

Uniform Cleaning and Pressing Guide

Summer Dress Whites: Machine wash or dry clean. Never use bleach as this will turn the fabric yellow. When ironing, turn the garment inside out and use a pressing cloth (pillow case is fine). A hot iron used directly on the uniform will burn the fabric as it is polyester. Turn uniform inside out to preserve creases and place on a sturdy wooden hanger. Store in your garment bag.

Service Dress Blues: **DRY CLEAN ONLY!!!** – They are wool. **NEVER** put in the washing machine. Ask the drycleaner for a “military crease.” Always check your uniform to make sure it is pressed correctly before you pay and leave the drycleaners. Turn uniform inside out to preserve creases and place on a sturdy wooden hanger. Store in your garment bag.

Trousers: Press inside out creating creases on SIDES only. When you turn them right-side out there are NO CREASES down the FRONT, only side creases going “in-board.”

Jumper: Press inside out creating a center crease on the front of the jumper going “out-board” like the point of an arrow. The back of the jumper should be pressed with a center crease going “in-board.” Think of the prow of a ship or being shot with an arrow from the back to the front. That is how the creases should be pressed.

Flap of the Jumper: Needs three (3) creases going “out-board.” The center crease should be in the middle of the flap. The other two (2) creases should be equal distance from the center crease.

“Railroad Tracks”: These occur when the old crease is not pressed out completely and another crease is placed near the old one. This creates a “railroad tracks” effect.
Example: =====. This is an automatic “gig” against the cadet.

Pressing Cloth: If you have “railroad tracks” on your uniform, spray your uniform with clean water and place a pressing cloth (pillow case is fine) on top and use high heat from an iron to press flat. Once the old crease is removed, you may press the new crease into the uniform.

White “Dixie Cup” Cover: Soak in a bucket of OxyClean for two (2) days. Make sure the cover is completely submerged. Machine wash. Air dry by reshaping cover on an upside-down bowl. **Store in a zip lock bag with your name on it in your garment bag.**

Black Neckerchief: Get the neckerchief soaking wet and spread out on an ironing board. Don’t wring out the neckerchief, just let the water drip on the floor. Move a hot iron quickly over the neckerchief. They are polyester and will burn easily. You can use a pressing cloth. DO NOT use spray starch. It makes the neckerchief too stiff.

NUWs: The shirt and trousers may be machine-washed and dried. The cover can be washed in the top rack of the dishwasher and then air-dried.

CUUs: The shirt and trousers may be machine-washed and dried. The cover can be washed in the top rack of the dishwasher and then air-dried.

Seabag: Turn inside out and machine-wash in a commercial front load washing machine and then air-dry.