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237/96 Uniform - Loan Pools of RN and RM Ceremonial Swords and Accoutrements (U)

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Background

1. A comprehensive review of loan pool holdings of RN and RM ceremonial swords and accoutrements has recently been completed and the unit holdings have been revised as appropriate.
2. The purpose of this DCI is to promulgate the updated holdings and to announce new procedures for replacing swords and scabbards.

Revised Allowances

3. The revised allowances for RN and RM loan pools are shown at ANNEX A and B respectively and will come into immediate effect. Items held in excess of the revised holdings will be reallocated by 2SL/CNH.

Management of loan pools

4. From the date of this DCI loan pools will be administered by 2SL/CNH Command Stores Officer. All requirements from HM Ships and Shore Establishments for RN and RM swords and accoutrements and replacement defective items are to be forwarded through 2SL/CNH.

5. Application for increase to the allowance detailed in ANNEX A and B are to be submitted on S130, regardless of value to 2SL/CNH who will staff the requirement through the Ceremonial Training Officer HMS *Dryad*.

Repair

6. A refurbishment contract for swords and scabbards is in operation. Unserviceable items are to be returned on Form S331 to Building D9, D Site, BOD Bicester but not until a replacement has been issued (see para 8). Returned items will be surveyed and forwarded to the contractor for repair/refurbishment as necessary. On completion items will be returned to stock at BOD Bicester for future use.

Demands

7. All dues have been cancelled at BOD Bicester and a HQ Control placed on each record header. Units should therefore cancel all outstanding dues and raise the appropriate demand voucher to bring their holdings into line.

8. All demands are to be submitted on AFG 8620 to 2SL/CNH who will endorse the demand and pass it to BOD Bicester for supply action. It is imperative that Demands for replacement swords are annotated with Form S331 details. Any demands received without this information will be rejected and returned to the unit.

9. RN Officers swords will in future be accounted for under the denomination set, as DMC 8465-99-9777464. The set will consist of Sword and Scabbard, with the Knot remaining a separate item due to its high wear rate. In order to achieve this, it will be necessary for the component items belonging to the Officers sword to be converted to set using Form S127 accounting action.

10. All swords being returned to BOD Bicester must be returned as a set regardless of serviceability of the component parts.

11. Any proposed changes to the authorized holdings, resulting from transfer between units should be reported immediately to: The Command Stores Officer 2SL/CNH Room 231 Victory Building, HMNB Portsmouth.

Loan of swords to Royal Naval Liaison Officers (RNLO)

12. Long term loans to RNLO's have proved difficult to control in the past, therefore from the date of this DCI all loans are to be authorized and controlled by 2SL/CNH Command Stores Officer. All units are requested to advise this Command of any loans which have been made to RNLO in the past so that a record can be set up and maintained.

Review of Allowances

13. Allowances will be reviewed 1 Nov 97.

ANNEX A

Unit	Sword RN Off 8465 99 9777464	Sword RN MAA 8465 99 9777463	Sword Drill Scabbard RN8465 99 9631526/7	Knot RN 8465 99 9777467	Belt Undress 8465 99 9771893
BRNC	160	1	94	160	161
Allowance	6	1		6	Drill 94
CALEDONIA			2		7
Allowance					
CAMBRIDGE					
Allowance					
COLLINGWOOD	13	Nil		13	13
Allowance					
DRAKE	40	4		40	44
Allowance					
DRYAD	40	1	74	40	45
Allowance					Drill 30
EXCELLENT	20	9		20	30
Allowance					
NELSON	12	8		12	30
Allowance					
NEPTUNE	10	2		10	12
Allowance					
RALEIGH	35	2	11	35	35
Allowance					Drill 11
SULTAN	40	1	2	40	41
Allowance					
CFM/Ports	40	4		40	50
Allowance					
CALLIOPE	2	Nil		2	2
Allowance				7	7
CAMBRIA	2	Nil		2	2
Allowance					
CAROLINE	2	Nil		2	2
Allowance					
FLYING FOX	2	Nil		2	2
Allowance					
DALRIADA	2	Nil		2	2
Allowance					
PRESIDENT	2	Nil	2	2	2
Allowance					Drill 2
SCOTIA	2	Nil		2	2
Allowance					
SHERWOOD	2	Nil		2	2
Allowance					
GLU Allowance	3	1		3	4
TAMAR	15	1		15	16
Allowance					
To HMS DRAKE					
JUNE 97					
HERON	12	2		12	14
Allowance					
SEAHAWK	9	2		9	11
Allowance					
SNONI	6	1		6	7
Allowance					

ANNEX B

Unit	Sword RM WO 8465 99 1320920	Sword RM Off 8465 99 9777465	Scabbard RM 8465 99 9777466	Knot RM 8465 99 9777468	Scabbard W02
CTCRM LYMPSTONE Allowance	47	35	35	35	44
COMGP Allowance	Nil	10	10	10	Nil
STONEHOUSE Allowance	11	27	27	27	11
NELSON RM Allowance	35	15	15	15	35

Unit	Sword RN Off V026 9777464	Scabbard RN V026 9631527	Knot RN V026 9777467	Belt RN V026 9771895	Knot Buff
CTCRM LYMPSTONE Allowance	10	10	10	10	
COMGP RM	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil
STONEHOUSE Allowance	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
NELSON RM Allowance					15

Allowance for HM Ships

Unit	Sword RN Off 8465999777464	Remarks
Frigate LPD/CVS	2 4	Complete with Scabbard Complete with Scabbard