

ADMIRALTY,
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GENERAL ORDERS, ROYAL MARINES.
157 - GILDING METAL BUTTONS.

It has been decided, in the interests of economy, that gilding metal buttons for new articles of uniform clothing need not necessarily be new, and arrangements should therefore be made for serviceable part-worn buttons to be returned to R.M. headquarters for sewing on newly manufactured garments.

2. It has been decided, also, that in future new garments which have the buttons fixed by split rings, viz., khaki drill tunics and working dress jackets, will be issued without gilding metal buttons. Instead, the following gratuitous issue will be made on enlistment, similar to the present procedure for cap badges and shoulder titles:-

Buttons, R.M., gilding metal -

large...4 sets of 5 (for 2 K.D.Tunics and 2 Working Dress Jackets)
small...2 sets of 4 (for 2 K.D.Tunics)

Rings, Split, Brass ...28 No. (for use with the above buttons).

3. Under the war time clothing arrangements promulgated in A.F.O. 2944/39 buttons will be removed from old garments at R.M. headquarters. Whenever possible, clothing disposed of in accordance with para. 9 of the Fleet Order will have the buttons first removed and returned under the arrangements in para. 8 of the Fleet Order.

4. It is intended that the procedure in paras. 1 and 2 above shall be continued on reversion to peace time annual clothing issues. Commanding officers should therefore arrange for the collection and return to R.M. headquarters of part-worn buttons as occasion arises, and for the prevention of wasteful disposal.

5. Any unavoidable losses of buttons issued to the man in accordance with para. 2 can be replaced by removing other similar buttons from part-worn garments before disposal.

The scale of issue of clothing on enlistment (I.R.M.D. Appendix X) will be amended later, to include the initial issue of buttons and button rings approved in para. 2.

7. The foregoing arrangements will not be applied to gilt buttons.

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