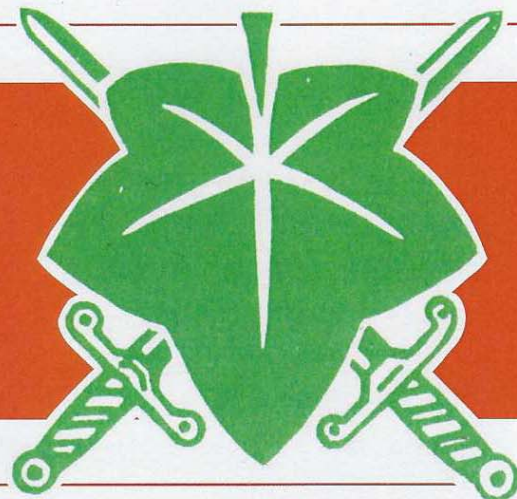


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The Royal Army Medical Service

On Saturday 15th November 2024 a parade at HQ, Royal Army Medical Corps, Sandhurst saw the Royal Army Medical Corps, Royal Army Dental Corps and Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps amalgamated as the Royal Army Medical Service (RAMS), a move approved by His Majesty King Charles III on the 9th May, the Dress Committee minutes of 28th May approving "the Project Victoria cap badge proposal".



This new cap badge, incorporating elements of all former badges, will be worn on a grey beret the same shade as that of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards - the QARANC beret much darker - a Victoria Green cap badge backing representing the RADC. The new badge and Regimental TRF have been issued, a range of rank slides with TRF sold by commercial suppliers shown below. On the left shoulder all ranks will wear a French Croix de Guerre ribbon a distinction originally bestowed on the 24th Field Ambulance RAMC for saving citizens of St Amand-Les-Eaux which suffered three days of German bombardment in 1918. Marshal Petain's 1918 Order of the Day stated "*all ranks of this Field Ambulance continued with unsurpassed devotion...to seek wounded civilians in all parts of the town, to dress wounds and administer to their comfort...they performed immediate operations in urgent cases and in the course of their work...successfully evacuated some 2,000 wounded, sick or disabled... after attending to their immediate needs*"



A corporate jargon press release explained; *The Royal Army Medical Service will deliver modernised, multi-disciplinary healthcare offering significant scope for institutional optimisation and improved organisational culture with a shift to a unified, inclusive, and representative Corps. There will no longer be corps-specific limitations, allowing personnel to work across all areas of the Service. It seeks to maximise the talents of its people to enhance the Army's fighting power and build on the successes of its forebears.*

The Shape of Things to Come?

Defence Eye <https://www.defenceeye.co.uk/> reported in July 2024 that a major re-organisation of the British Army was being developed, the creation of the RAMS possibly the first stage – saving administrative costs, reducing real estate requirements and releasing personnel for other roles.