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Field Service Cap for Royal Marines.

(a) Caps.

Field Ser-
vice Cap
adopted
for the
Corps.

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Free issue
of Caps,
or com-
pensation
in lieu.

Table of
issues.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to approve of the adoption of the Army Field Service Cap for Royal Marines, for the R.M.A., in addition to the Forage Cap, blue, for the R.M.L.I., in replacement of the Glengarry Cap.

Forage and Field Service Caps will be issued as part of the annual supply of clothing, as in the Army; and compensation at Army rates will be payable (in arrear) in lieu of issues in kind.

The periodical issues of Caps will be made as follows, viz. :—

R.M.A.

All Ranks	{	1st year, 1 Field Service Cap.	} 1 Field Service Cap, and 2 Forage Caps every 3 years.
		2nd year, 1 Forage Cap	
		3rd year, 1 Forage Cap	

Recruits, on enlistment, 2 Caps—1 Field Service, to last 3 years, and 1 Forage Cap to last 1 year—issued as part of the first suit of annual clothing, similar to the Shirt, Serge, and Duck Tunic.

*Staff Sergeants.—To be supplied with the Army pattern Forage and Field Service Caps when due, and provide themselves with Officer's pattern badge for the Forage Cap, and with a gilt ornament for the F.S. Cap.

Band.

Bandmaster.—As for other Warrant Officers.

Other Ranks.—After the first issue of Field Service Caps, compensation for caps to be paid to the Band Fund, from which each N.C. Officer and man of the Band will be supplied with Forage and Field Service Caps as required.

(b) Ornaments for Field Service Caps.

Orna-
ments.

A gilt Grenade has been adopted for the Field Service Cap for Sergeants and Band R.M.A., and a Globe Laurel and Bugle combined for the R.M.L.I.—gilt for Staff-Sergeants, Sergeants and Band, and brass for Rank and File.

First
supply to
be free.

One of these new pattern badges will be issued *free* with the Field Service Cap to the Ranks specified; future supplies to be on repayment. The Rank and File R.M.A. will wear the present badge for both Forage and Field Service Caps, except that Corporals and Bombardiers will not wear the chevrons under the Grenade in the latter cap.

How
worn,
R.M.A.

The Grenade to be fixed just above the side flap, to the left front of the juncture of the front peak and side flap, at an angle of about 45°, the front edge of the Grenade to be 2½ inches from the front seam of the cap, and the third front point of the flame of the Grenade to be about ¾ths of an inch from the top of the Cap.

R.M.L.I.

The ornament to be fixed in the centre between the hollow of the side flap and the top of the Cap—equidistant between the top of the flap and top of

* Supply from Divisional Fund to cease.

Cap—the left tie of the laurel to be just over the point where the side of the front peak meets the side of the flap.

(c) *General Issue.*

The general issue of Field Service Caps and new pattern ornaments will be made at Headquarters, commencing with the annual Clothing on the 23rd April 1897, to Sergeants, Band, Buglers, and Rank and File; but all men at Headquarters are to be supplied with the cap by the 1st May, whether their clothing is then due or otherwise, the issue being made on account of the clothing for 1897.

Issue to commence at Headquarters on 23rd April 1897.

Men whose clothing becomes due between 1st April and 22nd April 1897 inclusive, are to be supplied with the Cap as part of that issue.

On the 1st May (or before if the issue can be completed) the Field Service Cap is to be taken into wear generally, the Glengarry Caps, however, now in possession of the men, may be worn on fatigue duties within the Barracks so long as they remain serviceable.

Taken into wear generally on 8th May 1897.

At the Depot the issue will be made to N.C. Officers and Old Soldiers as at Headquarters; issues to Recruits now serving, or thereafter joining, will commence on the 12th April—the issue to be as a part of the first suit of annual clothing, similar to Shirt, Serge, and Duck Tunics.

Issues at the Depot.

The Field Service Cap to be taken into wear by Recruits as soon as issued, and by Old Soldiers on the 1st May, the Glengarry Cap now in the men's possession to be worn out as the Colonel-Commandant may direct.

R.M.A. Recruits joining the Depot on and after 12th April to receive the Forage Cap as well as a Field Service Cap (without badge) as part of the first suit or annual clothing.