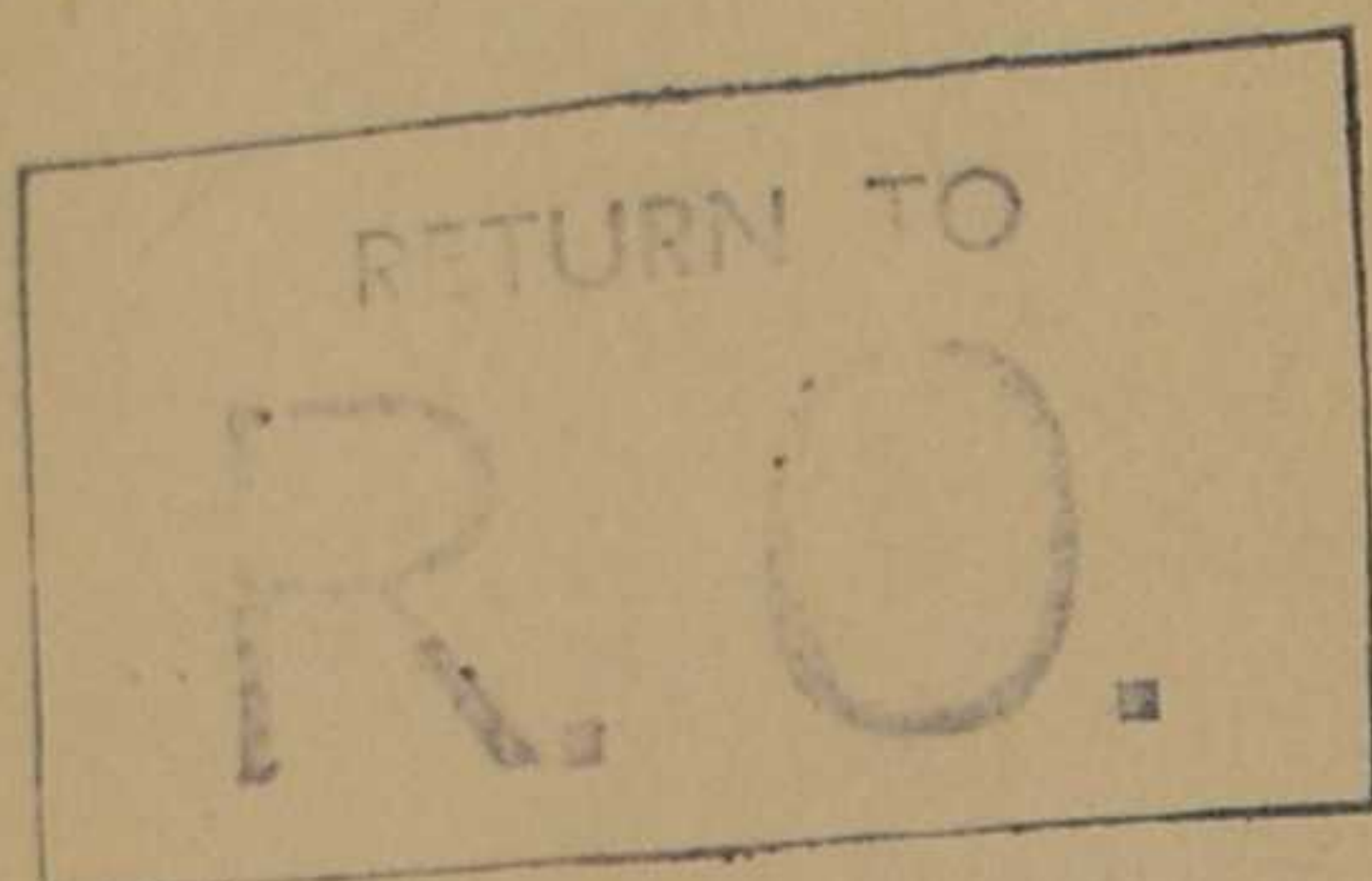


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Drum Majors' Dress Belts and Staves - Royal Marines.  
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1908 and 1925 papers herein, not to be dissociated.

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MARKINGS TO BOARD.

SUBJECT.

Dress Belts for ~~Drum Major~~

(1) Standardization of pattern.

(2) Replacement of Dress Belt. By Dr.

(3) Renovation of Stave.

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

+ 1173/29 re standard stave for Rm Divisions

1917/32 New Belts for Charkans Division



COMMUNICATION SHEET.

ON The Commandant, Plymouth Division R.M.

TE 7th March 1929.

The Adjutant General,

Royal Marines.

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

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REPLACEMENT OF DRUM-MAJORS STAVE.

The attached Board of Survey, Form R.247, reporting upon the condition of the Stave, Drum Major, held on charge at this Division is forwarded please.

2. Should replacement be approved the sum of £22 is available to meet the cost under "unforeseen contingencies (b)" First Quartermaster's Estimates, financial year 1928.

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*G. L. Rankin*

Brigadier R.M.

Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.

*revised**ASH**8/3/29*



ADJUTANT GENERAL  
ROYAL MARINES

ADMIRALTY

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

No. B. 1173/29 P.

8th March 1929

CIRCULAR

DRUM MAJOR'S STAVES.  
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Please furnish a detailed sketch of the  
Drum Major's Stave ~~new~~ in use in the Establishment  
under your Command.

*L. S. T. Halliday*

Copies to :-

Commandants R.M.

Supt. R.N. School of Music.

Adjutant General R.M.

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COMMUNICATION SHEET.

FROM The Superintendent R.N. School of Music, Eastney.  
DATE 12th. March, 1929.

TO The Adjutant General,  
Royal Marines.

Ref. No. Q. 105/29.

FORMER

13 MAR 1929

DRUM MAJORS STAVES.

mitted.

With reference to R.M. Circular No. B. 1173/29.P. of the 12th. March, 1929. A detailed sketch of the Drum Majors Staff in use at this Establishment is forwarded herewith.

*W L. Huntington*

Major R.M.  
SUPERINTENDENT.



COMMUNICATION SHEET.

The Commandant, Royal Marines, Chatham.

12th March., 1929.

The Adjutant General,  
Royal Marines.

Ref. No. S.446/Q1/72/29.

R.M.O. 13 MAR. 1929

DRUM MAJOR'S STAVES.

With reference to R.M.O. Circular No. B. 1173/29 P. of 8. 3. 29., I beg to submit a detailed sketch of the Drum Major's Stave now in use at this Division.

*S. J. Zarnish*

Brigadier, R.M. *S. J. Zarnish*



**COMMUNICATION SHEET.**

The Commandant, Depot R.M., Deal.

16th March 1929.

The Adjutant General,

Ref. No. S.309/29.

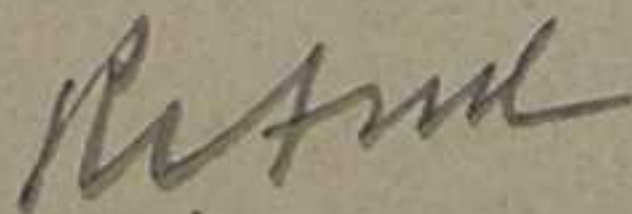
Royal Marines.

R.M.O. 18 MAR 1929

**DRUM MAJOR'S STAVE.**

With reference to R.M.O. Circular No. B.1173/2  
of 8th March 1929,

A detailed sketch of the Drum Major's Stave  
is being forwarded this day under separate cover. The  
sketch of the Parade Stick has also been included in case  
it may be useful.



Brigadier  
Commanding Depot R.M., Deal.



**COMMUNICATION SHEET.**

The Commandant, Plymouth Division R.M.

18th March 1929.

The Adjutant General,

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

Royal Marines.

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R.M.O. 19 MAR 1929

**DRUM MAJOR'S STAVE.**

With reference to R.M.O. Circular No. B.1173/29.P. of 8th inst., a detailed sketch of the Drum Major's Stave in use at this Division, shewing present measurements of distinctive parts, is forwarded into office herewith as directed.

*E. L. Rankin*Brigadier R.M.  
Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.



ADJUTANT GENERAL  
ROYAL MARINES

ADMIRALTY

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

No. B. 1173/29 P.

20th March 1929

CIRCULAR

DRUM MAJOR'S STAVES.  
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With reference to R.M.O. Circular of this number dated 8th March 1929 and replies thereto, it has been decided to standardise the Staves supplied for Divisional and Depot use as opportunity offers. The Staves of the Portsmouth and Plymouth Divisions and the Depot R.M., Deal, are mainly alike and it has been decided to adopt this type as standard, subject to the following modifications :-

- 16/25  
standardizing  
Belt
- (a) The Crown to be replaced by an Imperial Crown.
  - (b) Chains of sterling silver to be used instead of Cord, Gold.
  - (c) The bugle on shank immediately below the Globe to be deleted. It is for consideration whether any emblem should be substituted in the space left blank.
  - (d) The Royal Cypher "W.IV" to be replaced by the Royal Cypher "G.IV" or by the Cypher of the reigning monarch. It would avoid change on the demise of the Crown if the Cypher "G.IV" was adopted.
  - (e) It is intended that the continents should be shewn on the Globe.

2. Commandants R.M., will please furnish their remarks on this. Sketches of the four staves now in use have been circulated to R.M. Establishments under separate cover.

for H.C. Pope  
D.M.R.  
Adjutant General R.M.

Copies to :-  
Commandants R.M.

Mr Stockley  
Registrar  
Spore

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## COMMUNICATION SHEET.

The Commandant, Depot, Royal Marines, Deal.

25th March. 1929.

The Adjutant General.

Royal Marines.

O.R. 38/29.

Ref. No. S. 309/29.

### Drum Major's Staves.

With reference to R.M.O. Circular No. B. 1173/29.P.  
dated 20th March, 1929.

The present Staff at the Depot, R.M. is reputed to be that originally issued to the Woolwich Division and is consequently of great historical interest, it is therefore not desired to make any alteration until a new issue becomes necessary.

On the issue of a new Staff, the modifications proposed in (a), (b) and (c) are concurred in. It is considered that the space referred to in (c) should be left blank, and that the Royal Cypher of the reigning monarch at the time of issue should be included, and not changed on the demise of the crown.

2. Passed to The Commandant Chatham Division, R.M.

CRATHAM DIVISION

26 MAR 1929

ROYAL MARINES

Brigadier, Commanding.  
Depot, R.M., Deal.





## COMMUNICATION SHEET.

The Commandant, Plymouth Division R.M.

7th March 1929.

The Adjutant General,

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

Royal Marines.

R.M.O. 27 MAR 1929

### DRUM MAJOR'S STAVE.

With reference to Plymouth Letter of even number dated 7th inst., submitting that the Drum Major's Stave on charge at this Division may be replaced, your instructions are requested please as to whether the sum of £22 reported as being available under First Quartermaster's Estimates, "Unforeseen Contingencies", is to be regarded as appropriated for this purpose in the Liability Statement due to be forwarded into office at the expiration of the current financial year.

(R.M.O. B. 1173/29 P)

*E. L. Raikes*

Brigadier R.M.

Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.



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The Commandant  
Plymouth Division  
Royal Marines.

Supply of the article in question cannot be effected during the current financial year notwithstanding the fact that money is available in the First Quartermaster's Estimates. The sum referred to is not to be regarded as having been appropriated for this service.

2. Supply will be arranged when a decision has been reached in regard to standardization.

*J. C. Scope*  
Adjutant General R.M.  
27th March 1929

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The Adjutant General,  
Royal Marines.

R.M.O. 3 APR 1929

Noted and returned please.

*S. L. Raikes*

Brigadier R.M.  
Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.  
2nd April 1929.

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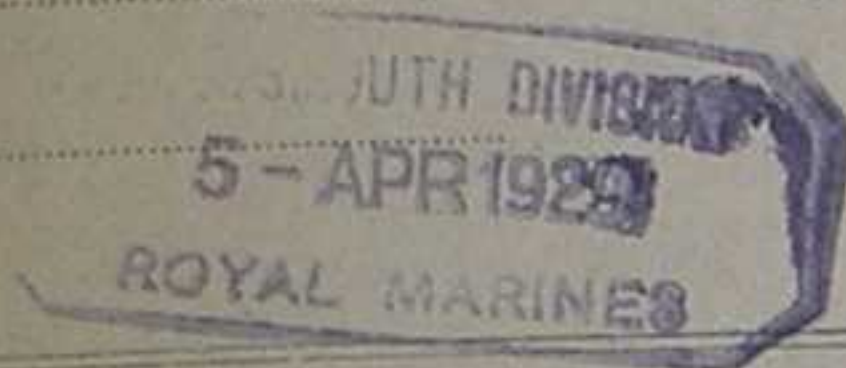
The Commandant, Royal Marines, Chatham.

5th April., 1929.

The Adjutant General,

Royal Marines.

Ref. No. S.446/Q1 72/29.



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### DRUM MAJOR'S STAVE.

With reference to R.M.O. Circular No. B. 1173/29 P dated 20th March., 1929, modifications suggested in paras (a) to (e) will be embodied in the specifications when replacement becomes necessary.

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Passed to the Commandant, Portsmouth

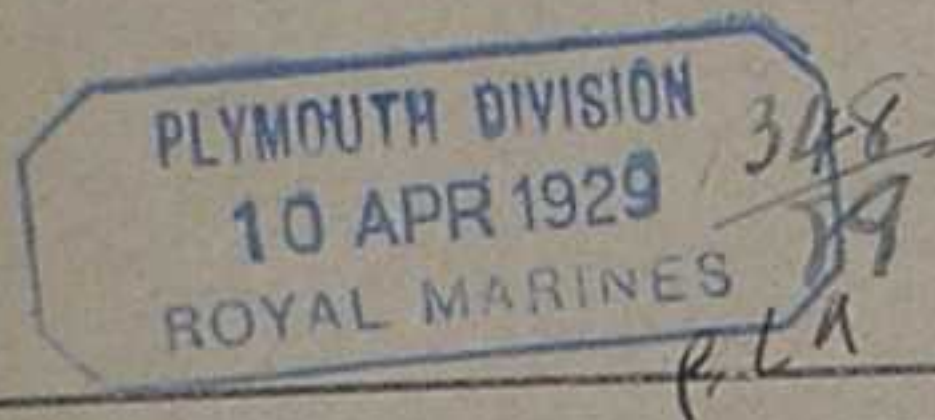
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REFERENCE SHEET.

COLONEL COMMANDANT,  
Plymouth Division, Royal Marines,  
Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth  
April. 1929.

To THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,



Royal Marines,  
London, S.W.

DRUM MAJORS STAVES

With reference to R.M.O. Circular No.B. 1173/29.P.  
of 20th March 1929:-

I concur with the modifications proposed at (a)  
(b) and (e) of the Circular and with the suggestions of the  
Commandant, Depot R.M. Deal as to (c) and (d).

2. Passed to the Commandant, Plymouth Division, R.M.

*Ch Little*

Brigadier,  
Commanding Portsmouth Division, R.M.



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## COMMUNICATION SHEET.

The Commandant, Plymouth Division, Royal Marines.

17th April, 1929.

The Adjutant General,

Ref. No. S. 348/29.

Royal Marines.

R.M.O. 18 APR. 1929

### DRUM MAJOR'S STAVES.

With reference to R.M.O. Circular No. B. 1173/29.P dated 20th March, 1929. I concur in the modifications proposed at (a), (b) and (c) and with the suggestions of the Commandant, Depot, R.M. Deal as to (c) and (d).

2. Regarding the dimensions of the Staff; the one in use at this Division is not quite satisfactory as regards balance. It is understood that the one in use at the Portsmouth Division is thoroughly satisfactory and it is suggested that it should be taken as the standard for the various dimensions, & balance

3. Sketches of the four staves are attached.

*P. L. Raikes*

Brigadier,  
Commanding Plymouth Division, R.M.



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Adjutant General, Royal Marines.

23rd April 1929

Supply of a Drum Major's Staff  
for the Plymouth Division R.M.

Adoption of a standard pattern.



B. 1173/29 P.

The Drum Major's Staff now in use at the Plymouth Division R.M., is in need of replacement and it is therefore requested that action may be taken by your Department for the purchase of a new Staff as a charge against Vote 2 "N". A formal requisition is enclosed.

It is desired that the design and dimensions shall be in accordance with the accompanying sketch of an existing Staff, subject to the following modifications :-

- (i) , The Crowns to be replaced by Imperial Crowns.
- (ii) Cord, Gold, Universal, to be replaced by chains of sterling silver.
- (iii) No bugle - space to be left blank.
- (iv) Royal Cypher "G.R. IV" to be replaced by that of the reigning monarch "G.R.V".
- (v) The Globe to be of sterling silver and the Continents of copper coloured metal.
- (vi) All parts shewn on sketch as being silver plated to be of sterling silver.

This design will be standard for future supplies to R.M. Divisions for Divisional and Depot use.



Adjutant General R.M.  
24th April 1929



ADJUTANT GENERAL  
ROYAL MARINES

ADMIRALTY

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

24th April 1929

DRUM MAJORS STAVES.  
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With reference to R.M.O. Circular of this number dated 20th March 1929 and replies thereto, the type of Drum Major's Staff now in use at R.M. Divisions other than Chatham, and at the Depot R.M., Deal, will be adopted as standard, the following alterations being made when replacements become necessary :-

- (a) The Crowns to be replaced by Imperial Crowns.
- (b) The bugle to be omitted and the space left blank.
- (c) The Royal Cypher "G.R. IV" to be replaced by the Cypher of the reigning monarch. The latter not to be changed on the demise of the Crown.
- (d) The Continents to be shewn on the Globe.
- (e) Chains of sterling silver to be fitted to the Staff instead of Cord, Gold, Universal.

*L.S.T. Halliday*

Adjutant General R.M.

to :-  
Commandants R.M.

*Mr Hoockley*

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## REFERENCE SHEET.

To

DEPOT R.M. DEAL

25 APR 1929

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The Commandant

Depot R.M., Deal.

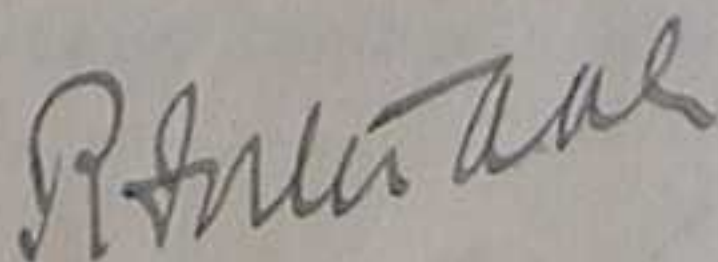
Information required, or notified.

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DRUM MAJOR'S STAFF.

With reference to R.M.O. Circulating Minute of this number dated 20th March 1929 and your reply thereto No. S. 309/O.R.38/29 dated 25th March 1929, records have now been traced in Office which disclose the fact that the Drum Major's Staff now in use at the Establishment under your Command was supplied to the Depot in 1892 or 1894 through the Director of Navy Contracts at a cost of £9. 15. 0. The impression that the Staff is that formerly in use at the Woolwich Division is therefore erroneous.

2. With regard to the Royal Cypher immediately below the bugle on the Staff, this is a faulty reproduction of that of George IV; the initial "W" appearing immediately below the stock of the anchor should have been the numeral "IV" as in the Regimental Colours and in the accompanying diagram.



Adjutant General R.M.



ADMIRALTY.

# REFERENCE SHEET.

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ADMIRALTY, ROYAL MARINES,  
Queen Anne's Chambers,  
Tothill Street,  
London, W. 1.

24th April 1929

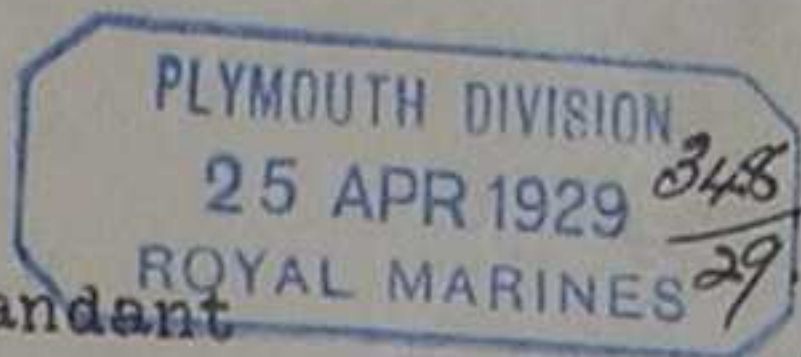
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To

The Commandant

Plymouth Division

Royal Marines.



Information required, or notified.

E. 1173/29 P.

DRUM MAJOR'S STAFF.

With reference to Form R.247 dated 6th March 1929 which has been returned to your address this day, action has been taken for the supply of a new Staff to the Plymouth Division through the Director of Contracts.

2. The cost of this service is to be shewn as an "excess" to the First Quartermaster's Estimates 1929 under the pertinent heading.

*P. J. Ingham*

Adjutant General R.M.



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48. 91.40/29. The Adjutant General,  
Royal Marines.

R.M.O. 27 APR. 1929

Form R. 247 duly received.

2. Para 2 of minute 1 is noted for necessary  
action please.

*E. L. Raker*

Brigadier,  
Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.  
26th April 1929.

