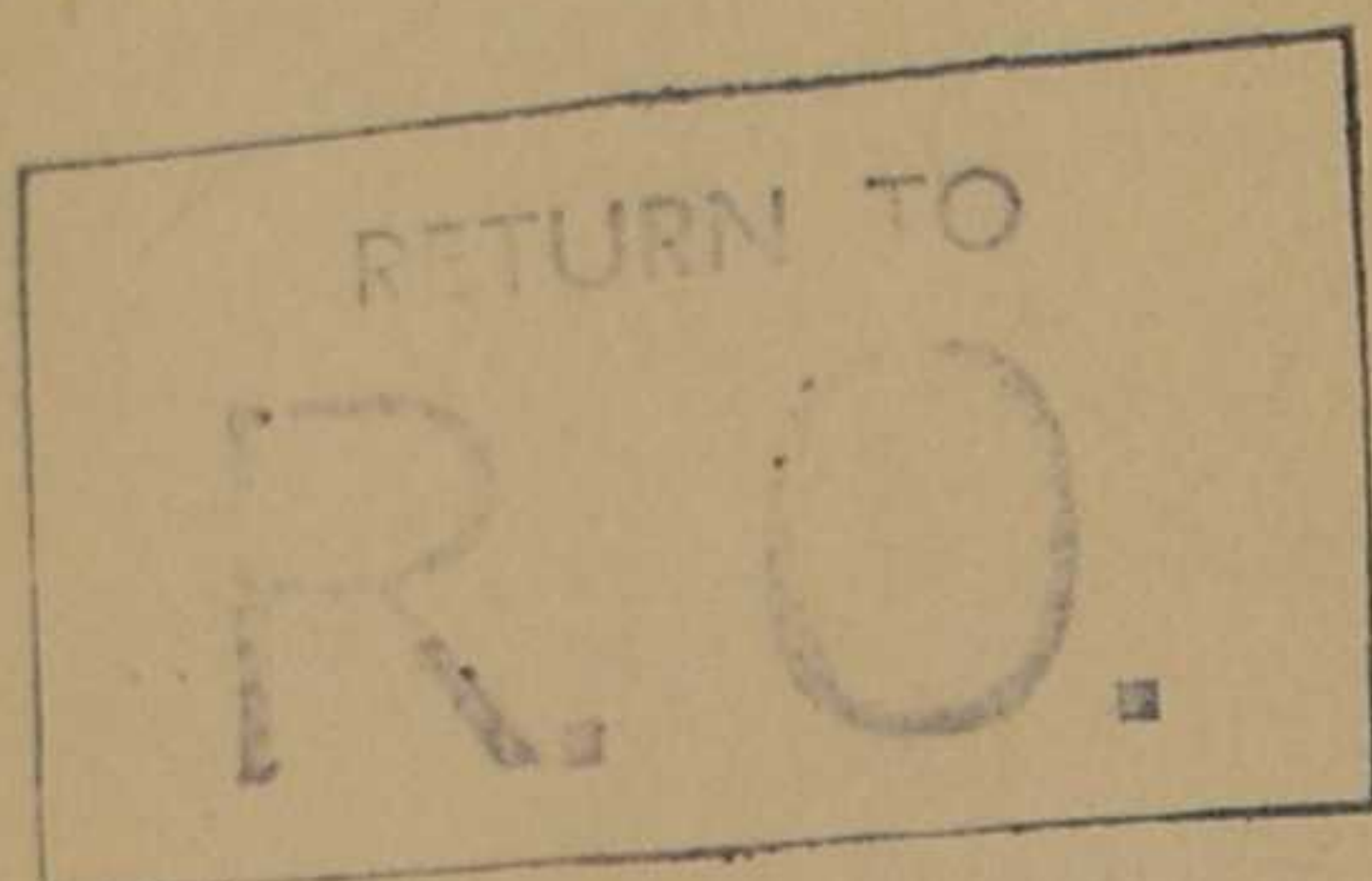


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(see also inside)



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

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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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Date

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NOTATION ONLY.

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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

09/29.

The Adjutant General.
Royal Marines.

R.M.O. 3 MAY. 1929

Noted.

R. M. O.

Brigadier
Commanding Depot R.M. Deal.
2nd May 1929.



Record

No. B. 1173/29 P.

It is not desired to accept gold gilt over sterling silver for the continents; it is considered essential that the original specification should be adhered to.

In view of the length of time these Staves will be in use, it is more a question of obtaining the best value for money, rather than acceptance of the lowest tender. It is considered that a Staff for the price offered by Messrs H. Potter & Co would prove to be inferior - both as regards material and length of time it would remain in a serviceable condition - and unless it can be ensured that the Staff provided by Messrs Potter & Co., would strictly conform to specification it would be preferred to accept the offer of Messrs Hawkes & Son, this firm having provided the Naval Staffs recently purchased.

A Staff approximating to that now required can be seen by Messrs Potter & Co., at the Depot R.M., Deal, or at Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth.

Adjutant General R.M.
16th May 1929

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Potter & Co
Hawkes & Son

£ 23 17 6


£ 39 10 0

Record

No. B. 1173/29 P

The design now submitted by Messrs Potter
is suitable and their tender is recommended for
acceptance.

D of C


Adjutant General R.M.
12th June 1929

R.M.O. 25 JUN. 1929

Branch 6

M.P. 376

21 June.
by letters of 24th May & 7th June 29
2nd May as amplified/

within 30 days from
XXXX date hereon

Royal Marine Barracks, Plymouth.
First Quartermaster

Drum Major's Staff.

Best Malacca Cane, handsome head
surmounted with Lion and Crown and
ornamental device, in raised
repoussé; all sterling silver,
fitted with sterling silver chain
and ferrule.

1 No. 23 17 6 all

The design and dimensions etc. are to be in strict accordance
with the attached Admiralty drawing, subject to the modifications
stated below, and the design of the Cypher & Lion and Crown for
Staff to be in accordance with drawing submitted with your letter
of 7th June which is approved for the purpose of this contract.

- (1) The Crowns to be replaced by Imperial Crowns as
approved above.
- (2) Cord, Gold, Universal, to be replaced by chains of
sterling silver.
- (3) No bugle, space to be left blank.
- (4) Royal Cypher "G.R.IV" to be replaced by that of
the reigning monarch "G.R.V" (see also above).
- (5) The Globe to be of sterling silver and the
Continents of copper coloured metal.
- (6) All parts shown on sketch as being silver plated
to be of sterling silver.
The "Lion & Crown" surmounting the Globe is
required to conform strictly to the design included
in the Royal Arms as approved for Army Badges, an
illustration of which appears in Plate I Dress
Regulations for the Army (1911) (see also above).
- (7) With regard to the Cypher of the reigning monarch the

"G" and "V" appearing in the design should be "V"
in both places (see also above)

THE ORIGINAL ADMIRALTY DRAWINGS AND THE SKETCH SUBMITTED
WITH YOUR LETTER OF 7TH JUNE ARE SENT HERewith FOR YOUR
GUIDANCE IN MANUFACTURE AND THEY ARE TO BE FORWARDED TO
THE CONSIGNEE WITH THE STAFF.

R.M.No.B.1173

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Messrs. H. Potter & Co.,
36 & 38 West Street,
CHARING CROSS ROAD, W.C.2.

C.P. Form 37.

REFERENCE SHEET.

The Commandant, Plymouth Division R.M.

14th August 1929.

The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

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

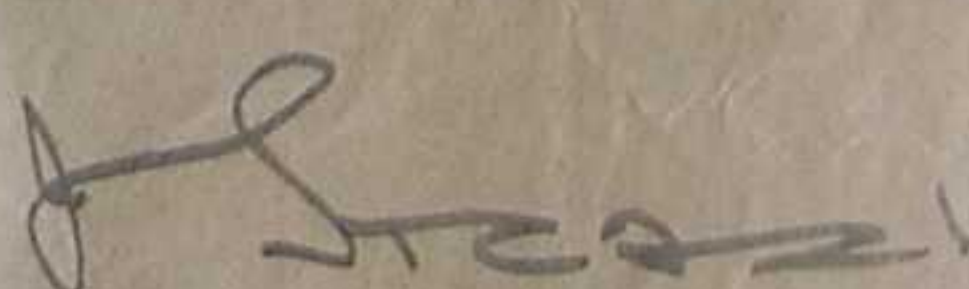
R.M.O. 15 AUG. 1929

STAVES DRUM MAJORS.

With reference to R.M.O. Minute No.B.1173/29.P. of 24.4.1929, I beg to report that the Drum Majors Staff has duly been delivered at this Division and the following report of the Officers comprising the Board of Survey thereon are forwarded for your information please.

- a. FAULTY BALANCE. The balance of a staff should, it is considered, be at the point of grip. With the staff supplied it is 8 inches below. Contributing^{to} this defect, it is considered that the head of the staff is too light whilst the circumference of the Globe and Silver Collar immediately beneath are $\frac{1}{2}$ inch less than the specification.
- b. STERLING SILVER PARTS. The metal of these portions does not appear to be sterling silver and there is no distinctive hall mark discernable for guidance in determining the same.
- c. GILT LION & CROWN. These portions, which surmount the Globe are considered to be too fragile and the cushion of Crown is already split through faulty manufacture. The general finish of these parts is considered poor.
- d. ROYAL CYPHER. This is not in accordance with the sketch and is of indifferent workmanship.
- e. SILVER COLLAR. Situated underneath the Globe is loose and easily revolves. It is considered that this portion should be firmly fixed to the Staff.

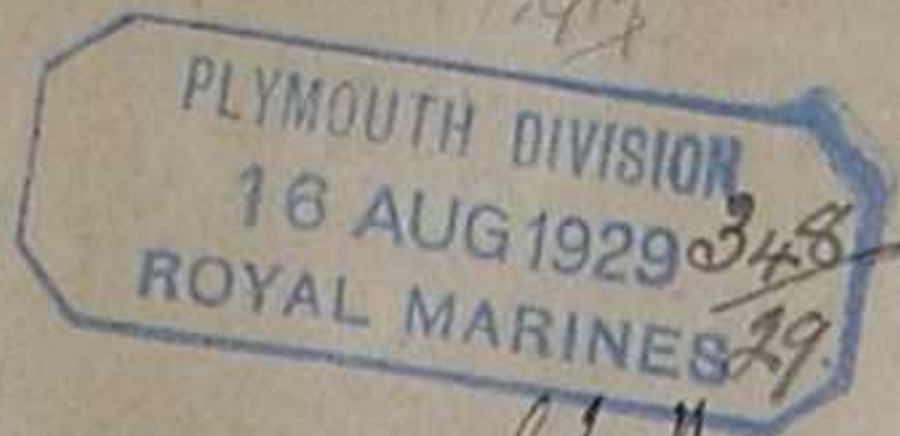
2. The sketch prepared at Portsmouth Division is attached hereto.
3. Your instructions are requested please.


Colonel Commanding R.M.
Plymouth Division R.M.

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The Commandant,
Plymouth Division, R.M.



As this Staff is not in accordance with the specifications of the contract it is to be rejected, and returned to Messrs Potter indicating the defects, with a request that they may be remedied.

P. Foster

[Adjutant General, R.M.
15th August, 1929.]

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The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

R.M.O. 20 AUG. 1929

Noted for compliance.

2. Specification has been retained for
necessary action.

E. L. Rankin

Brigadier
Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.
17th August 1929.

TO HIS

War Department
OFFICE.

HENRY P

Military Musical

36 & 38

TELEPHONE: REGENT 549.
GRAMS: GERI WART, WESTCENT.
LONDON.

CHA

Brigade of Guards.

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Temple Bow 1649

Commandant,
Plymouth Division, Royal Marines,
Plymouth.

PLYMOUTH
21 AUG
ROYAL M

Sir,

Reference yours No.S.348/Q1/40/291
It is regretted that it does not meet
points alluded to will be remedied in due course.

(B) STERLING SILVER PARTS. We guarantee
SILVER, but as we pointed out in previous communication
to get these Hall marked, because the authorities
articles on which base metal is supplied. Should
be tested, if necessary, by touching any parts
turns green if of a base metal.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient S

COMMUNICATION SHEET.

The Commandant, Plymouth Division R.M.

13th December 1929.

The Adjutant General,

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

Royal Marines.

R.M.O. 14 DEC. 1929

DRUM MAJORS STAFF.

With reference to R.M.O. Minute No. B.1173/29.P. of 15th August 1929, the Drum Majors Staff supplied to this Division by Messrs Henry Potter & Co., London, was accordingly returned to the contractor on the 19th idem, but has not yet been re-delivered. Authority is therefore requested please to hasten the supply of this item.

J. Carpenter

Brigadier
Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.


D. of C.

16th December 1929.

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Drum Majors Staff - Plymouth Division, R.M.

With reference to contract C.P.9753/M.P.376 of 21.6.29, the Staff supplied by Messrs H.Potter & Co., London was returned in August last as it was not in accordance with the specifications of the Contract, and has not yet been delivered. It is requested that the re-delivery of this item may be hastened.



Adjutant General, R.M.