

(d) Articles of kit lost or damaged by accident may be replaced free of charge, subject to a certificate signed by the Commanding Officer in accordance with K.R. and A.I., Article 1697, a copy of which is to be forwarded to the Naval Secretary.

(e) The kits of men who re-enrol are to be brought up to date at the end of each period of four years' service by the free issue of articles necessary to replace such clothing as is unserviceable.

(f) When there has been excessive wear and tear of kit because the rating has been on extensive Naval training, the Naval Board may approve replacement.

(g) Clothing issued under the preceding clauses is to be drawn from serviceable stocks at Headquarters, if available, subject to new articles being issued as shown in Appendix II. All other clothing required is to be demanded from the Accountant Officer, H.M.S. "Philomel."

(h) Local arrangements may be made to effect minor alterations to uniform clothing.

(i) All clothing received either from H.M.S. "Philomel," or from ratings, or from any other source, is to be taken on charge by the Accountant Officer and accounted for as directed by the Naval Board.

(j) All articles are to be clearly marked at Headquarters before issue. A special type is supplied for this purpose. Further marking is to be by means of tapes sewn on the articles. Types and tapes are to be obtained from the Accountant Officer, H.M.S. "Philomel." Marking-ink may be requisitioned from Navy Office.

(k) The kits of men who leave the Reserve prior to the completion of engagement are to be withdrawn. Such men are to be charged with the value of any article missing from their kit, and for any deterioration not due to fair wear and tear. The amount to be charged is to be assessed according to the length of service.

(l) The kits of men discharged dead are to be returned to Headquarters.

Add new Article 51A:—

51A. Articles comprised in the kits of Reserve ratings (except active-service ratings who are enrolled in the Reserve) as laid down in the regulations, remain the property of the Crown. On final discharge from the Reserve, men in Classes A, B, and C may retain their kits. Class D ratings are to return their kits to headquarters, except articles marked "B" in Appendix II.

Add new Article 51B:—

51B. Men advanced to a higher rating will be supplied gratuitously with the articles of kit of that rating which were not included in their former kit.

A reservist of Class A, B, or C, who has no further training to perform is not to be kitted up on advancement to or confirmation in a higher rating. Similarly a reservist of Class D is not to be kitted up if within one year of the expiration of his current term of enrolment, unless he undertakes to enrol for a further period.

NOTE.—Class D only: Any items of their former kit which men will not wear in their new rating are to be withdrawn.

Add new Article 51C:—

51C. Reservists will not be issued on repayment with any service clothing stores, except such as are included in the kit laid down for their particular rating in the Reserve and those articles permitted by Article 79.

Ratings in Class D may also purchase similar articles while not actually undergoing Naval training, with the approval of their Commanding Officer, but all demands for such clothing are to be forwarded through Navy Office.

Add new Article 51D:—

51D. **Mobilization.**—(a) When called up for active service every man is to take with him his regulation peace kit complete. This instruction must be strictly observed. If, owing to exceptional circumstances, a man appears without a kit, he will be supplied with an emergency kit consisting of the more essential articles only, at first. At the earliest opportunity after joining every man is to complete the kit in his possession to the full regulation kit of his corresponding rating in the Royal Navy, and he will be required to maintain his kit until demobilized.

(b) To enable mobilized men to complete and maintain their kits, they will be credited with a clothing gratuity sufficient to cover the cost of articles (other than bedding) which are in the active-service kit but are not in the peace kit, and they will receive kit-upkeep allowance at active-service rates. The amount of the clothing gratuity will depend on the cost of clothing at the time of mobilization, and will be