. **No 5 Dress** (Plate 7).

a. The jacket of Nos 5A and 5B Dress is made of blue/grey Venetian cloth with pointed lapels which are faced with ribbed silk of the same shade as the body material. The buttons are 30 ligne of the mounted eagle and crown pattern. Rank distinction is made of full width gold lace. For officers qualified to wear flying badges, the appropriate miniature badge in gold embroidery is worn on the left lapel. For officers entitled to wear aiguillettes or the Royal Cypher, plain built-in shoulder straps in the jacket material are to be fitted and secured by 22 ligne mounted eagle and crown buttons.

b. **Waistcoats**

(1) No 5A Dress consists of a white evening dress pattern waistcoat with a roll collar and three 22 ligne mounted gilt buttons.

(2) No 5B Dress consists of a blue/grey Venetian cloth waistcoat of evening dress pattern with a roll collar and four 22 ligne mounted gilt buttons.

c. **Shirts**

(1) **No 5A Dress**. A plain white shirt with stiff front and cuffs and separate plain white stiff wing pointed collar is worn with No 5A Dress.

(2) *No 5B Dress.* A soft fronted white collar attached marcella evening shirt is worn with Nos 5B and 8 Dress.

- d. *Trousers.* Nos 5A and 5B Dress trousers are made from blue/grey wool barathea. They are without hip pocket, cut high in the rise (high back) and buttoned for wear with braces. The trousers are in slim proportion to their narrow bottoms (say 17 in (43 cm) for a man of average height and build); the trouser legs are shaped at the bottom over the instep.
- e. *Evening shoes.* Plain black laced patent leather shoes, without toe caps, are worn with Nos 5A and 5B Dress.

0610. **No 6 Dress** (Plate 9). The No 6 Dress jacket is made of stone colour worsted polyester cloth of the same styling as No 1 Dress jacket, with the following modifications:

- a. Detachable shoulder straps of the same body material as the jacket.
- b. Pointed cuffs.
- c. Four 37 ligne anodized buttons for front fastening, with belt positioned between third and fourth button.
- d. Detachable sword belt supporting hook at each side.

The trousers are made of the same material and of similar style to No 1 Dress trousers, with belt loops and waist adjusting side straps.

0611. **No 6A Dress** (Plate 10). No 6A Dress consists of a pocketless patrol style jacket in white polyester cotton, fastened by six 37 ligne anodized buttons. The trousers are made in the same material as the jacket and styled as for No 1 Dress. Shoulder straps are as for No 8 Dress. Flying badges are full size, gold and silver embroidered and detachable.

0612. **No 8 Dress** (Plate 13).

- a. The jacket is made of white polyester cotton in the same styling as Nos 5A and 5B jacket, with detachable mounted gilt buttons. Detachable shoulder straps for Air Chief Marshal and below are illustrated at Plate 43. (A pattern of Marshal of the Royal Air Force shoulder strap is shown at Plate 74, see also para 0403.)
- b. *Shirts*
 - (1) The No 8 Dress is as for No 5B Dress (para 0609c).
 - (2) The No 8A Dress shirt is an open necked white cotton poplin short sleeved shirt with No 8 shoulder straps, (Plate 14).
- c. *Cummerbund* (Nos 8 and 8A Dress). (Plates 13 and 14). The cummerbund is made of light blue terylene/crimplene material, 5 in (12.7 cm) deep at front, tapering to approx 3 in (7.6 cm) at the back. Three pleats each of 1¼ in (3.2 cm) in depth overlap downwards. There are two fob pockets in the lining.
- d. Trousers and shoes are as for Nos 5A and 5B Dress. At the wearer's option and expense, lightweight blue/grey trousers in worsted polyester may be worn.

0613. **Ceremonial and Undress uniforms, Directors of Music.**

- a. *No 9 Dress Jacket* (Plate 15). The No 9 Dress jacket is made of blue/grey Venetian cloth with built-in shoulder straps and full width gold lace ranking on the sleeves. Gold embroidered collar embellishments terminate 3½ in (8.9 cm) from the front of each side of the stand-up collar. These devices are oak leaves and acorns for Wing Commander and Squadron Leader and five oak leaves for junior officers.

- b. *No 10 Dress frock coat* (Plate 17). This frock coat is made of blue/grey Venetian cloth, with crown and eagle devices terminating 3½ in (8.9 cm) from the front of each side of the stand-up collar. The shoulder straps are sewn on and embellished and ranked as for No 8 Dress.
- c. *Overalls of Nos 9 and 10 Dress*. The overalls are made of blue/grey barathea.
- d. *Boots, Wellington* for Nos 9, 10 and 11 Dress are made of black calf or patent leather.

0613A Undress uniform, Warrant Officer Bandmaster.

- a. *No 10 Dress frock coat* (Plate 17). This frock coat is made of blue/grey barathea with crown and eagle devices terminating 3½ in (8.9 cm) from each side of the stand-up collar. The WO shoulder knots are worn together with the gold embroidered Royal Arms badge of rank on the left sleeve only, with the centre of the badge 6½ ins (16.5 cm) from the sleeve cuff. The plain blue sash is worn around the waist.
- b. The No 10 trousers are made of blue/grey barathea and are cut high in the rise, having a marked step of 1½ ins (3.8 cm) and 16 ins (40.6 cm) bottoms.
- c. George boots are worn with No 10 Dress.

Gloves (all male officers)

0614. White washable doeskin, nylon or cotton gloves, with one plain button or press-stud are to be worn for the occasions listed in para 0908.

0615. The officers/warrant officers brown leather gloves are made of sheepskin cape leather, unlined, and fastened with a single button through a machine-stitched slit buttonhole.

**Women officers
PMRAFNS**

0616. Service Dress items.

- a. The Service Dress hat is four cornered and made of black felt with a black mohair band and RAF officer's hat badge (Plate 47).
- b. The No 1 Service Dress uniform (Plate 19) jacket and skirt is made of blue/grey barathea, as specified for RAF officers. Sleeve ranking on the jacket is as for RAF officers. For Director of Nursing Services (RAF), shoulder straps are the same as for Air Vice-Mmarshals and above, see para 0607.
- c. The greatcoat for Director of Nursing Services (RAF) is as for Air Vice-Mmarshals and above, see para 0608, but without sword slit.
- d. No 6A Dress consists of a white long-sleeve frock in an approved material and pattern, with RAF No 8 Dress shoulder straps. The buttons for front and cuff fastening are 27 ligne anodized.
- e. Hose is as specified in para 0223.
- f. Shoes, court, black are as illustrated in Plate 34.

0617. No 3 Dress items.

- a. The cap muslin (Plate 32) is made from white lawn 33 or 36 in square (84 cm² or 91.4 cm²), with a 2 in (5.1 cm) hem. The wings and crown motif in blue embroidery is to be positioned across the corner of the first fold.
- b. *Cape, Service* (Plate 39). The shoulder cape is made of blue/grey barathea and has blue/black braid on detachable shoulder straps and an anodized Medical Branch badge at each corner.

0618. Nos 5 and 8 Dress (Plate 23).

- a. The Mess Dress is made of royal blue knitted jersey.
- b. The evening shoes are gold in colour.
- c. The evening bag is small and gold in colour.

WRAF officers and women officers in the Medical, Dental and Legal Branches

0619. Service dress items.

- a. The Service dress hat is made of blue/grey barathea with badges and peaks as for RAF ranks, (Plate 33).
- b. The No 1 SD jacket and skirt (Plate 25) are made from blue/grey barathea as specified for RAF officers. Sleeve ranking on the jacket is as for RAF officers. For Director WRAF, shoulder straps are as for Air Vice-Marshals and above, *see* para 0607.
- c. The greatcoat for Director WRAF is as for Air Vice-Marshal and above, *see* para 0608, but without sword slit.
- d. No 6 Dress is a beige colour dress in linen cloth, in the same style as the WRAF issue warm-weather dress illustrated in Plate 30.
- e. No 6A Dress is applicable to Director WRAF and WRAF officers serving in warm-weather dress areas and filling entitled posts eg ADC, PSO, etc. The dress consists of a white frock as prescribed in para 0616d.
- f. Hose is as specified in para 0222.
- g. Shoes, court, black are as illustrated in Plate 34.

0620. Nos 5 and 8 Dress (Plate 29).

- a. The Mess Dress is made of royal blue knitted jersey.
- b. The evening shoes are gold in colour.
- c. The evening bag is small and gold in colour.

Applicable to all women officers

0621. White gloves.

- a. For day parades and other occasions listed in para 0908 women officers are to wear white gloves as described in para 0614.
- b. White kid or synthetic gloves are to be worn on evening occasions specified in Chap 10, Annex D. The top of the glove should end above the bottom of the sleeve.

0622. Brown leather gloves. The officers/warrant officers brown leather gloves are made of sheepskin cape leather, unlined and fastened with a single button through a machine stitched slit buttonhole.



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