

1. Her Majesty the QUEEN has approved a new raincoat to replace both the mackintosh and greatcoat for officers and the greatcoat for other ranks and to become the standard outer garment of the Corps. The greatcoat will in future be worn only when ordered for ceremonial occasions and as necessary by dutymen in bad weather.
2. The new raincoat is a single breasted coat made from a wool/nylon foam backed material in lovat shade, fitted with belt and shoulder straps. Detachable rank badges will be worn by officers and NCOs on slip-on sleeves fitted over the shoulder straps.
3. Raincoats will be issued to personnel at home only. There will also be a service qualification for entitlement. There will therefore be a main transition period until 1st September 1968, when a number of ranks will not have a raincoat, but this state of affairs will continue to a lesser extent for a period after that date. The resultant lack of uniformity is to be accepted.
4. The raincoat will not be provided for RMR ranks at present.
5. Detailed instructions for introduction of the raincoat are given in the Annexes to this Instruction as follows:—
 - Annex A.*—Officers and other ranks entered on or after 1st September 1967.
 - Annex B.*—Officers and other ranks serving on 1st September 1967.
 - Annex C.*—Arrangements for supply of raincoats to, and disposal of greatcoats by RM Units.
 - Annex D.*—Details of new Service items.
6. The Uniform Regulations (BR 81) will be amended.

ANNEX A

NEW ENTRIES ON OR AFTER 1ST SEPTEMBER 1967

The new entry kit scales are to be amended as follows:—

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| a. Officers | Delete | 1 Mackintosh Army Pattern |
| | | 1 Greatcoat* |
| | Add | 1 Raincoat with plain shoulder sleeves |

* This item is included in the cash grant for provision of uniform which will be reduced accordingly. DCI (RN) 89/66 (*Pay and allowances—Allowances—Uniform—RN, RM, WRNS, QARNNS, and Reserve Officers Revised Grants and Upkeep Allowances*) is being amended concurrently.

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| b. Other Ranks | Delete | 1 Greatcoat |
| | Add | 1 Raincoat. |

ANNEX B

OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS SERVING ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 1967

1. *General.*—The raincoat is basically a temperate climate garment. Initial issues will not be made to personnel whilst serving abroad.
2. *Basis of Issue.*—Serving personnel who are given a free issue of a raincoat are to be required to hand in their greatcoat at the time the raincoat is issued.
3. *Entitlement.*—All ranks will be entitled to the free issue of a raincoat with badge sleeves as appropriate, providing:—
 - a. ranks serving in HM ships and establishments at home are not due for discharge or retirement before 1st September 1968; and
 - b. ranks serving abroad satisfy the requirement at a. and additionally have a minimum of three months still to serve from the date of physically joining for duty at a home ship or Unit.
4. *Documentation.*—Free issues of raincoats and withdrawal of greatcoats is to be recorded on Form R 48a (for other ranks) and Part 1 Paybooks (for officers) which must be presented at time of issue.

ANNEX C

SUPPLY OF RAINCOATS TO, AND DISPOSAL OF GREATCOATS BY RM UNITS

1. *Raincoats and Badges.*—**a.** Requirements are to be drawn by RM establishments from the Superintending Victualling Store Officer, South Western Area. Initially, demands should be restricted to the estimated quantities required to meet actual issue commitments. Care should be taken not to accumulate unbalanced stocks in particular sizes.
- b.** Arrangements for the issue and fitting of raincoats for entitled officers and other ranks who are serving in HM ships or detached appointments are to be made with the nearest RM establishment either by Detachment Commanders or individuals as appropriate.
2. *Greatcoats.*—Greatcoats withdrawn under these arrangements are to be used to establish loan pools within RM Groups, as directed by the Commandant General Royal Marines. Such pools will be maintained for temporary loan issues for ceremonial occasions when ordered, and for use by dutymen in bad weather within RM Units as required. The balance of greatcoats over and above the pool requirements is to be returned to SVSO, SWA for retention as a maintenance reserve. HM ships at home may if necessary apply to SVSO, SW Area for a loan ceremonial pool of greatcoats for a particular commission dependent upon the expected ceremonial requirements of the RM Detachment.

ANNEX D

DETAILS OF NEW SERVICE ITEMS

RM Raincoat—Vocab/Sizes

<i>Vocab No</i>	<i>Raincoat Size</i>	<i>Chest under Jacket</i>	<i>Height of Man</i>		<i>Fleet Issuing Price</i>
			<i>ft ins</i>	<i>ft ins</i>	
71520	00	34–36	5	3–5	£8 15s 6d
71521	0	34–36	5	5–5	
71522	1	36–38	5	7–5	
71523	2	39–41	5	7–5	
71524	3	36–38	5	9–5	
71525	4	39–41	5	9–5	
71526	5	36–38	5	11–6	
71527	6	40–42	5	11–6	
71528	7	36–38	6	1–6	
71529	8	40–42	6	1–6	

Badges—White on Green

<i>Vocab No</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Fleet Issuing Price</i>
35925	Bugle Major	2s 0d each
35918	Drum Major	
35920	RSM	
35921	QMS and Staff Bandmaster	
35927	Colour Sergeant	
35923	Bandmaster	
35924	Bandmaster of Staff Bands	
35940	Lance Corporal	1s 0d each
35939	Corporal	
35016	Sergeant	
35919	Spare Sleeves	

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