



## **A GUIDE TO INFANTRY MESS KIT FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND THE SENIOR NCOS THE PRINCESS OF WALES' OWN REGIMENT**

References:

a. Nil

### **GENERAL**

1. The RM1 (1991 Pattern) is the authorized Mess Kit for commissioned Officers and the senior non-commissioned officers of the Princess of Wales' Own Regiment.
2. The acquisition of Mess Kit is the responsibility of the individual and is to be obtained at no expense to the public. To ensure uniformity, all Mess Kit will conform to these guidelines.
2. Officer Cadets are not authorized to wear Mess Kit. Second Lieutenants, or other officers who are not trade qualified, are not required to purchase mess kit. In formal situations, they shall wear the DEU uniform with plain white shirt and black bow tie.
3. Having completed their officer trades training and being appointed to the rank of Lt, an officer will normally purchase mess kit within 12 months. This time might be extended upon approval of the Adjutant given appropriate circumstances.
4. Upon promotion to the rank of Warrant Officer, a Senior NCO will normally purchase mess kit within 12 months. This time might be extended upon approval of the RSM given appropriate circumstances. Sergeants may purchase mess kit or wear the CF uniform with plain white shirt and black bow tie.

### **JACKET**

5. The jacket is the standard single breasted red infantry pattern jacket. The material is red baratheia or doeskin with midnight blue lapels, cuffs and epaulets. Cuff embellishments (Crow's Feet) are worn by officers of field grade. The jacket is fully lined with quilted body fronts of heavy satin. The epaulets are slightly stiffened and secured at the top abutting the lapel with a 20 ligne button. Surgeon cuffs, pointed, 5¾" at point, 2½" at the back. Four straight, uncut button holes on left front. Four 26 ligne buttons (mounted) sunk in right front

### **RANK**

6. The rank for officers is of the standard cloth silver embroidered British pips and/or crowns. The RSM will wear the embroidered Canada Coat of Arms with the base of the rank badge ½" above the tip of the cuff embellishment.

### **SHIRT/TIE**

7. The authorized shirts consist of either the standard white wing-tip collar with French cuffs, or a standard collar tuxedo shirt, with pleated front panel. The black bow tie features a wrap around the neck



design. Both items can be purchased from outlets such as Jack Fraser, Cannex, or Tip Top Tailors. Although brand names differ, these establishments offer identical. It should further be noted that the tie shall be a black bowtie.

### **TROUSERS**

8. High rise English back pattern of midnight blue barathea, all wool. Cash pockets in waistband, waistband "left on" of rayon twill, stiffened with good quality interface. To achieve the trim appearance, leg will be tailored wider than military overall, but narrower than a trouser with angled bottoms. For LColts and below, a ¼" welt of straight cut worsted to match jacket shall be sewn into the outside seams.

### **WAISTCOAT**

9. Single breasted of midnight blue barathea lined with black rayon twill. Scoop front with two lower welt pockets, edges to overlap to be approximately 5" long with four 20 ligne buttons, mounted, spaced equi-distantly.

### **REGIMENTAL BRASS**

10. All buttons on mess kit will be regimental brass. Regimental brass can be purchased from the Regimental Kit Shop.

### **FOOTWEAR**

11. Quarter Wellingtons or in lieu of same, black service oxfords.

### **SPURS**

12. Spurs (with spur boxes) may be worn by field officers (senior officers) and the Adjutant.

### **CUFF LINKS**

13. Cuff links may be regimental or civilian if suitable in design, gold in colour and, as a gauge, their circumference should not exceed the circumference of a Canadian dime.

### **SHIRT STUDS**

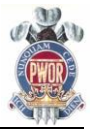
14. Standard black shirt studs will be worn. The practice of using regimental lapel pins as shirt studs is not authorized wear. However, those that have Regimental shirt studs shall be permitted to wear the same.

### **HEADRESS**

15. The custom that some regiments have of wearing a wedge cap with mess dress is not required at the PWOR. Headdress is not normally worn. If an overcoat is worn then a beret shall accompany.

### **GLOVES**

16. When appropriate, white linen.



### **COLLAR BADGES**

17. Will be centred on the lapel parallel to the ground with the top of the collar badge halfway between the shoulder seam and the bottom edge of the lapel. The Sr NCOs shall wear the NCM brass badges on their mess kit. Officers and RSM shall wear either cloth or silver officer's metal badges.

### **MEDALS**

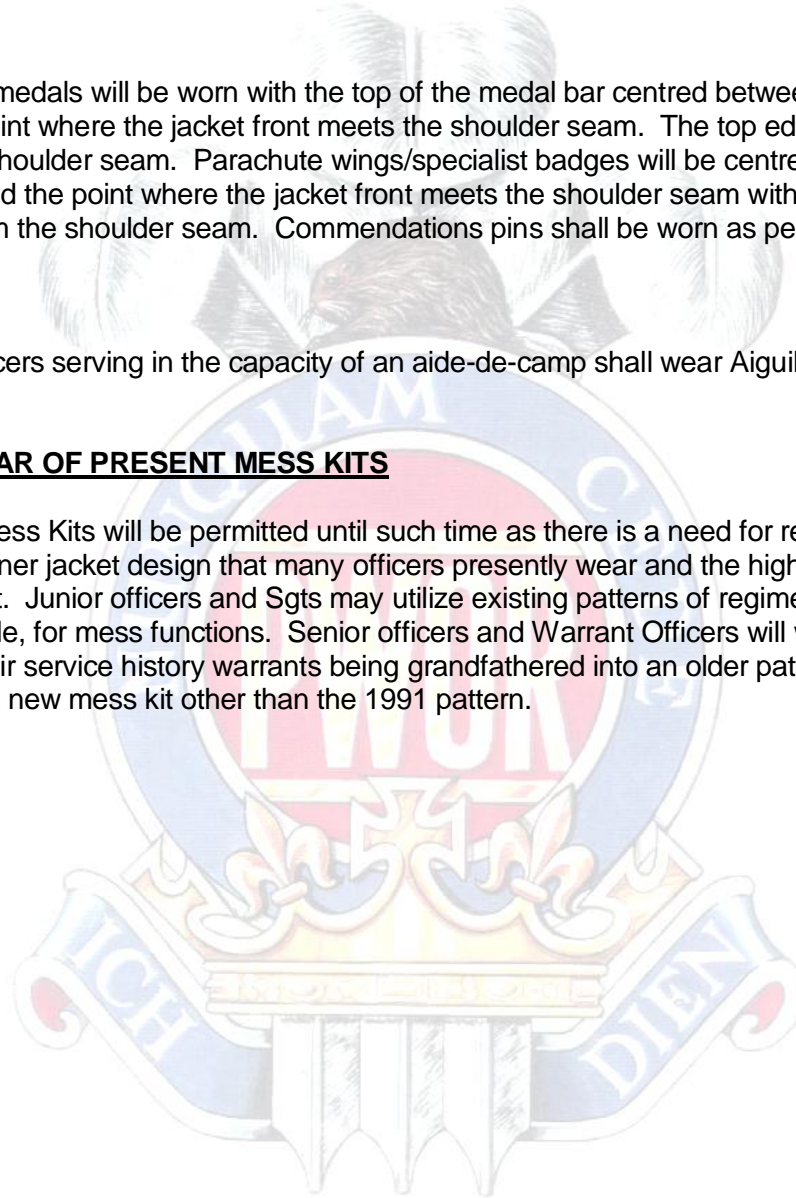
18. Miniature medals will be worn with the top of the medal bar centred between the outer edge of the lapel and the point where the jacket front meets the shoulder seam. The top edge of the medal bar will be 5" from the shoulder seam. Parachute wings/specialist badges will be centred between the outer edge of the lapel and the point where the jacket front meets the shoulder seam with the top of the wings/badge 4" from the shoulder seam. Commendations pins shall be worn as per normal positioning

### **AIGUILLETTE**

19. Those officers serving in the capacity of an aide-de-camp shall wear Aiguillette with mess kit as appropriate.

### **AUTHORIZED WEAR OF PRESENT MESS KITS**

20. Present Mess Kits will be permitted until such time as there is a need for replacement. This includes the red dinner jacket design that many officers presently wear and the high neck cut-away jacket with black waistcoat. Junior officers and Sgts may utilize existing patterns of regimentally owned mess kit or patrols, if available, for mess functions. Senior officers and Warrant Officers will wear the 1991 pattern mess kit, unless their service history warrants being grandfathered into an older pattern mess kit. No member will order a new mess kit other than the 1991 pattern.



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