

GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING
ROYAL MARINES.

ADMIRALTY,
Queen Anne's Mansions,
St. James' Park, S.W.1

R.M.No.3562/42.Q.

11th. January 1944.

CIRCULAR.

Blue Beret - Wearing of, with Blue Uniform.

As a wartime measure only, approval has been given for the blue beret to be worn with blue uniform by all officers below the rank of Colonel and all Other Ranks. (Except R.M. Divisional Band ranks who may continue to wear the S.S. and H.Q. Band Cap whilst stocks last). Officers of the rank of Colonel and above may, however, wear the blue beret if they so desire.

2. When existing contracts have been completed, no further supplies of R.M. Caps (Blue, White or Staff Sgts.) will be made, and quantities included in D. of C. 1944-45 Annual Estimates have been cancelled.

3. Existing stocks of blue and white forage caps and any supplied under outstanding contracts (except S.S. and H.Q. Band Caps) are to be stored until the end of hostilities, in such a manner as will ensure that they remain in a good state of preservation.

4. The present scale of two berets now included in the R.M. Sea Service kit will not be increased, but an additional beret will be issued to R.M. Band ranks.

5. G.O.30/43 will be amended.

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