

## Reconstruction Unit.

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It has been decided that the British personnel employed in Belgium in connection with the reconstruction of the Ports are to be organised on a military basis, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the following arrangements:—

(a) The Officers to be borne on the Unattached List, Royal Marines, being appointed to temporary honorary commissions.

(b) Other ranks to be attested in London under the Marine Service Act for a period of six months, with permission to re-engage for a further period of eighteen months

(c) The entire cost of this Force will be borne by the Belgian Government.

After Attestation the men are to be sent to the Royal Marine Engineer Camp, Bedenham, Fareham, Hants (nearest Railway Station is Fort Brockhurst). They will be nominally borne on the strength of the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., but no documents or Pay Lists need be prepared. For purposes of record, their names, register numbers, and date of attestation will be entered in an index. The initial letter "Z" followed by the number from 1 upwards is to be used to distinguish this Unit.



Men will be finally approved by the Camp Commandant, Bedenham, but will be fitted out at Forton Barracks.

They will be dressed in khaki, and receive the same kit as for the Royal Marine Engineers, except that badges will be R.M.L.I. (See Appendix "A.")

Demands for Clothing, etc., required in replacement of worn-out garments, will be forwarded direct to the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., and will be complied with in the usual manner.

A complete record of all issues of clothing, necessaries, etc., to this Unit is to be kept with a view to a claim for the value being put forward to the Belgian Government. A new Clothing Ledger is not to be opened, and no additional staff will be allowed in the 1st Quartermaster's Department.

Whilst at Bedenham the men will be rationed by the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., information as to the numbers for whom rations are required being furnished by the Camp Commandant. A record of the rations as issued is to be kept for the purpose stated in preceding paragraph.



- 1 Button Stick.
- 1 Holdall.
- 1 Housewife.
- 2 Towels.
- 1 Knife.
- 1 Fork.
- 1 Razor.
- 1 Spoon.
- 1 Brush, hard.
- 1 Brush, blacking.
- 1 Brush, polishing.
- 1 Brush, button.
- 1 Brush, clothes.
- 1 Brush, shaving.
- 1 Brush, tooth.
- 1 Type.
- 1 Comb.
- 1 Identity Disc and cord.
- 4 Titles, letters, " R.M.L.I. " g.m.
- 2 Badges, Globe, Laurel and Eagle, g.m.
- 1 Bag, kit, Army pattern.
- 1 Waistbelt, buff, brown leather or web.
- 1 Waterbottle and carrier.

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