

THE OXFORDSHIRE & BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY

REGIMENTAL BUTTONS 1881-1965

In 1855 the dress of the British Infantry changed from the "Coatee" to the "Tunic". This resulted in the introduction of buttons for officers and Other Ranks on a more standardised size format. Officers wore their buttons in gilt whilst other ranks wore them in Brass.

The buttons worn from 1855-1881 (1871 for other ranks) were of the "numbered" variety.

OTHER RANKS GENERAL SERVICE BUTTON 1871-1902



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In 1871 the army, with the exception of the Household Cavalry, Cavalry of the Line, Royal Regiment of Artillery, Corps of Royal Engineers, Foot Guards, Rifles, Departments and Corps, adopted a button bearing the Royal Arms for other ranks. Regimental buttons were reintroduced for Other Ranks in 1924.

OFFICERS BUTTON 1881-1908



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**OFFICERS CAP/GORGET BUTTON
1902-1908**



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This type button was worn by Officers from 1881-1901 with the Queen Victoria's Crown and from 1901 with the Kings Crown as above on the caps and on the collars of their tunics when it was known as a "gorget" button.

It is known to have been manufactured in Silver, Bronze and Gilt

**OTHER RANKS GENERAL SERVICE
BUTTON 1902-1953**



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The General Service Button as above was worn by Other Ranks on all forms of dress from 1901 until 1924 when regimental buttons were reintroduced .

ALL RANKS BUTTON 1908-1946



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The Regimental Button above was worn by Officers from 1908 through to 1946 and by Other Ranks from 1924.

Regimental Chronicle for 1924

1st Battalion

19th March - In order that the wearing of the Regimental Button on the Service Dress, as authorized by A.C.I. No. 129 of 1924, might be carried out without delay, it was decided that these buttons would be placed on sale in the Regimental Institutes.

Regimental Chronicle for 1927

2nd Battalion

1st June - Regimental button taken into wear by all ranks.

OFFICERS CAP/GORGET BUTTON 1908-1958



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Officers Cap and “Gorget” button worn 1908-1958 was also worn by Warrant Officers on the collars.



When the regiment joined the Light Infantry Brigade the “gorget” button continued to be worn as below but from c1950 was no longer worn on the cap.

1947 Regimental Chronicle

1st Battalion

26th August - Information is received that the Colonel of the Regiment has laid down that bronze gorget buttons will replace the present polished buttons worn on battledress by Officers and Warrant Officers.

1950 Regimental Journal

April Number 116

OFFICERS DRESS REGULATIONS

BATTLE DRESS

1. Jacket and Trouser

(b) Bronzed gorget buttons may continue to be worn on lapel at the top end of a single khaki cord 2 ½ in. long, pending further instructions.

NO 1 DRESS

1. Jacket

(c) Gorget buttons will be silvered regimental pattern on the end of a single dark green cord 2 ½ in. in length stitched to the collar.

ALL RANKS BUTTON 1946-1958



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In 1946 when the regiment for administration purposes became part of the Light Infantry Brigade the above Silver Bugle Horn button was taken into use by all ranks c1950 but not as the Gorget button.

It was worn until the regiment left the Light Infantry Brigade on transfer to the Green Jacket Brigade in November 1958.

ALL RANKS BUTTON 1958-1965



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The above Black Bugle Horn Button was worn by all ranks of the regiment on becoming 1st Green Jackets (43rd & 52nd) on all forms of dress except the “gorget” from November 1958.

OFFICERS CAP/GORGET BUTTON 1958-1966



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