

measurements required to be shown on the forms of requisition are to be taken by the Postmaster or other local controlling officer. As a general rule, uniform is not supplied to message-boys at offices at which not more than two boys are employed unless the offices are on a main railway-line and the attendance of the boys at the railway-station is required. Overcoats and leggings are supplied to message-boys at all offices. Temporary officers employed in positions in which the permanent officers are in uniform are supplied with uniform if they are likely to be employed for an indefinite time.

(b.) For schedule of overcoats, &c., supplied to linemen and faultmen see form Stores 137.

(c.) The boots of postmen and message-boys in uniform must be black. Messengers and message-boys supplied with uniform may wear straw hats (not supplied by the Department) as part of the uniform during the summer months.

(d.) The numerals supplied for the identification of postmen and message-boys are to be affixed to postmen's caps and to message-boys' satchels.

(e.) A uniformed officer may wear on his tunic a military-service decoration. The wearing of unauthorized badges, such as fern-leaves, football colours, &c., is not permitted.

(f.) When officers wearing uniform are engaged on duty indoors, the previous year's tunics should be worn. Messengers will be supplied with canvas aprons for protecting their uniforms while cleaning and doing other work likely to soil the cloth.

(g.) In the event of the promotion or resignation of an officer who is supplied with uniform, the tunic must be properly cleaned and repaired at a cleaning establishment, and, at the discretion of the local controlling officer, transferred to his successor if it will fit him, the Stores Manager being at once advised. If it will not fit him, it must be sent to the Stores Manager, and requisition made in the usual way for a new tunic. In all cases, new inside bands must be sewn into caps or helmets. Trousers that have been worn are not to be transferred.

(h.) Controlling officers are held responsible when an officer supplied with uniform leaves the service for taking action before the term of the officer's employment expires to secure the prompt return of the articles of uniform issued to him.

(i.) When a new waterproof overcoat is issued, the old coat is to be returned to the Stores Manager.

(j.) All cases and alleged cases of leaky or faulty waterproof coats must be reported to the Stores Manager, the overcoats in question accompanying the report.

(k.) Applications should not be made for new uniforms more than three months prior to the date of their becoming due. If it should be necessary to make an earlier application, a memorandum should accompany the requisition, setting out the reason therefor.

128. Chief Postmasters, Superintendents, and Postmasters are required to see that officers in uniform under their control present at all times a clean and tidy appearance; that they wear the full uniform when they are on duty and, if they are not in private clothes, when they are proceeding to or from their homes; and that their uniform garments are properly worn, kept in good condition, and repaired when necessary. To this end, officers in uniform, other than message-boys, should be mustered on a day in the last week in each month, and an inspection made by the Chief Postmaster or Postmaster of their appearance and the state of their uniform. At the same time an inspection is to be made of departmental bicycles used by the officers. The bicycles are to be complete in all respects. Postmasters will report the result of the