

THE SEA CADET CORPS

NOTES ON INSPECTIONS SCC & MCS ADULT STAFF

MISCELLANEOUS

The following points become second nature with experience and in a good Unit/Detachment, both in their being noticed at inspection and in their observance by the troops. Full wear must be extracted from clothing and as long as it is serviceable it must be worn on occasions when best clothing is not required. Part worn clothing will be clean, correctly pressed, and in good repair. Clothes worn to the pitch of unserviceability must be noted on inspection. Every item of clothing and equipment must be correctly marked. It is usual to inspect, starting at the right hand person of the front rank, from the head downwards, the front of the rank before the back of it.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

- a. **Bearing.** Is the person standing at the correct position of attention. Before starting to inspect, see that any incorrect positions are put right.
- b. Does the person look fit? Is he/she clean? Is his/her uniform clean, well fitting, pressed and correctly worn? Are his/her arms clean?

THE CAP/TRICORN

From the Front

- a. Is the cap worn square and well forward on the head?
- b. Is the white top clean and it's shape correct?
- c. Is the black/red band pure black/red without mark or discoloration?
- d. Is the cap badge correctly fitted?
- e. Is the peak polished, free from cracks or chips and correctly shaped?
- f. Is the chin stay in good repair and correctly fitted?
- g. Are the anodized/black buttons sewn on without loose ends or threads?

From the Back

- a. Is the white top clean and not distorted or discolored?
- b. Is the band clean and free of grease?

THE BERET

From the Front

- a. Is the leather band square on the head, badge in the correct position, fullness pulled down the proper way?
- b. Is the beret free from dirt or fluff; and if a blue beret, is the red patch clean?

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From the Back

- a. Is the tape neatly tied, with the ends tucked into the leather band?

FACE, HAIR AND NECK

- a. Is the man clean shaven (or neatly trimmed if bearded).
- b. Is the hair neat below the cap? Hair is to be neatly cut and trimmed.
- c. Sideburns should be no lower than the bottom of the earlobe? (SCC Only).
- d. Sideburns are not to be below the centre of the ear? (Marines Only).

REEFER JACKET/BLUE TUNIC/LOVAT TUNIC/SHIRT & TIE

The way the Jacket/Tunic fits and is put on makes a major contribution to the 'straight up and down' look of a smart turnout. Correct fit and wearing are vital to a neat appearance.

The Reefer Jacket/Tunic

From the Front

- a. **The Jacket.** The collar, cuffs and jacket must be carefully fitted. The fly of the jacket must be straight. There should be no creasing at the waist under the belt. Any fullness there is must be pulled to the sides. The fly of the jacket must be straight and central, making a straight line through the belt buckle with the fly of the trousers.
- b. **Pressing.** The sleeves and body of the jacket/tunic must be pressed flat, the only crease to show being that in the sleeves. (Warrant Officers, Senior Rates, SNCO's & Cadets Only)
- c. **Buttons.** Buttons must be well sewn on and fastened, anchors pointing forward and down.
- d. **Badges.** Designations and badges of rank and collar badges must be clean, correctly placed and properly sewn on or fitted. (Badges are to be fitted naturally)
- e. **Pockets.** Pockets must not be stuffed out with papers etc. Pocket flaps must lie close to the jacket.
- f. **Medal Ribbons.** Medal Ribbons must be clean and bright. No threads from stitching must be allowed to appear.
- g. **Tie.** Is the tie correctly fitted and straight.
- h. **Shirt.** Is the shirt clean & pressed correctly. Neither shirt collar nor cuffs must be allowed to show. Shirt sleeves must not be rolled up.
- i. No ends of cotton from stitching must be allowed to appear.

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From the Back

- a. Is the collar clean.? Do the collar, waist and cuffs fit well? Is the jacket the correct length?
- b. Is the back properly pressed?
- c. Are shirt and pullover invisible?

Lovat Tunic

Most of the points mentioned for the blue tunic are also applicable to the Lovat Tunic. In addition:

- a. The prongs of the cloth belt buckle are to be fitted to the central eyelet holes on the belt.
- b. The bottom of the skirt is to be horizontal and the back vent vertical, with an overlap of not less than 1 to 1½ inches.

WHITE BELT

From the Front

- a. The belt must be so firmly fitted that, during a long parade, the weight of the bayonet cannot pull it down on one side and the jacket cannot ride up underneath.
- b. The buckle must be central to the front and in line with the clothing buttons.
- c. When the belt has brass fittings, these must be clean both back, front and edges. Runners must be vertical and as close to the buckles as possible. Any part of the belt turning back underneath must be correctly fastened and square under the outer part of the belt.

From the Back

- a. The frog must be on the left hip, not under the left arm or in the small of the back. The bayonet must be inspected for rust and fingermarks on the steel, either by withdrawing from the scabbard or when fixed to the rifle.

HANDS

Hands must be clean, with no tobacco or other stains; nails clean and trimmed. Gloves, if worn, must be clean and in good repair; marking must not show.

TROUSERS

From the Front

- a. Trousers must be well braced up.
- b. Trousers should hang straight, lower edge touching the instep.
- c. Red Stripe in tweeds clean and not faded or discoloured.
- d. Look for wear at the knees and pockets.

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From the Back

- a. Be sure that braces are worn whenever a tunic is worn. (MCS Only)
- b. Lower edge should reach the top of the heel of the boot.
- c. Lower edge not frayed.

BOOTS

From the Front

- a. These must be in a good state of repair and free from cracks.
- b. Regulation laces must be strong and flat, not twisted and knotted; and concealed so that they cannot fall down.
- c. Laces must be done up tightly so as to close the lace holes; this is a matter of fitting and is a Service requirement for the protection of the instep.
- d. Polished boots will be polished on the uppers, under the arch and along the front of the heel block as well as on the toes.
- e. Royal Marine Combat Boots (RMCB) will be dubbed as ordered.

From the Back

- a. Get some personnel to lift one foot at a time to see if the soles are in good repair and AP boots are properly studded.