

192.—Royal Marines—Issue of Metal Badges.

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The following regulations respecting the issue of metal badges to Royal Marines are approved :—

1. Metal badges will in future be supplied free with initial supplies of clothing only, for garments on which such badges are worn. Future issues of the garments in question to men who have already received this allowance of metal badges will accordingly be made without badges, those already in possession of the men being transferred as necessary to the new garments. Free issues to be made on the following scale, which is not to be exceeded :—

If fitted with blue uniform :—

Shoulder badges for frock	—	—	2 sets	1 set for each “ free kit ” garment and 1 set for each first annual clothing garment.
Collar badges for frock	—	—	2 „	
Collar badges for serge tunic	—	—	2 „	
Cap badge	—	—	1 No.	

If fitted with khaki clothing :—

Shoulder badges	—	—	—	3 sets	1 set for each jacket and 1 set for great-coat.
Cap badge	—	—	—	1 No.	

Badges of rank and distinction :—

Metal badges of rank and distinction (e.g., Signallers, Armourers, &c.), will be issued gratuitously on appointment or qualification, in the proportion of one badge for each garment on which it is required to be worn.

2. Replacements of these badges will only be made on repayment, except that in the case of badges lost, damaged, or becoming unserviceable, otherwise than by neglect, the articles will be replaced free of cost to the man.

3. On promotion to a rank for which a superior quality of badge is authorised, the superior quality of badge will be supplied gratuitously,

in exchange for similar articles already in the possession of the men, which will be returned to store for re-issue.

4. In the case of a man who, on enlistment, was fitted with khaki clothing and is subsequently clothed in blue uniform (or *vice versa*), the number of badges in his possession is to be adjusted according to the scale indicated in para. 1.

5. In view of the foregoing, all metal badges on garments now in stock on board H.M. Ships and Naval Establishments are to be taken on charge separately.