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Subject: - Administration CC.RR.

To: ALL CC.RR. Units.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.)  
Q.100.  
December, 1945.

1. Frequent complaints have been received in the past concerning the turnout of units of the CC.RR.

At the present time special efforts are being made to improve the efficiency and morale of this force which is administered by the War Ministry through CC.RR channels.

2. CC.RR Units demands are met from CC.RR depots to which stocks are transferred as necessary by War Ministry instructions from Army depots.

Recently 30,000 sets of uniforms and boots have been so transferred.

Stocks of uniform cloth both blue for CC.RR exclusively and grey-green for the Army and some CC.RR units have recently come under War Ministry control and are being manufactured into uniforms as quickly as possible.

3. The organisation of the CC.RR including the V.E. strengths and tables of weapons and transport is under review but so far as possible, immediate re-  
in weapons, clothing and transport are being given priority.

4. At Appendix "2" of this H.Q. letter G/8 of 24 Nov 45 is given the present organisation. You are required to contact the Brigade and Divisional H.Q. within your affiliated Territorial Command and advise as to the methods best calculated to produce the desired results.

You may be able to assist in liaison between the Territorial H.Q. and certain CC.RR units. You should become familiar with the manner in and places at which control of clothing, weapons etc. passes from Army to CC.RR direction.

5. It appears that unit demands are not always prepared in the manner prescribed and that considerable delay sometimes occurs in distributing articles of equipment. It has been suggested to CC.RR control.

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5. It appears that unit demands are not always prepared in the manner prescribed and that considerable delay sometimes occurs in distributing articles after they have been released to CCAR control.

Specific examples of such mal-administration, if discovered, will be reported to this H.Q.

R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.  
for Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBJECT: Guards.'F' BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT  
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: AG/26/967

10 July 45.

To: H.Q.  
R.T.C., I.C.F.

1. It has been noticed that the sentries on the gate to No.1 Regiment do not carry arms by day. Their dress consists of K.D., skeleton Webbing and Steel Helmet.
2. It is suggested that a more appropriate dress might be:-

Slacks K.D., or  
Shorts K.D.  
Anklets Web.  
Web Belt.  
Cap.

The sentry on duty to carry a cane.

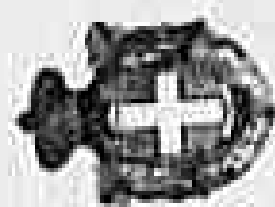
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Colonel.  
Commander 'F' British Liaison &  
Training Unit REC INF

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COMANDO DIVISIONE "PICENO"  
CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO COMPLEMENTI PER FORZE ITALIANE DI COMBATTIMENTO

04/5297/Pers.  
di prot.

21.92 - 11. 13 Giugno 1945

OGGETTO: - Uniforme. -

AL SIG. COL. HAKAR RA.  
"3" BLU TRAC 102

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by 1/5/21  
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Ringrazio della segnalazione rela-

tiva all'uniforme delle guardie; già avevo  
portato la mia attenzione sull'uso delle uni-  
forme ed in proposito avevo richiamato i reg-  
gimenti dipendenti con la mia lettera n. 04/467  
del 1° giugno, che qui unisco in copia.

Ho punito con 5 giorni di arresti l'ufficiale che era di picchetto nel giorno della visita del

Seco. Generale Duff. -

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Devo ancora una volta richiamare l'attenzione dei Comandanti di Corpo sull'uniforme.

Il soldato tende a trascurare l'uniforme sia perché si trova in campagna dove è meno sentita la ricercatezza del vestire, sia per una naturale esbitudine, sia perché l'uniforme estiva nella sua semplicità, si presta ad essere deformata e portata in modo sciatto.

Di fronte a questa tendenza del soldato occorre un'azione del superiore intesa a raffinarla sia con avvertimenti e consigli, sia con misure repressive.

Condizione prima perché il soldato sia ben vestito è che abbia ricevuto gli indumenti della taglia a lui adatta e questo è intervento del comandante di compagnia e del comandante del plotone; fatta l'assegnazione deve essere curato il modo di vestire con insegnamenti e riviste, deve essere prescritto il tipo di uniforme per l'adattamento a quello per la libertà uscita e tutti ci si debbono attenere.

Sugli ordini del giorno non vedo mai indicazioni per infrazione *infrazione* forse, e pure d'infrazioni ce ne sono tante.

C'è una tendenza a non portare le spalline sull'uniforme di tela, tendenza notata anche negli ufficiali; non deve essere tollerata. I distintivi di grado per i sottufficiali e graduali vanno portati sulle braccia; ufficiali e sottufficiali debbono portare i prescritti distintivi sulle spalle. I solati ufficiali nella giacca tipo shakris portano i distintivi poloniali (spalline nere), anche questo non è consentito e tutti debbono uniformarsi ai distintivi di grado prescritti con le recenti disposizioni ministeriali.

Sul braccio sinistro deve essere applicato il rettangolo tricolore, che serve a distinguere i nostri soldati da quelli degli eserciti alleati.

Sia curata la pulizia delle uniformi di tela.

Cari ufficiali che ha cuore per il proprio reparto la prima cura l'abbia per l'uniforme dei suoi uomini perché se ben vestiti danno subito un senso di ordine e di disciplina ed il reparto si presenterà bene suscitando l'onore proprio di tutti i componenti.

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Nelle compagnie dove perdurerà il malvezzo di trascurare l'uniforme dovrà essere fatto grave appunto ai comandanti: cura dell'uniforme, vuol dire cura dell'uomo, e la cura dell'uomo è il primo dovere di ogni comandante di compagnia.

IL GENERALE COMENDANTE  
(Esio Vegni)

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SUBJECT: Discipline - Dress

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1st SIG INCD 304  
Ref W/25/710

9 Jun 45

General Officer Commanding HMC 103

1. The standard of dress has deteriorated very considerably during the last month throughout the HMC 103.

2. The turnout of all guards is most deplorable - no-one seems to have any idea how to put on webbing equipment or how to keep their uniforms clean and tidy. Orderly Officers (Officiers de Vachette) and NCOs in charge of Guards either do NOT take any interest or else do NOT know how webbing equipment and uniforms should be worn.

3. The guard that was inspected by Major-General BURY last Saturday was really outrageous. In fact the General told the writer that it was the worst guard he had ever seen in the whole of his service. No doubt action was taken by HMC 103 about this guard as some improvement was noticed for two or three days but now the standard has again fallen back badly.

4. Now that training is concentrating on producing a soldier who will be well disciplined and turn-out, it is hoped that a marked improvement will soon be noticeable in the dress and bearing of all ranks in HMC 103, but it is recommended that a very serious view be taken of badly turned-out guards immediately.

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SUBJECT: Dress Discipline R.D. (MAGNET TAPER).

TO: HQ, HETD, JCF.  
 Ref: AG/26/512  
 6 May 1945.

TO: HQ,  
 HETD, JCF.  
 (MAGNET TAPER)

Reference this H.Q. letter AG/26/445 dated 20 April 45.

Black Drill dress will be taken into use forthwith.

*Shown Copy in*

*Major R.H.  
 MA & Q.*

ESL/m.

Distribution.

TO: HQ  
 TO: HETD  
 Major R.H. Andrews, DMSO  
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 Major J.G. Blackland, R.N.  
 Capt. C.T.R. Gordon, RWR  
 Major T. Hodge, Kings Own.  
 Major T.A.G. O'Sullivan, R.N.  
 Major T.S.G. Ward, R.N.  
 Major R.E.R. Evans, DML  
 Major A.V. Richards, R.N.  
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SUBJECT :- Dress Discipline - Khaki Drill (KD)

'F' MLU LTC ICF  
Ref AQ/26/45

28 April 45

R.A.  
RTO HQ

1. Further to this H.Q. letter, AQ/26/370 dated 20 April 45, owing to inclement weather, the wearing of KD will not take effect as from 1st May, 1945.
2. Further instructions will be issued at a later date.

*(Signature)*

Major, R.A.,  
D.A.M. & A.M.S.

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SUBJECT :- Dress Discipline - Khaki Drill (KD)

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P' INL/INTC ICF  
Ref AQ/26/458

30 April 45

HQ RTC ICF

1. It has been reported to this HQ that up to the 27th April 45 No 1 Regiment had not received notification of dress discipline contained in this HQ letter AQ/26/370 dated 20 April 45. *folio 2*

2. Will you please say on what date these instructions were sent out from your Headquarters.

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*Ans*  
Maj RA  
DMA & QM

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Dress Discipline - Khaki Drill (100)



Boots or Shoes

KD Slacks  
 Bush Shirt (worn outside)  
 Cloth Belt/Web Belt  
 Boots or Shoes



Maj RA  
 DAA & QTC

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or

KD Slacks  
 Bush Shirt (tucked inside shorts)  
 Web Belt  
 Boots or Shoes

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Please arrange necessary  
 demonstrations with the BSM's



SUBJECT :-- Dress Discipline - HAKKI DRILL (HD)

TO: HQ ITC IOT  
Ref AD/26/370

20 April 45

HQ ITC IOT

1. Current Dress, known in the British Army as HAKKI DRILL will be worn with effect from 1st May 1945.

2. The issue to all troops is as follows :-

- 1 pair HD Shorts
- 2 pairs HD Shirts
- 2 Pair Shirts
- 1 pair Hosiery.

3. One piece of clothing requires an explanation and that is the 'hosiery'. These are a substitute for stockings and are worn high up the leg, overlapping the socks and turned down just below the knee.

4. It is at the option of the Commander HQ IOT, whether shorts or slacks are worn during the day-time, but it is essential that when soldiers are on parade that necessary orders are given so that uniformity of dress is achieved.

5. A survey has been made of this issue and it is considered satisfactory by medical authorities. The following rule is strictly therefore observed by medical authorities :-

NO SLACKS AND SHORTS WITH STRINGS REMAINED DOWN UNTIL 10.00 PM IN THE EVENING AS FROM 10.00 HOURS UNTIL ONE HOUR BEFORE SUNDOWN.

Disciplinary action must be taken against any offender.

6. Arrangements will be made for a demonstration of the wearing of H-101, style of tropical kit. This will be conducted at each Regiment on the lines of the previous demonstration and in ample time before tropical kit is taken into use.

7. Brief notes on the mode of dress, however, are as follows :-

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4. It is at the option of the Commander HMC ICF, whether shorts or slacks are worn during the day-tide, but it is essential that when slacks are on parade that necessary creases are given so that uniformity of dress is achieved.
5. A survey has been made of this area and it is considered satisfactory by medical authorities. The following rule is strictly therefore enforced by medical authorities :-

NO SLACKS AND SHORTS WITH SUMMER ROLLER PANTS WITH  
 NO ROLL IN THE EVENING IN FROM 1900 HOURS UNTIL  
 ONE HOUR BEFORE SUNDOWN.

Disciplinary action must be taken against any offender.

6. Arrangements will be made for a demonstration of the wearing of British style of tropical kit. This will be conducted at each Regiment on the lines of the previous demonstration and in ample time before tropical kit is taken into use.

7. Brief notes on the mode of dress, however, are as follows :-

#### ON DUTY

NO Shorts  
 Bush Shirt (tucked inside the shorts)  
 Web Belt  
 Monettes  
 Anklets Web  
 Boots

- OR -

NO Slacks  
 Bush Shirt (tucked inside the shorts)  
 Web Belt  
 Anklets Web  
 Boots

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OFF DUTY

MD Shorts  
 Bush Shirt (tucked inside shorts)  
 Web Belt  
 Hooetops  
 Anklets Web  
 Boots or Shoes

- OH -

MD Slacks  
 Bush Shirt (tucked inside shorts)  
 Web Belt  
 Boots or Shoes.

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demonstrations with the BSM's



SUBJECT :- Summer Dress

File  
HQ ITC ICF  
Ref AG/26/360

18 Apr 45

HQ ITC ICF

1. Summer Dress will be taken into use with effect from 1 May 45.
2. Instructions on the wearing of Summer Dress will be issued by this office within the next few days.

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Copied to :- ALL OFFICERS  
BQMs  
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*Ch. H. Pearson*  
Maj RA  
IMA & QIR

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| SUBJECT: Dress Discipline (Draft Copy). |          |
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| Staff Capt,<br>'F' BLU                  | File     |
| Date 30/3                               | File 26- |

'H' BTI IRTC ICF  
Ref: BTI/A.11/81  
30 March 1945

Ref your letter, I think this is most valuable and excellent. I would suggest a programme as follows:-

- (i) that the 3 WO.IIs and 2 British ORs visit Regimental Headquarters and show the equipment to Senior Officers down to and including Coy Commanders.
- (ii) Each member of the team to be dressed differently to demonstrate all the orders of dress.
- (iii) That one of the Maltese Interpreters be present to explain the various points and
- (iv) that the actual demonstration be run by the Senior British WO.II.

I do not think that it is feasible to have this demonstration before about Wednesday owing to the length of time required to warn all Italians concerned. The suggested programme might be

0900 hours - TREVIGNANO Camp.

1100 hours - Nos 1 and 2 Regiments at HQ of No.2 Regt.

It is not known whether the turnout of the Artillery and Engineers warrant a demonstration though this might be arranged if necessary, p.m. of the 4th day.

WLP/asj.

Major, 689, II,  
Inf Training.

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