Of the British Armed Forces



















Incorporating cap , beret , combat helmet and jungle / floppy hat badges





Cloth Beret & Cap Badges Of the British Armed Forces

This booklet is intended as a guide to the cloth cap, beret, helmet and hat badges worn by other ranks and SNCO's of the UK Armed Forces. All of the images supplied for this pamphlet came from my collection, members of the British and Commonwealth Military Badge Forum (BCMBF), and a few Regimental Museums, to whom I am grateful for sharing a vast wealth of knowledge.

The field of cloth badge collecting is one that will always bring debate. Regiments, Squadrons, Units and even individuals purchasing badges that are not officially sanctioned, slight changes to existing patterns and new designs, all have their talking points.

This guide covers cloth beret badges, which initially seem to have been worn by regiments in Northern Ireland in the 1970s, combat cap badges and those worn on the combat helmet cover. These badges never seemed to be popular within the various regiments and have been adopted by many units including Army, Sea and Combined Cadet Forces and some University Officer Training Corps. Also included are some school badges and civil organisations with military affiliations.

The combat cap, whether called floppy hat, crap hat, desert DPM hat, jungle hat or boonie hat, is immaterial. A number of units wear a cloth patch on the side as a unit identifier. This also applies to helmet badges, worn on various sides of the combat helmet cover, again as a unit identifier. This practice seemed to take off with the beginning of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

There are numerous patches that have been worn that have not been illustrated in this booklet and I am sure some of the examples shown have been worn on more than one type of headdress. If you can help with any descriptions or details, or can add more pictures to this living booklet, please feel free to contact me through the BCMBF or by email, and I will add to or amend the Master Copy.



Beret Badges





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1		Royal Horse Artillery	Possibly Also Desert Hat Badge		Beret Badge	Embroidered
2		Royal Dragoon Guards		7.5 x 7.5	Beret Badge	Woven
3	ACF	5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards			Beret Badge	Woven
4	ACF	5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
5	NI Issue	5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards		5.1 x 5.7	Beret Badge	Woven
6		9th/12th Royal Lancers			Beret Badge	Woven
7		9th/12th Royal Lancers	Variant	4.6 x 4.6	Beret Badge	Woven
8		9th/12th Royal Lancers	Variant	4.3 x 4.3	Beret Badge	Woven
9	NI Issue	9th/12th Royal Lancers	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
10		King's Royal Hussars			Beret Badge	Woven
11		14th/20th King's Hussars			Beret Badge	Woven
12		14th/20th King's Hussars	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
13		14th/20th King's Hussars	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
14		16th/5th Queen's Royal Lancers	1st Pattern	5.2 x 5.2	Beret Badge	Woven
15		16th/5th Queen's Royal Lancers	Colour		Beret Badge	Woven
16		16th/5th Queen's Royal Lancers	Variant	4.5 x 4.5	Beret Badge	Woven
17	ACF	Royal Tank Regiment			Beret Badge	Woven
18	ACF	Royal Artillery	Oval Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
19		Royal Artillery	Triangular Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
20		Royal Artillery	Square Variant		Beret Badge	Embroidered
21		Royal Engineers	(Possibly ACF Issue)	4.8 x 4.8	Beret Badge	Woven
22		Royal Engineers	Variant (Possibly ACF Issue)	4.8 x 4.8	Beret Badge	Woven
23	NI Issue	Royal Signals	Oval Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
24	ACF	Royal Signals	Round Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
25	ACF	Royal Signals	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
26		Royal Signals, 70 (Essex Yeo) Sig	Sqn	4 x 5.75	Beret Badge	Embroidered
27		Royal Signals, 68 (Inns of Court 8	& CLY) Sqn	3.4 x 4.9	Beret Badge	Embroidered
28		Royal Signals	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
29		Royal Signals	Variant		Beret Badge	Embroidered
30		Welsh Guards		4 x 5.1	Beret Badge	Embroidered
31	ACF	Royal Scots	(On Hunting Stewart Flash)		TOS Badge	Woven
32	ACF	Royal Scots			TOS Badge	Woven
33		Queen's Regiment			Beret Badge	Woven
34		Queen's Regiment	Square Variant		Beret Badge	Woven

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35		Queen's Regiment	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
36		Queen's Regiment	Yellow Badge Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
37		Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment			Beret Badge	Woven
38	ACF	Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment			Beret Badge	Embroidered
39		King's Own Royal Border Regiment			Beret Badge	Woven
40		King's Own Royal Border Regiment	carlett Merrowed Edge	7 x 7	Beret Badge	Woven
41		King's Own Royal Border Regiment	with Merrowed Edge	6 x 6	Beret Badge	Woven
42		King's Own Royal Border Regiment	on Felt	6.3 x 6.4	Beret Badge	Woven
43		King's Own Royal Border Regiment	Yellow on Blue		Beret Badge	Woven
44		King's Own Royal Border Regiment	WO & SNCO Variant		Side Cap	Woven
45		King's Own Royal Border Regiment	WO & SNCO Variant		Side Cap	Embroidered
46	UN	King's Own Royal Border Regiment	UN Issue		Beret Badge	Woven
47		Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	Square Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
48	ACF	Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
49		Lancashire Fusiliers			Beret Badge	Embroidered
50	ACF	King's Regiment			Beret Badge	Woven
51	ACF	Royal Anglian Regiment	Also worn by CCF		Beret Badge	Woven
52		Royal Anglian Regiment	Square Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
53	ACF	Light Infantry			Beret Badge	Woven
54	ACF	The Rifles			Beret Badge	Woven
55		Prince of Wales's own Regiment of Yorks	hire Oval Variant		Beret Badge	Embroidered
56		Cheshire Regiment			Beret Badge	Woven
57		Cheshire Regiment	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
58	UN	Cheshire Regiment	ok Blue Merrowed Edge		Helmet Badge	Woven
59	UN	Cheshire Regiment	Variant		Helmet Badge	Woven
60		Royal Regiment of Wales			Beret Badge	Woven
61	ACF	Royal Regiment of Wales	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
62	ACF	Royal Welsh			Beret Badge	Woven
63		1st Bn Gloucestershire Regiment 1st Bat	ch Back Badge c1993	3.7 x 3.7	Beret Badge	Embroidered
64		Gloucestershire Regiment	Variant Back Badge	4.4 x 4.4	Beret Badge	Embroidered
65		Gloucestershire Regiment	Variant Back Badge	3.7 x 3.7	Beret Badge	Embroidered
66		Worcestershire & Sherwood Foresters			Beret Badge	Woven
67	ACF	Worcestershire & Sherwood Foresters		4.4 x 5.6	Beret Badge	Woven
68		Worcestershire & Sherwood Foresters	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven



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69	ACF	B Coy, Mercians, Army Cadet Force	Also worn by CCF		Beret Badge	Woven
70		Queen's Lancashire Regiment 1st Patte	ern		Beret Badge	Woven
71		Queen's Lancashire Regiment 2nd Patt	ern		Beret Badge	Woven
72		Queen's Lancashire Regiment 3rd Patte	ern		Beret Badge	Woven
73		Queen's Lancashire Regiment 4th Patte	ern		Beret Badge	Woven
74	NI Issue	Staffordshire Regiment	Green on Black		Beret Badge	Woven
75	ACF	Staffordshire Regiment		5.1 x 5.1	Beret Badge	Woven
76		Queen's Gurkha Signals			Beret Badge	Embroidered
77		Special Air Service Regiment		6 x 4	Beret Badge	Embroidered
78		Special Air Service Regiment	Variant	6 x 4	Beret Badge	Embroidered
79		Special Reconnaissance Regiment	Possible Early Prototype	6.6 x 4.7	Beret Badge	Embroidered
80		Special Reconnaissance Regiment		6.5 x 4.7	Beret Badge	Embroidered
81	NI Issue	Royal Corps of Transport			Beret Badge	Woven
82	NI Issue	Royal Corps of Transport	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
83	NI Issue	Royal Corps of Transport	Variant	5 x 5	Beret Badge	Woven
84		Royal Logistic Corps 1st Pattern 1993	(Red Scroll)		Beret Badge	Woven
85		Royal Logistic Corps 1st Pattern 1993	(Red Scroll)		Beret Badge	Embroidered
86		Royal Logistic Corps 1st Pattern with N	SN Tab (Blue Scroll)		Beret Badge	Embroidered
87		Royal Logistic Corps 1st Pattern (Black	Background, Blue Scroll)		Beret Badge	Embroidered
88		Royal Logistic Corps 2nd Pattern			Beret Badge	Woven
89		Royal Logistic Corps 3rd Pattern			Beret Badge	Woven
90		Royal Logistic Corps 3rd Pattern	(Yellow on Blue)		Beret Badge	Woven
91		Royal Logistic Corps 3rdPattern	(Yellow on Black)		Beret Badge	Woven
92		Royal Logistic Corps 3rd Pattern	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
93		Royal Logistic Corps 3rd Pattern (Possil	oly attached King's Regt)		Beret Badge	Woven
94	ACF	Royal Logistic Corps			Beret Badge	Embroidered
95	ACF	Royal Logistic Corps	Variant		Beret Badge	Embroidered
96		Royal Army Medical Corps		5.1 x 6.6	Beret Badge	Woven
97		Royal Army Medical Corps	2 Colour Variant	5 x 6.5	Beret Badge	Woven
98	ACF	Royal Army Medical Corps	Round Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
99	ACF	Royal Army Medical Corps	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
100	ACF	Royal Army Ordnance Corps			Beret Badge	Woven
101		Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineer	rs ·		Beret Badge	Woven
102		Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineer	rs Variant		Beret Badge	Woven

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103		Royal Electrical & Mechanical Eng'rs Possibly	Desert Hat Badge		Beret Badge	Woven
104		Military Provost Guard Service 1st Pattern		5 x 5	Beret Badge	Embroidered
105		Military Provost Guard Service 1st Pattern	Variant	5 x 5	Beret Badge	Embroidered
106		Military Provost Guard Service 2nd Pattern		5 x 5	Beret Badge	Embroidered
107		Honourable Artillery Company			Beret Badge	Embroidered
108		Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry			Beret Badge	Woven
109		Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
110		Dorset Yeomanry		5.7 x 5.7	Beret Badge	Embroidered
111		Cheshire Yeomanry		5 x 4	Beret Badge	Embroidered
112		Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry			Beret Badge	Woven
113	ACF	Royal Mercian & Lancastrian Yeomanry	Round Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
114		Royal Mercian & Lancastrian Yeomanry	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
115		Scottish Yeomanry	Yellow Lion		Beret Badge	Woven
116		Scottish Yeomanry	Red Lion		Beret Badge	Woven
117	ACF	Robin Hood Rifles, Notts			Beret Badge	Woven
118		Lancastrian Brigade			Beret Badge	Embroidered
119	UOTC	Tayforth UOTC			Beret Badge	Embroidered
120		Queen's Division Depot, Recruit Issue			Beret Badge	Woven
121		Royal Air Force	Cap & Beret		Beret Badge	Embroidered
122		Royal Air Force Bandsman			Cap Badge	Wire Emb
123		Special Boat Service	Unofficial Badge	5.7 radius	Beret Badge	Embroidered
124		Special Boat Service		6 x 4	Beret Badge	Embroidered
125		18 (UKSF) Signal Regiment	Not approved		Beret Badge	Embroidered
126		Mixed Services Organisation			Beret Badge	Woven
127		Multi National Force & Observers			Beret Badge	Embroidered
128	RFA	Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service Rating			Beret Badge	Embroidered
129	Civil	Defence Fire Service			Beret Badge	Wire Emb
130	Civil	Defence Fire Service	Variant		Beret Badge	Wire Emb
131	Civil	National Army Museum			Cap Badge	Wire Emb
132	Civil	Imperial War Museum		4.8 x 6.2	Cap Badge	Wire Emb
133	CCF	Naval Section, Combined Cadet Force			Beret Badge	Embroidered
134	Civil	Ministry of Defence Police			Beret Badge	Embroidered
135	Civil	Ministry of Defence Police	Variant		Beret Badge	Embroidered
136	SCC	Sea Cadet Corps			Beret Badge	Embroidered





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137		Royal Hospital Chelsea	Cpl & Below	8.5 x 4	Shako Badge	Embroidered
138		Royal Hospital Chelsea	Sgts and above		Shako Badge	Wire Emb
139		Royal Naval Association			Beret Badge	Wire Emb
140	CCF	Brentwood School, Essex			Beret Badge	Embroidered
141	CCF	Brighton, Hove & Sussex Sixth Form College			Beret Badge	Embroidered
142	UOTC	Bristol University 2nd Year Student			Beret Badge	Embroidered
143	CCF	Bury Grammar School			Beret Badge	Embroidered
144	CCF	Clifton College, Bristol			Beret Badge	Woven
145	CCF	Elizabeth College, Guernsey			Beret Badge	Woven
146	CCF	Eastbourne College			Beret Badge	Embroidered
147	CCF	Headington School (All Female)			Beret Badge	Woven
148	CCF	King Edward VI School, Chelmsford		6.3 x 4.2	Beret Badge	Embroidered
149	CCF	King's School, Canterbury			Beret Badge	Woven
150	CCF	Kimbolton School, Huntingdonshire	Brown Stag		Beret Badge	Woven
151	CCF	Kimbolton School, Huntingdonshire	Yellow Stag		Beret Badge	Woven
152	CCF	Monmouth School			Beret Badge	Woven
153	CCF	Pate's Grammar School, Cheltenham	Back Badge		Beret Badge	Woven
154	CCF	Portsmouth Grammar School			Beret Badge	Woven
155	CCF	Repton School			Beret Badge	Woven
156	CCF	Repton School	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
157	CCF	Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe			Beret Badge	Embroidered
158	CCF	Stonyhurst College CCF 3rd Pattern			Beret Badge	Woven
159	CCF	Stonyhurst College	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
160	CCF	Sir Roger Manwood's School			Beret Badge	Woven
161	CCF	Stamford School			Beret Badge	Woven
162	CCF	Stamford School	Variant		Beret Badge	Woven
163	CCF	Wellingborough School			Beret Badge	Woven
164		Welbeck College			Beret Badge	Embroidered
165		Welbeck College	Variant		Beret Badge	Embroidered
	N	<u>COMBAT HEL</u> l ormally worn on the side of the woodl		M or MTP I	Helmet cover	
166		Household Cavalry Regiment		4 x 4	Helmet	Woven
167		3 Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery	c2005		Helmet	Embroidered
168		7 Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery		4 x 4	Helmet	Woven

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169		L/N (Nery) Battery (The Eagle Troop), Ro	oyal Horse Artillery		DPM Hat	Embroidered
170	UN	9th/12th Royal Lancers	UN Tour		Helmet	Woven
171		Light Dragoons			Helmet	Embroidered
172		K (Hondeghem) Battery, Royal Artillery			DPM Hat	Embroidered
173		Coldstream Guards			Helmet	Woven
174		Royal Scots	Hunting Stewart		Helmet	
175		King's Own Scottish Borderers	Leslie Tartan	5.1 x 5.3	Helmet	
176		Royal Highland Fusiliers	McKenzie Tartan		Helmet	
177		Royal Regiment of Scotland			Helmet	Woven
178		1 SCOTS (RSB)			Helmet	Woven
179		2 SCOTS (RHF)			Helmet	Woven
180		3 SCOTS (Black Watch)	No title	4.1 x 5	Helmet	Woven
181		3 SCOTS (Black Watch)	With title		Helmet	Woven
182		4 SCOTS (Highlanders)			Helmet	Woven
183		5 SCOTS (Argylls)			Helmet	Woven
184		Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment			Helmet	Woven
185		A Coy, 5-8th Battalion, King's Regiment		6.7 x 5.6	Helmet	Woven
186		C Coy, 5-8th Battalion, King's Regiment		7.4 x 7.5	Helmet	Woven
187		HQ Coy, 5-8th Battalion, King's Regimen	t	5.3 x 5.3	Helmet	Woven
188		Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	Black merrowed edge	5 x 5	Helmet	Woven
189		Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	Maroon merrowed edge		Helmet	Woven
190		Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	No Edge Variant		Helmet	Woven
191		Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	Variant		Helmet	Woven
192		2nd Battalion, Royal Anglian Regiment	The Poachers		Helmet	Embroidered
193		Yorkshire Regiment			Helmet	Woven
194		Recce Platoon, 2 Mercian Regiment			Helmet	Woven
195		Royal Welsh Fusiliers (Worn on rear of h	nelmet) Olive Variant		Helmet	Embroidered
196		Royal Welsh Fusiliers (Worn on rear of h	nelmet) Desert Variant		Helmet	Embroidered
197		Royal Irish Regiment	Afghanistan 2010	4.5 x 4.5	Helmet	Woven
198		Royal Irish Regiment	Variant		Helmet	Woven
199		1 PARA		4 x 4	Helmet	Woven
200		2 PARA		4 x 4	Helmet	Woven
201		3 PARA		4 x 4	Helmet	Woven
202		4 PARA		4 x 4	Helmet	Woven









Civil / Military Affiliated Badges



Ref No	Misc	<u>Unit</u>		<u>Size</u> (Cm)	<u>Head-dress</u>	Construction
203		2nd Gurkha Rifles			Helmet	Woven
204		Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire & Wiltsh	nire Regt Back Badge		Helmet	Woven
205		1 RGBW (LI) Back Badge Afgha	nistan Sep 05- Apr 06		Helmet	Embroidered
206		Royal Army Medical Corps		3.1 x 3.1	Helmet	Woven
207		Royal Military Police	Felt Variant		Helmet	Embroidered
208		Westminster Dragoons	worn on helmet band		Helmet	Embroidered
209		16 Air Assault Brigade	Black Merrowed Edge		Helmet	Woven
210		16 Air Assault Bde Pathfinders		4 x 4	Helmet	Woven
211		7 Air Assault Bn, REME		4 x 4	Helmet	Woven
212		63 Sqn, 13 Air Assault Regiment RLC		4.5 x 4.5	Helmet	Woven
213		Joint Helicopter Support Unit	Desert Variant		Helmet	Woven
214		Joint Helicopter Support Unit	Olive Variant		Helmet	Woven
215		A Flt, 2 Sqn RAF Regiment		6 x 6	Helmet	Embroidered
216		B Flt, 2 Sqn RAF Regiment		6 x 6	Helmet	Embroidered
217		C Flt, 2 Sqn RAF Regiment		6 x 6	Helmet	Embroidered
218		D Flt, 2 Sqn RAF Regiment		6 x 6	Helmet	Embroidered
219		B Flt, 2 Sqn RAF Regiment	Desert Variant	5 x 6	Helmet	Embroidered
220		Support Weapons Flt, 2 Sqn RAF Regimer	nt	6 x 6	Helmet	Embroidered
221		A Flt, 2 Sqn RAF Regiment	Olive Variant	5 x 6	Helmet	Embroidered
222		B Flt, 2 Sqn RAF Regiment	Olive Variant	5 x 6	Helmet	Embroidered
223		Support Weapons Flt, 2 Sqn RAF Regimer	nt Variant	5 x 6	Helmet	Embroidered
224		Machine Gun Flt, 2 Sqn RAF Regiment	Desert Variant	5 x 6	Helmet	Embroidered
225		Machine Gun Flt, 2 Sqn RAF Regiment	DPM Variant	5 x 6	Helmet	Embroidered
226		Support Weapons Flt, 15 Sqn RAF Regime	ent, 1st Pattern	5 x 5	Helmet	Embroidered
227		Support Weapons Flt, 15 Sqn RAF Regime	ent, 2nd Pattern	5 x 5	Helmet	Embroidered
		<u>ΗΑ</u> Usually worn on the side of the	<mark>iT BADGES</mark> e tropical DPM, flop	py or Comi	bat Cap.	
228		B Battery, Royal Horse Artillery	c2004		DPM Hat	Woven
229		C Battery, Royal Horse Artillery	MTP	5 x 5	DPM Hat	Embroidered
230		E Battery, Royal Horse Artillery	c2004		DPM Hat	Embroidered
231		3 Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery				Printed
232		3 Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery	Variant			Printed
233		Royal Horse Artillery				Printed
234		D Sqn, 9th/12th Royal Lancers Attached	16/5 QRL Gulf War I	4.5 x 4.6		Woven

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235		9th/12th Royal Lancers	Black Edge Variant			Woven
236		16th/5th Queen's Royal Lancers			DPM Hat	Woven
237		Royal Dragoon Guards	c2005			Woven
238		5 (Gibraltar 1779-1783) Battery, Royal Artille	ry		Beret	Ribbon
239		'O' Field Battery (The Rocket Troop) Royal Ar	tillery			Printed
240		'P' Battery (The Dragon Troop) Royal Artillery	/			Woven
241		'Z' Battery, 5 Regiment, Royal Artillery				Embroidered
242		18 (Quebec) Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery				Woven
243		22nd Air Defence Regiment, Royal Artillery				Embroidered
244		25th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery				Woven
245		30 Battery (Rogers's Company) Royal Artiller	у			Woven
246		38 (Seringapatam) Battery, Royal Artillery				Woven
247		39th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery				Embroidered
248		74th Heavy Battery (The Battle Axe Company	y) Royal Artillery			Embroidered
249		127 Battery, 49 Field Regiment, Royal Artiller	ry			Embroidered
250		129 (Dragon) Battery, Royal Artillery				Woven
251		132 Battery (The Bengal Rocket Troop) Royal	Artillery c2009			Embroidered
252		176 (Abu Klea) Battery, Royal Artillery	c2010		DPM Hat	Embroidered
253		216 Para Signal Sqn, 16 Air Assault Brigade			DPM Hat	Embroidered
254		2 Coy, Grenadier Guards		4 x 4	DPM Hat	Woven
255		1st Battalion, Scots Guards	c2004			Woven
256		Royal Highland Fusiliers			DPM Hat	
257		Queen's Own Highlanders Hor	ng Kong 1980—81		Jungle Hat	Embroidered
258		Queen's Own Highlanders	Variant	4.9 x 7.4	Jungle Hat	Embroidered
259		King's Own Royal Border Regiment		5 x 5	Jungle Hat	Woven
260		King's Own Royal Border Regiment		3.3 x 3.3	Jungle Hat	Embroidered
261		3rd Battalion, Duke of Lancaster's Regiment			MTP Hat	Embroidered
262		Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire	2		Jungle Hat	Printed
263		Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshir	e		Jungle Hat	Embroidered
264		Staffordshire Regiment	Hong Kong 1996		DPM Hat	Woven
265		1st Battalion, Royal Gurkha Rifles	c1994		Jungle Hat	Printed
266		2nd Battalion, Royal Gurkha Rifles				Printed
267		2nd Gurkha Rifles			Gurkha Hat	Woven
268		6th Ghurkha Rifles				Printed
269		6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles	0		Gurkha Hat	Printed
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CCF/School/College Badges





Combat Helmet Badges











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223 III





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Hat Badges

Including, DPM Hats, Combat Hats etc.







Construction of patches

These patches came in a few varieties of construction, the most common are woven or embroidered. Examples of both below.









Tayforth University Officer Training Corps Beret Badge, Embroidered on black felt

Royal Anglian Regiment ACF Beret Badge, woven example

Patch Edging

The edging of the patches differs from various periods of time and manufacturers. Some of the earlier versions have a plain edging as opposed to the merrowed edging of more modern patches.









Plain Edge

Merrowed Edge

Tartan Patches

Most of the Scottish regiments wore a square of tartan material behind the cap badge on the Tam O'Shanter (if worn). These were also worn, sometimes smaller, on the side of the combat helmet or floppy desert DPM hat.





Royal Scots & KOSB

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Officer's Beret Badges

The beret badges shown are other ranks and SNCO issue only and are not to be confused with the superior quality, wire embroidered badges worn by officers. Some examples of which are shown below.











Fakes, Copies, Rejects etc.

Many types of badges have been faked and copied for the collectors market. Also units have rejected patterns which are still in circulation. These are a few of them. I will add a separate section for fakes as and when I get images. The increasing number of companies in Pakistan producing reproduction badges and patches means that the market is being flooded with cheap copies, so beware when purchasing items for your collections.











Locally produced, theatre made items.

Not all of the jungle hat and helmet badges are 'official issue'. When units deployed to the Balkans, Iraq, Afghanistan etc, the 'tradition' was sometimes for a locally produced patch to be made for use by units. These varied in pattern and size and the quality could vary from very good to very poor. These are usually found in small numbers and usually can't be confirmed as actually being worn.

Late additions.

These items have been sent in after the initial publication. They will be added to the main body of the brochure and will be included in future editions.





2nd Dragoons side cap badge, Embroidered

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Rifles, Berkshire and Wiltshire Museum.

Highlanders Museum.

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