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| FROM WHOM COMMANDANT GENERAL, ROYAL MARINES. (RM 5/14/20) | DATE 10th August, 1950. |
| MARKINGS TO BOARD Secretary 29/1/51 South Sea Lord 40/177 | SUBJECT ADMIRALTY 18/51 Proposals for Changes in Dress of R.M.F.V.R. |
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2. The R.M.F.V.R. from the training and operational points of view are divided into three Wings as follows:-

- (a) Commando Wing.
- (b) Sea Service Wing.
- (c) Amphibious Wing.

3. Apart from the Commando Wing who are authorised to wear the Commando flash and "dagger" sign, there is no method of telling to which Wing an officer or other rank belongs. Ranks of the Sea Service Wing are eligible for Naval Gunnery proficiency badges, but owing to the limited time they can spare for training, it takes them a considerable time to qualify for them.

4. C.G.R.M. considers that any smartening of the R.M.F.V.R. uniform will have a direct affect on recruiting and that the provision of distinguishing marks for the three wings will achieve this and also have an effect on the morale of the ranks themselves. C.G.R.M., therefore, proposes that approval may be given for the following distinguishing marks to be adopted:-

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| (a) For all Ranks except Commando Wing | "ROYAL MARINES" "V.R." |
| (b) <u>Commando Wing</u> | Royal Marines Commando Flash "V.R." Dagger sign. |
| (c) <u>Sea Service Wing</u> | White lanyard. Naval Proficiency badges as appropriate. |
| (d) <u>Amphibious Wing</u> | Red lanyard. Naval Proficiency badges as appropriate. |

The estimated initial cost would be :-

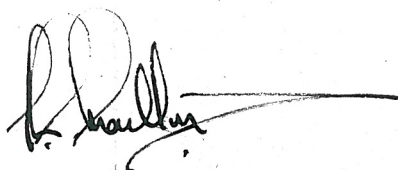
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| 2000 "V.R." Badges @ 1d. each | £ 8. 6s. 8d. |
| 1000 Lanyards @ 4d. each | £16. 13s. 4d. |
| | £25. 0s. 0d. |

5. The estimated annual cost thereafter would be £5.

6. The cost of the present stock of badges which would be rendered obsolete if the above proposals are approved is:-

4000 No. Badges Woven R.M.F.V.R. Scarlet on Blue @ 3/8d. doz.

= £61. 2s. 3d.



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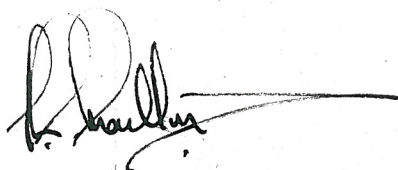
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