

Sec: C. & E.

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GENERAL ORDER.

Customs No. $\frac{25}{1912}$.

Custom House, London,
10th May, 1912.

I.—*Uniform Caps for Officers employed on Quay Duties.*

1. With reference to paragraph 263 of the Amalgamation Committee's report and to paragraph 20 of General Order, Customs, No. 50/1911, Officers concerned are informed that the Board have approved a uniform cap of the following description to be worn by Officers when employed on quay duties:—

Blue cloth, enamelled "P. & O." peak, black oak-leaf band. Badge—gold embroidered crown in silk laurel wreath. Silk cord strap with two black crown buttons.

A white drill cover for wear in the summer months will be supplied with each cap.

2. The cap will be supplied to all Officers who will be employed wholly or partly on quay duties on the 1st June next. Demands on Form 184 A for supply on that date are to be forwarded in duplicate to the Uniform Storekeeper as soon as possible.

3. The minimum period of wear for a cap will be one year, but in cases where Officers are not employed entirely on quay duties a fresh cap will not be issued until the Collector or other responsible superior officer certifies the old cap to be unfit for further wear.

4. A special form of demand (No. 212) has been approved for future supplies. Such demands are to be prepared in duplicate, and forwarded to the Storekeeper for Uniforms as necessary, but not oftener than once a month. If caps are not received within a month of the date of the demand, an overdue notice is to be sent to the Storekeeper. If it transpires that any caps demanded and received are not required for issue in the immediate future they are to be promptly returned to the Storekeeper for Uniforms.

5. The receipt and issue of the caps at Outports is to be recorded in Uniform Register B.

6. Officers on quay duties are reminded of the obligation to wear a plain suit of blue serge or cloth, and the Board look to Surveyors and other superior officers to see that this requirement is observed.

II.—*Cap Covers for Waterguard Officers.*

7. The Board have also approved the issue of white drill cap covers to Preventive Officers, Preventive Men, Mates-in-Charge and Deck Hands of Launches, and the crew of the Revenue Cruiser "Vigilant."

8. Supplies for the whole of the Officers concerned will accompany the issue of caps now being made. Requisitions will not be required.

9. The alternative of wearing straw hats in hot weather (paragraph 258 of the Establishment Code) is withdrawn in the case of all Officers officially supplied with white cap covers.

By Order of the Board,

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