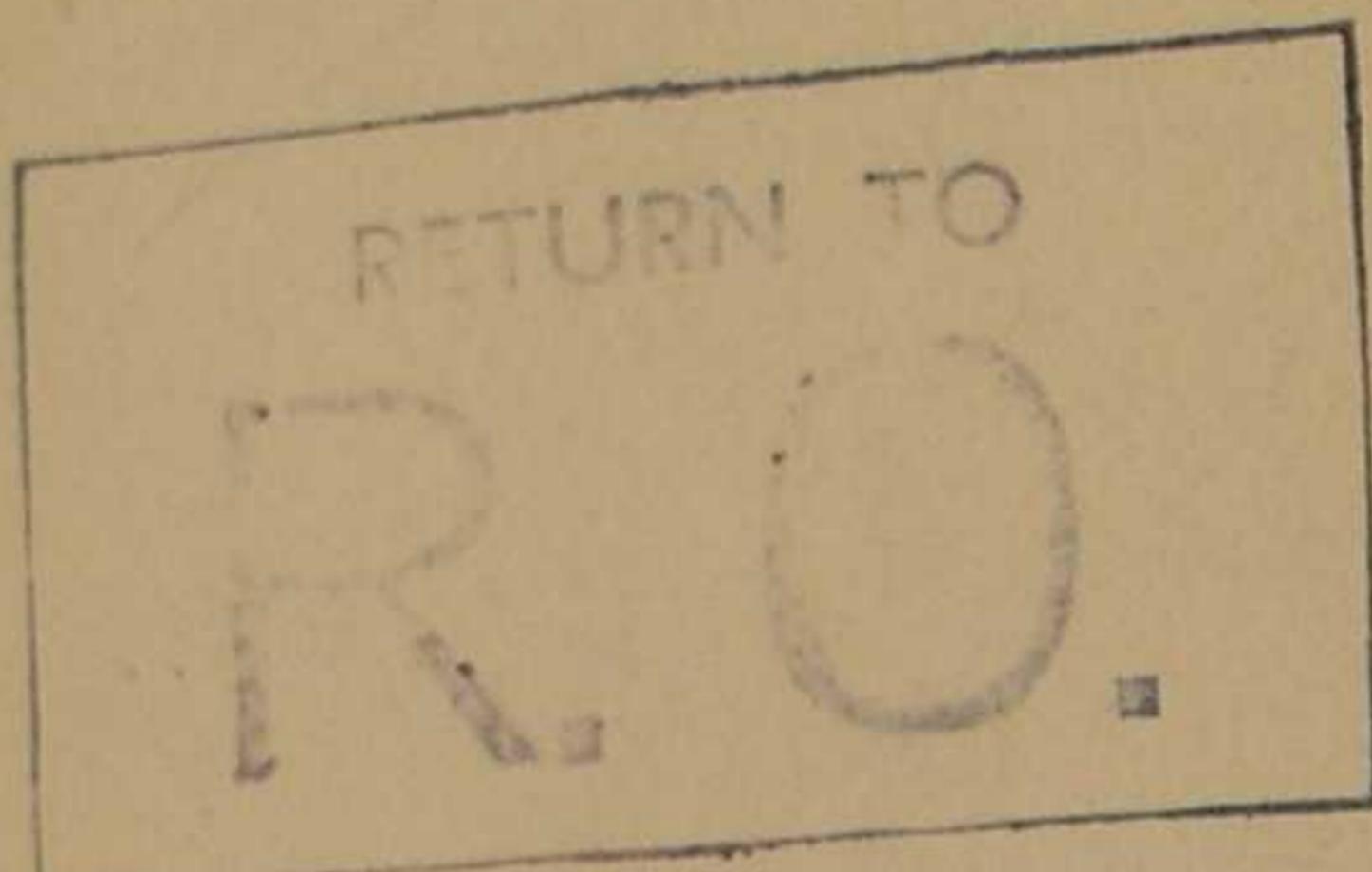
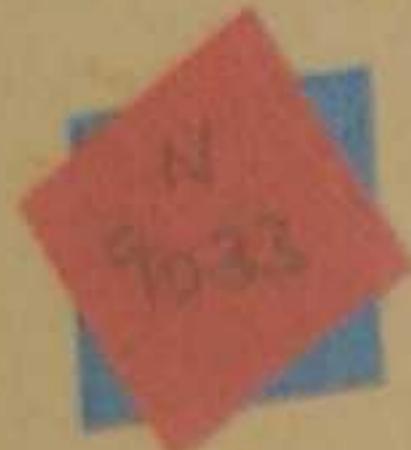


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(see also inside)



Drum Majors' Dress Belts and Staves - Royal Marines.  
(for reading, see inside)

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1908 and 1925 papers herein, not to be dissociated.

1925. 1929-1930. 1934 - 1935.

(Revised—September, 1922.)

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FROM WHOM

**DATE**

#### MARKINGS TO BOARD.

SUBJECT.

Dress Belts for Mrs. Major

## (1) Standardization of pattern

(2) Replacement of Miss Bell. By Mr.

(3) Renovation of Stave.

2033/11

## FORMER.

Referred to	Date	Referred to	Date	NOTATION ONLY.	
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REFERE.

The Colonel Commandant.

His MAJESTY'S Royal Marines.

Plymouth.

AT

4th April 1925.

DATED

To The Adjutant General.

Royal Marines.

R.M.O. - 7 APR 1925

No. S. 42.. / Q1.57/25.

BELTS DRESS DRUM MAJOR.  
STAVES DRUM MAJOR.

The attached Board of Survey, together with observations relating thereto, and Form D-273b, on the above mentioned articles is forwarded for consideration please.

2. Approximate Cost of replacement of Belt is not known, but £50 is available under U.C. "A".

*J C Edwards*

Colonel Commandant. R.M.

II  
 The Colonel Commandant  
 Plymouth Division  
 Royal Marines.

Noted. Action for the replacement of the Dress Belt will be taken through the Director of Contracts. Please cause tenders to be obtained for the renovation of the "Staff" to be obtained from the manufacturers, if known, and also from two of the following firms :-

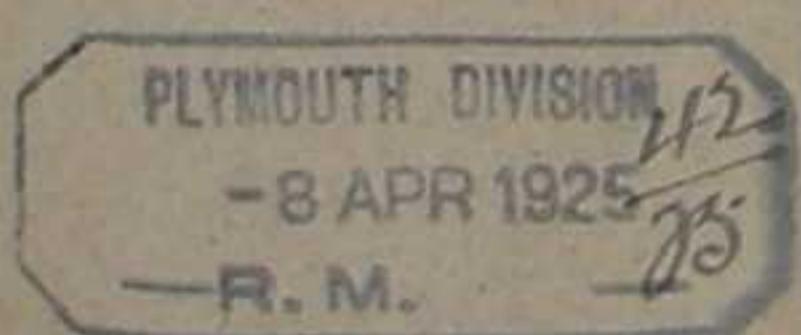
Messrs Potter.  
 Charing Cross Road,  
 London W.C.2.

Messrs Hawkes & Son.  
 Denman Street,  
 Piccadilly Circus. London W.

3--  
 1. Messrs Hobson & Sons.  
 154 Tooley Street,  
 London Bridge, London.

Messrs G. Kenning & Son.  
 16 Great Queen Street,  
 London W.C.

2. Please cause the Belt and Staff to be forwarded to this Office in due course, the Firms invited to tender for the renovation of the latter being suitably informed as to its disposal for the purpose of inspection.



*A. R. H. Hutchinson*

Adjutant General R.M.  
 7th April 1925.

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Colonel Commandant,  
 Plymouth Division, R.M.  
 2nd May 1925.

No. S. 42/25.Q1.57/25.

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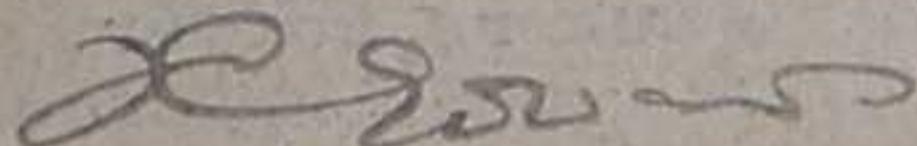
The Adjutant General.  
Royal Marines.

1700  
1705  
MAY 1925

Three tenders for the renovation of Staff  
are attached.

2. The manufacturer is not definitely known  
but from an old label found on packing case , it is  
believed that Messrs Hawkes & Sons were the makers.

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Colonel Commandant.  
Plymouth Divn. R.M.  
30/4/1925.

No. B. 1706/25.P.

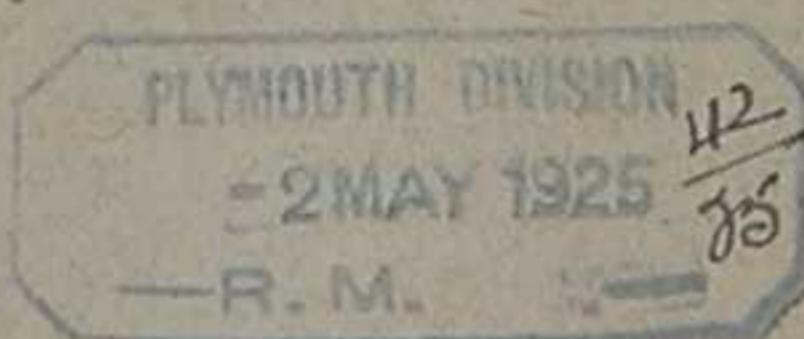
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The Colonel Commandant  
Plymouth Division  
Royal Marines.

Board of Survey approved and is returned  
herewith.

2. The tender of Messrs Hobson & Sons Ltd., is  
to be accepted, the firm being informed that the Staff  
and case is to be collected from this Office.

3. Enclosures to be retained.



R. D. Ormeley

DAAG

Adjutant General R.M.  
1st May 1925.

No. S. 42/05

V.  
The Adjutant General,  
Royal Marines.

Noted.

R.M.D. 2 MAY 1925

2. Before placing the order attention is invited to  
the fact that Messrs Hobson and Sons Ltd., make no mention  
in their estimate of supplying new Gold Bullion Cord and  
Tassels.

3. Is it to be assumed that they will do this for their  
estimate of £5. ?.

*J. C. Evans*

Colonel Commandant,  
Plymouth Division, R.M.  
2nd May 1925.

VI

The Colonel Commandant  
Plymouth Division  
Royal Marines.

Please report whether the attention of the firm in question was called to all the points in connection with this renovation at the time they were invited to tender.



*P. D. Drury*  
Adjutant General R.M.  
4th May 1925.

No. S. 42/Q1.57/25.

VII.

The Adjutant General.  
Royal Marines.

As the Staff was sent to the Royal Marine Office to be available for inspection by experts of the firms invited to tender, attention was not drawn to all the points in connection with this renovation.

2. The tenders of Messrs Hawkes & Potter would appear to cover all the work necessary to make the Staff serviceable. The only doubt is whether Messrs Hobson's tender includes new gold cord & tassels.

*H. Sullivan*

Colonel Commanding,  
Plymouth Divn. R.M.  
5/5/1925.

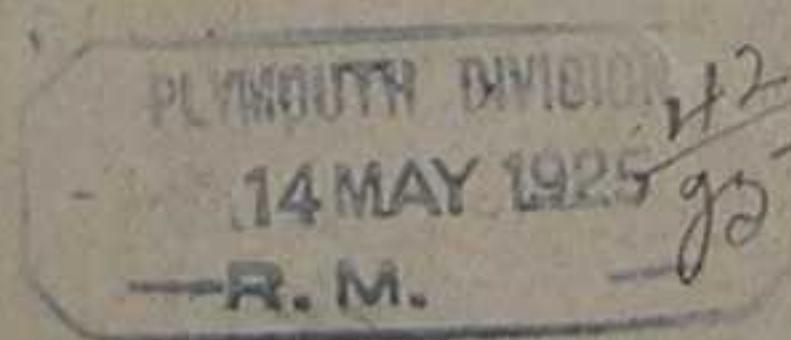
The Colonel Commandant  
Plymouth Division  
Royal Marines.

Noted. Messrs Hobson & Sons have been afforded facilities to submit a revised tender for the work in question to cover the details not included in the original invitation. The tender is attached for information and is to be accepted.

2. Please cause Messrs Hobson & Sons Ltd to be suitably informed and that the Staff and case should be collected from this Office for necessary action. On completion of the repairs, the Staff should be returned to your address direct from the contractors, observing that instructions were issued for its despatch to this Office for the sole purpose of affording ease of inspection by London firms for estimating purposes.

3. Attention is called to the necessity for indicating to firms invited to tender for repairs, renovations etc., of articles, the exact nature and details of the work for which they are invited to submit estimates.

4. Enclosures to be retained.



*H2  
A. R. H. Hutchinson*

Adjutant General R.M.

UTANT GENERAL  
ROYAL MARINES

B. 1706/25.P.

ADMIRALTY  
54 Victoria Street,  
London SW 1.

15th April 1925.

CULAR

DRUM MAJOR'S DRESS BELT

Please cause the Drum Major's Dress Belt to be forwarded to this Office by Tuesday morning, 21st April 1925, for inspection.. The Belt will be returned without delay.

2. Please also state (a) the date on which the present Belt was originally supplied and (b) the date of last renovation. The relevant correspondence in respect of (a) and (b) is to be quoted.

A. R. H. Hutchinson.

Adjutant General R.M.

to :-  
nals Commandant R.M.  
(except Plymouth)

rintendant, R.N. School of Music.

IX.

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No. S. 42/25/Q1.57/25.

The Adjutant General.  
Royal Marines.

S.M.Q. 15 MAY 1925

Paras 1 & 2 noted.

Para 3 noted for future guidance.

J. Sullivan

Colonel Commanding,  
Plymouth Divn. R.M.

15th May 1925.

1700  
1705

# Hawkes & Son,

DENMAN STREET, PICCADILLY CIRCUS.  
London, W.1.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT NO.

REF. NO.

2.

DATE

16th April, 1925.

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1858.

The Office of -  
The Adjutant General,  
Royal Marines,  
54, Victoria Street,  
London, S. W. 1.

Sir,

Reference No. S.42/25/Q1.57/25

We thank you for the privilege of  
examining Drum Majors Staff which we now return  
to you with compliments.

We are estimating today and no doubt if  
the order is placed with us you will receive  
instructions for the Staff to be delivered here.

Again thanking you.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

HAWKES & SON.

By A. F. M. Dept. No. 2.

1705  
1705

# Hawkes & Son,

DENMAN STREET, PICCADILLY CIRCUS.  
London, W.1.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT NO.

REF. NO. 2.

DATE

R.M.O. 16 APR 1925

16th April, 1925.

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ENGLISH TOWN, LONDON,  
DERSHOT, N.W.

ESTABLISHED IN  
1858.

Office of  
The Adjutant General,  
Royal Marines,  
54, Victoria Street,  
London, S. W. 1.

Sir,

Reference No. S.42/25/Q1.57/25.

We have received a communication from the Colonel Commandant, H.M. Royal Marines, Plymouth requesting that a tender be submitted for the renovation of Drum Major's Staff with instructions that this Staff can be viewed at your office.

We shall feel obliged if you will permit this Staff to be brought to our Works by bearer to be properly examined and quotation can then be submitted in due course and the Staff returned to you within a couple of hours. By doing this you will oblige

Your obedient Servants,

HAWKES & SON.

By A. F. H. Dept. No. 2.

(Revised—October, 1899).

**REFERENCE SHEET.**

398. The Colonel Commandant,.....  
 from.....  
 HIS MAJESTY'S.....  
 AT.....  
 17th April,.....  
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To The Adjutant General,  
 Royal Marines.

R.M.O. 18 APR 1925

19<sup>25.</sup>

No. S. 1073/25. Q. 1/6/25.

**DRUM MAJOR'S DRESS BELT.**

With reference to R.M.O. Circular  
 No, B. 1706/25. P. dated 15th inst, I beg to report that the  
 Drum Major's Dress Belt has been forwarded per passenger  
 train this day.

2. This Belt was supplied new on the  
 28th March. 1923, the metal furniture and drum sticks  
 of the old Belt being utilised on the new Belt. No  
 renovations have been carried out since the Belt was  
 supplied.

3. The relative correspondence is  
 R.M.O. Minute No. B. 1057/23. T. dated 23rd February, 1923.

Plummer

Colonel Commandant,  
 Chatham Division, R.M.

No. B. 1706/25.P.

II

The Colonel Commandant  
Chatham Division  
Royal Marines.

CHATHAM DIVISION  
25 APR 1925 1043  
ROYAL MARINES 25

W.M.  
22.4.25

Noted. The decisions arrived at to ensure uniformity in this respect are as stated on the attached enclosure, the alterations being effected when the belt next requires renovation.

2 The belt has been returned to your address this day under separate cover.

3. Enclosures to be retained.

A. R. H. Hutchinson.

Adjutant General R.M.  
21st April 1925.

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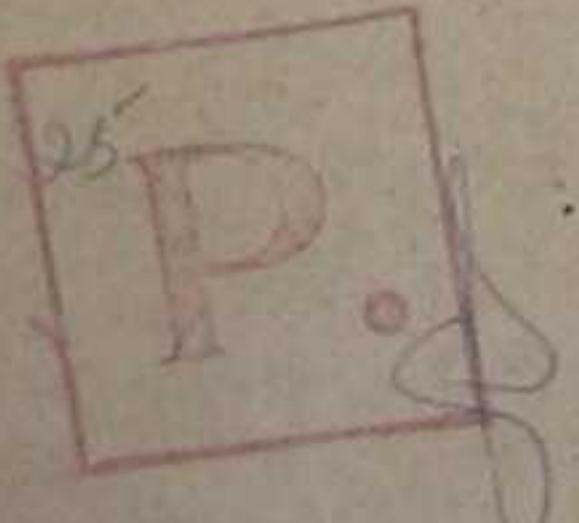
The Adjutant General,  
Royal Marines.

.S. 1073/25. Q. 1/6/25.

Noted for compliance. The Drum  
Major's Dress Belt duly received.

R. H. Munroe

Colonel Commandant,  
Chatham Division, R.M.  
24th April, 1925.



## REFERENCE SHEET.

M..... The Colonel Commandant,  
 His MAJESTY'S..... Depot R.M.  
 AT..... Deal.  
 20th April. 19..... 25.

To The Adjutant General,  
 Royal Marines.

R.M.O. 21 APR 1925

S.1072/25. Q1/41/25.

DRUM MAJOR'S DRESS BELT.

With reference to R.M.O.B. 1706/25, P of  
 15th April 1925 :-

1. The Drum Major's Belt has been forwarded by passenger train this day.
2. (a), The date of supply of the present Belt is not known.  
 (b). The Belt was renovated in July last. R.M.O.B. 2988/24, of 19th July 1924.

*W. Halliday*

Colonel Commandant, R.M.  
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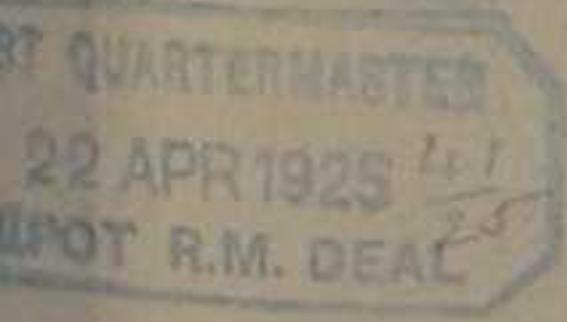
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The Colonel Commandant  
Depot R.M., Deal.

Noted. The decisions arrived at to ensure uniformity in this respect are as stated on the attached enclosure, the alterations being effected when the belt next requires renovation.

2. The belt has been returned to your address this day under separate cover.
3. Enclosures to be retained.



DEPOT R.M. DEAL  
1072/25 APR 1925  
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A. R. J. Hutchison.

Adjutant General R.M.  
21st April 1925.

1072/25.Q.1/41/25.

III.

The Adjutant General,  
Royal Marines.

Noted. Belt duly received this day.

W. H. Halliday

Colonel Commandant R.M.  
Depot R.M. Deal.  
24/4/25.

27 APR 25

REFERENCE SHEET.

COLONEL COMMANDANT,  
Portsmouth Division, Royal Marines,  
Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth

9th April 1925. 192

To THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,

R.M.O. 21 APR 1925

Royal Marines,

London, S.W.

Q1...../2...

7. Q1. 107/25.

DRUM MAJOR'S DRESS BELT.

With reference to R.M.O. Circular No. B.  
1706/25. P. of the 15th April 1925:—

R.M. and R.N.S. of Music ~~have~~ <sup>has</sup> Belts Dress Drum Major  
cover this day.

2... The R.M. Belt was supplied to Ferton in 1911 but it  
is regretted that the actual date and relevant correspondence  
are not available. This Belt was renovated 15th December 1922  
by Messrs Edward Stilwell & Son Ltd 25/27 Barbican E.C.1. in  
accordance with recommendation of Board of Survey approved  
by Adjutant General R.M. 5/12/22.

3... The R.N.S. of Music Belt was supplied on the 24th  
December 1921 under approval of R.M.O. Papers No. B. 2549/21  
of 13th January 1921 et seq. No renovation to this Belt has  
yet been necessary.

J. Alcock

Colonel 2nd Commandant.  
for Commandant. R.M.

No. B. 1706/25.P.

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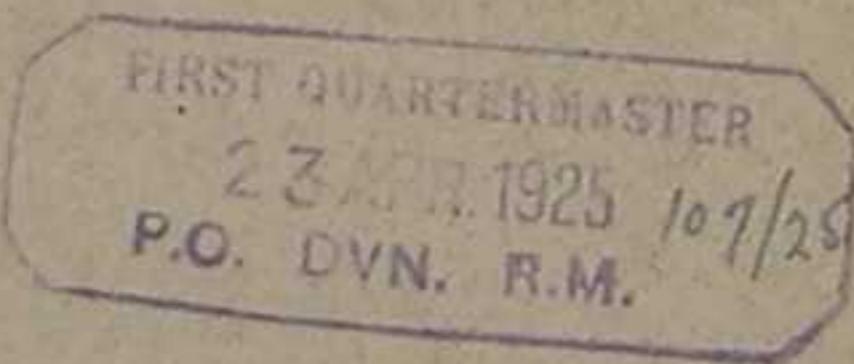
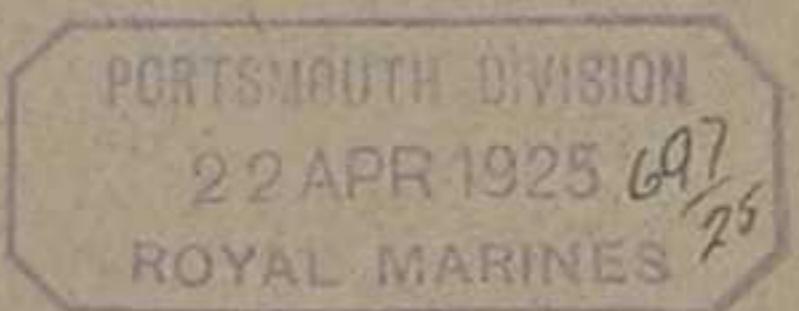
The Colonel Commandant  
Portsmouth Division  
Royal Marines.

W.F.

22.4.25

Noted. The decisions arrived at to ensure uniformity in this respect are as stated on the attached enclosure, the alterations being effected when the belt next requires renovation.

2. The belt has been returned to your address this day under separate cover.
3. Enclosures to be retained.



A. R. J. Hutchinson.

Adjutant General R.M.  
21st April 1925.

P.M.D. 27 APR 1925

Done  
ABH  
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(Enclosure to R.M.C. Minute No. B.1706/25.)

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THE DIRECTOR'S DRAFT TO THE Director of Contracts.

21st April 1925.

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To be gold on a blue background.

o. B. 1706/25.P.

BELTS, DRESS, DRUM MAJOR, PLYMOUTH DIVISION R.M.

Four seasons.

ANSWER

It is requested that tenders may be

obtained for the supply of one Belt, Dress, Drum  
Major, to the Plymouth Division R.M.2. In view of certain changes which it is  
desired to effect on this occasion, it is requested  
that firms invited to tender may be asked to inspect  
the pattern in this Office.

dated by:-

F. W. Wells on 23/6/25.

C. G. Colson on 24/6/25.

Adjutant General R.M.

4.

DRUM MAJORS' DRESS BELTS --- STANDARDISATION.

SCROLLS :-

GIBRALTAR  
PER MARE PER TERRAM } To be gold on a blue background.

BUCKLE

The bugle and two side crowns to be replaced by "roses" similar to those on each of the four corners.

ANCHOR

To be interlaced with the Cypher "G.R.IV" (as on Regimental Colour).

GOLD LACE

To be "wire".

The scroll "Per Mare Per Terram" is to have a space of half an inch above and below.

The Royal Cypher below the scroll "Per Mare Per Terram" is to be that of the reigning Sovereign, and is to be changed on the demise of the Crown.

A. R. Jt. Hutchison

Robert J. W. Hutchison

Adjutant General R.M.  
21st April 1925.

## REFERENCE SHEET.

ADJUTANT GENERAL,

ADMIRALTY, ROYAL MARINES,

54 VICTORIA STREET, S.W. 1.

27th April 1925

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To

The Colonel Commandant

Portsmouth Division

Royal Marines.

MS.

1. 5. 25.

Information required, or notified.

B. 1706/25.P.

DRESS BELT, DRUM MAJOR.

With reference to Circular hence No. B. 1706/25.P dated 15th April 1925 and your reply thereto No. S.697/25/Q.1/107/25 dated 20/4/25, it has been decided that the Drum Major's Dress Belt supplied to the R.N. School of Music is to conform to the standard now adopted for other R.M. Establishments, except in the following respect :-

The "Lyre" to be super-imposed on a "Foul" "Anchor" instead of ~~superimposed~~ the Cypher "G.R.IV".

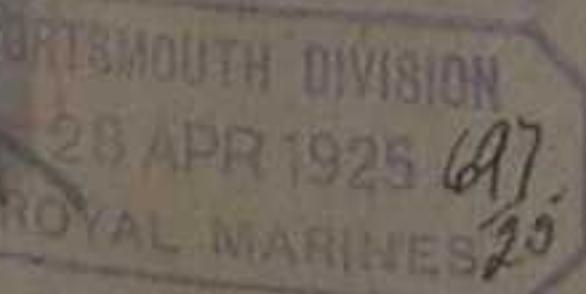
The necessary alterations will be effected when the belt next becomes due for replacement or renovation.

2. It is observed that the present belt appears to have been subjected to exceptional usage and that from its appearance, it is improbable that it will last the period laid down in Store Instructions Art. 299.

3. The belt has been returned to your address this day under separate cover.

*A. R. J. Hutchinson*

Adjutant General R.M.



R.M.Q. 2 MAY 1925

Royal Marine Offices,  
54, Victoria Street.  
S.W.

Sirs,

We shall be glad if you will please hand Bearer  
the following:-

Drum Majors Staff and Case  
for renovation, as instructed by the Colonel Commanding.  
Royal Marines, Plymouth.

We are, Sirs,

Yours Obedient Servants,

HOBSON & SONS (London) Ltd.,

PS. Street

270<sup>o</sup>  
18/5/25

Put with paper  
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20/5/25

2352/P369 40m 4/21 4150 G &amp; S 110\*

## REFERENCE SHEET.

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2255Director of Contracts (Fr. 6)  
Princes House,  
Kingsway, W.C.2N<sup>o</sup> 11 June 1925To The Adjutant General  
Royal Marines,  
54 Victoria Street, S.W.1

C.P. 18379/25

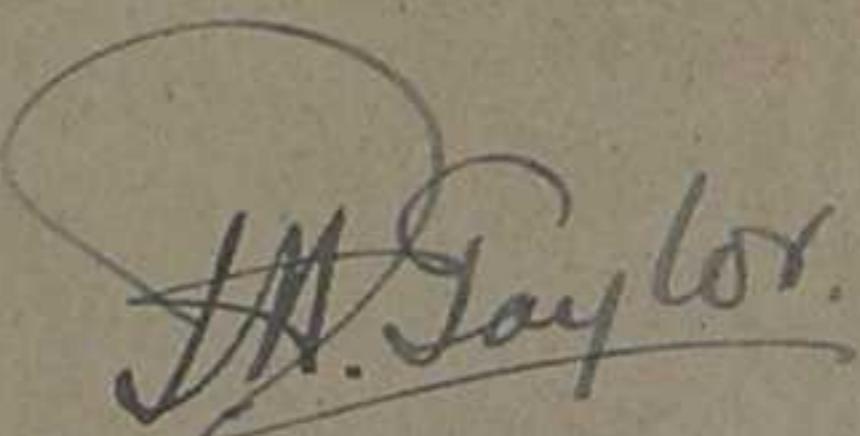
Information required, or notified.

P.M.Q. 24 JUN 1925

No B/1706/25. <sup>with reference to your communication of 21<sup>st</sup> April</sup> The undermentioned firms have been invited to tender for the Drum Major's Dress Belt required for Plymouth Division R.M. and it is requested that their representatives may be allowed to inspect the pattern belt upon application.

Edward Stillwell & Son Ltd.  
Firmin & Sons Ltd.  
Hobson & Sons Ltd.

108 Tenders due on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst



H Director of Navy Contracts.

Frank Taylor

ADM

24/6/25

Recd

The Director of Contracts  
(Branch 6)

Princes House,

Kingsway.

26th June 1925.

1706/25.P.

SUPPLY OF DRUM MAJOR'S DRESS BELT  
FOR PLYMOUTH DIVISION R.M.

With reference to your Minute No.

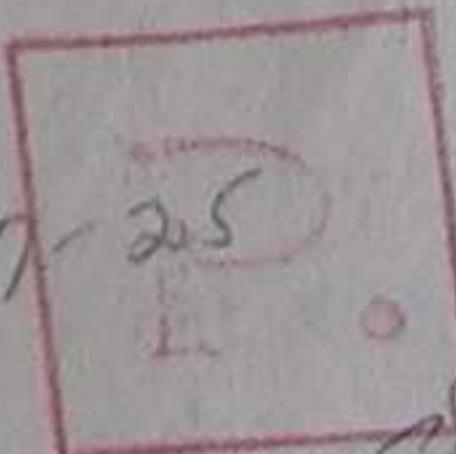
C.P. 18379/25 dated 22nd June 1925, one copy of the

latest specification of the Drum Major's Dress Belt is  
forwarded herewith for guidance of the contractor  
concerned.

Adjutant General R.M.

~~Take notice of~~  
no further action

ADM  
23/7/25



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