CHAPTER 6

RAF ORDERS OF DRESS - AIRCREW (MALE & FEMALE)

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Introduction

This Chap illustrates, through a selection of illustrations and explanatory notes, the various orders of dress for RAF Aircrew Personnel. It also stipulates the occasions on which each type of uniform should be worn. Sections in RED are the interim direction for FACS pending a formal update.

No 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Dress - RAF Officers (Male and Female) and Non-Commissioned Aircrew

0601. The No 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 dresses are all identical to those prescribed for male personnel in Chap 3 of this manual and are worn on the same occasions.

No 14 Dress (Flying Clothing) – RAF Officers (Male and Female) and Non-Commissioned Aircrew

0602. Occasions for wear. No 14 Dress is worn by all ranks, when actively employed on flying duties unless otherwise ordered. It is not to be worn routinely in off base areas (See Chap 1, Para 0110 regarding travel to and from work). It is not to be worn in public areas of Officers' or Sergeants' Messes after 1900 hrs daily. When employed on ground administrative duties or when a standard dress is ordered, aircrew personnel should wear the standard RAF No 2 Dress. FACS introduces replacement items for all ranges plus a combat uniform version of fg clothing together with updated layered systems – as a result this Ch is currently under review pending formal re-issue

0603. Hat - Male Personnel.

- a. Officers. Male officers are to wear the service issue No 1 SD hat, beret or a field service cap with No 14 dress.
- b. Airmen. Non-commissioned aircrew are to wear the No 1 SD hat, beret or field service cap with appropriate cap badge.
- c. FACS Combat Uniform. Where the FACS combat uniform is worn, only the beret is permitted (to align with policy on PCS CU).
- **0604.** Hat Female Personnel. The headdress options for female personnel are as follows:
 - a. **Officers.** Female commissioned officers may either wear their own style, No 1 SD hat, beret, field service cap or the airwomen's No 1 hat, with appropriate hat badge.
 - b. **Airwomen.** Female non-commissioned personnel may wear either a No 1 SD hat, a beret or field service cap with appropriate cap badge.
 - c. FACS Combat Uniform. Where the FACS combat dress is worn, only the beret is permitted (to align with policy on PCS CU).

- **0605.** Flying Suit (No 14A Dress). A clean, serviceable, approved pattern olive drab (OD) flying suit is to be worn with rank shoulder slides displayed on both shoulder straps. Sleeves are to be rolled down and fastened at the cuffs by the velcro fastenings. Badges should be positioned as follows:
 - a. Name badge and aircrew brevet (if awarded) on the left breast, approximately 4" (10 cm) below the shoulder seam.
 - b. Unit crest left shoulder.
 - c. Squadron badge right shoulder.

Only one further qualification badge may be worn. The wearing of badges with FACS is currently under review.

- **0606. Aircrew Vest.** Only a Service issue OD aircrew vest or flame retardant Sqn vest is to be worn with the roll neck (if applicable) folded down once.
- **0607.** Socks. Green only.
- **0608.** Boots. Black, approved pattern flying boots are to be polished with Service issue silicon boot polish only.
- **0609.** Gloves. Only approved pattern, Service issue gloves are to be worn.
- **0610.** Cold Weather Flying Jacket (No 14B dress). A Service issue cold weather flying jacket may be worn with a flying suit, at the individual's discretion. Appropriate badges of rank are to be worn and the jacket is to be fastened by both zip and buttons, with the cuffs secured by the velcro strips. See Para 0615.
- **0611.** Cold Weather Trousers. Cold weather trousers may be worn for flying and squadron duties however; they are not to be worn in Officers' or Sergeants' Messes. See Para 0615
- **0612. DPM Jacket.** A CS95 or PCS CU outer jacket may be worn with flying clothing, in place of a cold weather flying jacket, at the individual's discretion. **See Para 0615**
- **0613.** Blue Leather Flying Jacket (No 14C dress). A blue leather flying jacket of the standard approved pattern may be purchased at personal expense and worn with flying clothing, on the ground only. The jacket zip slider is to be zipped up to at least 10cm from the top zip stop.

0614. FACS base and mid layer items, including UBACS, are not to be worn as outer garments.

0615. Mixing of Uniform. Cold weather flying jackets, cold weather trousers, and FACS/PCS items are only for wear with service issue flying suits. **Under no circumstances are any of these items to be worn with other orders of dress e.g. No 2 Dress uniform.**

RAF No 14 DRESS – AIRCREW – MALE AND FEMALE
RAF No 14A DRESS RAF No 14B DRESS





RAF No 14C DRESS AIRCREW - MALE AND FEMALE



Shown with 'optional' field service cap and blue leather flying jacket