

3337.—Royal Marine Officers' Uniform.

(R.M. 4050/20 (N.L. 20276/20).—20.11.1920.)

The changes in the uniform of Officers of the Royal Marines shewn in the Appendices hereto have been approved and patterns of the new garments will shortly be lodged in the Admiralty pattern rooms.

Warrant Officers, including R.M. Gunners, are to be dressed similarly to Commissioned Officers of the branch to which they belong, with such modifications as are noted in Appendix "B."

Officers in possession of pre-war uniform will be allowed to wear it until the 1st January 1926, when the new patterns will become obligatory. Future purchases are, however, to be of the patterns now authorised. The old pattern mess dress, R.M.A., and R.M. Gunners, may only be worn by Officers in possession of it before the date of this Order.

The wearing of mess dress by R.M. Officers will be reintroduced as from the 1st January 1921, and Officers not in possession of same are to be instructed to provide themselves with the necessary articles at once.

The badges of rank to be worn by Officers of the Royal Marines will be as follows:—

Colonel Commandant	—	—	—	—	—	Crown and 3 stars.
Colonel 2nd Commandant	—	—	—	—	—	Crown and 2 stars.
Lt.-Colonel	—	—	—	—	—	Crown and star.
Major	—	—	—	—	—	Crown.
Captain	—	—	—	—	—	3 stars.
Lieutenant	—	—	—	—	—	2 stars.
2nd Lieutenant	—	—	—	—	—	} 1 star.
Probationary Officers	—	—	—	—	—	
Commissioned Officers from Warrant Rank	—	—	—	—	—	} No badge.
Warrant Officers	—	—	—	—	—	

Instructions will be issued later as to the provision of full dress and other proposed changes.

APPENDIX "A."

ARTICLES TO BE ABOLISHED.

- Frock coat, except for Colonels Commandant and Second Commandant.
- Pea jacket.
- Great coat cape and waterproof cape.
- Knee boots, except for Colonels Commandant and Second Commandant.
- Brown leather sword slings.
- Pattern "A" frocks of all descriptions.
- White strip collars.
- Gilt curb helmet chains.
- Leggings for dismounted Officers.
- Patent leather Wellington boots.

APPENDIX "B."

ALTERATIONS IN PATTERN AND MODIFICATIONS IN EXISTING PATTERNS.

- HELMET — — — — For all Officers except Colonels Commandant and 2nd Commandant. Present pattern, gilt curb chain replaced for all purposes by brown leather chin strap and buckle. Khaki cover for active service.
- FORAGE CAP — — — — Present R.M.A. pattern. Field Officers: Gold embroidered oak leaves round lower edge of peak.
- R.M.A. & R.M.L.I. CAP BADGES — — — — Gilt metal laurel surrounding silver globe (in place of the present pattern embroidered gold badge).
R.M.A.—Gilt metal crossed guns above.
R.M.L.I.—Gilt metal bugle above.
Probationary Officers.—No guns or bugle.
- Colonels Commandant and Second Commandant to wear forage cap as for field Officers with no scarlet welt round crown and gold embroidered lion and crown badge.

- SERGE FROCK - - - Present pattern "B" with the following modifications:—
 2 brass hooks for waistbelt.
R.M.A.—Regimental ball buttons, gilt grenade collar badge with motto "Per mare per terram," and letters "R.M.A." on shoulder straps.
R.M.L.I.—Gilt metal laurel wreath surrounding silver globe, R.M.L.I. regimental buttons, and letters "R.M.L.I." on shoulder straps.
Probationary Officers until allocated definitely to branches of the Corps to wear R.M.L.I. buttons and collar badges.
 Colonels Commandant and Second Commandant will wear scarlet gorget patches with crimson gimp cord and small button.
- FROCK COAT - - - Colonels Commandant and 2nd Commandant only, of present pattern but with gilt badges of rank on blue cloth shoulder straps.
R.M.A.—Embroidered grenade collar badge.
R.M.L.I.—Gilt metal laurel wreath surrounding silver globe.
- MESS DRESS - - - *R.M.A.*—New pattern, plain blue cloth, single-breasted jacket, pointed cuffs with buttons, rolled collar, plain blue cloth facings and one row of 4 gilt buttons with lion and crown. Gilt grenades with motto on lapels as on serge frock. Plain cloth shoulder straps with no button. Badges of rank on shoulder straps to be of small size, *i.e.*, $\frac{3}{8}$ " instead of usual $\frac{7}{8}$ ".
 Waistcoat to be of plain blue cloth, Naval pattern, for mess undress. White Naval pattern for mess dress.
R.M.L.I.—As at present but with white waistcoat as for *R.M.A.* for mess dress. Blue waistcoat of present pattern for mess undress. Collar badge: Gilt metal laurel wreath surrounding silver globe and surmounted by gilt metal bugle.
 Colonels Commandant and Second Commandant to wear mess dress and mess undress of regimental pattern.
Probationary Officers to wear R.M.L.I. pattern until definitely allocated to R.M.A.
White Mess Jacket and Waistcoat.—White drill of same pattern and badges as the cloth jacket and waistcoat.
- TROUSERS - - - Cloth, }
 Serge, or } Patterns to remain as at present.
 Tartan }
 Overalls. }
 Warrant Officers and Schoolmasters will not wear overalls.
- RIDING BREECHES - - - For Mounted Officers. Blue cloth of present service dress pattern, laced up front of leg.
- BOOTS - - - For all Officers.
 Black lace ankle boots, present pattern.
 Oxford shoes, patent leather, plain fronts. (For Commissioned Officers in white mess dress only and Warrant Officers in mess dress.)
 For all Officers, except Warrant Officers.
 Black calf Wellington boots.
 For Colonels Commandant and Second Commandant only:—
 Black leather butcher boots, Army pattern.
- LEGGINGS - - - All mounted Officers. Black grained leather, Infantry Officers' pattern.
- SPURS - - - With Wellington Boots.—Box spurs, present pattern.
 With ankle and butcher boots.—Light hunting pattern, with black leather straps and shields. Steel chains for Review Order; black straps for drill and marching order. A pattern spur will be sealed.
- GLOVES - - - All Officers. Undress. Brown dogskin.
 Gloves will not be worn in fighting order or at manoeuvres.