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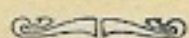


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## BADGES AND UNIFORMS: THEIR ORIGIN AND HISTORY.

Naval and military uniforms are of much more modern origin than is generally supposed. There was no regulation uniform for the British Navy until the reign of George III., and military uniform in England may be said to date from the establishment of a regular army on the restoration of Charles II. The use of badges is much older, and indeed may be said to go back to the very beginning of organised warfare. It was reduced to something like a system in the middle ages, and the whole art of heraldry was originally nothing more than the regulation of the badges of rank to be worn by nobles, knights and men-at-arms, and of the devices to be displayed on their banners and shields.

At an early period one hears of the followers of a noble or knight wearing his livery, that is a dress displaying colours taken from his armorial bearings, and in the reign of Henry VIII. a livery or uniform was appointed for the royal bodyguard. When the royal army was formed under Charles II., the colours chosen for the uniform were those of the royal liveries, red and blue. The red coat with blue facings is still the standard uniform of "Royal" Regiments, and red became the usual uniform of British troops. For a long time the only regiment wearing any other colour was the Royal Horse Guards, still popularly known as "The Blues," and originally the third troop of the Household Cavalry.

A new type of uniform still peculiar to our Army was adopted when, in 1839, the local companies of the "Black Watch" were formed into the first of our Highland regiments, the 42nd Foot, now known as the Royal Highlanders. The uniform was an adaptation of the old Highland costume, and the various regiments are distinguished by their tartans. Most of these are clan patterns, but the 42nd commanded by a Lowland officer, the Earl of Crawford, was given a regimental tartan invented for the occasion.

A third type of infantry uniform was adopted in the second half of the eighteenth century, when the "Royal American Regiment" was raised for service against the French on the frontiers of our New England colonies. The men were armed with the rifle and trained for skirmishing in the woods. They were given a green uniform on the same principle on which khaki is now the war dress of our men. The "Royal American Regiment" is now the "King's Royal Rifles," and green is still the full-dress uniform colour of all our rifle regiments.



There has always been a much greater variety in cavalry than in infantry uniforms, and the changes in it have been more frequent. In former days the choice of uniforms was often left to be regulated by the fancies of a wealthy colonel. The Prince Regent, afterwards George IV., had a royal taste for display, and devoted a good deal of attention to inventing brilliant cavalry uniforms. We owe it to him that the Household Cavalry wear as their peace uniform the helmet and cuirass, which were adopted after Waterloo.\* It was in 1817 that he made another change in our cavalry uniform and equipment by converting several regiments of Light Dragoons into Lancers, wearing an adaptation of the Polish national costume. Before this date, another national costume had been chosen as the uniform of the Hussar regiments. The Hussars were originally the irregular cavalry of the Hungarian Army, and an adaptation of the Hungarian horseman's dress gradually became the distinctive uniform of light cavalry regiments in most European armies. We may say that the four branches of our cavalry are distinguished amongst other things by their head-dress. The Household Cavalry and the Dragoons wear two markedly different types of helmets. The Lancers wear the Polish cap or schapka, and the Hussars the busby, originally the Hungarian fur cap.

The dull brown khaki† uniform was first adopted by some of our regiments in India, partly as a better colour for a hot climate, partly for greater facility in taking cover among the sun-scorched rocks of the frontier district. It came into general use as a war-dress in our Egyptian and Soudan campaigns. The marvellous progress of the last few years in the range, rapidity and accuracy of fire from every kind of weapon has now made cover all-important in war, with the result that all armies have adopted dull-coloured uniforms. The battle-line is no longer a brilliant spectacle, but war has become a dull matter-of-fact scientific business. So with the coming of khaki every scrap of bright colour or metal has disappeared from the war uniform. Indeed much ingenuity has been exerted in devising badges of rank which were only recognisable at close quarters, and efforts are made to disguise at a distance all distinctions between officers and men.

In the higher ranks the plumed head-dress is only worn in full uniform in time of peace. The epaulette, a kind of shoulder knot of gold lace, used to be the mark of the officer both in the Army and Navy. In the Army it was abolished after the Crimean War. Army badges of rank for the commissioned grades are

\* The cost of a Lifeguardsman's full-dress uniform for a trooper is over £30.

† Khaki is an Eastern word meaning earth-colour or dust-colour.



now an arrangement of small stars and crowns worn on the uniform, with the crossed baton and sword as the badge of a general's rank. The non-commissioned ranks are distinguished by chevrons of braid worn on the arm.

In both the Navy and Army another class of badges has come into use in recent years, indicating skill at arms or assignment to special duties.

A third class of badges are those which denote the arm of the service or the regiment to which the wearer belongs. Many of these regimental badges have an historic interest. Thus, for instance, the badge of the sphinx tells of service in Egypt, in most cases in Abercromby's campaign in the great French War. The elephant or the tiger indicates regiments which originally belonged to the Army of the old East India Company. Other badges commemorate special exploits of the regiments to which they belong. The eagle badge of the Royal Dragoons and the Royal Irish Fusiliers tells of the capture of French eagles in the war with the Great Napoleon. The Gloucesters have the special distinction of wearing the regimental badge both on the back and front of the cap. This commemorates a famous exploit of the regiment at Alexandria under Abercromby, when they were surprised by French cavalry, and though they had no time to form square, beat off the charge, the rear rank facing about and the men fighting back to back.

An interesting survival of a detail in uniform which has been handed down from earlier times, is the so-called "flash" worn by the Welsh Fusiliers of to-day. This consists of a few lengths of black ribbon or similar material emerging from beneath the back of the tunic collar, and dates from the period when perukes were worn by soldiers of the line.

Its threatened suppression by the War Office recently aroused so much opposition from those entitled to wear it, that its continued use has been eventually granted.

Considerable interest was aroused on the formation of the new regiment of Welsh Guards, as to what badge would be chosen as characteristic of the Principality—the dragon, daffodil or leek. The last named has now been adopted, together with the motto, "*Cymru am Byth*" ("Wales for ever").

Officers of the Imperial Overseas Contingents wear badges of rank similar to those in the British Army, but Regimental Badges of various design are also worn, and many regiments have their own mottoes—in the case of the New Zealand Forces these are frequently in the Maori tongue.

The uniform of the Royal Flying Corps, the latest branch of the military service, is still in the experimental stage, and there



have already been several variations in its patterns and badges. The men wear a khaki-coloured undress uniform, with the coat cut in Lancer pattern, so that there is a double thickness of cloth across the chest. The mechanics of the corps when at work wear blue engineers' overalls, with a forage cap, the flaps of which can be pulled down and fastened under the chin.

All naval uniforms are of much more recent origin than those of the Army. It was not until 1795 that the first regulations were issued for the uniform of officers of the Navy. The epaulette, still used in full-dress, was then appointed as their distinctive mark. Naval rank for commissioned officers is now indicated by bands of gold on the cuff. "The curl," a loop of gold braid above the bands on the cuff, is the mark of combatant rank and executive command. It was only recently that it was conceded to the engineer officers.

In addition, stripes of various coloured cloth worn between the gold bands distinguish the officers of the various branches; thus, purple is worn by the Engineer branch, red by the Medical, white by the Accountants and light blue by the Naval Instructors.

Long after there was a regulation uniform for the officers there was no distinctive dress for the men. In Nelson's days, on board a British warship, uniform was worn only by the officers and the detachment of the Royal Marines serving on board. The captain of each ship dressed the crew of his "gig"—the boat in which he went ashore—in a kind of a uniform, often of a very fanciful pattern. The men wore the clothes they brought with them, but a rough kind of uniform arose from sailors adopting much the same kind of dress, and from the clothes sold to the men by the purser being of much the same pattern on any given ship. It was only after the end of the long war that regulations were issued for the dress of the seamen.

Blue is the ordinary colour of naval uniform—but in the tropics and in summer a white dress is worn. The colour of the badges worn on the sleeve varies according as the dress is the blue, full-dress or working kit, or the white summer kit.

The latest badges of the various grades and employments in the Royal Naval Air Service are shown on the page devoted to this branch of the service.

The Royal Marines wear a military uniform, red for the Royal Marine Light Infantry and blue for the artillery. Hence the popular description of the Service, as the Red and the Blue Marines. Khaki has become the war service dress of both branches when they are employed with troops or on garrison duty in hot countries.



# RANK AND WHAT IT MEANS. NAVY.

## THE MILITARY BRANCH.

**ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET.**—The Rank of Admiral of the Fleet is conferred by the Sovereign, and at the present time is held by but three individuals. They are seldom employed on duties afloat.

**ADMIRALS, VICE-ADMIRALS and REAR-ADMIRALS** fly flags on their vessels (known as "flag-ships") as follows: an Admiral, St. George's Cross on a plain white ground, a Vice-Admiral the same but with a red ball in the top quarter of the hoist, and a Rear-Admiral with two balls, one in each quarter of the hoist. The two former have command usually of a fleet, a Rear-Admiral that only of a squadron.

**COMMODORE.**—Commodores are usually employed ashore filling such posts as Officers in Command of Naval Barracks, etc. The rank is not a permanent one and is usually conferred upon a Captain. If employed afloat it is probably upon some special mission.

**CAPTAIN.**—Captains are generally in command of the most important warships, and occasionally of small squadrons in the absence of Admirals.

**COMMANDER.**—Usually a Commander is in command of one of the smaller ships, or Second-in-Command to the Captain of a larger ship. His duties are exceedingly onerous, and the responsibility for the ship's routine, efficiency and discipline, is largely in his hands.

**LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER** is a new rank recently instituted by the Admiralty, which Lieutenants of eight years' seniority automatically attain.

**LIEUTENANT.**—The Lieutenant is generally a highly-trained specialist in either Navigation, Gunnery or Torpedo warfare, in any of which cases he may be responsible (under the captain) for that special department of work. Torpedo craft are usually in charge of a Lieutenant. A "Flag-Lieutenant" is exclusively employed by the Admiral, and might be called his "right-hand man," whilst amongst other things he has to be a "Signal Specialist."

**SUB-LIEUTENANT.**—The Sub-Lieutenant usually controls the "gun-room" where the rest of the Junior Officers and Midshipmen mess. He also takes a "watch" under the supervision of a Lieutenant. **MATES** promoted from the lower deck rank with Sub-Lieutenants.

**MIDSHIPMAN.**—After spending four years as a Naval Cadet ashore, the Midshipman, as he then becomes, is sent afloat, first for some months in a cruiser and then for a longer period in a larger vessel. During this time he is receiving instruction in seamanship, navigation, gunnery, etc., etc., and after three years emerges as a full-blown Sub-Lieutenant.

**PETTY-OFFICERS and MEN.**—These fall under so many ratings that space does not permit of a description of their various duties here. The number of distinctive badges worn, to be found on pp. 16-20, offers, however, a striking proof of the wide ramifications covered by the term "The British Navy," and shows how well deserved is the description "handy man," as applied to those who help to compose that wonderfully complex organization.

## THE CIVIL BRANCH.

† **ENGINEERING BRANCH.**—May be reckoned as next to, if not equal in importance to the Executive. Nowadays, when warships partake more of the nature of huge fighting machines than of ships, the multitudinous duties of the less spectacular arm of the service is obvious. There may be as many as fifty boilers to be maintained in an efficient state, the use and replenishment of coal stores to be watched, turbine or other engines to be kept running smoothly, while capstans, steering-gear, dynamos, and the hull of the ship itself have to be kept in good order, so that as a fighting unit, the vessel is always in a state of perfect readiness to give a good account of herself.

**MEDICAL BRANCH.**—The highest grade officers of this branch are usually employed ashore, or in visits of inspection to the various fleets and Naval hospitals. A Fleet-Surgeon is in supreme control of the medical

† Under an Order in Council of 1915 Engineer Officers now form part of the 'Military' Arm.



arrangements on board a ship, having under him probably two other Surgeons as well as Sick Berth Stewards, Operating-Room and Laboratory Attendants, and Masseurs.

**ACCOUNTANT BRANCH.**—Consists mainly of Paymasters of various grades, whose duties, as their name suggests, are to act as bankers and pay-distributors every month on their respective ships. The ships' books have to be scrupulously kept, and the messing of all the officers and crew is controlled by the paymaster through his staff of Ships' Stewards, Cooks, &c. Numerous "Clerks" and "Writers" assist in duties which fall under this heading. The highest grades are usually employed on Administrative work ashore. Admirals' Secretaries are chosen from this branch.

**NAVAL INSTRUCTOR BRANCH.**—This is the educational department of the Navy, a highly organised teaching staff, which now that naval war is becoming more and more a matter of applied science and engineering, includes specialists in a very wide range of subjects.

## ARMY.

**GENERAL OFFICERS—FIELD MARSHAL.**—The Field Marshal's rank is the highest among general officers. The rank is conferred for eminent military services, and the bearer of it remains on the active list and draws full pay of his rank as long as he lives. In our army the rank is usually bestowed on veteran generals late in life.

**GENERALS.**—Generals are the officers in command of an army or any of its larger units, such as Army Corps, Divisions and Brigades. Generals also are appointed to the command and general supervision of the artillery and engineers of a large force, and the rank of General is bestowed on senior officers in the Army Medical Corps and other auxiliary services. There are four grades of the rank—General, Lieutenant-General, Major-General and Brigadier-General.

Since in regimental rank the major is two grades above the Lieutenant, it seems at first sight strange that the Lieutenant-General should hold a higher rank than the Major-General. The explanation is that if one takes the historical origin of these titles the **LIEUTENANT-GENERAL** is the assistant of the full General, as in a regiment, the lieutenant comes next to the captain. In the title **MAJOR-GENERAL**, Major was originally the substantive, and General the adjective. Later on Major-General became the title of the lowest grade of officers holding permanent General's rank.

**BRIGADIER-GENERAL.**—In our Army the rank of Brigadier-General is not a permanent and substantive one. In fact, Brigadier-Generals are in many, perhaps in most cases, Colonels or Lieut.-Colonels, appointed for the time being to the command of a brigade. While in this position, they wear the badges of this temporary rank and draw special pay and allowances.

**STAFF OFFICERS.**—The term Staff Officer has two meanings. It is sometimes used to denote the officers of a regiment who are not doing duty with companies or squadrons, but assisting the Colonel in his command, and thus includes the majors and adjutant. But in its more correct sense the word Staff Officer means an officer not attached to any regiment, but employed in connection with the command of an army or one of its higher units, or on some special duty. The group of officers who assist a General in his work are described as his staff, and the General himself is a Staff Officer.

**COLONEL.**—The next rank below the General is that of Colonel. In our Army at the present day the Colonel of a regiment is a title conferred upon some distinguished officer, often of General's rank—the actual commander is a **LIEUTENANT-COLONEL**—except in the artillery and engineers there are no Colonels holding regimental rank and doing active duty. The rank of Colonel is conferred upon the holders of various Staff appointments, or given by brevet to a Lieutenant-Colonel for distinguished service.

**MAJOR.**—The next grade to Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel is that of Major. An infantry battalion has two majors to assist the Lieut.-Colonel commanding, and the commander of a battery of artillery often has the rank of Major.

**ADJUTANT.**—This is not a rank, that is, it is only held while the officer is



performing his duties. He may be a Captain or Lieutenant in his regiment, and he acts as a kind of secretary to the officer commanding the unit, seeing to the general routine of the regiment and the issue of the orders, which he signs.

**CAPTAIN and LIEUTENANTS.**—The Captain is the commander of one of the minor units of the regiment—the company or squadron, and in the artillery, the battery. In the new infantry organisation, in which the battalion is divided into four companies, each company is commanded by a Senior Captain, with a Junior Captain as a second-in-command. If there is the full complement of officers to the company, there are also four subalterns, that is Lieutenants and Second-Lieutenants. Each of these has command of a platoon, which is a fourth part of a company.

**BREVET RANK.**—Brevet rank is rank held by promotion for distinguished service to a higher grade irrespective of there being any vacancy. It is army rank, not regimental rank. Thus for instance, a Captain promoted by brevet to the rank of Major acts as a Captain while with his regiment, but while detached from it for Staff duty or any special service ranks as Major.

**WARRANT and NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.**—The higher grades of Non-Commissioned Officers, such as the Sergeant-Major of a regiment, hold warrants appointing them to their rank, and are classed as Warrant-Officers. The lower grades are appointed by their commanding officer naming them as regimental officers. The lowest non-commissioned rank is that of **LANCE CORPORAL**, who is practically a private selected and qualified for further promotion when a vacancy arises. Generally speaking the **CORPORAL** may be described as the commander of a squad, and the **SERGEANT** as the commander of a section or similar small unit in a regiment. The **COLOUR SERGEANTS** were formerly the specially selected guard for the regimental colours in action. They are now the Senior Sergeants of the company. In the new infantry organisation each company has a **COMPANY SERGEANT-MAJOR**, who is its senior non-commissioned officer, and a **COMPANY QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT**, among whose duties are to keep the records of the company. The senior sergeant of a platoon is known as the **PLATOON SERGEANT**, and acts as its second-in-command.

The **QUARTERMASTER** of a regiment is a commissioned rank, frequently bestowed on one of the senior non-commissioned officers. His duty is to attend to the quartering, supply and transport of the regiment.

### VARIOUS ARMS.

**ARMY SERVICE CORPS.**—In our Army, the duties of transport and supply are carried out by the Army Service Corps, which provides the army in the field with food, forage and fuel, and with its horse and mechanical transport, assists in the supply of ammunition and many other requirements.

**ORDNANCE CORPS.**—The Ordnance Corps, whose duties were once limited to the supply of arms and ammunition, now supplies from its stores and depots everything that does not come under the head of "food, forage and fuel." It is the universal provider of an army in the field.

**ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.**—The Royal Army Medical Corps has not only the care of the wounded in action, but supervises the whole sanitary condition of the troops in the field.

**ROYAL VETERINARY CORPS.**—The Royal Veterinary Corps, in the same way, looks after the horses of the army.

**CHAPLAINS.**—The Chaplain's Department provides chaplains for the troops, either from the regular establishment for Chaplains holding permanent commissions, or by procuring the services of additional Chaplains in time of war.

**ROYAL ARMY PAY CORPS.**—The Royal Army Pay Corps keeps the accounts of an Expeditionary Force, provides money for the payment of the troops, and is responsible for the money provided for general expenses in the field.

**ROYAL FLYING CORPS.**—The Royal Flying Corps was first employed in the field in the present war, and already has a record of magnificent skill and daring, and of most valuable services rendered to our armies in the field. It is a link between the army and navy, for there is a similar naval establishment, and the two wings work together.



MILITARY BRANCH—OFFICERS



ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET



ADMIRAL  
*Cap & Badge as 1 & 2*

VICE-ADMIRAL  
*Cap & Badge as 1 & 2*

REAR-ADMIRAL & COMMODORE 1st Cl.  
*Cap & Badge as 1 & 2*



COMMODORE, 2nd CLASS  
*Badge as 2*

CAPTAIN  
*Cap & Badge as 7 & 2*



COMMANDER  
*Cap & Badge as 7 & 2*

LIEUTENANT—COMMANDER  
*Badge as 2*



## MILITARY BRANCH OFFICERS



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LIEUTENANT

*Cap & Badge as 11 & 2*

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SUB-LIEUTENANT

*Cap & Badge as 11 & 2*

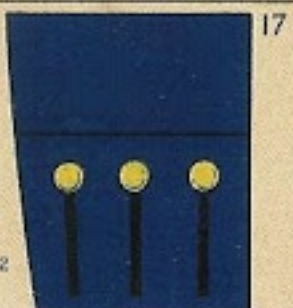
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CHIEF GUNNER  
& CHIEF BOATSWAIN†*Cap & Badge as 11 & 2*

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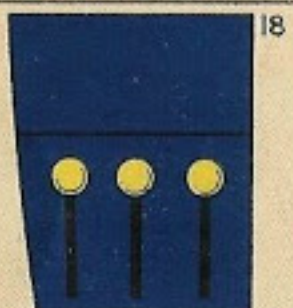
*Cap &  
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over 10 years' Seniority



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under 10 years' Seniority

GUNNER, BOATSWAIN, WARRANT TELEGRAPHIST  
& CHIEF MASTER-AT-ARMS

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MIDSHIPMAN

*Cap & Badge as 11 & 2*

## EXAMPLES OF FULL-DRESS CUFFS.

The foregoing cuffs, and the remainder given on pages 11-13, are those worn with the undress uniform. The three examples below, viz., Admiral, Commodore 2nd Class, and Lieutenant-Commander, show the three styles of full-dress cuff with "slash" as worn by all Commissioned Officers, other than Commissioned Warrant Officers. The rows of "distinction lace" vary in number and style for the different ranks and branches, exactly as on the cuffs of undress uniform.



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FLAG OFFICERS  
& COMMODORES  
1st CLASS

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COMMODORES, 2nd Cl.  
CAPTAINS  
& COMMANDERS

21

LIEUT-COMMANDERS  
LIEUTENANTS &  
SUB-LIEUTENANTS



## † MILITARY & CIVIL BRANCHES - OFFICERS

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**ENGINEER  
VICE-ADMIRAL**  
*Cap & Badge as 1 & 2*

23



**ENGINEER  
REAR-ADMIRAL**  
*Cap & Badge as 1 & 2*

24



**ENGINEER  
CAPTAIN**  
*Cap & Badge as 7 & 2*

25



**ENGINEER  
COMMANDER**  
*Cap & Badge as 7 & 2*

26



**ENGINEER  
LIEUT.-COMMANDER**  
*Cap & Badge as 11 & 2*

27



**ENGINEER LIEUT.**  
*Cap & Badge as 11 & 2*

28



**ENGINEER  
SUB-LIEUTENANT**  
*Cap & Badge as 11 & 2*

29



**CHIEF  
ARTIFICER ENGINEER**  
*Cap & Badge as 11 & 2*

30



*of 10 years' Seniority*

**ARTIFICER ENGINEER**  
*Cap & Badge as 11 & 2*

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*under 10 years' Seniority*

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**MEDICAL DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

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# NAVY

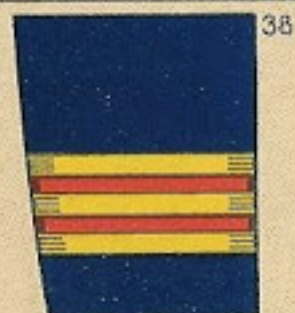
## CIVIL BRANCH—OFFICERS



**SURGEON-GENERAL**  
*Cap & Badge as 32 & 33*



**DEPUTY-SURGEON-GENERAL**  
*Badge as 33*



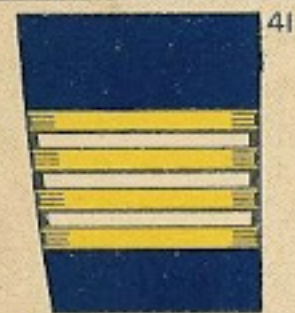
**FLEET-SURGEON**  
*Cap & Badge as 36 & 33*



**STAFF-SURGEON**  
*Cap & Badge as 11 & 33*



**SURGEON**  
*Cap & Badge as 11 & 33*



**PAYMASTER-IN-CHIEF**  
*Cap & Badge as 11 & 33*



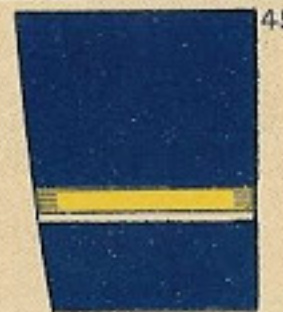
**FLEET-PAYMASTER**  
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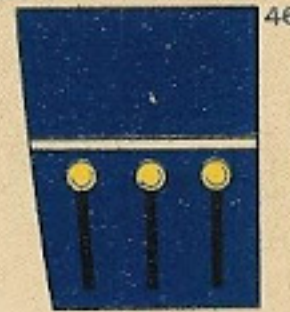
**STAFF-PAYMASTER  
& PAYMASTER**  
*Cap & Badge as 11 & 33*



*of 4 years' Seniority*  
**ASSISTANT-PAYMASTER**  
*Cap & Badge as 11 & 33*



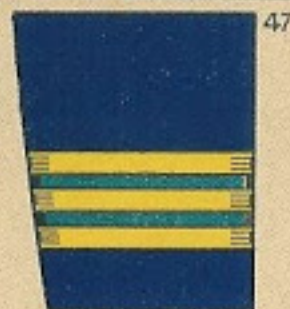
*under 4 years' Seniority*



**CLERK**  
*Cap & Badge as 11 & 33*



## CIVIL BRANCH—OFFICERS



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of 16 years' Seniority

*Cap & Badge as 36 & 33*

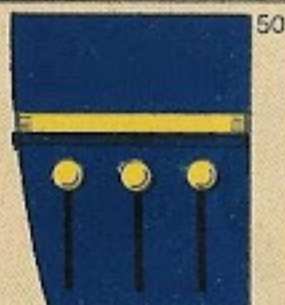

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over 8 years' Seniority

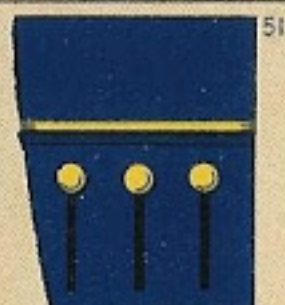
**NAVAL INSTRUCTORS**
*Cap & Badge as 11 & 33*


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under 8 years' Seniority



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**CHIEF SCHOOLMASTER**
*Cap & Badge as 11 & 33*


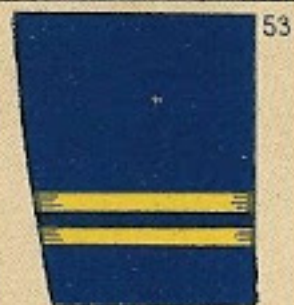
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**HEAD SCHOOLMASTER**
*Cap & Badge as 11 & 33*


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**CARPENTER LIEUT.**

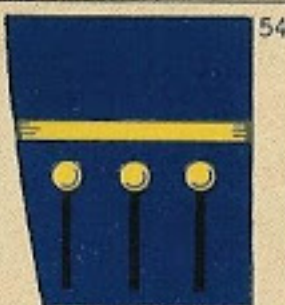
of 8 years' Seniority

*Cap & Badge as 11 & 33*


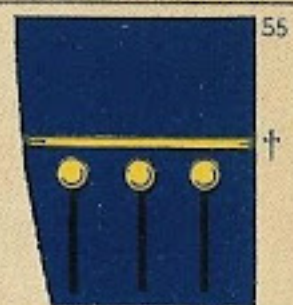
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**CARPENTER LIEUT.**

Under 8 years' Seniority

*Cap & Badge as 11 & 33*


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**CHIEF CARPENTER & COMM. ELECTRICIAN**
*Cap & Badge as 11 & 33*


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**CARPENTER, WARRANT ELECTR. & ARMOURER**
*Cap & Badge as 11 & 33*

† If under 10 years' Seniority, without lace stripes

For COMMISSIONED MECHANICIAN	see "CHIEF ARTIFICER ENGINEER" (29)
" WARRANT MECHANICIAN	" "ARTIFICER ENGINEER" (30-31)
" WARRANT WRITER	" "CARPENTER" (55)
" INSTRUCTOR IN COOKERY	" "CARPENTER" (55)
" HEAD STEWARD	" "CARPENTER" (55)
" HEAD WARDMASTER	as "CARPENTER" but with an additional stripe of red



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WING-CAPTAIN

59



WING-COMMANDER

*Cap & Badge as 56 & 57*

60



SQUADRON-COMMANDER

*Cap & Badge as 11 & 57*

61

FLIGHT-COMMANDER  
& FLIGHT-LIEUT.*Cap & Badge as 11 & 57*

62



FLIGHT-SUB-LIEUT.

*Cap & Badge as 11 & 57*

63

AIRSHIP PILOT

63<sup>a</sup>AEROPLANE &  
WATERPLANE PILOT

64

ENGINEER

64<sup>a</sup>

ARTISAN

*The last four badges are worn both in gilt and red  
Naval Officers who are also Air Service Officers wear the Naval Anchor badge.*



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COOKED HATS

MILITARY BRANCH

65



CIVIL BRANCH

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FLAG OFFICERS & COMMODORES & CORRESPONDING CIVIL RANKS

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LIEUTENANTS & SUB-LIEUTENANTS

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ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE



## CAPS &amp; CAP BADGES OF PETTY OFFICERS &amp; MEN

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Military Branch

Civil Branch

## CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

76

ELECTRICIAN &  
ENGINE R<sup>m</sup> ARTIFICER  
*Cap as 73*

77

ENGINE ROOM  
ARTIFICER 5th CLASS  
*Cap as 73*

78

MUSICIAN  
*Cap as 73*

79

PETTY OFFICERS  
& MEN AND BOYS  
DRESSED AS SEAMENINCLUDING SEAMEN,  
ARTIFICERS, STOKERS AND ALL OTHER  
RATINGS NOT SPECIALLY PROVIDED FOR

80

COLLAR & SILK HANDKERCHIEF  
as worn with Seamen's dress

\* Also Boy Artificers, Ship's Corporals, Sick Berth Stewards and Attendants, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Boy Writers, 2nd Ship's Steward, Ship's Steward's Assistant and Boy, Shipwright, Ship's Cooks & 2nd Ship's Cooks, Cook's Mates and 2nd Cook's Mates Officer's Stewards and Cooks wear no Cap Badge

The 3 stripes of white tape around the collar are not a badge of rank. According to popular tradition they commemorate Nelson's 3 chief victories, and the black handkerchief, his death.

For arm badges, &c. see pp. 17-20.



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**GUNNER'S MATE** 82



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**TORPEDO GUNNER'S MATE** 88



**TORPEDO COXSWAIN** 89



**LEADING TORPEDO MAN** 90



**SEAMAN TORPEDO MAN & PETTY OFFICER** 91



**CHIEF YEOMAN OF SIGNALS** 92



## BADGES OF PETTY OFFICERS, MEN &amp; BOYS



YEOMAN OF SIGNALS

93



LEADING SIGNALMAN

94



SIGNALMAN

95

ORDINARY SIGNALMAN  
& SIGNAL BOY

96

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER  
TELEGRAPHIST

97



PETTY OFFICER TELEGRAPHIST

98



LEADING TELEGRAPHIST

99



TELEGRAPHIST

100

ORDINARY & BOY  
TELEGRAPHIST

101

PHYSICAL TRAINING  
INSTRUCTOR, 1ST CLASS

102

PHYSICAL TRAINING  
INSTRUCTOR, 2ND CLASS

103



MECHANICIAN

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## BADGES OF PETTY OFFICERS, MEN & BOYS


**CHIEF STOKER**

105


**STOKER PETTY OFFICER**

106


**LEADING STOKER**

107


**OTHER STOKERS**

108


**CHIEF AND OTHER  
ARMOURERS**

109


**ARMOURERS MATES  
& CREWS**

110


**BLACKSMITH, PLUMBER,  
PAINTER, 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS\***

111


**ALL OTHER ARTISANS**

112


**NAVAL POLICE**

113


**SHIP'S COOK &  
SHIP'S COOK'S MATE**

114


**NAVAL SCHOOLMASTER,  
SHIP'S STEWARDS,<sup>†</sup>  
ALL WRITERS**

115


**SICK BERTH STAFF**  
(Worn on serge.)

116

\* Also Chief and other Carpenters' Mates and skilled Shipwrights of whatever rating.  
 † Also 2nd Ship's Stewards, Stewards' Assistants and Boys.



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## BADGES OF PETTY OFFICERS, MEN & BOYS



**SICK BERTH STAFF** <sup>117</sup>  
*(Worn on cloth)*



**SICK BERTH STAFF** <sup>118</sup>  
*(Worn on white)*



**SICK BERTH STAFF  
LABORATORY ATTENDANT†** <sup>119</sup>



**BUGLER** <sup>120</sup>



**GOOD SHOOTING BADGE,** <sup>121</sup>  
**1ST CLASS**



**GOOD SHOOTING BADGE,** <sup>122</sup>  
**2ND CLASS**



**GOOD SHOOTING BADGE,** <sup>123</sup>  
**3RD CLASS**  
*\*(Worn on serge.)*



**GOOD SHOOTING BADGE,** <sup>124</sup>  
**3RD CLASS**  
*\*(Worn on white)*



**GOOD SHOOTING BADGE** <sup>125</sup>  
**3RD CLASS**  
*\*(Worn on cloth)*

### BADGES OF RATING AND GOOD CONDUCT



**PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS** <sup>126</sup>



**PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS** <sup>127</sup>  
*This rating is now obsolete.*



**LEADING SEAMAN &  
OTHER LEADING HANDS** <sup>128</sup>

† "M" and "O" similarly placed signify "Messour" and "Operating Room Attendant."  
\* Other badges vary in colour according to material worn on.



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ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE, ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.  
& ROYAL NAVAL DIVISION

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131



LIEUTENANT\*  
ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE—EXECUTIVE BRANCH

132



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134



LIEUTENANT\*  
ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE—EXECUTIVE BRANCH

135



136



137



LIEUTENANT\* *Cap as 129* *Cap as 132; Lieutenant's cuff as 134 but without loop*  
CIVIL BRANCHES OF THE ABOVE

138



*Sleeve badge as in Navy*

139



140



*Shoulder Strap that of equivalent Army rank*

LIEUTENANT\*  
ROYAL NAVAL DIVISION

\* Caps and distinction lace of other Ranks vary as in the Navy  
also the colour of wash between stripes



# ROYAL MARINES

## OFFICERS AND MEN

### ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY



141



142

COLONEL SECOND COMMANDANT

### ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY



143

FIELD OFFICER

*Badge as 142*



144

OTHER OFFICERS

*Badge as 142*

### ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY



145

FIELD SERVICE CAP  
& BADGE



146

### ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY

146<sup>a</sup>

N.C.O.'s AND MEN

*Badge worn at A*

### ROYAL MARINE LIGHT INFANTRY, CAP BADGE

146<sup>b</sup>

*Caps are exactly similar to those worn by the Marine Artillery, but without the red welts round crown.*



## OFFICERS—BADGES OF RANK

147



148



149



AIDE-DE-CAMP & EQUERRY TO THE KING

150



151



152



FIELD-MARSHAL

153



154



155



GENERAL  
Cap as 150.

See Footnote\*

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LIEUT-GENERAL  
Cap, Badge and Gorget Patch  
as 150, 153 & 155

MAJOR-GENERAL  
Cap, Badge and Gorget Patch  
as 150, 153 & 155

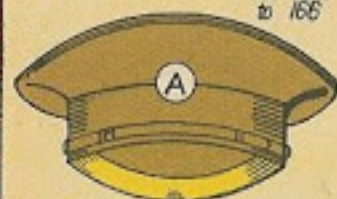
BRIGADIER-GENERAL  
Cap, Badge and Gorget  
Patch as 150, 153 & 155

\*If on H.Q. Staff, Gorget Patch is of Gold Chain gimp; if on the General Administrative or Personal Staff (not belonging to a Corps or Department) of Gold Leaf Embroidery.



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## OFFICERS—BADGES OF RANK

159  
*see note  
to 165*

Regimental Badge worn at 'A'.  
Staff Officers wear Scarlet band  
round Cap, and Cap Badge as 148.  
Field Officers on Staff wear one row  
of Oak-leaves on peak.



160

COLONEL



161

GORGET PATCH

If Substantive Colonel, or Officer on  
Staff, etc., as shown; otherwise  
crimson gimp if Gorget Patch is worn



162

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL

Cap &amp; Badge as 159



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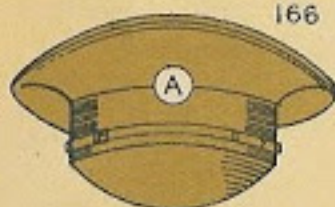
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MAJOR

Cap &amp; Badge as 159



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This cap has also come into use for  
Regimental Officers of higher rank  
on active service instead of 159

CAPTAIN

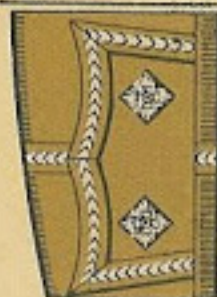
(REGIMENTAL BADGE WORN AT 'A')



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168



169

LIEUTENANT

Cap &amp; Badge as 166



170



171

SECOND-LIEUTENANT

Cap &amp; Badge as 166



172

† Staff Officers wear rank badges on shoulder straps instead of on sleeve cuffs.



## DISTINGUISHING BADGES OF VARIOUS ARMS

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**SURGEON-GENERAL**

174


**COLONEL**

### ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE

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### ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

178


**DIRECTOR GENERAL**

179


**COLONEL**

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### ARMY VETERINARY SERVICE

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**ARMY VETERINARY  
CORPS \***

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**ARMY SERVICE  
CORPS \***

183


**ARMY ORDNANCE  
CORPS \***



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## DISTINGUISHING BADGES OF VARIOUS ARMS

184



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CHAPLAIN

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COLONEL

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BELOW COLONEL

ARMY PAY DEPARTMENT

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ARMY PAY CORPS

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ROYAL ENGINEERS

191



ROYAL ARTILLERY

192



INSPECTOR OF ARMY SCHOOLS

193



194



TYPE OF  
STAFF OFFICER'S CAP



· **ARMY** ·  
**ROYAL FLYING CORPS,**  
**CYCLISTS & MACHINE GUN SECTION**



195

**FORAGE CAP**



196 †

**QUALIFIED PILOT**

*Worn upon left breast by Commissioned Officers and others who have gained their Flying Certificate*



197

**FLIGHT SERGEANT**



198

**ARM BADGE**

*Worn at top of both arms by N.C.O.'s and men*



199

**SERGEANT**



200

**CYCLISTS  
 CAP BADGE**



200a

**MACHINE GUN SECTION  
 CAP BADGE**

† Qualified Observers wear the letter "O" with an outspread wing



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## RANK AND APPOINTMENT BADGES

### WARRANT OFFICERS, N.C.O.'s AND MEN









201 	202 	203 
<b>CONDUCTOR</b> † <b>ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS, &amp;c.</b>	<b>MASTER GUNNER,</b> <b>1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS *</b>	<b>WARRANT OFFICERS</b> <b>CLASS II † *</b>
204 	205 	206 
<b>BANDMASTER</b>	<b>MASTER GUNNER, 3<sup>RD</sup> CLASS</b>	<b>QUARTERMASTER-CORPORAL</b> <b>MAJOR, &amp;c. †</b>
207 	208 	209 
<b>REGIMENTAL-</b> <b>QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT</b>	<b>QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT</b> <b>&amp;c. †</b>	<b>SQUADRON; BATTERY; TROOP;</b> <b>or COMPANY-SERG<sup>T</sup>-MAJOR, †</b>
210 	211 	212 
<b>COLOUR-SERGEANT,</b> <b>RIFLE REGIMENTS</b>	<b>COLOUR-SERGEANT,</b> <b>OTHER REGIMENTS</b>	<b>212 SERGEANT, 212<sup>A</sup> CORPORAL</b> <b>212<sup>B</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> CORPORAL †</b>

† See Notes on opposite page

\* Other Warrant Officers, Class I, (including Master Gunner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class) wear the Royal Arms in place of Crown



## REGIMENTAL & CORPS BADGES WORN ON AND ABOVE CHEVRONS

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<b>CAVALRY</b> <i>Circles contain Special Badges in Full Dress</i>	<b>ARTILLERY</b>	<b>ENGINEERS</b>	<b>FOOT GUARDS</b> <i>Special badges on Flag in Full Dress</i>
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<b>ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS</b>	<b>MUSKETRY STAFF</b>	<b>GYMNASTIC STAFF</b>	<b>ASSIST. INSTRUCTOR OF SIGNALLING *</b>

201 Also Staff-Sergeant-Major, 1st Class, Army Service Corps and Army Pay Corps.

203. Also Garrison-Sergeant-Major; Corporal-Major, Household Cavalry; Sergeant-Major; Armourer-Sergeant-Major; Armament-Sergeant-Major; Barrack-Sergeant-Major; Farrier-Corporal-Major, Household Cavalry; Farrier-Sergeant-Major; Foreman of Works Sergeant-Major; Experimental-Sergeant-Major; Mechanist Sergeant-Major; Sergeant-Major Artillery Clerk; Sergeant-Major of Educational Establishment; Sergeant-Major-Instructor; Sergeant-Major Foreman Examiner of Laboratory Stores; Staff-Sergeant-Major; Sub-Conductor Army Ordnance Corps; Engineer Storekeeper Sergeant-Major.

*The Royal Arms instead of the Crown are worn by Sergeant-Majors in the Foot Guards.*

206. Also Squadron-Corporal-Major; Quartermaster-Corporal; Quartermaster-Corporal-Farrier; Staff-Corporal-Farrier; Corporal-Trumpeter; Corporal-Sadler; Drill Corporal; Corporal-Instructor of Fencing and Gymnastics; Hospital Corporal (Household Cavalry Regimental Appointments, badges worn on Frocks).

208. Also Sergeant-Bugler, -Drummer -Piper or -Trumpeter; 1st Class Staff-Sergeant, R.A.M.C.; Staff-Armourer-Sergeant.

209. Also Quartermaster-Sergeant and Staff-Corporal of Squad<sup>ns</sup>, Battery, Troop or Company (in Household Cavalry), and Staff-Sergeant.

212. Also Lance-Corporal; Bombardier or Acting Bombardier. Agullettes in place of Chevrons are worn in the Household Cavalry.



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## MISCELLANEOUS BADGES

221



INFANTRY PIONEER †

222



ROUGHRIDER

223

SCOUT-CORPORAL †  
(HOUSEHOLD CAV.)

224

TRAINED  
SQUADRON-SCOUT

225



BUGLER

226

BUGLER  
(RIFLE REGIMENTS)

227

SERGT.-TRUMPETER  
(R.E. & R.A.)

228



TRUMPETER

229

DRUMMER OR FIFER  
(EXCEPT IN FOOT GENS)

230

BANDSMAN  
(EXCEPT IN CAVALRY)

231

GOOD CONDUCT  
BADGE

232

R.A.M.C.  
2ND CLASS ORDERLY

233

ARMOURER-SERGT. †  
MACHINERY-GUNNER

234

FARRIER &  
SHOEING SMITH

235













SADDLER  
(EXCEPT IN CAVALRY)

236

WHEELER &  
CARPENTER



## SKILL-AT-ARMS & PROFICIENCY BADGES

 <p>237</p>	 <p>238</p>	 <p>239</p>	 <p>240</p>
<b>MARKSMANSHIP IN CAVALRY, R.E., AND INFANTRY</b> BEST SHOT IN REGT. OR BATT. †			<b>1ST CLASS CLASSIFYING BADGE, R.A. †</b>
BEST SHOOTING SQUADR. OR COMPT. IN REGT. OR BATT. †		BEST SHOT IN SQUADR., COMPANY OR BAND	
 <p>241</p>	 <p>242</p>	 <p>243</p>	 <p>244</p>
<b>SWORDSMANSHIP IN CAVALRY</b> BEST SWORDSMAN IN REGT †			<b>DISTANCE JUDGING</b>
BEST SWORDSMAN IN TROOP		BEST SWORDSMAN IN EVERY 20 MEN	
 <p>245</p>	 <p>246</p>	 <p>247</p>	 <p>248</p>
<b>1ST PRIZE GUNNER</b>	<b>2ND PRIZE GUNNER †</b>	<b>GUN LAYER</b>	<b>1ST PRIZE DRIVER †</b>

221. Also with Grenade for Grenadier Guards and Fusilier Regiments; Star for Scots & Irish Gds; Rose for Coldstream Guards; Bugle for Rifle Regiments and Light Infantry.

223. Also Scout-Sergeants and Regimental Scouts in Cavalry of the Line; Scout-Sergeants and 1st Class Scouts in Foot Guards and Infantry.

232. Also with Two Stripes for 1st Class Orderly.

233. Also Machinery Artificer and Smith.

237. For Sergeants and Lance-Sergeants.

238. For Section-Commanders.

240. For Batteries and Companies.

241. Also in each Squadron.

246. Also without Star for 3rd Prize Gunner.

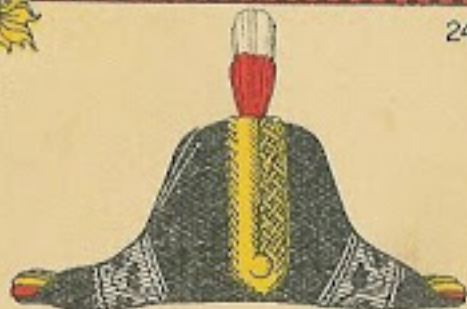
248. Also without Crown for 2nd, 3rd and 4th Prize Drivers.



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## COCKED HATS

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AIDE-DE-CAMP

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FIELD MARSHAL &amp; GENERAL OFFICER

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SUBSTANTIVE COLONEL

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ARMY PAY DEPARTMENT—COLONEL

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ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE  
SURGEON-GENERAL

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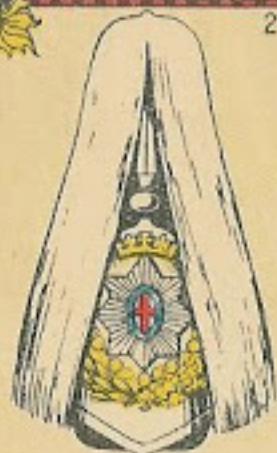
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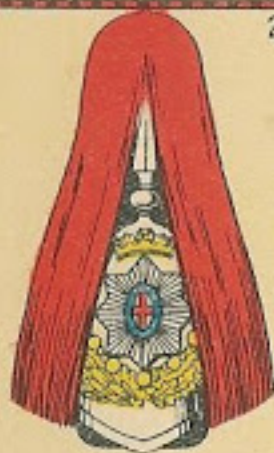
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STAFF OFFICER—MEDICAL



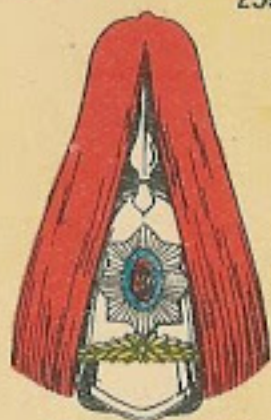
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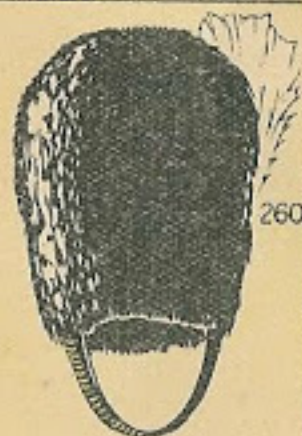
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**1ST LIFE GUARDS**


258

**ROYAL HORSE GUARDS**


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**DRAGON GUARDS  
& DRAGOONS\***  
(OTHER THAN 2ND DRAGOONS)


260

**2ND DRAGOONS**  
(ROYAL SCOTS GREYS)


261

**ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY  
& 7TH HUSSARS†**


262

**5TH LANCERS**


263

**INFANTRY HELMET**  
(HOME PATTERN)


264

**ARTILLERY HELMET**  
(HOME PATTERN)


265

**HIGHLAND REGIMENTS**  
(ROYAL HIGHLANDERS)

\* The colour of Plume differs in the various Dragoon Regiments

† The colours of Plume and Busby vary in the other Hussar Regiments



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## TYPES OF HEADRESS — FULL DRESS



266

**FOOT GUARDS**  
(GRENADIERS)



267

**LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS \***



268

**HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY**



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**SCOTTISH RIFLES**  
(CAMERONIANS)



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**ROYAL IRISH RIFLES**



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**TYPE OF GLENGARRY**



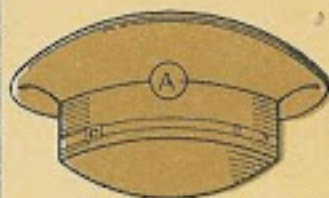
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**ROYAL SCOTS**



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**FOREIGN SERVICE HELMET**



274

**SERVICE CAP**  
(REGIMENTAL, ETC BADGE  
WORN AT "A")

\* The colour and position of Plume differ in the various Fusilier Regiments



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BERKSHIRE REGT., ROYAL 275



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## REGIMENTAL BADGES



EAST LANCASHIRE REGT.

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EAST SURREY REGT.

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4TH HUSSARS (QUEEN'S OWN)

285

10TH HUSSARS  
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· A R M Y ·  
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## REGIMENTAL BADGES

**ROYAL FUSILIERS**

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**ROYAL SCOTS**

300

**SCOTS GUARDS**

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**SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS**

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**SOMERSET LIGHT INFANTRY**

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**SOUTH WALES BORDERERS**

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## REGIMENTAL BADGES



WARWICKSHIRE REGT., ROYAL 305



WEST RIDING REGT. 306



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### TYPES OF CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN BADGES



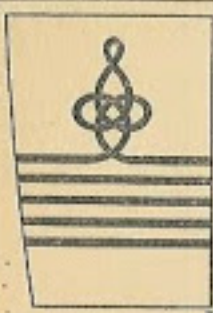
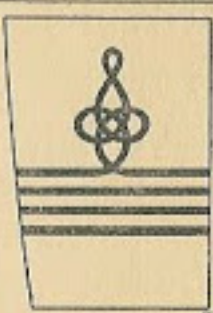
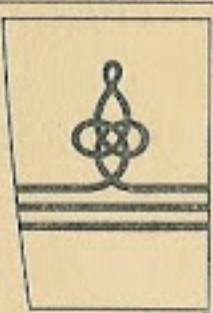
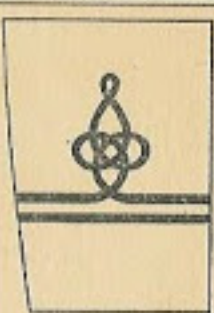
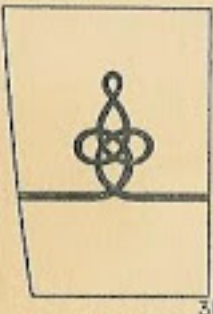

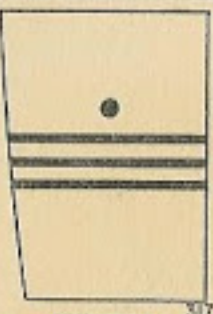


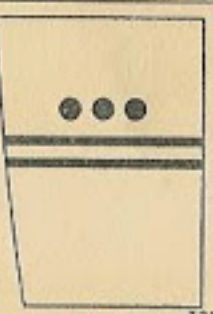



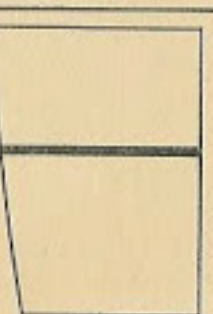
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*The above badges are usually in lighter braid than the material of uniform.  
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## RELATIVE RANK IN THE NAVAL,

	EXECUTIVE BRANCH.	ENGINEER BRANCH.	MEDICAL BRANCH.	ACCOUNTANT BRANCH.
1	Admirals of the Fleet ..	—	—	—
2	Admirals .. .. .	—	—	—
3	Vice-Admirals .. ..	Engineer-in-Chief .. (if Engr. Vice-Admiral)	} Medical Director-General Surgeons-General	—
4	Rear-Admirals .. ..	Engineer-in-Chief .. (if Engr. Rear-Admiral) Engineer Rear-Admiral		—
5	Commodores, 1st and 2nd Class .. .. .	—	—	—
6	Captains of three years' seniority .. .. .	Engineer Captains of 8 years' service in that rank .. .. .	Deputy Surgeons- General .. ..	Secretaries to Admirals of the Fleet .. Paymaster-in-Chief
7	Captains under 3 years' seniority .. .. .	Engineer Captains under 8 years' service in that rank .. .. .	—	Secretaries to Commanders-in-Chief of 5 years' service in that rank .. .. .
8	Commanders .. .. .	Engineer Commanders	Fleet Surgeons	Secretaries to Commanders-in-Chief under 5 years' service in that rank .. .. Fleet Paymasters ..
9	Lieutenant-Commanders	Engineer Lieutenant- Commanders .. .. .	Staff Surgeons..	Other Secretaries to Flag Officers, Commodores, 1st Class, and Captains of the Fleet .. .. . Staff Paymasters and Paymasters .. .. .
10	Lieutenants .. .. .	Engineer Lieutenants	Surgeons ..	Secretaries to Commodores, and Class. Assistant Paymasters of 4 years' seniority
11	Sub-Lieutenants & Mates	Mates (E.) .. .. .	—	Assistant Paymasters under four years' seniority .. .. .
12	Chief Gunners, Chief Boatswains, and Com- missioned Telegraphists	Chief Artificer Engin- eers, Commissioned Mechanicians .. .. .	—	—
13	Gunners, Boatswains, Warrant Telegraphists, & Chief Masters-at-Arms	Artificer Engineers, Warrant Mechanicians	HeadWardmasters	Warrant Writers, Head Stewards, and Instructors in Cookery
14	Midshipmen .. .. .	—	—	Clerks .. .. .



## MILITARY AND AIR SERVICES.

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—	—	—	—	Field-Marshal ..	1
—	—	—	—	Generals .. ..	2
—	—	—	—	Lieut. Generals ..	3
—	—	—	—	Major-Generals ..	4
—	—	—	—	Brigadier-Generals	5
—	—	Wing Captains..	—	Colonels .. ..	6
—	—	—	Lieutenant-Colonels	Lieut.-Colonels (Senior)	7
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# ABBREVIATIONS OF NAVAL AND MILITARY TERMS, &c.

- A.B.**.....Able (bodied) Seaman.  
**A.D.C.**.....Aide de Camp.  
**A.G.**.....Adjutant General.  
**A.O.**.....Army Orders.  
**A.P.C.**.....Army Pay Corps.  
**A.S.C.**.....Army Service Corps.  
**C.B.**.....Companion of the Bath.  
**C.F.**.....Chaplain of the Forces.  
**C.I.E.**.....Companion of the Indian Empire.  
**C.M.G.**.....Companion of St. Michael and St. George.  
**C.O.**.....Commanding Officer.  
**C.S.I.**.....Companion of the Star of India.  
**C.V.O.**.....Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.  
**D.C.M.**.....Distinguished Conduct.  
**D.G.**.....Dragoon Guards. [Medal.  
**D.S.O.**.....Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.  
**F.M.**.....Field Marshal.  
**F.O.**.....Field Officer. [Bath.  
**G.C.B.**.....Knight Grand Cross of the  
**G.C.I.E.**.....Knight Grand Commander of the Indian Empire.  
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**G.C.S.I.**.....Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India.  
**G.C.V.O.**.....Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order.  
**G.O.C.**.....General Officer in Comm'd.  
**G.O.C.-in-C.** General Officer Commanding-in-Chief.  
**H.A.C.**.....Honourable Artillery Co.  
**H.C.**.....Household Cavalry.  
**H.M.A.S.**.....His Majesty's Australian  
**H.M.S.**.....His Majesty's Ship. [Ship.  
**H.Q.**.....Headquarters.  
**I.H.**.....Irish Horse.  
**I.S.C.**.....Indian Staff Corps.  
**I.S.O.**.....Companion of the Imperial Service Order.  
**I.Y.**.....Imperial Yeomanry.  
**K.C.B.**.....Knight Commander of the Bath.  
**K.C.I.E.**.....Knight Commander of the Indian Empire.  
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**K.C.S.I.**.....Knight Commander of the Star of India.  
**K.C.V.O.**.....Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.  
**K.D.G.**.....King's Dragoon Guards.  
**K.G.**.....Knight of the Garter.  
**K.O.S.B.**.....King's Own Scottish Borderers.  
**K.P.**.....Knight of St. Patrick.  
**K.R.R.**.....King's Royal Rifle Corps.  
**K.T.**.....Knight of the Thistle.  
**L.G.**.....Life Guards.  
**L.I.**.....Light Infantry Regiment.  
**M.C.**.....Military Cross.  
**M.I.**.....Mounted Infantry.  
**M.V.O.**.....Member Royal Victorian Order, 4th or 5th Class.  
**N.C.O.**.....Non-Commis'd. Officer.  
**N.P.**.....Naval Police.  
**O.M.**.....Member of the Order of  
**O.S.**.....Ordinary Seaman. [Merit.  
**O.T.C.**.....Officers Training Corps.  
**P.M.O.**.....Principal Medical Officer.  
**Q.M.**.....Quartermaster.  
**Q.M.G.**.....Quartermaster-General.  
**R.A.**.....Royal Artillery.  
**R.A.M.C.**.....Royal Army Medical Corps.  
**R.A.V.C.**.....Royal Army Veterinary  
**R.B.**.....Rifle Brigade. [Corps.  
**R.D.F.**.....Royal Dublin Fusiliers.  
**R.E.**.....Royal Engineers.  
**R.F.**.....Royal Fusiliers.  
**R.F.A.**.....Royal Field Artillery.  
**R.F.C.**.....Royal Flying Corps (Army).  
**R.G.A.**.....Royal Garrison Artillery.  
**R.H.A.**.....Royal Horse Artillery.  
**R.H.G.**.....Royal Horse Guards.  
**R.M.**.....Royal Marines.  
**R.M.A.**.....Royal Marine Artillery.  
**R.M.L.I.**.....Royal Marine Light  
**R.N.**.....Royal Navy. [Infantry.  
**R.N.A.S.**.....Royal Naval Air Service.  
**R.N.D.**.....Royal Naval Division.  
**R.N.R.**.....Royal Naval Reserve.  
**R.N.V.R.**.....Royal Naval Volunteer  
**R.R.C.**.....Royal Red Cross. [Res.  
**S.A.A.**.....Small Arm Ammunition.  
**T.**.....Territorials.  
**T.B.D.**.....Torpedo-boat Destroyer.  
**V.C.**.....Victoria Cross.  
**V.D.**.....Volunteer Decoration.  
**V.T.C.**.....Volunteer Training Corps.  
**W.O.**.....War Office.



## REGIMENTS AND THEIR MOTTOES.

- Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's), "*Ne obliviscaris*" ("Dinna forget") and "*Sans peur*" ("Without fear").
- Army Service Corps, "*Nil sine labore*" ("Nothing without labour").
- Connaught Rangers, 5th Lancers, and Royal Irish Rifles, "*Quis separabit*" ("Who shall separate us?").
- Devonshire Regiment, "*Semper fidelis*" ("Ever faithful").
- Dorsetshire Regiment, "*Primus in Indis*" ("First in the Indies") and "*Montis Insignia Calpe*" ("The trophies of the Rock of Gibraltar").
- 1st Dragoons (Royal), "*Spectemur agendo*" ("Let us be known by our deeds").
- 2nd Dragoons (Royal Scots Greys), "Second to none."
- 2nd Dragoon Gds. (Queen's Bays), "*Pro Rege et Patria*" ("For King & Country").
- 5th Dragoon Guards, "*Vestigia nulla retrorsum*" ("No backward step").
- East Kent Regt., "*Veteri Frondescit Honore*" ("It flourishes with honour from old times").
- East Lancashire Regiment and Royal Dublin Fusiliers, "*Spectamur Agendo*" ("We are known by our deeds").
- Essex Regiment, Highland Light Infantry, Northamptonshire Regt., and Suffolk Regt., "*Montis Insignia Calpe*."
- Herefordshire Regiment, "*Manu forti*" ("With a strong hand").
- 3rd Hussars (King's Own), Liverpool Regiment (The King's), Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and West Yorkshire Regiment (P. of Wales' Own), "*Nec aspera terrent*" ("Nor do dangers affright us").
- 4th Hussars (Queen's Own), "*Mente et Manu*" ("With heart and hand").
- 8th Hussars (King's Royal Irish), "*Pristinae virtutis memores*" ("Mindful of the brave deeds of old").
- 13th Hussars, "*Viret in Aeternum*" ("May it flourish for ever").
- 15th Hussars, "*Merebimur*" ("We will deserve").
- 18th Hussars (Queen Mary's Own), "*Pro Rege, pro Lege, pro Patria conamur*" ("We strive for King, for Law and Country").
- King's Own Scottish Borderers, "*Nisi Dominus frustra*" ("Unless the Lord help, all is in vain") and "*In veritate Religionis confido*" ("I trust in the truth of religion") and "*Nec aspera terrent*" ("Nor do dangers affright us").
- Lancashire Fusiliers, "*Omnia Audax*" ("Braving all things").
- 16th Lancers, "*Aut cursu, aut cominus armis*" ("In the charge, or hand to hand").
- 17th Lancers (Duke of Cambridge's Own), "Or Glory" beneath Death's head.
- Northumberland Fusiliers, "*Quo fata vocant*" ("Where fate calls us").
- Royal Army Medical Corps, "*In Arduis Fidelis*" ("Faithful in hard times").
- Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, "*Ubique*" ("Everywhere") and "*Quo Fas et Gloria ducent*" ("Where Duty and Glory lead").
- Royal Flying Corps, "*Per Ardua ad Astra*" ("By labour towards the Stars").
- Royal Highlanders (Black Watch), Royal Scots, and Royal Scots Fusiliers, "*Nemo me impune lacessit*" ("No one provokes me with impunity").
- Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's) "*Faugh a Ballagh*" ("Clear the Way!")
- Royal Irish Regiment, "*Virtutis Namurcensis Praemium*" ("The reward of valour at Namur").
- Royal Marines, "*Per Mare, per Terram*" ("By Sea, by Land").
- Royal Rifle Corps, "*Celer et Audax*" ("Swift and Bold").
- Royal West Kent Regiment (Queen's Own) "*Quo Fas et Gloria ducent*" ("Where Duty and Glory lead").
- Royal W. Surrey Regt., "*Pristinae virtutis memor*" ("Mindful of the brave deeds of old") and "*Vel exuviae triumphant*" ("Our very Spoils tell of triumph").
- Scots Guards (1st Battalion), "*Eni Ferus Hostis*" ("Lo! the fierce enemy").
- Scots Guards (2nd Battalion), "*Unitate Fortior*" ("Strength in Unity").
- Seaforth Highlanders, "*Cuidid 'n Righ*" ("Aid the King").
- Shropshire L.I., "*Auto splendore resurgo*" ("I rise with added brightness").
- Welsh Guards, "*Cymru am Byth*" ("Wales for ever").
- Welsh Regiment, "*Gwell angau na Chywilydd*" ("Death rather than shame").
- West Riding Regiment (Duke of Wellington's), "*Virtutis Fortuna Comes*" ("Good Fortune is the Comrade of Valour").
- Worcestershire Regiment, "Firm."
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