

(U)3118.—Uniform—R.M. Officers and Other Ranks—Berets

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In future the green beret, at present worn only by R.M. Officers and other ranks serving on the strength of, or attached to, a Commando Formation or Unit, is to be worn with the appropriate orders of dress by all *trained* R.M. officers and other ranks.

2. The blue beret will continue to be included in the initial outfits and kits of R.M. Young officers and other ranks respectively, and is to continue to be worn by these personnel with the appropriate orders of dress until reaching the requisite standard for wearing the green beret as prescribed in the arrangements for issue to other ranks in paragraph 3 (a) and (b) below.

3. A gratuitous issue of a green beret is to be made to:—

- (a) all R.M. other ranks on completion of Commando Training or, if not required to carry out this training, on reaching an equivalent standard;
- (b) all other ranks of the R.M. Band Service and Buglers on attaining Adult 1st Class status or on first draft to H.M. Ships, R.N. Establishments or Commando Formations or Units, whichever is the sooner;
- (c) all serving R.M., R.M. Band ranks and Buglers who already fulfill the requirements of (a) and (b) above and who have not previously received a gratuitous issue of a green beret under existing arrangements.

All gratuitous issues are to be noted on ranks Kit History Sheets (Forms R48A).

4. After issue the green beret is to form part of the compulsory kit and is to be maintained from Kit Upkeep Allowance in place of the blue beret.

5. Musicians and Buglers who receive a green beret under the arrangements in paragraph 3(*b*) above, and subsequently transfer to R.M. will be required to resume the wear of the blue beret, which is to be provided and maintained from Kit Upkeep Allowance, while completing the normal recruit training cycle. These ranks will *not* be entitled to receive the gratuitous issue of a second green beret when they subsequently qualify under the arrangements in paragraph 3(*a*) above.

6. R.M. and R.M. Band officers are to provide themselves with the green beret when required.

7. The Appendix to the Navy List—Uniform Regulations—Royal Marines will be amended.

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