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The British guards division consists today of two cavalry and five infantry regiments. Cavalry is the Life-guards horse regiment (its form - red uniforms, even in winter and red capes) and the Royal regiment of horse guards in blue uniforms and blue capes. Infantry regiments of the guard of Her Majesty - Goldstrike, Grenadier, Scots, Irish and Welsh. All guards infantry wear high bearskin hats and red tunics. That is, to distinguish from each other the soldiers of this or that regiment difficult - except that the arrangement of buttons on the coat and color roundels on the cap.



Famous hats of the guards made of fur North American grizzly bear. Officers cap higher and more brilliant. The fact that they are made from the fur of the male and hats privates and non-commissioned officers - fur female grizzly



Bearskin cap was the hallmark of the guard during the battles. And there was this "distinctive feature" after the battle of Waterloo in 1815, when Napoleon was defeated. Hats, which fought the French, made them higher and thus more impressive. In a sign of victory of the British over the guard of Napoleon, first gave birth to a new tradition with caps, which survived until our days.



Service guards outside ceremonies are very serious. Because the cap weighs 3 pounds and her height is 45.7 see especially such a cap should be worn not only in winter but also in summer.



Bear hats are transmitted over the decades new soldiers. But still, every year for the Royal guard is manufactured from 50 to 100 pieces. One cap leaves the skin of the whole canadian grizzly bear. This question began to harass the defenders of wildlife, the Ministry of defence tried to find another material for caps. But faux fur is less practical and spoils quickly. There are reports that within 5 years it spent about 320 thousand pounds sterling on hats.



BACK ROW: 1. Royal Marines Captain, 2. Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment soldier, 3. Welsh Guards soldier, 4. Coldstream Guards soldier, 5. Welsh Guards Corporal, 6. RAF Regiment Aircraftman, 7. RAF Regiment Officer

MIDDLE ROW: 8. Royal Marines Bandmaster, 9. Royal navy Warrant Officer, 10. Royal Navy Lt Commander, 11. Royal Navy rating from HMS Dauntless, 12. Grenadier Guards guardsman, 13. Scots Guards guardsman, 14. Welsh Guards guardsman, 15. Irish Guards guardsman, 16. Coldstream Guards guardsman, 17. TA soldier of Honourable Artillery Company

FRONT ROW: 18.& 19. Royal Marines band drummers, 20. Grenadier Guards drum major, 21. Scots Guards officer, 22. Coldstream Guards bandsman with tuba, 23. Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment pipes and drums, 24. King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery Sergeant, 25. & 26. RAF band musicians, 27. RAF regiment aircraftman

