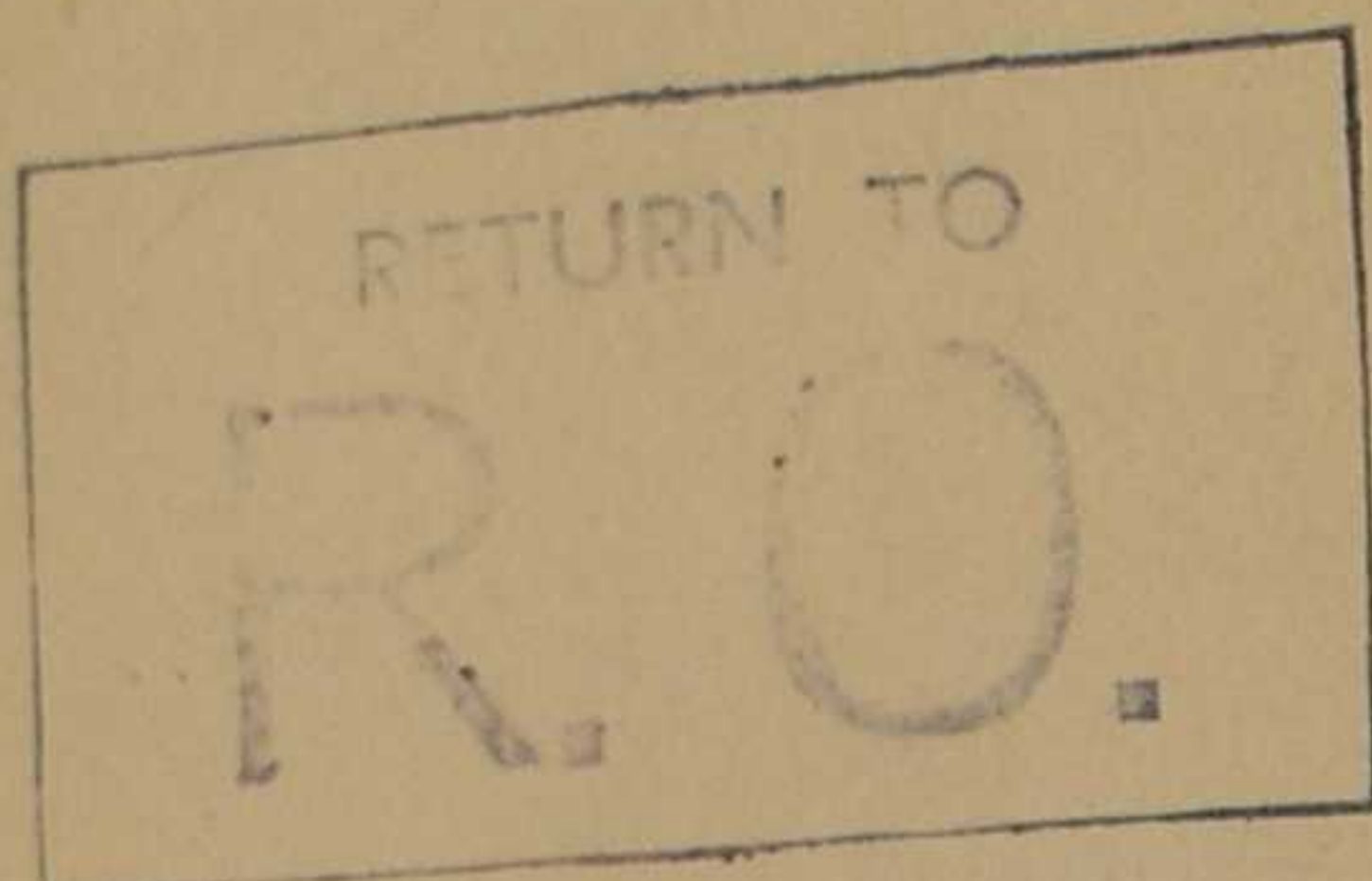


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63. Genl.

(see also inside)



Drum Majors' Dress Belts and Staves - Royal Marines.

(for reading, see inside)

CLOSED
UNTIL

JAN.
1986

1908 and 1925 papers herein, not to be dissociated.

1925. 1929-1930. 1934-1935

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(Revised—September, 1922.)

FROM WHOM

DATE

MARKINGS TO BOARD.

SUBJECT.

Dress Belts for ~~Drum Major~~

(1) Standardization of pattern.

(2) Replacement of Dress Belt. By Dr.

(3) Renovation of Stave.

FORMER.

2033/11

Referred
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NOTATION ONLY.

Referred to

Date

~~1000/25~~

+ 1570/26 re standard stave for Rm Band Service.

+ 1173/29 re standard stave for Rm Divisions

1917/32 New Belts for Charkans Division

No. B. 1173/29 P.

Noted.

D of C

Adjutant General R.M.
8th January 1930.

Messrs Toller expect that staff will be
ready for despatch within 10 days from

3rd Jan ~~1930~~ 1930

B. 1173/29 T

PLYMOUTH DIVISION
- 9 JAN 1930 348
ROYAL MARINES

IV

The Commandant
Plymouth Division
Royal Marines.

Information was received from Messrs Henry Potter & Co., on 3rd January 1930 that the Staff head has been entirely remade and that the Staff would be despatched within ten days from that date.

R. H. A. A. A.

Adjutant General R.M.
8th January 1930.

S. 348/Q1.40/29.

V.

The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

R.M.O. 11 JAN 1930

Noted and returned.

G. Carpenter

Brigadier
Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.
10th January 1930.

R.M.O. 4 APR 1930

Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.
3rd April 1930.



HENRY POTTER & CO

Military Musical Instrument Makers,

36 & 38, WEST ST.,

CHARING + ROAD, LONDON,

W.C.2.

TELEPHONE: REGENT 549.
GRAMS: GERIWART, WESTCENT,
LONDON.

3rd. February 1930.

Commandant,
Plymouth Division, Royal Marines,
Plymouth.

Reference yours No. Q1.5/30. of the 1st. inst. please. Key
enclosed herewith with apologies for the delay in forwarding, and
is being despatched by this post. Unfortunately it got caught
in the gas, but luckily the important parts are not burnt.

We are Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

HENRY POTTER & Co.

MASTER
1930. 5/30
PLMTH

S. 348/Q1.40/29.

111.

The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

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R.M.O. 26 MAR. 1930

The head of the existing staff has been
forwarded into Office this day.

J. Carpenter

Brigadier
Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.
25th March 1930.

The Commandant, Plymouth Division R.M. R.M.O. 10 FEB. 1930
 8th February 1930.
 The Adjutant General,
 Royal Marines.

No. S. 348.101.110.129

STAVES DRUM MAJOR.

With reference to R.M.O. Minute No. B.1173/29.P. of 18/29 and subsequent correspondence, I beg to report that the Staff Majors Staff due for supply to this Division under contract No. C.P. 9753/M.P. 376, has been re-delivered and the following report of the Officers comprising the Board of Survey thereon are forwarded for your information.

a. GILT LION. Is hollow, already tarnished, still considered to be too fragile and would easily become dented.

b. FAULTY BALANCE. The point of balance still appears to be some inches below the normal grip. The globe is not positioned in the centre of the Staff; is still $\frac{1}{2}$ inch less in circumference than the specification measurement, is slightly dented and of inferior workmanship.

c. SILVER COLLAR. Workmanship of the wording is poor, the screw is loose, and projects and liable to catch in the Gauntlet.

The lower rim of the collar is much too large, prevents a good grip being obtained and so makes the Staff difficult to wield.

d. SILVER CHAIN. On receipt this was found to be broken in two places and the lacquer of the malacca cane was chipped. It is considered that the cane is too highly polished, already has been chipped by movement of the chain and will become worse by use and in cleaning. As it seems probable that the chain will constantly break with use the Board desire to express the opinion that Gold Cord, as used heretofore in the Staff, should replace the silver chain now supplied.

e. Under B. of C., No. C.P. 9753/M.P. 376 of 21/6/1929, sub para 6, "all parts shown on sketch as being silver plated should be of sterling silver." This does not appear to have been carried out and a letter from Messrs Petter d/d 20/8/29 in this connection is attached.

2. The Stave is forwarded for your inspection and instructions.

3. The sketch is also being forwarded together with a letter from Messrs Petter & Co., explaining the circumstances under which it became burnt. This has made it impossible to check several of the measurements. Enclosed with sketch is Key of the case containing the Stave.

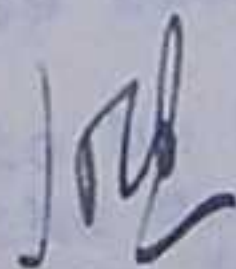
L. Carpenter.

February 1930.

1173/29 P. Supply of Drum Major's Staff to Plymouth Divn.

With reference to C.P. 9753/M.p.376 dated 21st June 1929 relative to the supply of a Drum Major's Staff to the Plymouth Division R.M., the Staff has now been re-delivered after first rejection and the Commandant has reported that the article is still considered to be unsatisfactory. An extract from the remarks of the Commandant, Plymouth Division R.M., is attached.

2. It is requested that action on these points may be taken with Messrs H. Potter & Co. The Staff is now at the Royal Marine Office and is available for inspection.



Adjutant General R.M.

Drum Major's Staff, Plymouth Division R.M.

REFERENCE SHEET

SILVER LION.

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SILVER COLLAR.

Workmanship of the wording is poor, the scroll is loose, end projects and is liable to catch in the Gauntlet.

The lower rim of the collar is much too large, prevents a good grip being obtained and so makes the Staff difficult to wield.

SILVER CHAIN.

On receipt this was found to be broken in two places and the lacquer of the cane was chipped. It is considered that the cane is too highly polished and has already been chipped by movement of the chain.

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II
The Commandant
Plymouth Division
Royal Marines.



Noted. Action on the several points referred
has been taken with the Contractors. Please cause
the head of the existing staff to be forwarded into
Office for issue on temporary loan to Messrs Potter for
guidance.

Hope.
Adjutant General R.M.
21st March 1930.

REFERENCE SHEET.

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Director of Navy Contracts,
Branch 6,
Princes House,
KINGSWAY, W.C.2.

To

Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

✓ March, 1930 .

R.M.O. 6 MAR. 1930

4151/30

Information required, or notified.

With reference to the attached
copy of letter will A.G.R.M. please arrange
for the Staff to be returned to the
Contractor.

B. Shaw
DIRECTOR OF NAVY CONTRACTS

1173/29 F.
12th March 1930.
XXXXXXXXXXXX
Temple Bar 4363
11.

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11/30
with reference to Contract C.P. 9753/M.P. 376.
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March, 1930.

Gentlemen,

With reference to Contract C.P.9753/M.P.376, dated 21st June 1929, for supply of Drum Major's Staff to Royal Marine Barracks, Plymouth, it has been reported that the Staff has now been redelivered after first rejection and is still considered to be unsatisfactory for the following reasons :-

GILT LION.

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The Staff is being returned to your address and I must press for early replacement by a Staff satisfactory in all respects including the foregoing details.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

DIRECTOR OF NAVY CONTRACTS

L. 1173/29 P.

12th March 1930.

Gentlemen,

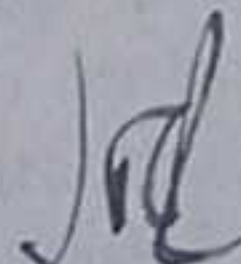
With reference to Contract C.P. 9753/M.P. 376 dated 21st June 1929, in connexion with the supply of one Drum Major's Staff to the Royal Marine Barracks, Plymouth, I have to inform you that the Staff in question has been returned to your address at the request of the Director of Navy Contracts.

The key of the case containing the Staff is forwarded herewith.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,



Adjutant General R.M.

Messrs Henry Potter & Co.
36 and 38 West Street,
Charing Cross Road,
London W.C.2.

Henry Potter & Co.
17th March, 1930.

472

The Director of Navy Contracts.

Dear Sir,
With reference to your No. 6/4151/30 of the 4th instant, regarding Drum Major's Staff. This has now arrived. Unfortunately it is always difficult to work from a drawing, and to ensure complete replica would it be possible please to loan us head of this Staff for a couple of days, as it would greatly facilitate getting the details required correct.

We are &c

(Sgd) ? Secretary

Firm's letter of 17th March herein is referred. May arrangements be made, if possible, please for firm's request for loan of head of Staff to be acceded to on the understanding that they will be responsible for its safe custody and return in good condition.

(Sgd) H. Maw.
for D. of C.
20.3.30.

AGRM.

29 MAR 1930

ADMIRALTY.

REFERENCE SHEET.

DEPOT R.M. DEAL

27 MAR 1930

309/29

To

The Commandant

Depot R.M., Deal.

ADJUTANT GENERAL,
ROYAL MARINES.

Anne's Chambers,
Tothill Street,
London, S.W. 1.
27th March 1930.

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Information required, or notified.

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Drum Major's Staff.

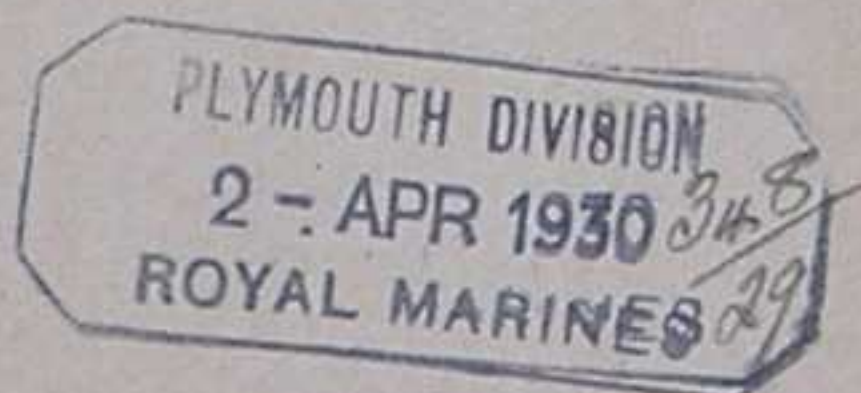
Please arrange for the head of the Drum
Staff to be forwarded into Office directly after use
on Sunday next for use as a contractor's pattern.

[Handwritten signature]

Adjutant General R.M.

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IV
The Commandant
Plymouth Division
Royal Marines.



The "head" referred to in the preceding Minute
has been returned to your address under separate cover
this day.

T. H. Hunter
For Adjutant General RM
1st April 1930.

No. S. 348/Q1.40/29. V.
The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

Duly received please.

G. Carpenter
Commanding Brigadier
Plymouth Division R.M.
3rd April 1930.

R.M.O. 4 APR 1930

No. B. 1173/29 T

III
The Commandant
Depot R.M., Deal.

DEPOT R.M. DEAL

5 APR 1930

309/20

The article in question has been returned to
your address this day.

H. Hunter
for
Adjutant General R.M.
4th April 1930.

No. S. 309/29.

IV.
The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

Major's
Head of Drum Staff has been duly
received. *210*

R.M.O. 7 APR 1930

W. B. R. S. D.
for Brigade Major
Commandant,
Depot R.M., Deal.
5th April 1930.

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The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

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R.M.O. 1 APR 1930

This has been forwarded.

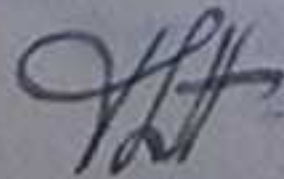
W. J. T. M.

Brigadier,
Commanding Depot R.M. Deal.
H. A. 31st March 1930.

No. B. 1173/29 P.

Arrangements have been made as desired by
Messrs H. Petter & Co.

D of C


Adjutant General R.M.
1st April 1930.

1st April 1930.

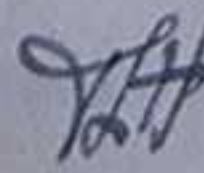
Gentlemen,

With reference to your communication No. 472 dated 17th March 1930 addressed to the Director of Navy Contracts, the "head" of a Drum Major's Staff now in use at a Royal Marine Establishment has been forwarded to your address for guidance as desired. It would be appreciated if this "head" could be returned to this Office by Friday afternoon next, 4th April 1930.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,



Adjutant General R.M.

Messrs Henry Potter & Co.
36 and 38 West Street
Charing Cross Road
London W.C.2.



HENRY POTTER & CO

Military Musical Instrument Makers,

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W.C.2.

TEMPLE BAR 1649.
TELEPHONE: REGENT 549.
GRAMS: "GERI WART. WESTCENT. LONDON"

2nd. April 1930. 19

The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines, Admiralty,
Queen Anne's Chambers,
Tothill Street, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,
Reference yours No.B.1173/29/T. of the 1st. inst. please
regards loan staff head for which we are much obliged. As promised
same is being returned Friday morning.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

HENRY POTTER & Co.

Not used before
0234
3/4/30

[Signature]
Secretary

COMMUNICATION SHEET.

The Commandant, Plymouth Division R.M.

26th May 1930.

The Adjutant General,

Royal Marines.

Ref. No. S.348/Q1.40/29.

R.M.O. 27 MAY 1930

STAVES, DRUM MAJOR.

With reference to Plymouth letter of even number dated 8. 2. 1930 and A.G.R.M., Minute No.B.1173/29.P. of 21. 3. 1930, I beg to report that the Drum Major's Staff due for supply under contract No.C.P.9753/M.P.376 has been re-delivered to this Division.

2. The sketch of this item was forwarded into Office as an enclosure to the letter quoted above.

3. It is requested please that this may be returned for guidance in examination of the article now received.

G. Carpenter.

Brigadier
Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.

548. / Q1.40/29.

111.

R.M.O. 31 MAY. 1930

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The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

Sketch duly received.

R.D. Drusley

Colonel Commanding,
Plymouth Division R.M.
30th May 1930.

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COMMUNICATION SHEET.

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The Commandant, Plymouth Division R.M.

2nd June 1930.

The Adjutant General,

Royal Marines.

Ref. No. S.348. Q1.40/29.

R.M.O. 5 JUN. 1930

STAVES DRUM MAJOR.

With reference to Plymouth letter of even number dated 8. 2. 1930, and subsequent correspondence, I beg to report that the Drum Majors Staff due for supply under contract No. C.P.9753/M.P.376 of 21. 6. 1929, has again been delivered and the following report of the Officers comprising the Board of Survey thereon is forwarded for your information.

a. With the exception of minor details such as re-gilting of Lion & Crown, re-lacquer of cane and the repairs to chain, the board do not consider that any material alteration to the staff has been made.

b. Although the position of the point of balance has received attention, it is still below the normal grip.

The general condition of the Staff is still considered to be of inferior standard to that which should be supplied and the board do not recommend that it be accepted.

2. In these circumstances your further instructions are requested please.

G. Carpenter.

Brigadier
Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.

No.B. 1173/29 P.

II
The Commandant
Plymouth Division
Royal Marines.

G.S.
348
29
PLYMOUTH DIVISION
6 JUN 1930
ROYAL MARINES

Please cause the Staff in question to be forwarded into Office, together with that at present in use.

W. H. W. W. W.

Adjutant General R.M.
5th June 1930.

No.B. 1173/29 P.

II
The Commandant
Plymouth Division
Royal Marines.

G.S.
348
29
PLYMOUTH DIVISION
6 JUN 1930
ROYAL MARINES

Please cause the Staff in question to be forwarded into Office, together with that at present in use.

W. H. W. W. W.

Adjutant General R.M.
5th June 1930.

S. 348/Q1. 40/29.

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R.M.C. 10 JUN. 1930

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The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

Staves Drum Major's, (2), in separate packages, and Admiralty sketch, have been forwarded into Office as directed.

2. Key of the case containing the New Stave is attached hereto.

3. It is submitted that owing to an accident some years ago the Old Staff is not now of the correct length or balance.

G. Carpenter.

Brigadier
Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.
9th June 1930.

REFERENCE SHEET.

ADJUTANT GENERAL,
ADMIRALTY, ROYAL MARINES.

Queen Anne's Chambers,
Tothill Street,
London, S.W. 1.

17th June 1930.

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To

The Commandant

Portsmouth Division

Royal Marines.



Information required, or notified.

B. 1173/29 P.

Drum Major's Staff.

Please cause the Staff of the Drum Major of the Portsmouth Division to be forwarded into Office for inspection immediately after completion of use on Sunday next.

QUARTERMASTER
18 JUN. 30 50
R. DIVN. R. M. 29

T. H. Stuntou
for Adjutant General R.M.

11.
The Adjutant General
Royal Marines.

R.M.O. 21 JUN. 1930

The Drum Majors Staff is being forwarded per Southern Railway passenger train on Sunday next 22nd June 1930.

2. It is observed that this Staff will shortly be brought forward for renovation and replacement of Gold Cord by silver chain.

H. N. Jones
Brigadier
Commanding Portsmouth Division, R.M.
20th June 1930.