

259.—Royal Marines—Wearing of Blue Beret

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The blue beret has permanently replaced the khaki and blue field service cap and khaki forage cap for officers below the rank of Colonel and all other ranks, Royal Marines.

2. As a war time measure only, the blue beret will also replace the blue forage cap for officers below the rank of Colonel, and both the blue and the white forage cap for all other ranks.

3. Officers of the rank of Colonel and above, may, however, wear the blue beret if they so desire.

4. The blue beret is to be worn so that the leather binding is level round the head and one inch above the eyebrows, the crown of the beret being pulled to the right. The bow of the draw string is to be at the centre of the back of the head, which will bring the cap badge over the point half way between the left ear and left eye.

5. Issues to R.M. officers will be made on repayment and are not to be purchased from civilian sources.

6. Cap badges will be worn as follows:—

(a) *Colonels and above*.—Royal Crest sewn centrally on the scarlet patch.

(b) *Other officers*.—Officers' pattern Gilt Globe and Laurel (fixed in the holes provided), superimposed by the Lion and Crown, the bottom of the Crown to be a quarter of an inch above the top of the Globe.

(c) *Other ranks*.—Gilding Metal or Gilt Globe, Laurel Lion and Crown, according to rank. The separate Lion and Crown worn by Staff Ranks will be worn as indicated at (b) above.

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