

*991.—Helmets, White, Wolseley Pattern—Abolition of Khaki Cover.

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Experiments have been carried out at R.M. divisions with a view to the abolition of the "cover, khaki" now used to meet active service head-dress requirements, and it has been found that all conditions can be met by the application of khaki blanco to the helmet, white, Wolseley pattern, as and when required, the normal colour (white) being reverted to after each occasion. The change of colour should only be made for active service or the annual weapon and tactical training periods.

2. Issue of khaki blanco will be made to R.M. detachments at the public expense, stocks being maintained in ships in which Royal Marines are borne as follows:—

	Under	Strength of Detachment.			Over
		10.	10-20.	21-40.	
(a) Khaki blanco and sponge, with container	No. 3	5	10	15	30
(b) Khaki blanco (refills only)	No. 5	10	15	20	40

3. Arrangements are being made for the supply of khaki blanco to H.M. Victualling Yards at Bermuda, Trincomali, Hong Kong and Simonstown and to the Royal Marine Clothing Depôt, Malta. Demands from H.M. ships on those stations for the quantities required, framed on the foregoing basis, are to be forwarded to the above-named yards and depôt for issue when supplies become available. On receipt of the khaki blanco, the "covers, khaki" now in the possession of Royal Marines are to be returned to the appropriate victualling yard or the Royal Marine Clothing Depôt, Malta, for return to England.

4. Supplies of khaki blanco to ships of the Atlantic and Reserve Fleets will be arranged direct from R.M. divisions, the "cover, khaki" being withdrawn when the khaki blanco is supplied.