

CHAPTER 4

PMRAFNS ORDERS OF DRESS

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Introduction

This chapter illustrates through a selection of plates and explanatory notes, the various orders of dress for female PMRAFNS personnel and the ward dress for male personnel. It also stipulates the occasions on which each type of uniform should be worn.

The first plate in each numbered order of dress details the uniform items appropriate to that dress, in full. Thereafter, plates showing acceptable alternatives within that order of dress, only specify the variations to the first and not the full description.

Male officers and airmen of the PMRAFNS are also to conform to the RAF (male) orders of dress contained in **Chapter 2**.

No 1 Dress - Female PMRAFNS officers and airwomen

0401. Occasions for wear. The No 1 dress uniform is worn on all formal and ceremonial occasions as authorised by MOD (Air) or Commanders in Chief. Additionally, local commanders have the discretionary power to authorise its wear at other times, if considered appropriate.

0402. Hat. Only the service issue No 1 hat may be worn, as follows:

a. Officers. All commissioned ranks wear the black, nursing officers four cornered design hat. A gold embellished hat-band is worn by Gp Cpts and above. Officer cadets wear a white band over the black silk band.

b. Airwomen. All non-commissioned ranks wear the blue/grey tri-corn design hat. When worn by Warrant Officers, the badge is replaced by an anodized eagle above laurel leaves, surmounted by a crown.

0403. Tunic. The No 1 uniform is manufactured as a suit, from the same length of fabric, therefore the tunic from one issue should not be worn with the skirt from another. All commissioned ranks wear the same style tunic (shown in **plate 4-1**) and officers who are entitled to wear aiguillettes and/or the Royal Cypher, also wear plain shoulder straps. All airwomen wear the same style tunic as RAF (female) personnel (also shown in **plate 4-1**).

0404. Skirt. The No 1 skirt is to be worn. Vertical creases are not to be pressed into the skirt and optional money belts are not to be worn.

0405. Shirt. A long-sleeved wedgwood blue shirt is always to be worn, with creases pressed in on each sleeve, running from the centre of the epaulette to the cuff. Front darts are to be pressed in to the level of the second button and the rear darts down the full length of the shirt.

0406. Tie. A plain black tie should be worn, secured with a Windsor knot.

0407. Hose. The approved uniform dress hose colour is as follows:

- a. Pretty Polly Legworks - Barely Black
- b. Pretty Polly Smooth Knit - Barely Black
- c. Pretty Polly 15 Denier - Barely black (to be worn on ceremonial occasions)
- d. NAAFI - Black Mist

0408. Shoes. Highly polished service issue black laced shoes are to be worn on marching occasions, otherwise approved pattern or service issue court shoes may be worn. Female personnel may privately purchase plain black court shoes with leather or patent leather uppers (see para **0308**).

0409. Gloves. Brown service issue leather gloves should be worn or carried by all officers and warrant officers and service issue black leather gloves by all airwomen, as appropriate. On certain ceremonial occasions (as detailed in **Chapter 9**) white cotton gloves are to be worn by all personnel.

0410. Sash. Officers, when employed on AFB ushering duties, may wear a light blue sash.

0411. Greatcoat. Greatcoats can be provided on loan in accordance with **RAF GAI 6025**. Officer-style greatcoats have provision for a sword slit. For Air Cdres and below, they have built in shoulder straps with blue/black rank braid and for AVMs to ACMs the shoulder straps are detachable; one set having conventional blue/black rank braid whilst the other is ranked in gold, with embellishments.

0412. Raincoats. Raincoats are not to be worn on ceremonial occasions.

No 1 A Dress - Officers of AVM rank and above

0413. PMRAFNS officers may wear No 1A dress as ordered, the specific details of the accoutrements are as per their RAF counterparts (see plate 2-2).

PMRAFNS NO 1 SERVICE DRESS
(female personnel)

Officers
No 1 Dress



Airwomen
No 1 Dress





No 2 Dress - PMRAFNS Officers and airwomen

0414. Occasions for wear. The Standard No 2 dress uniform may be worn by all personnel as a routine working dress, throughout the year. Except when a specific order of dress has been prescribed, the head-dress and belt options may be worn at the individuals discretion. The No 2A dress may be worn throughout the year; however, under no circumstances are ties to be removed or shirt sleeves rolled up, even in the work-place. The No 2B dress may be worn all year round but see para 0419.

0415. Hat. The head-dress options are as follows:

a. Officers. Female commissioned officers may either wear their own style, relegated No 1 hat, the airwomens No 1 hat or forage cap, with appropriate hat badge. They are not to wear berets.

b. Airwomen All female non-commissioned personnel may wear either their No 1 hat, forage cap or a beret.

0416. Jersey. The standard service issue No 2 jersey is to be worn. Name badges, when worn, should be placed centrally, approximately 10 cm below the right epaulette.

0417. Skirt. The No 2 dress standard issue or lightweight skirt may be worn throughout the year, at the individuals discretion, unless otherwise ordered.

0418. Shirt. A long-sleeved wedgwood blue shirt is to be worn with a plain black tie, when in standard No 2 or 2A dress. A short-sleeved, open-necked wedgwood blue shirt may be worn at all times in summer months 1 May - 30 Sep (No 2B dress)

0419. Shoes. Service issue black laced shoes or court shoes may be worn, at the individuals discretion, unless otherwise ordered. Additionally, privately purchased court shoes are permissible (para 0308 refers). These are all to be worn with seamless tights or stockings as per para 0133/0134

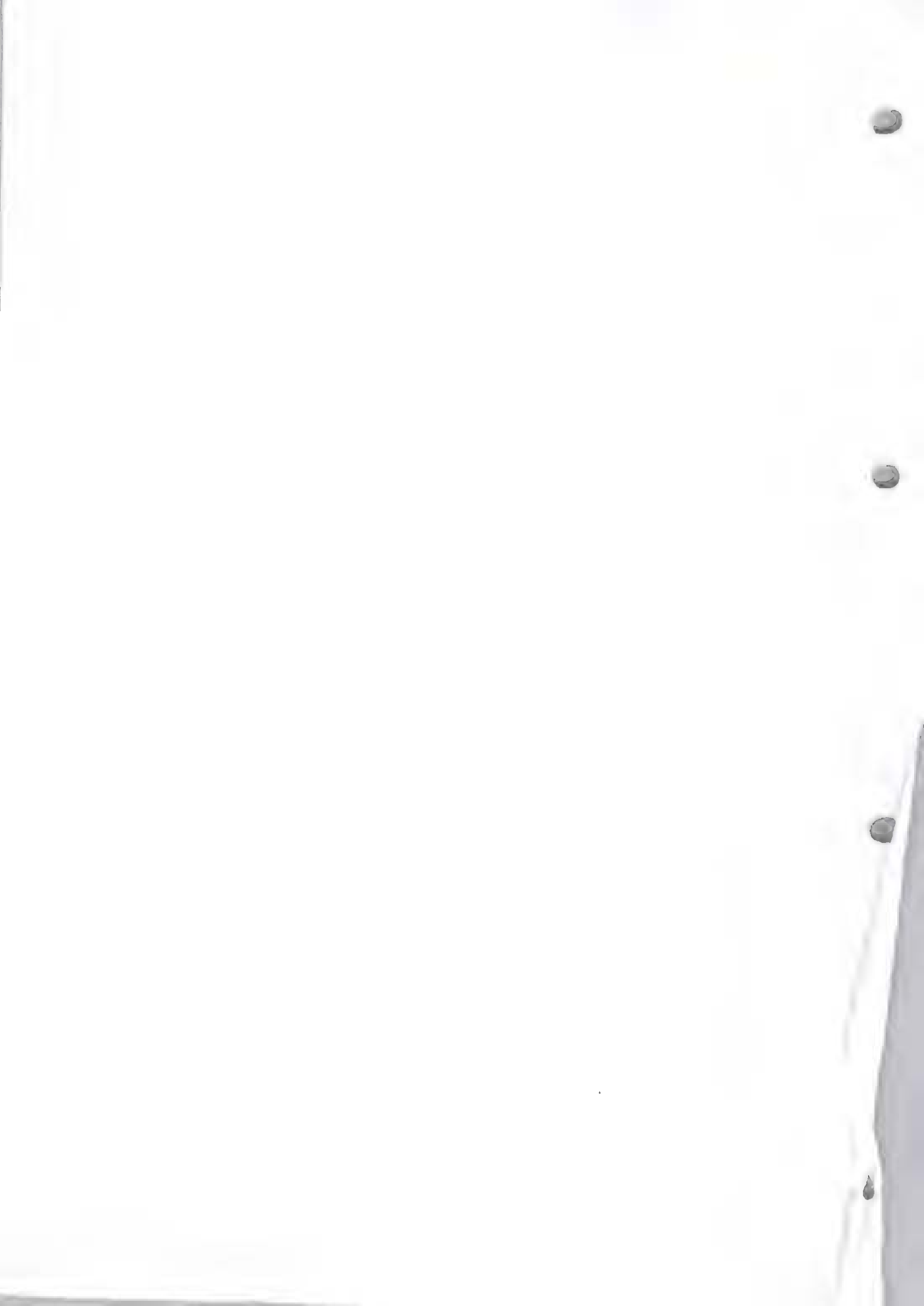
0420. Coats. Either a raincoat, general purpose jacket or jeltex jacket may be worn, at the individuals discretion.

0421. Gloves. Brown leather gloves (officers and warrant officers) and black leather gloves (airwomen) may be worn.

0422. Optional money or stable belt. The approved pattern money or stable belt may be worn with Nos 2A and 2B dress only.

No 2D Dress - Female PMRAFNS officers and airwomen (UK and overseas)

0423. Occasions for wear. The No 2D dress, more commonly referred to as 'ward dress', is



worn when employed on clinical duties. It is the standard form of dress for nursing duties both temperate and warm weather areas.

0424. Head-dress. The standard forms of head-dress are as follows:

a. **Officers.** White muslin veil.

b. **Non-commissioned staff nurses.** White cap with frilled edge. White hats are only worn within the working section or outdoors, when wearing a cape.

0425. Frock. A service issue white frock, open at the neck for normal wear and fully buttoned when worn with a cape. An embroidered name badge is to be worn at all times.

0426. Hose. Beige coloured, seamless tights or stockings are to be worn.

0427. Shoes. White service issue ward shoes should be worn on the ward or within a station medical centre; however, approved pattern white sandals (worn without hose) may be authorised for wear overseas only, during the warm weather season. Once leaving the clinical environment, when wearing a cape, white shoes are to be worn and when wearing a raincoat, black shoes are to be worn.

0429. Nursing Officers Cape. All commissioned female nursing officers wear the PMRAFNS officers cape with ward dress (in the clinical environment), when winter dress is ordered and additionally, outdoors during the summer months. Non-commissioned personnel who are still in possession of a service issue full length cape may continue to wear them as an outer garment, at their own discretion.

0429. Cardigan. Only when performing night duties, should a service issue cardigan be worn with ward dress.

0430. Raincoat. All personnel may wear a service issue raincoat over their ward dress, during inclement weather. It is to be worn with a No 2 dress hat and black shoes. Gloves may be worn or carried, at the individuals discretion.

0431. Cosmetics. Cosmetics may be worn with ward dress in accordance with **QR 210** however, nail varnish may **not** be used.

0432. Hair. Whilst in ward dress the wearers hair length must be above the collar however, when in other forms of No 2 dress the hair regulations for female members of the RAF apply.



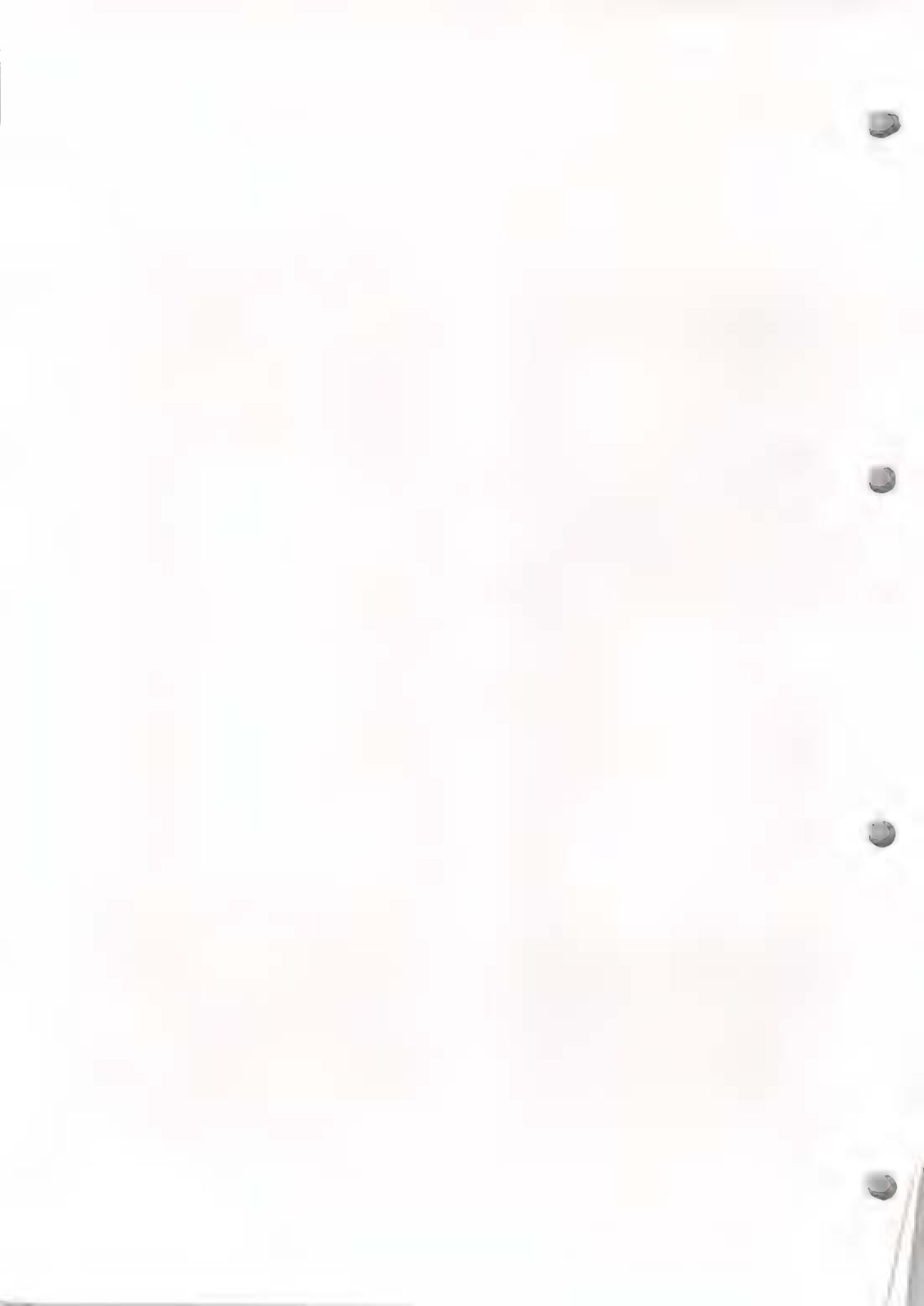
**PMRAFNS NO 2D SERVICE DRESS
(female personnel)**

Officer



Airwoman





No 2D Dress - Male PMRAFNS (Temperate climates)

0433. Occasions for wear. The No 2D dress is worn by all male members of the PMRAFNS within the clinical working environment.

0434. Jacket. The standard, white service issue nurses jacket is worn by all personnel. Rank slides are to be worn on the epaulettes (non-commissioned personnel also wear nursing qualification slides). Embroidered name badges are to be worn. Creases are to be pressed in from the centre of the epaulette to the bottom of each sleeve.

0435. Trousers. No 2 dress blue/grey trousers with creases pressed in, extending the full length of each leg both front and rear.

0436. Socks. Black service issue only.

0437. Shoes. Officers may wear either black Oxford pattern or service DMS shoes, airmen are to wear DMS only.

0438. Outerwear. All personnel may wear a service issue raincoat, general purpose jacket or jeltex jacket over their ward dress during inclement weather. An appropriate No 2 dress hat should also be worn (see para 0214). Gloves may be worn or carried at the individuals discretion (see para 0221).

No 2D Dress - Male PMRAFNS (Warm weather areas)

0439. Shirt. A white service issue short-sleeved shirt is to be worn by all personnel, with creases pressed in down the length of each sleeve, from the centre of the epaulette. Only the top button is to remain unfastened.

0440. Shorts. All personnel are to wear white service issue shorts with creases pressed in down the entire length of each leg, both front and rear.

0441. Socks. All personnel should wear service issue knee-length white stockings.

0442. Shoes. Black service issue Oxford pattern or DMS shoes should be worn however, during the warm weather season it is also permissible to wear approved pattern or issue desert boots both within the working environment and outside.



PMRAFNS NO 2D DRESS
(male personnel)

Temperate
All ranks



Warm weather
all ranks





No 2E Dress - PMRAFNS female officers and airwomen

0443. Occasions for wear. The No 2D dress is worn by all female PMRAFNS personnel who are permanently employed on aeromedical duties.

0445. Head-dress. The normal No 2 dress hat options apply (as per **para 0415**).

0445 Jacket. A standard issue white top is to be worn, with creases pressed in from the centre of the epaulette, down the entire length of each sleeve.

0446. Trousers. Lightweight navy blue trousers are to be worn.

0447. Shoes. Only service issue black, laced shoes may be worn.

0448. Socks. Black only.

0449. Coats. Either the service issue raincoat, general purpose jacket or jeltex jacket may be worn, at the individuals discretion. Jerseys are **not** to be worn with No 2E dress. Male PMRAFNS personnel permanently employed on aeromedical duties should wear the standard No 2D dress appropriate to their rank.



RAF NO 2E SERVICE DRESS
(personnel employed on aeromed duties)





No 3 Dress - PMRAFNS Officers and airwomen

0450. Occasions for wear. The No 3 dress is identical to that listed for RAF personnel (see page 3-12) and is worn on the same occasions however, a Geneva Convention Red Cross armband is worn when actively engaged on medical duties

Nos 4, 5, 6, 6A, 6B, 7 & 8 Dress - PMRAFNS personnel

0451. The No 4, 5, 6, 6A, 6B, 7 & 8 dresses are all identical to those prescribed for RAF personnel and are worn on the same occasions (see chapter 3, pages 3-14 to 3-24).



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