












DRESS REGULATIONS FOR THE MERCIAN REGIMENT (JAN 09)

The following is a guide to the Dress Regulations for The Mercian Regiment; (see also notes to No 10 Dress)

Serial	Main Features	Description
1	<p>Cap Badge</p>  <p>All ranks Cap badge (Officers version smaller)</p>  <p>Officers SD Cap Badge</p>	<p>Mercian Double-Headed Eagle</p> <p>Soldiers 50x54mm (NSN 8455-99-406-7472) Silver/Gilt</p> <p>Officers 40x30mm (NSN 8455-99-406-7473) Silver/Gilt (NSN 8455-99-406-7474) Bronze</p>
2	<p>Collar Badge</p>  	<p>Regimental pattern of Dettingen Oakleaves and Acorn bearing the motto FIRM The double leaf to be outermost on each side.</p> <p>(NSN 8455-99-406-7483) Silver/Gilt</p> <p>(NSN 8455-99-406-74840) Bronze</p>
3	<p>Facing Colour (Dress)</p> 	<p>Buff</p>
4	<p>Tunic Buttons</p>  	<p>Silver/Gilt for soldiers; Bronze for officers on Service Dress. Three sizes.</p> <p>Ligne 22 (Hat) (NSN 8455-99-406-7476 Gilt) (NSN 8455-99-406-7477 Bronze)</p> <p>Ligne 30 (No1/2 Dress) NSN 8455-99-406-7478 Gilt) (NSN 8455-99-406-7480 Bronze)</p> <p>Ligne 40 (Offrs No2 Dress) NSN 8455-99-406-7482)</p>

5	<p>Regimental TRF</p> 	<p>Vertical colours red, buff, green in diamond shape with Green to the front.</p>
6	<p>Lanyards</p> <p>Officers double 4 Knot, ORs single 2 loop</p> 	<p>Regtl (ERE and Cadets: Red, Buff, Green) NSN 8465-99-213-0600 (ORs) 8465-99-213-0605 (Offrs) All worn on left shoulder except 2 MERCIAN officers who wear it on the right.</p> <p>1 MERCIAN: Cerise 2 MERCIAN: Lincoln Green 3 MERCIAN: Black 4 MERCIAN: Blue</p>
7	<p>Stable Belt</p> 	<p>Plain Buff Union locket type belt clasp with Mercian Eagle, all in bronze. Belt 2½” wide.</p>
8	<p>Special Arm Badge</p> 	<p>Gold wire glider on gold wire Stafford Knot, backed by Holland backing, all on black felt patch that outlines Knot. Worn on Upper Right Arm. The top centre of the background to be one and a half inches below the seam of the sleeve and epaulette. Worn on the right arm only. Worn with Mess Kit, No1 Dress, No2 Dress and tropical equivalents, and pullover but in the latter case to be detachable to facilitate laundering. (NSN 8455-99-406-7487)</p>
	<p>Brief Details of Uniform under Orders of Dress</p>	
	<p>No 1 Dress</p>	
9	<p>Headdress</p>	<p>Officers and WO1s: Blue cloth dress Forage Cap of pattern for non-Royal</p>



Field Officers



WOs, SNCOs JNCOs and Soldiers

regiments of line infantry with black oak-leaf lace band and scarlet piping round crown. Black patent leather chin strap, ½" wide, held by Mercian Regiment Ligne 22 silver/gilt buttons. Mercian Eagle cap badge officers small in silver/gilt . Regulation field officer distinction of gold embroidery on peak. Pins of badge to be fitted in line with top band of piping above oak leaf lace band. Regulation field officer distinction of gold embroidery on peak

WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers: Service issue Forage Cap of pattern for non-Royal regiments of line infantry. Regimental buttons. Mercian Eagle cap badge.

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Tunic

Collar Badge

Special Arm Badge

Tunic Buttons



Officers No1 Dress (Blues)

Officers and WO1s: Infantry of the Line pattern Blue Patrols with Mercian Regiment Ligne 30 buttons, bearing Mercian Eagle, in silver/gilt; two buttons on each cuff; worn with white patrol collar and white collarless shirt. Screw in buttons on epaulette (30L Screw Officers - NSN 8455 99 406 7479) Worn with Infantry pattern Sam Browne and unlined brown leather gloves. Sword Frog to be worn when sword is not carried. Infantry of the Line (1896 Pattern) sword, brown leather scabbard and sword knot. Special Arm Badge on upper right arm. Medals court mounted.





WO2s: Worn with Infantry pattern sword belt (brown leather) with Regimental silver/gilt union locket clasp, and red sash. White gloves. Regulation pattern pace-stick.






NCOs and Soldiers: Worn with white textile (plastic) belt and Regimental Belt Clasp. Regimental Belt Clasp. Senior NCOs to wear red sash.

WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers: To have buff piping on shoulder straps.

Special Arm Badge (All Ranks): Gold wire glider on gold wire Stafford Knot, backed by Holland backing, all

		<p>on black felt patch that outlines Knot. Worn on Upper Right Arm.</p> <p>Collar badge: Regimental pattern of Dettingen Oakleaves and Acorn bearing the motto FIRM on collar. The double leaf to be outermost on each side.</p> <p>Shoulder Titles. All, less officers, to wear MERCIAN gilt shoulder titles.</p>
11	Rank Badges	<p>Officers – ¾" gilt badges of rank on detachable blue shoulder boards.</p> <p>WOs and NCOs – Standard Infantry issue rank badges on black backing. All to wear Mercian Regiment shoulder titles.</p>
12	Accoutrements	<p>Officers Belt etc:</p> <p>Ceremonial: Crimson Waist Sash worn over blue web Sword Belt with gold slings. White gloves. Rank badges as for Serial 11 worn on detachable gold shoulder cords on blue cloth backing. Sword Belt worn when sword not carried with slings worn under the tunic for field officers. Nickel-plated sword scabbard and gold and crimson sword knot.</p> <p>Non-Ceremonial: Brown leather Sam Browne with frog.</p> <p>ORs Belt:</p> <p>Parade Belt and Regimental gilt locket Red Sash for WO2s/SNCOs.</p>
13	Sword	<p>Ceremonial: Infantry pattern; silver sword scabbard and gold sword knot.</p> <p>Non-Ceremonial: Infantry pattern; leather scabbard and knot.</p>
14	Footwear	<p>Officers and WO1s:</p> <p>No1 Dress: Black George Boots.</p> <p>WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers:</p> <p>No 1 Dress: Issue black boots.</p>

15	Gloves	<p>Officers:</p> <p>No 1 Dress Ceremonial: White.</p> <p>No 1 Dress Non-ceremonial: Brown leather unlined.</p>
No 3 Dress Tropical Parade Dress		
16	Tunic	White cotton drill tunic with white detachable shoulder boards worn with No 1 Dress Trousers. All other details as for No 1 Dress.
No 2 Dress/Service Dress		
17	<p>Headdress</p> <div style="text-align: center;">     </div>	<p>Officers and WO1s No1 Dress Hat: Blue cloth dress Forage Cap of pattern for non-Royal regiments of line infantry with black oak-leaf lace band and scarlet piping round crown. Black patent leather chin strap, ½" wide, held by Mercian Regiment Ligne 22 silver/gilt buttons. Mercian Eagle cap badge officers small in silver/gilt. Pins of badge to be fitted in line with top band of piping above oak leaf lace band. Regulation field officer distinction of gold embroidery on peak. Officers and WO1s may wear Khaki Peaked Cap or Regimental Side Hat when not on parade.</p> <p>Officers and WO1s No2 Dress Hat: Khaki cap in Guards dark barathea with brown leather chinstrap and Ligne 22 bronze/gunmetal buttons. Dark bronze/gunmetal Mercian eagle officers small cap badge fitted as per No1 dress hat.</p> <p>Officers and WO1s Side Hat: (Available from AMMO and Co)</p> <p>WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers: Service issue Forage Cap of pattern for non-Royal regiments of line infantry. Regimental silver/gilt buttons. Mercian Eagle cap badge.</p>

<p>18</p>	<p>Jacket</p>  <p>Officers SD</p> <p>Collar Badge</p>  <p>Officers SD bronze Collar badge</p>  <p>ORs No2 Dress</p>  <p>Silver/Gilt Collar badge</p> <p>Special Arm Badge</p> 	<p>Officers and WO1s:</p> <p>Jacket/Trousers: Prince of Wales's Division Pattern in Guards dark barathea. Tunic closed by four Mercian Regiment Ligne 40 buttons in dark bronze/gunmetal, the lower (waist) button to be flat. Ligne 30 buttons on pockets and shoulder straps. Medals court mounted.</p> <p>Collar badge: Bronze, Regimental pattern of Dettingen Oakleaves and Acorn bearing the motto FIRM. The double leaf to be outermost on each side.</p> <p>WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers:</p> <p>Jacket/Trousers: Issue pattern; Ligne 30 buttons in silver/gilt on pockets and shoulder straps Medals court mounted.</p> <p>Collar badge: Regimental pattern of Dettingen Oakleaves and Acorn bearing the motto FIRM the side with two oakleaves being outermost.</p> <p>Special Arm Badge (All Ranks): Gold wire glider on gold wire Stafford Knot, backed by Holland backing, all on black felt patch that outlines Knot. Worn on Upper Right Arm.</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>Shirt and Tie</p>	<p>Officers and WO1s: Light issue khaki coloured officers' shirt worn with officers' silk woven tie.</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>Rank Badges and Shoulder Titles</p>	<p>Officers: ¾" bronze/gunmetal badges</p>



Officers SD Shoulder Title



ORs Shoulder Title

of rank. (NSN Crown Bronze 8455-99-406-7488) (NSN Star Bronze 8455-99-1303950). Mercian Regiment shoulder titles.(NSN 8455-99-406-7486 (Bronze)

WOs and NCOs: Standard Infantry issue rank badges on black backing. All to wear Mercian Regiment shoulder titles. (NSN 8455-99-406-7485) ORs

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Accoutrements



Officers Sam Browne and Sword Frog

Officers and WO1s: Double, 4 Knot whistle lanyards, in Regimental or Battalion colours worn on left shoulder other than 2 MERCIAN who wear on the right shoulder. Infantry pattern Sam Browne (brown leather) and unlined brown leather gloves. Sword Frog to be worn when sword is not carried. Infantry of the Line (1896 Pattern) sword, brown leather scabbard and sword knot.

WO2s: Single strand, two loop, whistle lanyards, in Regimental or Battalion colours worn on left shoulder other than 2 MERCIAN who wear on the right shoulder. Infantry pattern sword belt (brown leather) with Regimental buckle and red sash. White gloves. Regulation pattern pace-stick.

NCOs and Soldiers – Single strand, two loop whistle lanyards, in Regimental or Battalion colours worn on left shoulder other than 2 MERCIAN who wear on the right shoulder. Worn with white textile (plastic) belt and Regimental Belt Clasp. Senior NCOs to wear red sash.

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Sword




Infantry pattern; leather scabbard and knot. Sword Frog to be worn when sword not carried.



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Footwear

Officers and WO1s: Brown shoes with dark khaki socks.

WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers: Issue black boots with issue socks or black shoes as ordered by COs.

23	Gloves	<p>Officers: Brown leather unlined.</p> <p>WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers: As issued.</p>
No 4 Dress (Officers Only)		
	Jacket and Trousers	Stone coloured polyester and wool worsted as issued closed with four regimental Ligne 30 bronze/gunmetal buttons. All other detail as for No 2 Dress
Nos 5 and 8 Dress (Warm Weather/Temperate)		
24	Headdress 	<p>All Ranks: Infantry khaki beret. Cap badge on 60X50mm Lincoln Green patch. Mercian Eagle cap badge in silver/gilt.</p>
25	Jacket and Trousers  Regimental TRF Special Arm Badge Belt	<p>As issued.</p> <p>Regimental Tactical Recognition Flash: Diamond divided in three equal stripes of cerise, buff and Lincoln Green on a black backing. To be worn beneath any authorised Formation flash on upper right arm of smock and shirt.</p> <p>Battalions to wear their own TRFs as ordered</p> <p>Special Arm Badge not to be worn.</p> <p>Belt will be either issued green web/textile belt or Regimental Stable Belt as ordered.</p>
26	Rank Badges  Temperate Climate Rank Slides	<p>Offrs, WOs, NCOs: Woven dark bronze/gunmetal and bearing curved MERCIAN title. Worn on DPM or green cloth slip-on slides, as ordered.</p> <p>Private Soldiers: to wear MERCIAN title on cloth slide.</p>
27	Footwear	As Issued and as ordered by COs

28	Gloves	As Issued
	No 10 Dress (Mess Kit)	
29	<p>Jacket and Trousers</p> <p>Authorised tailors:</p> <p>Goldings, Kashket, Glover and Riding</p> <p>(Kashket have offered a price for the conversion of Officers Mess Kit to the new Mercian pattern in its present size - the prices, which are not dependent upon quantity are; To convert the Jacket = £130 incl VAT and to supply a new waistcoat = £220 incl VAT. It is emphasised that these prices are not for size alterations but solely for conversion. Contact is military@kashket.net Officers stationed overseas will NOT have to pay the VAT element.)</p>  <p>Officers Mess Kit Jacket</p>	<p>Officers and WO1s: Prince of Wales's Division (1902) pattern. Buff facings on collar and pointed cuffs. Collar worn open. Plain white collarless shirt with double cuffs. Miniature gold wire glider on gold wire Stafford Knot, backed by Holland backing, all on black felt patch that outlines Knot worn on upper right arm. Regimental Oakleaf collar badges in silver/gilt. The double leaf to be outermost on each side. 5/8" silver wire etc embroidered rank badges on gold mess shoulder cords on scarlet cloth backing. Dark blue Infantry of the Line pattern Mess Overalls with 1/4 in. scarlet welts. Miniature medals court mounted. Duty Field Officer and Orderly Officer to wear sword slings.</p> <p>WO2s and NCOs: Prince of Wales's (1936) pattern. Worn with No 1 Dress Trousers. No coloured facings. Worn with white dress shirt and black bow tie. Miniature gold wire glider on gold wire Stafford Knot, backed by Holland backing, all on black felt patch that outlines Knot worn on upper right arm. Regimental collar badges on lapels. Infantry standard gold embroidered rank badges on scarlet cloth backing. Miniature medals court mounted.</p>
30	<p>Waistcoat</p>  <p>Officers Mess Kit waistcoat</p>	<p>Officers and WO1s – High neck in overall Lincoln green with gold rose lace and piping and gold-coloured ball buttons. Front fastening. Silver and gold embroidered Mercian Eagles at waist points.</p> <p>WO2s and SNCOs – Lincoln green with four Ligne 22 Regimental silver/gilt buttons.</p> <p>JNCOs. No waistcoat but a Lincoln Green, backed and stiffened, 5" deep fold plain cummerbund.</p>
31	Footwear	Officers and WO1s: Black leather

		<p>Mess Wellington Boots. Worn with nickel-plated box spurs for field officers.</p> <p>WOs and NCOs – Plain black dress shoes.</p>
	No 11 Dress (1936 pattern) Tropical Mess Kit	
	Jacket and Trousers	<p>Officers and WO1s: White drill shell jacket. Detachable twisted gold shoulder cords. ½" silver/gilt regimental screw buttons at top of cords. Silver/gilt badges of rank. Worn with plain style piquet shirt with turndown collar, small plain white buttons, double cuff and plain or regimental pattern gold cuff links. Plain double-ended black bow tie 1¼" wide. Lincoln Green cummerbund, backed and stiffened, 5" deep fold. No 10 Dress Overalls.</p> <p>WO2s and SNCOs: Jacket as for Ofprs and WO1s with gold badges of rank. Worn with plain style piquet shirt with turndown collar, small plain white buttons, double cuff and plain or regimental pattern gold cuff links. Plain double-ended black bow tie 1¼" wide. Lincoln Green cummerbund, backed and stiffened, 5" deep fold. No 1 Dress Trousers. Black shoes.</p> <p>Special arm badge to be worn as per No 10 Dress</p>
	Footwear, Headdress	As for No 10 Dress
	Nos 13/14 Dress Barrack Dress/Shirt Sleeve Order	
	Trousers	No 2 Dress/Service Dress or Barrack Dress when issued and as ordered.
	Headdress	Officers and WO1s No2 Dress Hat: Khaki Forage Cap in Guards dark barathea with brown leather chinstrap



Officers SD badge



Officers SD Cap and badge








ORs No1 Dress cap and badge




and Ligne 22 bronze/gunmetal buttons.
Dark bronze/gunmetal cap badge.
Fitting as for No1 Dress badge

Officers and WO1s Side Hat:

WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers: Service issue Forage Cap of pattern for non-Royal regiments of line infantry. Regimental silver/gilt Ligne 22 buttons. Mercian Eagle cap badge.

	<p>Officers SD badge</p>  <p>Officers SD Cap and badge</p>  <p>ORs No1 Dress cap and badge</p>	<p>and Ligne 22 bronze/gunmetal buttons. Dark bronze/gunmetal cap badge. Fitting as for No1 Dress badge</p> <p>Officers and WO1s Side Hat:</p> <p>WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers: Service issue Forage Cap of pattern for non-Royal regiments of line infantry. Regimental silver/gilt Ligne 22 buttons. Mercian Eagle cap badge.</p>
	<p>Shirt and Tie</p>	<p>Officers and WO1s: Light issue khaki coloured officers' shirt worn with officers' silk woven tie.</p> <p>Lanyards. To be worn in Shirt Sleeve Order.</p> <p>Special Arm badge. Not worn in Shirt sleeve order.</p>
	<p>Rank Badges</p>	<p>Officers: ¾" bronze/gunmetal badges of rank worn on cloth slide same colour as shirt.</p> <p>WOs and NCOs: Standard Infantry issue rank badges on black backing. All to wear Mercian Regiment shoulder titles.</p>
	<p>Accoutrements</p>	<p>As ordered</p>

	Footwear	<p>Officers and WO1s: Brown shoes with dark khaki socks.</p> <p>WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers: Issue black boots with issue socks.</p>
	Gloves	<p>Officers: Brown leather unlined.</p> <p>WO2s, NCOs and Soldiers: As issued.</p>
	<p>Regimental Pullover</p> 	<p>Officers and WOs – Regimental pattern Buff coloured roll neck Guernsey. Same colour cloth shoulder straps bearing bronze/gunmetal badges of rank and MERCIAN shoulder title attached by Regimental Ligne 30 bronze buttons. Slip on buff slides may be worn over the epaulettes. To be worn with collar and tie.</p> <p>NCOs and Soldiers – Issued olive green pullover.</p> <p>Special Arm Badge to be worn but to be detachable for laundering (Velcro/studs).</p>
	<p>Stable Belt</p> 	<p>Plain Buff. Bronze Union locket type belt clasp with Mercian Eagle, all in bronze colour. Belt 2½” wide. Not worn with Offrs'/WO1s' Guernsey Pullover but worn in shirt sleeve order.</p>
	Officers' Cane	<p>Malacca type wood Cane with silver ball boss, bearing Regimental badge, and silver tip. (Manufacturer being sought.)</p>
	<p>Lanyards</p> 	<p>Whistle lanyards, in Battalion colours as below worn on left shoulder other than 2 MERCIAN officers who wear it on the right shoulder:</p> <p>1st Bn: Red Cerise.</p> <p>2nd Bn: Lincoln Green.</p> <p>3rd Bn: Black.</p> <p>4th Bn: Mercian Blue.</p> <p>Regimental: Twisted cords in Mercian</p>

	<p>ERE Soldiers lanyard</p> <p>1 MERCIAN Officers</p> <p>2 MERCIAN Officers</p> <p>3 MERCIAN Officers</p> <p>4 MERCIAN Soldiers</p>	<p>Colours of cerise, buff and Lincoln Green.</p>
<p><u>Civilian Clothes (Purchase Items)</u></p>		
	<p>Regimental Ties</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>City</p>  <p>County</p> </div>	<p>City Tie. For wear on formal occasions, funerals etc.</p> <p>County Tie. For wear on all other occasions.</p> <p>Both ties available in Silk or Polyester</p>
	<p><u>Blazer Order.</u></p> <p>Buttons</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Badges</p>	<p>20MM Gold, round front button with embossed silver Mercian Eagle</p> <p>10mm Gold, round cuff button with embossed silver Mercian Eagle</p>



Embroidered silver Mercian eagle with gold Saxon crown, beaks and claws with gold scroll below "The Mercian Regiment".

