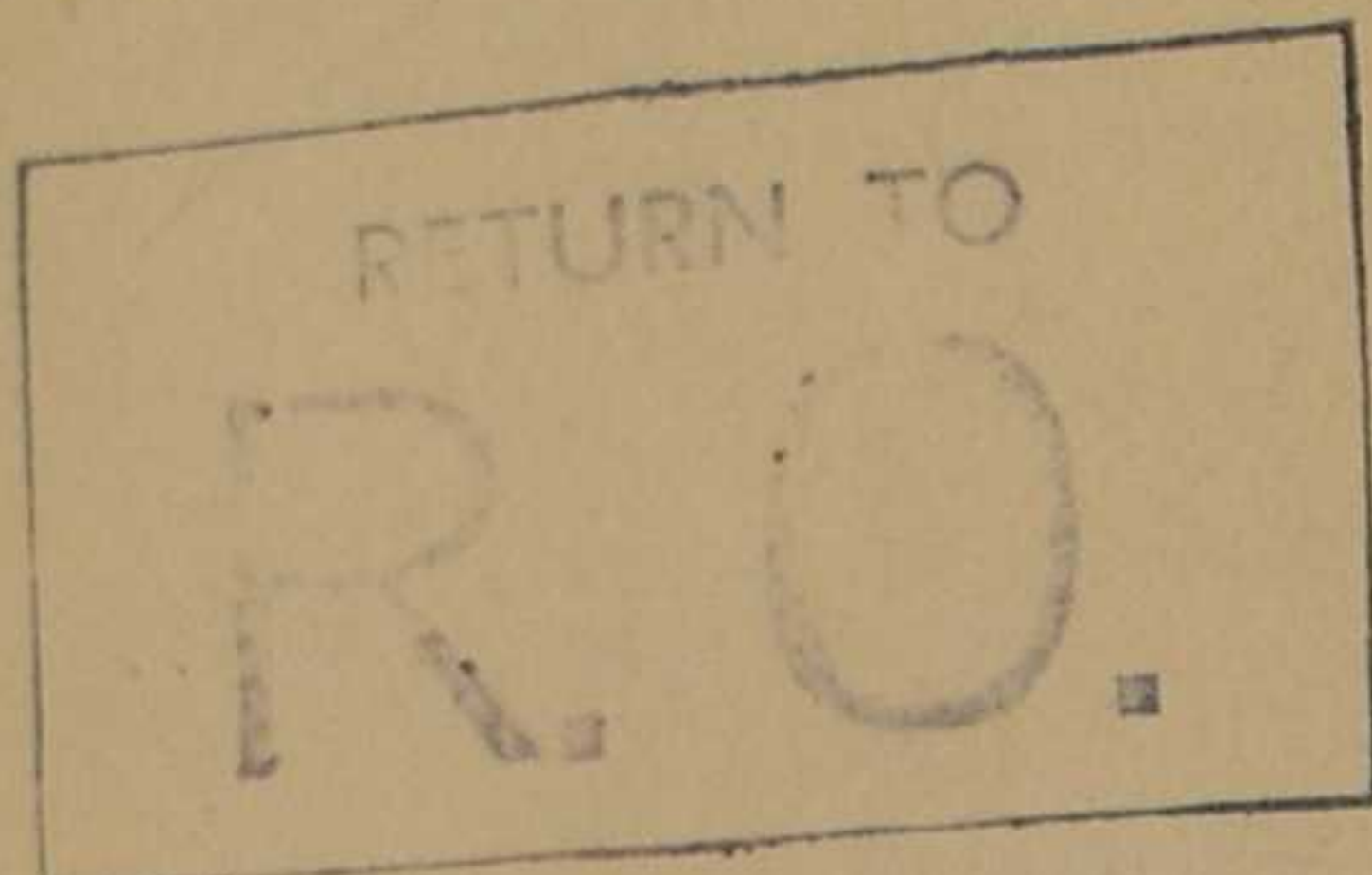


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Drum Majors' Dress Belts and Staves - Royal Marines.
(for reading, see inside)

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1908 and 1925 papers herein, not to be dissociated.

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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.

FORMER.

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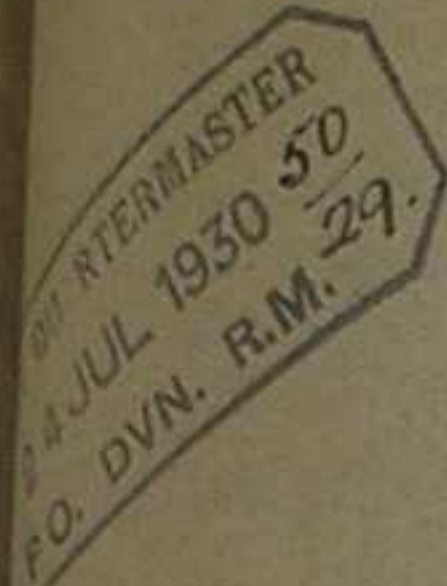
+ 1173/29 re standard stave for Rm Divisions

1917/32 New Belts for Charkans Division

No. B. 1173/29 P.

III

The Commandant
Portsmouth Division
Royal Marines.



The Staff in question is being returned to your address through the Admiralty Transport service tomorrow, 23rd instant.

2. Para 2 of Minute II noted.

T. Hunter
for

Adjutant General R.M.
22nd July 1930.

R.M.O. 29 JUL 1930

IV.

The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

The Drum Major's Staff duly received please.

J. W. [Signature]

Lt-Colonel R.M.
for Brigadier

Commanding Portsmouth Division. R.M.
28 25th July, 1930.



COMMUNICATION SHEET.

The Commandant, Plymouth Division R.M.

21st July 1930.

The Adjutant General,

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

Royal Marines.

R.M.O. 22 JUL. 1930

STAVES DRUM MAJOR.

With reference to Plymouth minute of even number dated 9. 6. 30, reporting the transmission into Office of 2 Drum Majors Staves, under direction of A.G.R.M., No. B.1173/29.P. of 5th idem; it is submitted please that the old staff may be returned to this Division by the 1st prox.

2. The Staff is required for use in connection with a display being given by massed bands during Navy Week at this Port.

R.D. Dransley
Colonel Commanding
Plymouth Division R.M.

B. 1173/29 P.

PLYMOUTH DIVISION
24 JUL 1930 348
ROYAL MARINES 29

II
The Commandant
Plymouth Division
Royal Marines.

The Staff in question is being returned
to your address per carrier on 23rd instant.

T. L. Hunter
for *Sam*
Adjutant General R.M.
22nd July 1930.

S. 348.Q1.40/29.

111.
The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

24 JUL 1930
received.
The old Staff, Drum Major, has been duly

R. D. Dundy
Colonel Commanding,
Plymouth Division R.M.
25th July 1930.





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21st. August 1930. 19

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

Dear Sir,

Reference yours No.B.1175/29.T. regarding Staff.

We are sending same for inspection before putting in case and
returning to Plymouth, and awaiting your further commands,

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servants

HENRY POTTER

*Staff was inspected by A.G. +
dated 25/8/30
sent away by Messrs Potter's
presented for packing +
sent to Plymouth Dock.*

*Mr Stanley to see. Seen
A.G.
10/10*

STAVES DRUM MAJOR.

With reference to R.M.O. minute No. B.1173. /20.P. of 5th. June, 1930 and Plymouth reply thereto of even number dated 9th. idem, I beg to report that the Drum Major's Staff due for supply to this Division by Messers H. Potter & Co., under contract C.P. 9753/M.P. 376 of 21st. June, 1929 has again been delivered.

2. It is requested please, that the Admiralty sketch of Staff, forwarded into office with the above quoted minute may be returned to these Head Quarters.

G. Carpenter.

Brigadier,
Commanding Plymouth Division, R.M.
10th. September, 1930.

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design and measurements, has been prepared and forwarded the Commandant, Plymouth Division, R.M. together with the partially burnt copy this day.

3. Passed to the Commandant, Plymouth Divn. R.M.

H. A. H. Jones
Brigadier
Commanding Portsmouth Division. R.M.
15th September, 1930.

No. B. 1173/29 P.

II
The Commandant
Portsmouth Division
Royal Marines.

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PORTSMOUTH DIVISION
12 SEP 1930
ROYAL MARINES
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The sketch in question, which has been forwarded to your address under separate cover this day, has been partially burnt at the works of the Contractor. Please cause the sketch to be completed to the original design and measurements and forwarded to the Commandant, Plymouth Division for guidance.

T. L. Henton
for

Adjutant General R.M.
11th September 1930.

The Commandant
Plymouth Division R.M.

III.

The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

1/50/29.

PLYMOUTH DIVISION
17 SEP 1930
ROYAL MARINES
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Noted.

2. A new sketch in accordance with the original design and measurements, has been prepared and forwarded to the Commandant, Plymouth Division, R.M. together with the partially burnt copy this day.

3. Passed to the Commandant, Plymouth Divn. R.M.

H. A. H. Jones
Brigadier
Commanding Portsmouth Division. R.M.
15th September, 1930.

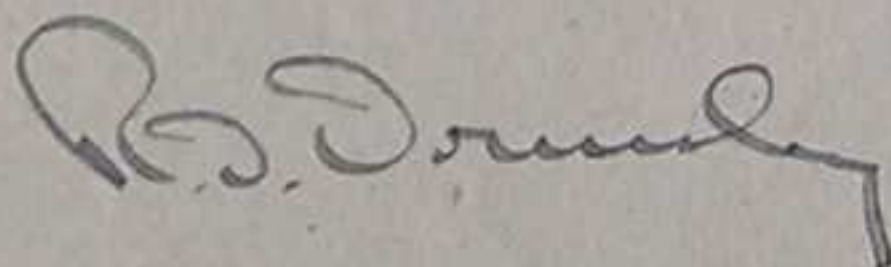
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H.M.O. 19 SEP. 1930

The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

The new sketch, together with the one
partially burnt, have been duly received.

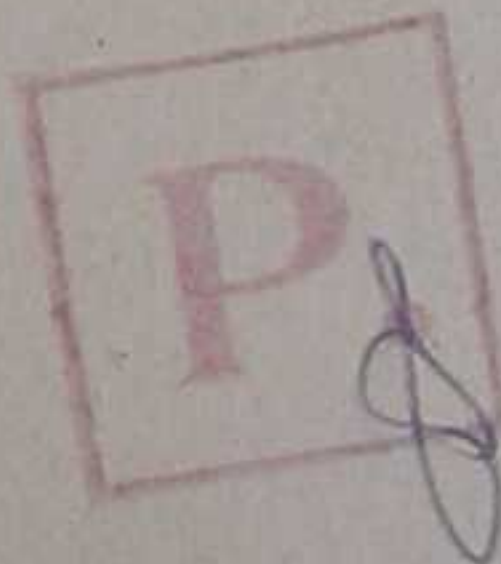


Colonel for Brigadier
Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.
18th September 1930.

Druce

ABH

19/9/30



The Commandant, Plymouth Division R.M.

9th October 1930.

R.M.O. 10 OCT. 1930

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

The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

STAVES DRUM MAJORS.

With reference to R.M.O. Minute No. B. 1173/29.P. of 5th June 1930, I beg to report that the Drum Majors Staff has again been received at this Division and examined by a Board of Officers.

The Board are of opinion that the Staff is still unsatisfactory and feel that they cannot recommend its acceptance unless the following defects can be rectified.

(a). FAULTY BALANCE. This has not been remedied and is a very serious objection. No remarks are made in the original specification regarding "Balance" or "Weight" presumably because it was considered that any Firm supplying such an article would know the requirements.

The Staff of the Portsmouth Division R.M., has been examined by the President of the Board and found to be perfectly satisfactory as regards Balance and is 3 lbs 8½ ozs in weight as compared with 4 lbs in the case of the Staff under consideration. An addition of 3½ lbs would be required to the "Globe" to ensure correct balance but this would obviously make the Staff too weighty and cumbersome.

As an alternative the weight of the ferrule end would have to be reduced by about 7½ ozs, but the Board are unable to say whether this is possible without reduction of the total length of the Staff which should remain as at present.

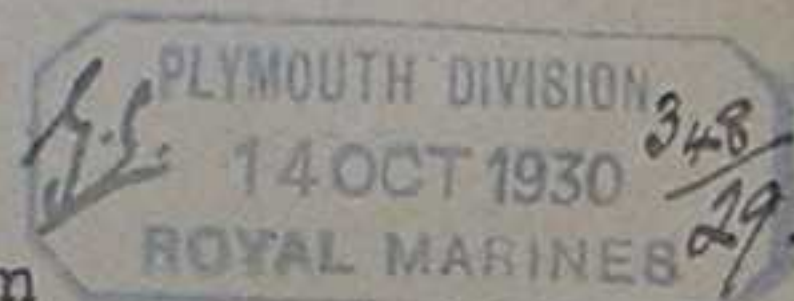
(b). Scroll Work "Per Mare Per Terram" round the Collar is loose and as it forms part of the grip would need constant repair.

G. Carpenter

Brigadier
Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.

No. B. 1173/29 P.

II
The Commandant
Plymouth Division
Royal Marines.



My predecessor examined this Staff prior to it being forwarded by the Contractor and again at his recent inspection of the Plymouth Division. He was of opinion the Staff was suitable for service and conformed to the specification. The Staff is therefore to be accepted.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "M. F. M." or similar.

Adjutant General R.M.
10th October 1930.

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

III. R.M.G. 16 OCT. 1930
The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

Noted for compliance.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. Carpenter".

Brigadier
Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.
15th October 1930.



COMMUNICATION SHEET.

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Commandant, Plymouth Division, Royal Marines.

October 1930.

Adjutant General,

Royal Marines.

Ref. No. S. 1532 /30

1 NOV. 1930

DRUM MAJOR'S STAFF.

With reference to the recent supply to Plymouth Division of a new Drum Major's Staff (R.M.O. No. B. 1173/29.P dated 10/10/30).

2. The specification now in force was brought to the notice of the Adjutant General Royal Marines at his inspection in September last and he verbally authorised the preparation of a new specification for consideration which, if finally approved, would govern all future replacements.

3. The attached specification and sketches, together with a model of the proposed "Head" of the Staff are submitted for your favourable consideration.

4. The entire work has been carried out by Ply. E/22779 Q.M. Sergeant Thomas Lee R.M.

G. Carpenter

Brigadier,
Commanding Plymouth Division, R.M.

B. 1173/29 P.

II
The Commandant
Plymouth Division
Royal Marines.

PLYMOUTH DIVISION
5 NOV 1930/1532
ROYAL MARINES 30.

The design now submitted will be considered when the Staves at present on charge require replacement.

2. Para 4 of Minute I is noted.

Adjutant General R.M.
4th November 1930.

R.M.O. 6 NOV. 1930

S. 1532/30.

III.
The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

Noted.

Brigadier,
Commanding Plymouth Division, R.M.
5th November 1930.

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STAFF DRUM MAJORS.

PROPOSED NEW SPECIFICATION.

THE LION.

Gilded Cast Brass. To measure 2" in height from front paws to crown on head and $1\frac{3}{4}$ " in total length at longest part.

THE CROWN.

Gilded Cast Brass. To measure 2" in total height from base of Crown to top of Crown and $1\frac{3}{4}$ " in length at widest part. The Top of the Crown being under the lion to a depth of $\frac{1}{2}$ " gives a combined overall height of $3\frac{1}{2}$ " when Lion and Crown are fixed together. Bored into the base of the Crown and threaded is a hole $\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter. This is for the reception of the IRON PIN (No.8).

THE GLOBE.

Sterling Silver. The Continents, Longitudinal Meridians and Parallels of Latitude to be engraved on Globe. The Globe to be $2\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter the silver being not less than $1/16$ " thick. The Globe to be so weighted as to cause the point of balance of the Staff to fall within 3" of the bottom of the Silver Sleeve. Any material ^{so used} inside the Globe must be drilled to allow passage of the IRON PIN (No.8).

THE PEDESTAL.
OR
SOCKET.

Sterling Silver casing $1/16$ " thick around a brass block. This also must provide for the passage of the IRON PIN. This hole to be "threaded" to take thread of Iron Pin. The Pedestal is 1" in height, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter at the top and $5/8$ " diameter at its base.

THE LAURELS.

Gilded Cast Brass. Each Sprig to be cylindrical and to taper from $3/8$ " at the top to $\frac{3}{4}$ " at widest part, and to be moulded Laurel Leaf pattern. The whole when assembled to measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ " across at widest part and to stand $3\frac{1}{2}$ " high. Each Sprig is joined at its base to a Gilded Brass Plinth, $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick and $1\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter. The Laurels are also secured by :-

4 CONNECTING
PIECES.

Solid Gilded Cast Brass. To be brazed on to or cast with the Laurels. Front surface to be $3/8$ " deep, each piece to be $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick from front to rear, the tops and undersides being slanted to a $1/8$ " thickness in rear. Each piece to carry, in order, one of the words "PER MARE PER TERRAM" the letters being raised $1/16$ ", of $\frac{1}{4}$ " type and Sterling Silver.

THE SLEEVE.

Sterling Silver. To measure $1\frac{1}{8}$ " in diameter and $3\frac{7}{8}$ " in length. To have 2 Rings at the top each $1/8$ " thick, the diameter of the upper rings being $1\frac{1}{8}$ ", that of the lower ring $1\frac{1}{4}$ ". At the bottom of the Sleeve another ring of the same dimensions as the lower one above.

THE IRON PIN.

To be $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter and to pass through the centre of the head and to be screwed at the top into the base of the Crown and secured in the Malacca cane at the lower end.

The total.....

The total overall height of the "HEAD" when assembled is $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches and is made up as follows:

	ft.	ins.
Lion & Crown (assembled)		$3\frac{1}{2}$.
Laurels		$3\frac{1}{4}$.
Top rings on Sleeve (2)		$\frac{1}{2}$.
Sleeve.		$3\frac{7}{8}$.
Bottom ring on Sleeve.		$\frac{1}{8}$.
		<u>11</u>
Less, portion of Crown overlapping by Laurels.) $\frac{3}{8}$.
Top ring on Sleeve overlapping by base of Laurels.) $\frac{1}{8}$.
TOTAL HEIGHT.		<u>$10\frac{1}{2}$ inches.</u>

Two designs for the lower part of Staff are Nos. 1 and 2.

In No. 1.

THE MALACCA CANE.

To measure 5ft. 9 inches (exclusive of the portions encased in Sleeve and Ferrule) in length and to taper from a thickness of $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches at top to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch at the top end of ferrule. To be lacquered dark brown. On the cane, proceeding from top to ferrule is first.

THE GRIP.

Extends down the cane 9 inches and is covered by "buff leather" which is secured under the lower ring on sleeve at the upper end and by a Sterling Silver ring $\frac{1}{8}$ " thick at the lower end. Then

THE BAND.

Sterling Silver. One inch deep and having a ring attached at either side. The top edge of the Band to be 2" from Ring at base of Grip. Passing through these rings is

THE CORD.

To be Gold, with removable tassels. The cord to be wound around the cane, the tassels hanging through the rings on each side of

THE FERRULE.

Sterling Silver case $1\frac{1}{16}$ " thick around an Aluminium core. To measure $14\frac{1}{2}$ " in length and at the end to have

THE STEEL STUD

which is fitted into the ferrule and protudes $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

In Sketch No. 2.

THE MALACCA CANE.

To be as in Sketch No. 1. except that it retains the natural colour and is not lacquered.

THE GRIP.

Not Buff Leather cased nor otherwise ornamented.

THE BAND.

Remains as in No. 1.

THE CORD.

To be "R.M. Corps Coloured" Silk instead of Gold but otherwise as in No. 1.

THE FERRULE
THE STEEL STUD.

As in No.1.

As in No.1.

The total length of the whole Staff when assembled
be 5ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches which is made up as follows :-

	ft.	ins.
Head (assembled)		10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cane (visible)	3.	9
Ferrule.	1.	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Stud.		$\frac{3}{4}$
	<u>5.</u>	<u>10$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Two points in particular to be given strict attention

The weight of the Staff to be not more than 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ^{lbs} ~~ozs~~
(avoirdupois).

The point of balance to be no lower than 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
from the top.

REMARKS.

The Globe & Laurel and "Per Mare Per Terram" are
peculiar only to the Royal Marines. The predominance of these
in the proposed design is therefore calculated to make this
Staff an entirely and easily recognisable Royal Marine component.

The design is so arranged as to give a full "Globe
& Laurel" view from all angles.

The plain Silver Sleeve adds to the prominence of the
Staff head design and carries nothing which could catch in the
Gauntlets and so effect the Swing. If desired however, the words
" DIVISION, ROYAL MARINES", could be engraved on
a scroll at the top of the Sleeve. The point of ~~xxx~~ balance
being a very important factor in the efficient and convenient
manipulation of the Staff, too much stress cannot be placed
upon its position. Weight is also important, as, beside
~~xxxxx~~ governing the point of balance, it affects endurance of the
the user of the Staff.

The reason for submitting two designs for the Cane
Ornamentations is that in the first case, a Gold Cord would be
more serviceable than a silver chain and would tone better with
the Gilded Head. The Grip could be whitened thus, together with
the Gold Tassels giving a distinctive finish to the general
appearance.

The second or alternative suggestion of a Corps
Coloured ^{Silk} Cord and a natural cane background would, if adopted,
completely provide

A ROYAL MARINE DRUM MAJORS STAFF

The Specification, Sketches and Model, together with
the foregoing have been prepared and made, and are respectfully
submitted by

Ply. E/22779 Q.M.Sgt. THOMAS LEE R.M.

COMMUNICATION SHEET.

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Commandant, Plymouth Division, Royal Marines.

13th December 1930.

The Adjutant General,

Ref. No. S. 348/29.

Royal Marines.

B.M.G. 13 DEC. 1930

BOARD OF SURVEY-DRUM MAJOR'S STAFF.

In forwarding the attached proceedings of a Board of Survey on repairs required for the new Drum Major's Staff, I would submit that I concur with the opinion of the Board as to the Scroll work being brazed on instead of rivetted.

2. As regards the chipping of the lacquer, owing to the rubbing of the Silver chain, the only alternative is to replace the silver chain by gold cord as in the old staff.

G. Carpenter

Brigadier,
Commanding Plymouth Division, R.M.

No. B. 1173/29 P.

II
The Commandant
Plymouth Division
Royal Marines.

PLYMOUTH DIVISION

18 DEC 1930

ROYAL MARINES

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Noted. Action for the repair of the Staff
is to be taken locally.

2. I am not prepared at present to vary the
existing design of the Drum Major's Staff.

R. F. M.

Adjutant General R.M.
17th December 1930.

S.S. 348. Q1.40/29.

III.
The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

R.M.O. 24 DEC. 1930

Noted for compliance.

G. Carpenter

Brigadier
Commanding Plymouth Division R.M.
22nd December 1930.

Done
ALH
24-10-30

103/232/34
The Commandant, Depot. R.M. Deal.

3rd December, 1934.

The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

R.M.O. 4 DEC 1934

No.S. 659 Q2.C.60/34.

STAVE, DRUM MAJOR.

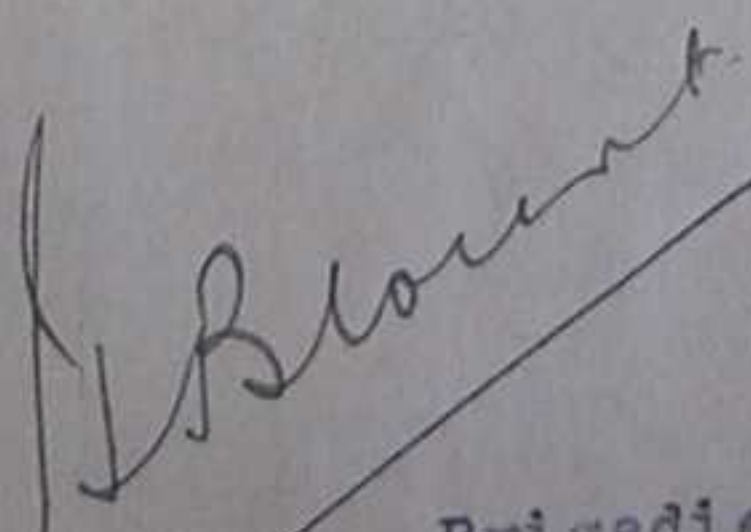
With reference to the attached Board of Survey, there are at present seven Staves, Drum Major held on charge at this Depot, six being Inventory to the Royal Naval School of Music (for use of H.M. Ships and Royal Naval School of Music, Deal) and one on Inventory to the Adjutant. The latter is the one now surveyed, and in view of the recommendation of the Board that the Stave is beyond repair, replacement is considered necessary. No information is available at this Depot as to the age of the Stave in question.

2. Establishment of Stores, Part 1, Page 26, line 7, shews only 6 Staves for the Depot R.M. Deal, whereas 7 are held on charge and actually in use, 5 being in use for C-in-C Bands, and one each for the Bands at this Depot (Royal Naval School of Music for Church Parade and Recruits and Trained Soldiers Church Parade). The necessary amendment to Establishment of Stores, Part 1 in this respect will be incorporated in those now being prepared (R.M.O. Minute No. 2071/34.Q of 19.9.34).

3. Assuming that the price of a New Stave will not exceed £20, the cost can be met from a corresponding saving to be effected from "Clothing Compensation H.M. Ships" 2nd Quartermaster (Clothing) Estimates, 1934.

4. A supplementary requisition for this service is attached.

5. Instructions are requested please as to whether the unserviceable Stave should be disposed of in accordance with Store Instructions, Art 93, observing that the article in question contains a quantity of old silver.


Brigadier,
Commanding Depot. R.M. Deal.

103/232/34.Q.

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



A requisition for Stave, Drum Major, an exact replica of that supplied to the Chatham Division under C.P.9207/31, has been forwarded to D. of N.C. this day.

2. The cost will most probably exceed £20, the question of how this is to be met will be dealt with when the actual price is known.

3. The unserviceable Stave is to be included in a Dockyard sale intact.

4. Form R.229 to be retained.

W. P. P. Smith
So

R.M.O. 11 DEC 1934 Adjutant General, R.M.
7th December, 1934.

59/Q2.C.60/34.

III.
The Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

Noted for compliance.

2. Enclosure retained as directed.

W. Brown
Brigadier,
Commanding Depot. R.M. Deal.
10th December, 1934.

Wait copy of Contract.

Adm. 11. 1. 11. 11.

B.F. 12/1-30/34.

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IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

REF. No. 6M/WG/WBB.

6th December, 1934.

REM. O. 7-DEC1934

The Adjutant-General,
Royal Marine Office,
Admiralty,
S.W.1.

Sir,

In reply to your communication on the telephone this afternoon, we have pleasure in enclosing herewith your original sketch and specification in respect of the Drum Major's Staff supplied by us to your Order - reference C.P. 9207. D.p.213. dated the 14th May, 1931, and at the same time we enclose a cutting from our Drum and Fife catalogue, which gives a photograph of the head of the Mace we actually supplied. ✓

Any further information you may require, we shall be delighted to supply, if it lies within our power.

Assuring you always of our very careful attention and interest,

We are, Sir,
Your obedient servants,
for BOOSEY AND HAWKES, LIMITED.

by

W. Golbourn
W. Golbourn.

Military Department.

No.103/232/34.Q.

Record
7th December,

4.


Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.6M/WG/WBB dated 6th December, 1934, enclosing sketch and photograph of the Drum Major's Staff which you supplied to the Chatham Division, Royal Marines, and to thank you for your kind attention in this matter.

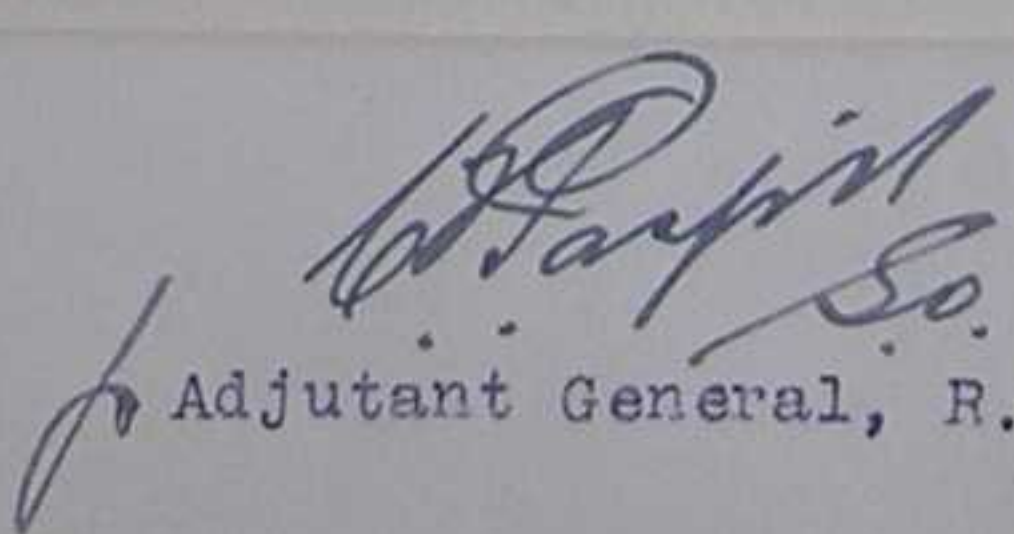
I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,


Adjutant General,
Royal Marines.

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London, W.1.


Adjutant General, R.M.