

EXTRACT TAKEN FROM PART ONE ORDERS HQ LAND SUPPORT UNIT 21 JULY 2004 AND LANDRGO-41

UNAUTHORISED MILITARY PARACHUTING THE PATHFINDER PARACHUTE GROUP

The “Pathfinder Parachute Group” (PPG) is a civilian organization which conducts military parachuting around the world. Their membership is comprised of serving and retired UK and Commonwealth servicemen.

Individuals are to be clear that PPG is not a military organization. Their activities are in no way authorized, endorsed or sponsored by the MOD and the MOD will accept no liability for any serviceman, Regular or Reserve, who parachutes with them. Furthermore, any serving individual who wishes to parachute with the PPG should do so in civilian clothes as an off-duty activity.

Subsequent to this, LANDGRO-41 also states that the PPG has used the RAF to facilitate DZ duties (which is true for Normandy) and that if the PPG wishes to use such facilities in the future then a bill will be raised by MOD to the PPG. It also states that any individual jumping with the PPG must be on leave as well as civilian clothes.

Therefore, simple translation is as follows:

All servicemen and women can jump with the PPG as long as they are on leave and in civilian clothes. Civilian clothes are clothes not issued by the MOD to serving personnel, therefore military clothing, even if it is current pattern, purchased from an army surplus store and with a valid receipt, is **not** military uniform and can be worn, as can WW2 uniform or jump-suits. If the PPG wants to use official MOD support it will have to pay for it (not a problem there at all). Jumping with the PPG in ISSUED uniform and/or without leave IS WRONG.