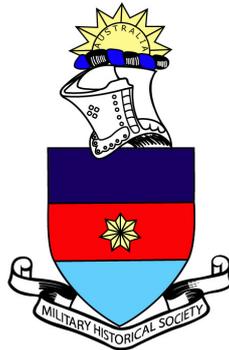


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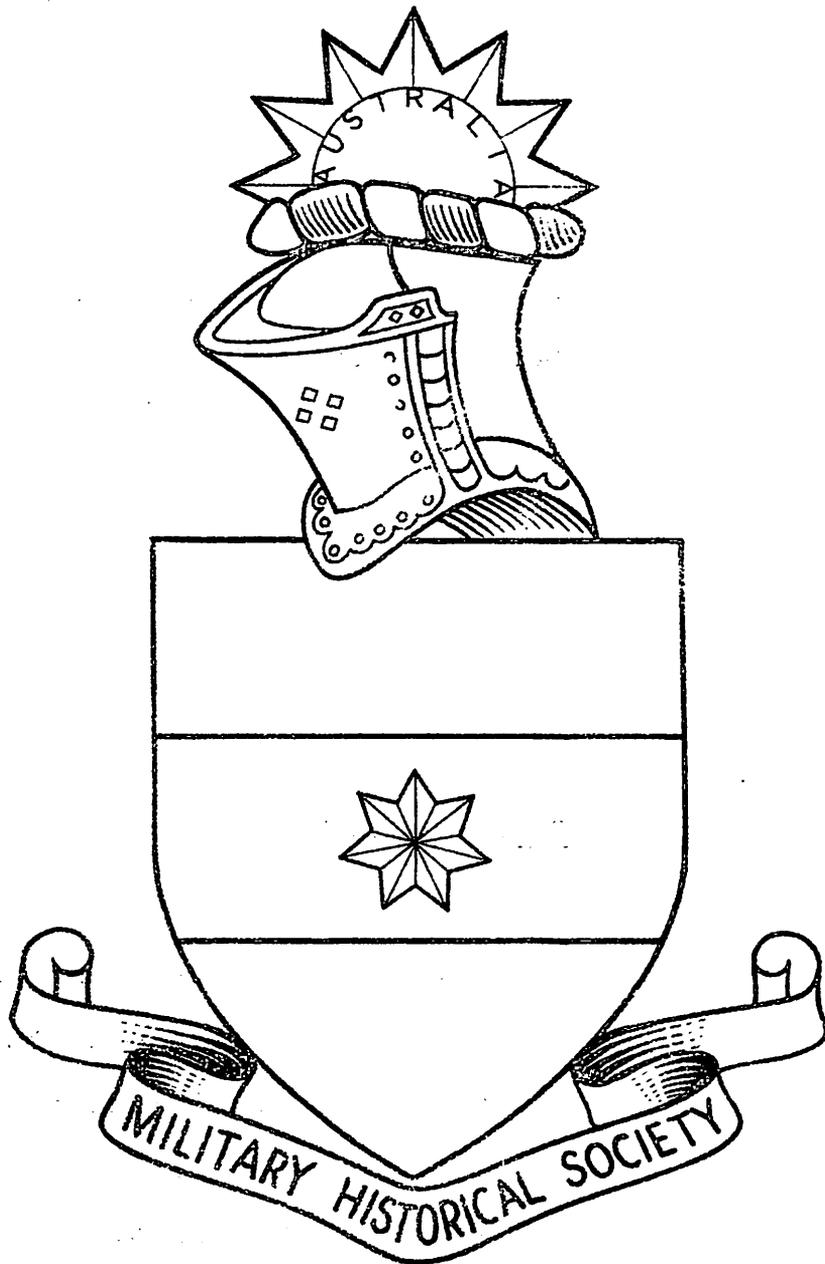
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SUBSCRIPTIONS OVERDUE?

The annual subscription to the Society (\$4 per year Australian) became due and payable on 1st July 1969.

We note with regret that a number of members have not yet renewed their membership and we would be most grateful if any who do not propose to renew would be good enough to advise our Secretary accordingly.

Our greatest problem is, and awlays has been, shortage of funds. We can remedy this only by increasing our membership or our fees. We cannot afford to print copies of SABRETACHE for members who are not financial, because printing in this country by the means that we are forced to use due to our small circulation is a costly business, even though we receive more than a fair deal from our printers.

Ideally, we would wish to add to our membership. We certainly do not wish to see it reduce, BUT, if any member is going to drop out will he or she please resign in writing, and not cause us to send a copy of the journal for which the financial members have paid.

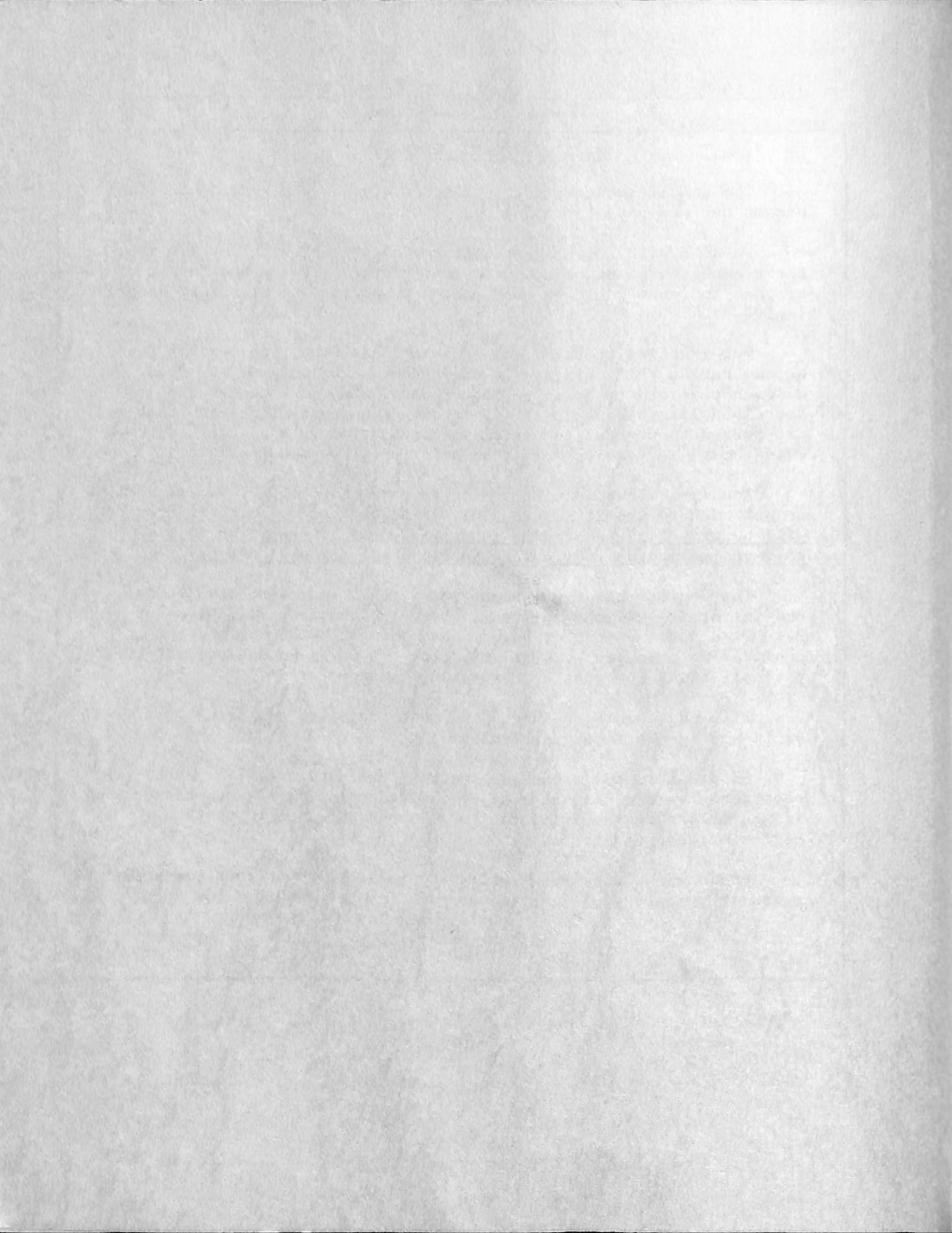
The Society has many ideas for further improving its journal, and for other services to its members. Without the lifeblood of CASH we haven't a hope of doing these things, which include the publication of a new Members' Directory, a sadly needed adjunct to the collecting member's correspondence system!

With wages going up and up we must expect to see prices follow, or in some cases shoot right past!

So please send in your subs now -- our rate is still pretty reasonable -- and help to keep us in production. If your Branch Treasurer has not seen you for your subs, send them in to the Federal Treasurer direct.

And Branch Treasurers, will you please round up your forgetful members? While you're at it, why not try to recruit a few more??

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COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCESDRESS REGULATIONS

(Continued from April 1969 edition of SABRETACHE.)

General Order No. 293 of 15th December 1903 contained the Dress Regulations for Officers of the Military Forces, as under :-

"His Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, in exercise of the powers conferred by the undermentioned State Acts, namely:-

State	Act
New South Wales ...	The Military and Naval Forces Regulation Act, and the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
Victoria ...	The Defences and Discipline Acts
Queensland ...	The Defence Acts, 1884 to 1900
South Australia ...	The Defences Act 1895
Western " ...	The Defence Forces Act 1894
Tasmania ...	The Defence Act 1885, The Defence Act 1889, and The Defence Act 1893;

and by the Constitution of the Commonwealth, has been pleased to approve of the following Dress Regulations for officers of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth, to take effect on and from the 1st July, 1903, and to direct that they be strictly observed on all occasions:-

**DRESS REGULATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF THE STAFF, MILITIA, PARTIALLY PAID, AND VOLUNTEER MILITARY FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS - STAFF, DEFINITION OF,**

The term "Staff", in these Dress Regulations applies only to Officers of the Head-Quarters Staff, Personal Staff of the General Officer Commanding, District Head-Quarters Staffs, and Staff of Departments, and not to Officers of the Instructional Staff, who are specially provided for. (See Appendix "A").

"A" - 1 - AIGUILLETES AND SHOULDER PADS. Staff. Cord  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. gold and red orris basket, with plait and cord loop in front and same at back, the plaits ending in plain gold with gilt metal tags. The plaits and cords front and back are joined together by a short scarlet cloth strap in which is worked a button hole. The aiguillette is attached to the shoulder of the jacket or frock coat by a button placed under the outer end of the shoulder cord. The long cord is looped up on the top or front cord, the front cord and the short and long plaits are fastened together, and a small gold braid loop is fixed thereon to attach to the top button of tunic, and to lower hook on neck of the frock coat. On the latter, on the side on which the aiguillette is worn, the arm is passed between the front plait and cord and the back or long plait and cord.

SHOULDER PAD - General Officers - Plaited gold wire basket cord  $\frac{3}{16}$  in. in diameter, small gold gimp down the centre strap of the shoulder knot  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. wide, terminating in a small 4in. wing. Eyelet hole at the end next to the collar for small gilt button. The under side lined with scarlet cloth, and has a gilt or gilding metal fastening below.

Other Officers - Twisted round gold cords, universal pattern, lined with scarlet; a small button at the top.

AIDES-DE-CAMP TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL will wear, when on duty, on the right shoulder a special pattern gold cord aiguillette of a somewhat similar design to that worn by Aides-de-Camp to the Sovereign.

The aiguillette is worn on the right shoulder by all Officers of the Head-Quarters Staff, and by the Personal Staff of the Governor-General and State Governors, and on the left shoulder by other Staff Officers.

Light Horse: Same pattern as Staff, but of silver, plain, and that the aiguillette is sewn on to the left shoulder pad, and attached to the jacket by passing the bottom strap through a loop on shoulder of jacket, fastened at upper end with screw button.

Small silver braid loop to attach to the top button of jacket.

Shoulder pad of twisted round silver cord, universal pattern. Small button at the top.

Field Artillery: Same pattern as Light Horse, but of plain gold.

Worn the same as for Light Horse.

Army Service Corps: The same as Field Artillery, but with blue silk thread worked in.

Army Medical Corps: Same as Field Artillery, but with chocolate silk thread worked in.

Quartermasters on the Staff will not wear aiguillettes.

"B" - 2 - BREAST LINES AND SHOULDER PADS. Garrison Artillery. Cord,  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. gold, three lines from shoulder to shoulder, resting on the breast. The lines to fall 1 in. apart in the centre, and meet at the ends of the shoulder pads, being sewn on to the right shoulder pads and fastened to the left with hooks and eyes. The shoulder pads are of universal pattern, and are fastened to the jacket in the same manner as shoulder pads for Light Horse, etc.

Engineers: The same as above, but with red and blue silk threads worked in.

Infantry Militia: The same as above, with dark green silk threads worked in.

Army Ordnance Corps: The same as above, with blue silk threads worked in.

Veterinary Department: The same as above, with maroon silk threads worked in.

Volunteers: Infantry and others (other than Scottish) - The same as above, but of silver, with dark-green thread worked in.

3 - BREECHES. For Mounted Officers. Bedford cord, same colour as Service Jacket. Cut loose at the thigh, and tight at the knee. To be laced below knee, in line of centre of leg. Pockets to be cut across. Waist-strap and buckle. Strapping of brown buckskin.

4 - BADGES OF RANK. The rank of Officers is shown by badges as under:-

Major-General - Crossed sword and baton, with star above

Brigadier-General - Crossed sword and baton

Colonel - Crown, and two stars below

Lieut.-Colonel - Crown, and one star below

Major - Crown. Captain - Three stars. Lieut. - Two Stars.

Second Lieut. - One Star.

Badges of Rank will be worn on shoulder straps of great coats, frock coats, and staff frocks only. They will be in gilt or gilding metal.

The crossed sword is 2 inches full, and the baton 1/8 in. shorter. The crowns when laid on shoulder cords or straps are 1 inch broad and 7/8 in. in height; the stars are 1 in. between opposite points.

General Officers' badges are worn in pairs, point of sword to the front and edge of blade outwards or towards the arm.

Officers having Brevet or Honorary rank wear the badges of the higher rank.

With the Service and Drab Serge Full Dress, rings of 1/2 in. chevron lace and tracing braid will be worn round the cuff according to rank.

Second Lieutenant and Lieutenant: One row of chevron lace.

Captain: Two rows of chevron lace.

Major: Three rows of chevron lace and two rows of tracing braid between them.

Lieutenant-Colonel: Three rows of chevron lace and four rows of tracing braid alternately.

Colonel: Four rows of chevron lace and five rows of tracing braid alternately.

General Officer: Plain pointed cuffs.

Badges of rank similar to those worn on the shoulder straps, but in worsted embroidery, will be worn on the flaps of the cuffs.

5 - BADGES - COLLAR. Collar badges, where worn, will be of metal. The grenade will be fixed horizontally on the gorget patch. When worn with stand-up collar, to be fixed with the centre of the badge 2 in. from the opening of the collar. On the Service jacket the collar badge is to be worn in centre of gorget patch. Collar badges may be worn on Mess jackets also. Note - No badges of a special character are allowed to be worn, except those authorised.

6 - BOOTS. (a) When wearing the frock coat, or Staff frock, on mounted duties, knee boots of black leather will be worn, and black spur leathers and steel chains.

(b) On dismounted duties, black Wellington boots, with boxes for spurs. These boots are only worn with trousers.

(c) With Service Dress -

(1) Officers of the Staff will wear, and Officers of the Mounted Services and Mounted Officers of Dismounted Services may wear in lieu of puttees and black boots - Brown boots (hunting pattern) or brown Stowasser leggings, and brown ankle boots. Spur leathers, brown or black, as case may be.

(2) Dismounted Officers - Black ankle boots and puttees.

All Officers of any Unit to have the same pattern of boots.

Notes - The knee boots will be cut square at the top; the height will depend upon the length of the leg. The boot should reach to about 4 in. from the top of the knee. The leg of the boot should be jacked sufficiently to prevent it sinking. A spur rest at least 2 in. above the top edge of the heel to keep the spur horizontal.

The ankle boots are to be plain fronted, i.e., without fancy stitching, and worn tightly round the ankle, with broad tread and straight flat heel. The Wellington boots are not to come above the bottom of the calf of the leg, and must fit the leg.

7 - BUTTONS. Commonwealth pattern. To be equal distances apart unless otherwise specified.

"C" - 8 - COLLARS AND NECKTIES. White linen collars are to be worn, buttoned on to the collar of the jacket so as to show 1/8 in. above. With Mess waistcoats, open in front, or kamarbands, straight stand-up collars and black silk or satin neckties 1 in. wide are to be worn.

"F" - 9 - FORAGE CAP. (a) Staff pattern: Blue cloth, with three cloth welts, 3 1/4 in. total depth; diameter across the top 9-3/4 in. for a cap fitting 21-3/4 in. in circumference, the top to be 1/8 in. larger or smaller in diameter for every 1/4 in. the cap may vary in size of head above or below the above-mentioned standard, e.g., a cap 22 1/2 in. in circumference, diameter across the top 8 1/2 in; cap 21 in. in circumference, diameter 7-7/8 in. The sides to be made in four pieces, and to be 1 1/2 in. deep between the welts, a scarlet cloth band 1-3/4 in. wide placed between the two lower welts.

Principal Medical Officers on District Staffs will wear a band of black mohair braid, similar width, oakleaf pattern, in lieu of scarlet.

The cap set up on a band of stiff leather, or other material, 1-3/4 in. deep.

Chin-strap of black patent leather 3/8 in. wide, buttoned on to two gorget buttons placed immediately behind the corners of the peak.

A white cap cover is worn in summer, with the frock coat and serge frock, and a khaki cover with the Service Dress.

Peak: General Officers - Patent leather, and embroidered all round with oak leaves in gold, 3/4 in. wide.

Field Officers of the Staff - The same as for General Officers, but embroidered on the front edge only.

Other Officers of the Staff - Patent leather without embroidery.

The peak to drop at an angle of 45 degrees, and to be 2 in. deep in the middle where worn with embroidery, and 1-3/4 in. when plain.

(b) Service pattern - Same shape as Staff pattern, but of material and colour to match the Service Dress; plain wide peak of black leather (embroidered with plain gold 1/2 in. wide on the front edge for Field Officers, for others plain), set at an angle of about 60 degrees and carried well back to protect the temples; brown leather chin strap, 3/8 in. wide, buttoned on to two brown bone buttons placed immediately behind the corners of the peak with badge in front. Cloth band, 1-3/4 in. wide, colour of gorget patch, placed between the two lower welts. Such caps will be worn straight on the head.

10 - FEATHERS (TO BE WORN WITH SERVICE HAT). Staff. Red and white cock's feathers drooping, on left side of hat, measuring when out of socket from base of feathers to point, 14 in., 6 in. across widest part, and badge Staff pattern.

Director-General, Medical Services - Black cock's feathers as above.

Light Horse - New South Wales - Black cock's feathers as above, and regimental badge.

Victoria. Single eagle feather and regimental badge.

Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania - Emu feathers and regimental badge.

Western Australia - Ostrich feathers and regimental badge.

Field Artillery - Feather plume as for Light Horse, red and blue rosette and grenade.

Army Medical Corps - Plume - Chocolate ostrich feathers, banded at base with chocolate vulture feathers, bottom in a metal corded ball socket, plain pattern, with embossed Geneva cross on side, three upright flames; height of the plume, 7 in., and departmental badge. For other Arms see under "O" (Ornaments for Hat).

"G" - 11 - GORGET PATCH. Staff. Scarlet cloth, 4½ in. long to point. For General Officers, in the centre, a loop of gold chain gimp 13/40 in. wide, and 1/8 in. deep; a gorget button 1 in. from the point. For Officer below the rank of General Officer, as for General Officer, but with gimp of crimson silk instead of gold. A loop of crimson silk cord, 3/20 in. in dia., along the centre, with a button 1 in. from the end. See "Note" in Appendix A, page 27.

Light Horse - White cloth, with red line down centre)

Artillery - Blue, with red line down centre, and )  
brass grenade fixed horizontally )

Engineers - Red, with blue line down centre )

Infantry - Dark-green, with red line down centre )

Army Service Corps - White, with blue line down )  
centre )

Army Medical Corps - Chocolate, with red line down )  
centre )

Army Ordnance Corps - Blue )

Veterinary Department - Maroon )

Volunteers - (Infantry, except Scottish) - Dark-green)

) 3 inches long to  
point, showing  
) 3/16 of an inch  
) light above and  
) below the  
) patch.

12 - GLOVES. Brown dogskin or buckskin, plain backs, with Service and Undress. White doeskin or buff on other occasions.

13 - GIRDLE. Light Horse (Lancers). Silver lace, 2½ in. wide, with two crimson silk stripes, fastened with a small strap and buckle on the inside, and outside with gold Russia braid loops and gold olivets; the loops in three rows, three loops in each row. The girdle to be 2½ in. larger than the actual waist measurement to allow for lap; morocco leather lining; the olivets to be in the centre of the waist. Note - Officers of other units of Light Horse wear the sash.

14 - GREAT COAT. Cloth, drab mixture, milled, and waterproofed; double-breasted, to reach within a foot of the ground; stand and fall collar 5 in. deep (2 in. stand and 3 in. fall), fastening with two hooks and eyes; cloth tab and button; a 2½ in. inverted expanding pleat down the centre of the back, from the collar to the waist, terminating under the back strap; loose turn-back cuffs of single material, 6 inches deep; two slits at side, 10 in. long, jetted in with button catch for pocket mouth; two large patch pockets inside, of same cloth; one button and hole to each pocket mouth; the left pocket mouth to answer for the sword slit; a pocket in the breast placed vertically between the second and third button; two rows of buttons down the front, four in each row, about 6½ in. apart; the rows 8 in. apart at the top and 4 in. at the bottom; these measurements are not to be exceeded; two tabs and buttons to slit in back seam; a 2 in. cloth back strap fastened with three holes and buttons; skirt to fasten with two tabs and buttons inside, and to run squarely all round; coat lined on shoulder and sleeve

only; shoulder straps as for Service Dress jacket; badges of rank in gilt or gilded metal on shoulder straps.

For Mounted Officers the coat is cut below the waist with spring to form 16 in. lap, or 8 inches on from centre line. The slit at the back should be of suitable length for riding.

15 - HAVERSACK. Brown canvas; one large pocket; at the back of the pocket two smaller pockets, and loops for knife, fork and spoon, flap fastened with small button of Commonwealth pattern; canvas strap, 2 inches wide, with brass metal fittings.

16 - HAT. Khaki felt, same colour as the jacket; looped up on left side with hook and eye; socket for plume or feathers; regimental badge on outside of rim looped up; leather chin-strap, 3/8 inch broad, with adjusting buckle; the chin-strap to be fastened well back on left side of hat.

17 - HELMET. A helmet of the following description is worn with the frock coat by the Staff:-

Cork, covered with white cloth in six seams, bound with buff leather at the bottom; above the peak and going round the helmet a buff leather band, 1 inch wide, stitched top and bottom. The head-piece let in with zigzag ventilator; back peak to centre of crown, 12 inches; front peak to centre of crown, 10-3/4 inches; side to centre of crown, 9 inches; side hooks, curb chain, the links 3/8" wide, the chain lined with white leather. At top of helmet a collet riveted on to a collar 3/8 inch wide, to receive feathers and base. A hook at the side, to which the chin chain is attached, when not required to be worn under the chin. A brown leather chin strap, 3/8 inch broad, is worn in all orders of dress except review order. Helmet badges will not be worn.

White puggaree and red and white swan feathers are worn at all times with the helmet. Furniture is gilt or gilding metal.

The cocked hat at present in use will continue to be worn by the Staff when specially ordered. The helmet will ordinarily be worn.

18 - JACKET. Special drab mixture serge, single breasted, yoke back, a hook on each side at the waist; stand and fall collar, to fasten with two hooks and eyes, 2 inches fall in the front and 2 inches at the back, collar edges to run V shape, showing top button between; two cross-patch outside breast pockets, 6 1/2 inches wide and 8 inches deep to the top of the flap, 1 1/2-inch pleat in the centre, and expanding pleat on outer side, three-pointed flap with button-hole, to cover pockets, 3-3/4 inches deep at the points, 6-3/8 inches wide; the top of the pocket to be in line with the second button of the jacket; two expanding pockets below the waist (pleats at the sides), 9 1/2 inches wide at the top, 10 1/2 inches at the bottom, 8 inches deep to the top of the pocket, fastened at the top with a small button; flap with button-hole, to cover pockets, 3 1/2 inches deep, 10-3/4" wide, sewn into bottom edge of waistband. The top of the pockets should be sewn down at the corners in such a manner that on service the pocket can be expanded at the top also; five large buttons down the front, small button to fasten flat of each pocket. Shoulder straps, 2 inches

wide at the base, of same colour as the garment, attached to the jacket by an underpiece passed through a loop on the lower part of the shoulder and fastened at the top by a small button which passes through both underpiece and shoulder strap; the top of the strap is triangular which should reach to bottom edge of collar, the sides being about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches deep at the back. (Colour of edging vide para. 33). Sleeves with round cuffs and three-pointed flap; the flaps edged with  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch worsted braid; badges of rank (vide para. 4). On the collar, sewn on to each side in front and meeting at the fastening, gorget patches pointed at the outer end; the gorget patches to be of cloth of regimental colour (vide para. 11),  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches long to point for Staff, and showing  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch light above and below the patch; 3 inches long for others; regimental badge in centre of gorget patch.

19 - KAMARBANDS - MESS DRESS. Silk of regimental colour, i.e. colour of gorget patch, and suitable length to wind around the waist.

20 - LEGGINGS. Brown leather, Stowasser pattern; to be worn by Officers of the Staff, with the Service Dress, when hunting pattern boots are not worn.

Officers of Mounted Services, and Mounted Officers of Dismounted Services, may similarly wear these leggings.

All Officers of a unit to be dressed alike. See paragraph 6.

21 - MEDALS AND DECORATIONS. 1. Military medals will be worn on the left breast when in Full Dress or Review Order, in the order of the dates of the campaigns for which they have been conferred; the first decoration or medal obtained being placed farthest from the left shoulder.

2. They are to be worn in a horizontal line, suspended from a single bar (of which the buckle is not to be seen), or stitched to the garment.

3. In the Lancer Regiment they will be worn on the plastron.

4. Medals awarded by the Royal Humane Society for bravery in saving life will be worn, when authorized, on the right breast.

5. Stars of Foreign Orders will be worn on the right or left breast, according to the regulation laid down by the Sovereign by whom they were conferred.

6. On all occasions when the Sovereign, or the representative of the Sovereign, is present on the parade in celebration of the birthday of the Sovereign, and on State occasions, including levees, drawing-rooms, and balls, Officers of the Army who are Knights Grand Cross or Knights Grand Commanders of any British Orders, except the Order of the Garter and Order of the Thistle, will, when in uniform, wear the broad ribands of the Orders to which they belong over the right shoulder and under the sash or belt. The ribands of the Order of the Garter and Order of the Thistle are worn over the left

shoulder. Knights Commanders and Commanders will wear the ribands of the Orders to which they belong inside the collar of the tunic, the badge being suspended 2 inches below the lower edge of the collar. The ribands of Orders will not be worn by Officers attending military funerals in review order.

7. Stars of Orders will be worn on occasions as above and in review order, but will not be worn with Undress- uniform or Mess Dress.

8. On the occasions specified above, Officers of the Army, who may be Knights of Grace, Esquires, or Honorary Associates of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, will wear the badge of the Order.

9. In foreign countries, Officers of the Army will wear their stars when foreign Officers wear theirs.

10. Ribands only, of medals and decorations will be worn with Undress or khaki uniform. These ribands will be  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in length, and will be sewn on to the cloth of the coat or jacket, or with khaki, worn on a bar without intervals. They should not be made to overlap, and when there is not sufficient room to wear the ribands in one row, they should be worn in two rows, the lower being arranged directly under the upper. When there is not room for them on the Mess jacket with roll collar they should extend on to the lappel below the collar badge. The riband of a Knight Grand Cross, Knight Grand Commander, Knight Commander, or Commander of an Order is not to be worn, the riband of the Companionship or Membership of the Order being in these cases substituted. The buckles attached to the ribands of the third class of the Orders of the Bath, and of St. Michael and St. George, should be seen. Miniature medals or decorations will be worn with Mess Dress, but not otherwise in uniform.

11. Stars of Orders and miniature decorations and medals will be worn in evening dress (plain clothes) in the presence of members of the Royal Family, or of Viceroys and Governors-General, and on public and official occasions. On such occasions, Officers who are Knights Grand Cross or Knights Grand Commander of Orders will wear the broad ribands of the Orders to which they belong. Knights Commanders and Commanders will wear the riband and badge of the Orders to which they belong inside the collar of the coat, the badge being suspended two inches below the lower edge of the collar of the shirt.

12. When a decoration is worn round the neck, the miniature will not be worn.

13. These Regulations extend to unattached and retired Officers, provided that under the Regulations they are allowed to wear uniform.

14. Decorations and medals and the ribands appertaining thereto will be worn in the following order:-

Order of the Garter; Order of the Thistle; Order of St. Patrick;  
Order of the Bath; Order of the Star of India; Order of St. Michael  
and St. George; Order of the Indian Empire; Royal Victorian Order;

Victoria Cross; Distinguished Service Order; Queen's Jubilee Commemoration Medal; King's Coronation Medal; Albert Medal; Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field; British War Medals; Order of St. John of Jerusalem; Medal for Meritorious Service; Long Service and Good Conduct Medal; Volunteer Officers' Decoration; Foreign Decorations; Foreign War Medals.

22 - MOURNING BAND. Black crape  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide, worn on the left arm above the elbow.

23 - MESS DRESS (See Tabulated Form).

1. THE MESS JACKET - Infantry pattern, roll collar without piping, buttons, gold lace or braiding; pointed cuffs, 6 inches deep at the point and  $2\text{-}3/4$  inches deep, a slit of 1 inch to the left behind; cloth shoulder straps sewn down, the collar and cuffs to be as described. Regimental badges will be worn on the roll collar, and regulation badges of rank in embroidery on the shoulder straps.

2. WAISTCOATS - in all cases will be without piping, braiding, or gold lace; open at front and without collar, to be fastened with four small Commonwealth buttons. A white shirt, with white stand-up collar  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\text{-}3/4$  inches high, and a black silk or satin tie will be worn in Mess Dress.

3. TROUSERS for Mess Dress will be as described below.

The colour of the Mess jacket and waistcoat and trousers will be as described.

24 - ORNAMENTS FOR HAT. Ornaments for hat for those Arms unprovided with feathers or plumes will be as under:  
INFANTRY - Black rosette and regimental badge or numeral.  
GARRISON ARTILLERY - Blue and red rosette and artillery grenade.  
ENGINEERS - Red rosette and regimental badge.  
ARMY SERVICE CORPS - White rosette and regimental badge.  
ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS - Blue rosette and regimental badge.  
ARMY VETERINARY DEPARTMENT - Maroon rosette and departmental badge.

25 - PANTALOONS (WHEN WORN WITH FROCK COAT OR FROCK).  
Staff Pattern - Blue cloth, with scarlet cloth stripes down side seams; diwth of stripes, for General Officers,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches; other Staff Officers,  $1\text{-}3/4$  inches.

Pantaloons should be cut loose in the thigh and tight at the knee. Ample length from the hip to the knee is essential, so that the wearer can have the necessary freedom in mounting and dismounting. They should have buckskin strapping at the knee, and if made for hard wear seat strapping also. The pockets should be cut across. A waist-strap and buckle should be fitted. See Breeches at paragraph 3.

## MESS DRESS

Regiments of Corps.	Jacket				Waistcoat.	Trousers.
	Body of Jacket	Collar	Shoulder Straps.	Cuffs.		
Staff* ... ..	Scarlet cloth	Black cloth ...	Black cloth ...	Black cloth ...	Black cloth ...	Blue cloth as for ceremonial dress.
Light Horse ...	Khaki colour cloth	White cloth	White cloth	White cloth	White cloth or Marcella	Khaki colour cloth, with two white stripes with welted edges 11/16 inch wide and 1/8 inch apart down side seams.
Artillery ...	Blue cloth	Scarlet cloth	Blue cloth	Scarlet cloth	Scarlet cloth	Blue cloth, with scarlet stripe 1-3/4 inches wide down each side seam.
Engineers ...	Scarlet cloth	Blue cloth	Scarlet cloth	Blue cloth	Blue cloth	Blue cloth, with scarlet stripe 2 inches wide down each side seam.
Infantry ...	Scarlet cloth	White cloth	Scarlet cloth	White cloth	Scarlet cloth	Blue cloth, with scarlet welt 1/2 inch wide down each side seam.
Infantry (Scottish)	Scarlet cloth	Yellow cloth	Yellow cloth	Yellow cloth	Scarlet or regimental tartan	Kilts, authorized regimental tartan.
Army Service Corps	Blue cloth	White cloth	White cloth	White cloth	White cloth	Blue cloth, with two stripes of white cloth each 11/16 inch apart down the side seams.
Army Medical Corps	Khaki colour cloth	Chocolate cloth	Chocolate cloth	Chocolate cloth	White Marcella	Khaki colour cloth, with two chocolate stripes with welted edges 11/16 inch wide and 1/8 inch apart down side seams.
Army Ordnance Dept.	Blue cloth	Scarlet cloth	Scarlet cloth	Scarlet cloth	Blue cloth	Blue cloth, two stripes scarlet cloth, with welted edges, 11/16 inch wide and 1/8 inch apart down side seams.
Army Veterinary Dept.	Blue cloth	Maroon cloth	Maroon cloth	Maroon velvet	Blue cloth	Blue cloth, with scarlet stripe 1 3/4 inches wide down side seams.

\* Note - For General Officers and Colonels on the Staff. - The collar, cuffs and waistcoat of blue cloth, the present pattern shoulder straps edged with lace.

For Director-General Medical Services - Cloth collar, velvet cuffs, shoulder straps edged with 1/2 inch lace, as on the tunic.

Note - Commanding Officers will, subject to approval be permitted to substitute the existing regimental colour for the mess waistcoat in place of the colours above laid down. No variation, however, in the collar and cuffs of mess jacket will be permitted.

26 - PLASTRON (LANCERS ONLY). Scarlet or white cloth, to be fastened on to breast of jacket so as to cover to points of shoulders. Four inches wide at waist. Girdle to cover bottom of plastron. Six large buttons down either side, and two at the neck.

27 - PUTTEES. Woollen, 3 yards long, colour to match the Service Dress; two tapes of 1-inch braid of same colour as material.

28 - PLUMES. To be worn with helmet and cocked hat.

STAFF - General Officers - Red and white swan feathers, drooping outwards 10 inches long; red feathers long enough to reach the ends of the white ones; feathered stem 3 inches long.

Other Staff Officers - The same as for General Officer, but only eight inches long.

Director-General Medical Services - The same as for General Officers (Staff), but of black swan feathers.

29 - PUGGAREE. For Staff plain khaki. For others of same shade as jacket described in 18; seven folds,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches at sides and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch back and front, the centre fold to be of distinctive regimental colour, i.e., gorget patch.

30 - REVOLVER, CASE, AND POUCH. A revolver forms part of an Officer's equipment, and is only worn on parades when specially ordered. No pattern has been sealed, but the weapon must carry Government ammunition. All Officers of a unit must have the same pattern.

31 - SADDLERY. (1) General Officers.

Head Collar - Bridle leather. The head is  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inches, and the throat lash  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch in width; each is fitted with a chased gilt double buckle. The noseband and backstay are  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inches in width, and are fitted with two  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inch by  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inch gilt squares. The jowl piece is  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch in width, and is fitted with two gilt rings, the lower  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inches, and the upper  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inches internal diameter. The browband is covered with blue enamelled leather. It is 1 inch in width, and has two loops formed at each end, the larger one for the head piece, and the smaller one for the throat lash. A tab, to close with a gilt stud, is sewn on each end. The ends are each fitted with a rosette of blue enamelled leather,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter,  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inches in height.

Bit - Plain bit and link and T bridoon.

Bit Head - Of bridle leather,  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch wide, fitted with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch chased gilt double buckle, and sewn on to bit.

Bit Reins - Of bridle leather,  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch in width, fitted with billets, and  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch chased gilt double buckles. A leather slide loop is fitted to the reins, and the hand part is made up with a wedge.

Bridoon Bit - of wrought iron, with plain mouthpiece, 6 inches in width; rings 1-3/4 inches in diameter, and tees 5-1/4 inches in length.

Bridoon Reins - Of bridle leather, 3/4 inch in width, sewn on to the bridoon; the hand part to overlap, and neatly sewn.

Breastplate - of bridle leather. The body is 2 1/4 inches in width at top, and is shaped to 1 inch, and fitted with a 1-inch brass roller single buckle. The ends of the top piece are crossed over the top of the body, and a boss is fitted over the junction. The buckling pieces are 7/8 inch in width, and are fitted with 5/16 inch slide loops, 7/8-inch chased gilt double buckles, and two leather safes. The neck straps are 7/8 inch in width, and are fitted with 1-inch gilt rings, and joined by a connecting piece 1 1/2 inches in width, shaped, and furnished with two detachable attachment straps, 3/4 inch in width, which are fitted with buckles.

Case, Horseshoe - Of blocked bridle leather, horseshoe shape, 6 1/2 inches in width by 6 inches in depth; fitted with a nail pocket of hogskin. It is buckled under the near flap of the saddle.

Girths - Of dark-blue woollen web. The undergirth is 5 inches in width; the overgirth is 2-3/4 inches in width; each being bound with hogskin, fitted with solid nickel silver buckles, and having chapes of bridle leather.

Head Rope - Universal pattern, 1 1/4 inch white cotton rope, fitted at one end with a brown leather billet, but having a chased gilt double buckle. The other end whipped.

Runners, Stirrup leather - Of brass, 1-7/16 inches by 1/2 inch by 7/8 inch, internal measurement; the outside edges are bevelled, and inside rounded.

Saddle - Hunting pattern, but with fans and front points to the side bars. The seat is covered with hogskin. The flaps are plain, of printed skirt leather. The panels are lined, and have pockets of bridle leather, and facings and welts of hogskin, and are stuffed with white wool flock. The near side panel is fitted with a strap for the carriage of the shoe case.

Stirrup Leathers. Of stirrup butt leather, 1-3/8 inches in width, fitted with a 1-3/8 inch barred end curved solid nickel silver buckle.

Stirrup Irons - Of wrought iron, hollow tread pattern. The tread is 4 1/2 inches by 2 1/2 inches, internal measurements; the height of the iron 4-3/4 inches.

Straps - Of bridle leather.

Cape centre	25 1/2 inches by 3/4 inch
Cape and Wallett	40 1/2 " " 3/4 "
Baggage or Cloak	25 1/2 " " 3/4 "

Each strap is fitted with 3/4-inch brass roller double buckles.

Wallets - The backs are of crop butt leather; the connecting band of collar back; the fronts, covers, gussets, pocket, and inside loop of bag-hide. The wallets are 12 inches in length by 5½ inches in width. They are lined with check waterproof material. An ammunition pocket is fitted inside the "near" wallet, and a loop for pistol inside the "off" one. The back of each wallet is furnished with two loops.

(2) MOUNTED SERVICES. -

Head Collar - Bridle leather. The head is 1-1/8 inches, and the throat lash 7/8 inch in width; each is fitted with a brass roller double buckle. The noseband and backstay are each 1 inch in width, and are fitted with two 1-3/8 inch by 1-1/8 inch brass squares. The jowl piece is 7/8 inch in width. It is fitted with two brass rings, the lower 1-3/8 inches and the upper 1-1/8 inches, internal diameter. The browband is 1 inch in width, of colour according to branch of service, and has two loops formed at each end, the larger one for the headpiece, and the smaller one for the throat lash; a tab, to close with a brass stud, is sewn on each end. The ends are each fitted with a brass ear rosette 2-1/4 inches by 2 inches, mounted on leather. Plain bit and link and T bridoon.

Bit Head - Of bridle leather, 3/4" wide; sewn to the bit.

Bit reins - As for General Officers, except that they are fitted with brass roller double buckles.

Bridoon Bit - As for General Officers.

Bridoon Reins - As for General Officers.

Breastplate - Bridle leather. The body is 1-5/8 in. in width at the top end, and is shaped to 1-1/8 in. Where the top straps join the body, the junction is covered with a "heart", on which is fitted a boss similar to that on the bit. The buckling pieces have brass roller double buckles, and the neck strap is fitted with brass rings and studs.

Case, Horseshoe - Of bridle leather, 5-3/4 in. in depth by 6-3/8 inches in width; back and flap cut in one piece. The inside is fitted with a nail pocket.

Two suspending straps, 7½ in. in length by 3/4" in width, fitted with two 3/4" brass roller double buckles, are sewn on.

Girths - As for General Officers.

Head Rope - Universal pattern; 1-1/4" 3-strand twisted white cotton rope, fitted at one end with a brown leather billet and a 1-inch brass roller double buckle; the other end whipped.

Runners, Stirrup Leather - As for General Officers.

Saddle - Hunting pattern as described.

The Seat is covered with hogskin. The flaps are plain, of printed skirt leather.

The panels are lined with wool serge.. They have pockets of bridle leather, and facings and welts of hogskin, and are stuffed with white wool flock.

Stirrup Leathers - As for General Officers.

Stirrup Irons - As for General Officers.

Surcingle - Of bridle leather; body 1-7/8 in. in width.

Straps - As for General Officers.

Wallets - As for General Officers.

(3) DISMOUNTED SERVICES AND STAFF OFFICERS BELOW THE RANK OF GENERAL OFFICERS. -

The same as for Mounted Services, except -

Head Collar - The browband is covered with enamelled leather, colour according to branch of Service; white for staff.

Case, Horseshoe - As for General Officers.

Saddle - As for General Officers.

Saddle Bag for Manoeuvres or Active Service - Brown bag-hide leather, lined with check waterproof material, fitted with a shaped flat cap 6½" deep and 9" wide. A strap and buckle in front to secure the bag when closed. Two straps and buckles at the back of the bag to attach it to the dees on the off side of the saddle. A dee with steadying strap at the side to connect the bag with the girth.

The dimensions of the bag are as follows:- Depth 10", width 7" at the top and 11" at the bottom. Gusset, 3" at the bottom, gradually narrowing to 2½" at the top, with pieces of the leather left on to turn in and fasten with a strap and buckle.

Note.- The provision of the saddle bag is optional.

32 - "SAM BROWNE" BELTS. Mark II., of the following general description but made of lighter material throughout. The waist-belt also is narrower and the frog is smaller:-

The belts, complete, consist of a waist-belt, two shoulder-belts, a sword-frog, an ammunition pouch, and a pistol-case; the whole made of brown bridle leather.

The waist-belt is 2-3/8" wide, and of a length to suit the wearer. It is fitted with a double-tongued brass buckle, and has four brass dees for the shoulder-belts (two at the back and one on each side), a running loop for the free end of the belt, two brass rings for attachment of the frog, and a hook for hooking it up. The waist-belt is lined with faced basil.

The shoulder-belts are plain straps (crossed at the back through a loop). They are 1½" wide. The patterns are about 35" long overall, without chapes. The length, however, may be varied to suit the wearer. They are fitted with studs for attachment to the dees at the back of the waist-belt. A chape, with stud and a buckle, is provided for each, for attachment to the dees at the sides of the belt.

In Mounted Services the strap over the left shoulder need not be worn, except when it is required to support the revolver.

The frog is fitted with two straps, which are to be passed through the rings on the lower part of the belt. Each strap is secured by a stud. The frog has a small brass dee on the top, to go over the hook on the belt when "hooking up". A small strap passes through the front and back for securing the sword scabbard. A stud is fitted on the front

of the frog, upon which the tab of the scabbard supporter may be fastened. The scabbard will be of brown leather, improved pattern. A small strap for steadying the sword hilt is attached to the rear ring for the frog, holes being made in the strap to pass over a stud on the belt above the front ring.

The ammunition-pouch and pistol-case are fitted with loops on the back for attachment to the waist-belt: also with stud and tab fastenings. The loop on the pistol-case is furnished with a small brass hook, which should pass through a hole to be made for the purpose in the belt to suit the wearer, in order to secure the case and keep it in position. The pattern pistol-case is to be regarded as typical only, as its dimensions must suit the particular pattern of pistol carried. The "furniture" should be of the best yellow brass.

### 3. - SHOULDER STRAPS (DETACHABLE) - SERVICE JACKET.

Staff - Two  $\frac{1}{2}$ " stripes of scarlet cloth, with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " of serge showing between stripes.

Light Horse - Edging  $\frac{1}{4}$ " white cloth.

Artillery - Edging  $\frac{1}{4}$ " dark blue cloth; in the centre a loop of scarlet braid from the shoulder seam round the upper end of the button-hole, the sides of the loop  $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart.

Engineers - As for Artillery, but with colours reversed.

Infantry - (Militia and Partially-paid) - Edging  $\frac{1}{4}$ " red cloth.

Army Service Corps - Edging  $\frac{1}{4}$ " white cloth, a double line of blue braid down centre from button-hole.

Army Medical Corps - Edging  $\frac{1}{4}$ " chocolate cloth. Loop of scarlet braid, as for Artillery.

Army Ordnance Corps - Edging  $\frac{1}{4}$ " dark-blue cloth.

Veterinary Department - Edging  $\frac{1}{4}$ " maroon cloth.

Volunteers (Infantry, except Scottish) - Edging  $\frac{1}{4}$ " dark-green cloth.

34 - SASH. Staff - Gold and crimson silk net,  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " wide; two crimson stripes  $\frac{3}{8}$ " wide, the rest gold; round loose gold bullion fringe tassels, with crimson threads, 9" long, round heads. The sash fastened with buckles round the waist, the tassels hanging from the left side of the hip, the ends not to reach lower than the bottom of the skirt of the jacket.

Director-General Medical Services - Similar to above, substituting black silk net for crimson silk net.

Staff Officers of and above the rank of Colonel will wear this sash with the frock coat. Officers with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and under will wear a waist-belt, and not the sash.

Light Horse (other than Lancers) - White silk net, plain,  $2\frac{1}{8}$ " wide, round loose white silk fringe with tassels 9" long, with crimson silk thread.

Artillery - Golden silk net,  $2\frac{1}{8}$ " wide; round loose golden silk fringe tassels, 9" long, round heads; fastened as for Staff.

Engineers - As for Artillery, but with red and blue silk threads in tassels.

Infantry - As for Artillery, with dark green silk threads in tassels.

Army Service Corps - As for Artillery, with blue silk threads in tassels.

Army Medical Corps - As for Artillery, with chocolate silk threads in tassels.

Army Ordnance Corps - As for Artillery, with blue silk threads in tassels.

Veterinary Department - As for Artillery, with maroon silk threads in tassels. Volunteers (Infantry, except Scottish) - As for Artillery, but of silver and with dark green silk threads in tassels.

NOTE. - The waist-sash for Engineers, Infantry, and Departments will be optional with Officers Commanding Regiments and Corps.

35 - SWORDS. Swords will only be worn with the "Sam Browne" Belt when ordered. In Full Dress the sword with steel scabbard will be worn, suspended by two morocco leather slings from beneath the waist-sash, or waist belt, except where otherwise ordered. The sword slings to be of similar colour to the silk threads of tassels in sash.

36 - SWORD BELTS. "Sam Browne" pattern (see para. 32), with two braces for Dismounted Services and single brace for Staff and Mounted Services. Revolver-case, ammunition-pouch, frog, and brown leather scabbard are to be worn when ordered in all branches of the Service.

Sword belt of Russia leather  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide, with slings 1 inch wide; two strips of gold embroidery on belt and slings; a hook to hook up the sword; gilt lion-head buckles for Staff Officers under the rank of Colonel will be worn over the frock coat.

Web belts  $1\text{-}3\frac{3}{4}$  inches wide, furnished with loops, chapes, and dees, loops and chapes of morocco leather, and the furniture of gilding metal will be worn by General Officers, Colonels on the Staff, and all others wearing sash or girdle when wearing frock coat and Full Dress.

37 - SWORD KNOTS. (a) Cord and acorn of gold and silver, either plain or with coloured thread worked in, of same pattern as laid down for cord of aiguillettes or Breast lines of Staff, Regiments or Departments. For General Officers, of special pattern.

(b) The sword knot to be used with the "Sam Browne" belt is the universal pattern of brown leather. It is a plain strap, made of pigskin, best bridle leather, or calf the ends being secured into an "acorn" having plaited leather covering. It is furnished with a sliding keeper. Length of strap in the double, 15 inches; width of strap,  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch; length of acorn,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

38 - SPURS. Hunting pattern, steel, with black leather straps and guards, with black boots. Brown leather straps, with brown boots and Stowasser leggings. With Wellington boots - Steel, box. All officers of a unit will wear the same pattern spur.

39 - STRAPS - FOOT. Whenever spurs are worn with trousers, foot-straps are to be worn also.

40 - TROUSERS. (a) For all Mounted Officers - Trousers should be cut straight and from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches to 2 inches longer than ordinary trousers. They should be strapped firmly down to the boot, and fit closely over the spur; they are of the same material as the Service jacket.

(b) Service Trousers- Special mixture of serge of the same material as the Service jacket; cross pockets; plain welt down the side seams; loose in the breech and at the knee, cut narrow as they approach the ankle. For Light Horse as above, with two white stripes with welted edges  $\frac{11}{16}$  inch wide and  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch apart down side seams.

(c) Trousers, Staff pattern - Blue cloth. Scarlet cloth stripes down side seams, 2½ inches wide for General Officers and 1-3/4 inches for others.

TROUSERS - MESS (See tabulated form, para. 23).

Trousers to be closely strapped on to patent leather Wellington boots; Mounted Officers to wear steel box spurs.

41 - WHISTLE. There is no sealed pattern, but all the Officers of a unit should carry the same pattern. They will be attached to a silk lanyard of the colour of the jacket, and fastened to the second top button of the jacket.

42 - WATER BOTTLE. Of pattern approved for rank and file equipment.

43 - WATERPROOF CLOAK. For Mounted and Dismounted Services - Service khaki colour, Cavalry pattern.

Note - SUPPLY OF ARTICLES FROM ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

Officers are permitted to draw from the Ordnance Department, when available, on repayment, any arms, accoutrements, or saddlery of Service patterns which form part of their Regulation equipment, and which they may require for their personal use.

#### APPENDIX A.

##### STAFF

(a) Full Dress.

Hat - Felt, as described in para. 16, with -

Feathers - As described in para. 10.

Puggaree - As described in para. 29.

Badge - Of authorized pattern.

Jacket - Drab mixture serge, as described in para. 18, with -

Aiguillettes - As described in para. 1 (not worn by General Officers).

Sash or Waist-belt - As described in paras. 34 and 36.

Breeches - Bedford cord, as described in para 3.

Trousers - As described in para. 40.

Boots - As described in para. 6 (b) or (c).

Spurs - As described in para. 38.

Gloves - Brown, as described in para. 12.

Sword-belt - Web (to be worn under the sash), 1-3/4 inches wide, with leather furniture and metal dees for slings.

Slings -

General Officers - Russia leather, 1 inch wide, with gold oak-leaf pattern embroidery. Billets fitted with studs and holes.

Other Officers - Russia leather, 1 inch wide; two stripes of gold embroidery, lion-head on buckles.

## Sword. -

General Officers - Mameluke hilt, with device of sword and baton crossed, encircled with oak leaves. Ivory grip. Scimitar blade.

Other Officers - As for the Arm of the Service to which the Officer formerly belonged.

## Scabbard. -

General Officers - Steel, ridged, with cross lockets and rings.

Other Officers - Steel.

Sword-knot. - As described in para. 37(a).

Saddlery. - As described in para. 31.

## (b) Undress.

Jacket. - As described in para. 18, with -

Shoulder-straps. - As described in para. 33.

Breeches. - Bedford cord (Mounted), as in para. 3.

Trousers. - Special mixture serge, as described in para. 40.

Boots. - Hunting pattern, as described in para. 6(c) (Mounted).

Wellington, as described in para. 6(b) (Dismounted).

Hat, &c. - )

Puggaree. - )

Badge. - )

Gloves. - ) The same as in Full Dress.

Saddlery. - )

Spurs. - )

Sword-belt. - "Sam Browne" pattern, as described in para. 32.

Sword. - As for the Arm of the Service to which the Officer formerly belonged (when ordered to be worn).

Scabbard. - Brown leather.

Sword-knot. - Brown leather, as described in para. 37(b).

Cap. - As described in para. 9(a), with khaki cover. (If hat as above is not worn.)

Cane. - Hunting crop or light Whangeen cane to be carried when sword is not worn (Dismounted).

## (c) Great Coat.

As described in para. 14.

## (d) Ceremonial Dress.

Frock Coat. - (1) General Officers - Blue cloth, double-breasted, with blue velvet collar and cuffs; the cuffs round, 3 inches deep. Plain flaps at the plaits behind; 1½ inches wide, and (for an Officer 5ft. 9in. in height) 11 inches long; two rows of large buttons down the front, eight in each row, the rows 8 inches apart at the top and 4 inches at the waist; two large buttons at the waist behind, and one at the bottom of each skirt flap; the skirts lined with black; gold shoulder cords of plaited gold wire basket cord, 3/16 inch in diameter, small gold gimp down the centre, strap of the shoulder cord 2¼ inches wide, terminating in a small 4 inch wing.

(2) Other Officers. - Blue cloth, double-breasted, with collar and cuffs of the same material as the coat, the cuffs round, 3 inches deep, a flap and three small buttons on each sleeve (the buttons to be plugged through the flap only). Plain flaps at the plaits behind, 1½ inches wide, and (for an Officer 5ft. 9in. in height) 11 inches long; two rows of large buttons down the front, eight in each row, the rows 8 inches apart at the top and 4 inches at the waist; two large buttons at the waist behind, and one at the bottom of each skirt flap; the skirts lined with black. Twisted round gold shoulder cords, universal pattern, lined with scarlet; a small button at the top.

Aiguillettes. - As described in para. 1, but are not worn by General Officers.

Sash or Waist-belt. - As described in paras. 34 and 36.

Breeches. - As described in paras. 3 and 37(d).

Trousers. - For dismounted duties as described in 40.

Boots. - As described in paras. 6(a) and (b).

Spurs. - As described in para. 38.

Helmet. - As described in para. 17.

Plumes. - As described in para. 28.

Gloves. - White, as described in para. 12.

Slings, Sword Scabbard, Sword-knot, and Saddlery. - The same as in Full Dress.

(e) Mess Dress.

As described in para. 23.

(f) Blue Undress.

Frock. -

General Officers - Boue angola, tartan, or serge according to climate; full in chest, cut with broad back, slits at sides, five regulation buttons down the front. Two breast patch pockets outside, 6-¾ inches wide, 8 inches deep from the top of the flap, the top edge of pocket in line with the second button, with three-pointed flap, small regulation button and hole, loose plait on rear side of pocket; two similar outside patch pockets below, with three-pointed flap. Two inside breast pockets, up and down, with hole and button; two inside skirt pockets, with hole and button. Black alpaca lining. Shoulder-straps of same material as the frock, fastened with a small regulation button. Stand and fall collar, fastened with one hook and eye. On the collar, sewn on to each side in front and meeting at the fastening, gorget patches, pointed at the outer end. The Gorget patches to be of scarlet cloth, 4½ inches long, and showing a 3/16 inch blue light above and below the patch, a loop of gold oak-leaf embroidery along the centre, with a button 1 inch from the point. Sleeves with pointed cuffs, 6 inches high, with 2½ inch slit, two small buttons and button-holes.

Other Officers - Blue angola, tartan, or serge, according to climate; full in chest, cut with broad back, slits at sides, five regulation buttons down the front. Two breast patch pockets outside, 6-¾ inches wide, 8 inches deep, the top edge of pocket in line with the second button, with three-pointed flap, small regulation button and hole, loose plait on rear side of

pocket; two similar outside patch pockets below, with three-pointed flap. Two inside breast pockets, up and down, with hole and button; two inside skirt pockets, with hole and button. Black alpaca lining. Shoulder-straps of same material as the frock, fastened with a small regulation button. Stand-up collar, from 1½ to 1-3/4 inches high. Sleeves with pointed cuffs, 6 inches high, with 2½ inch slit, two small buttons and button-holes.

Note. - Gorget patches in blue undress will only be worn by Officers who have been gazetted "Colonels on the Staff."

DIRECTOR-GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES, with the following exceptions, will wear the uniform laid down for the Staff:-

Sword Slings. - )  
 Sword Knot (as in 37. - ) As laid down for Surgeon-  
 Plumes, Helmet. - ) General, Imperial Service.  
 Forage Cap. - )  
 Frock Coat. - As for General Officer, but with black velvet collar and cuffs.  
 Frock. - Shoulder straps of black velvet.  
 Sash. - Of same pattern as Staff, but of black and gold.

#### INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

Full Dress. - As for Staff. Appendix A, sub para. (a).  
 Undress. - As for Staff. Appendix A, sub para. (b).  
 Ceremonial Dress. - Not worn.  
 Mess Dress. - As for Staff. Appendix A, sub para. (e).  
 Blue Undress. - As for Staff. Appendix A, sub para. (f).

#### LIGHT HORSE.

##### (a) Full Dress.

Jacket. - As described in para. 18, with -  
 Aiguillettes. - As described in para. 1.  
 Girdle. - As described in para. 13 for Lancers, sash for others, para. 34.  
 Breeches. - Bedford cord, as described in para. 3.  
 Trousers. - As described in para. 40(a) (Dismounted).  
 Boots. - )  
 Spurs. - )  
 Hat. - )  
 Feathers. - ) As described in same paras. as for Staff.  
 Puggaree. - )  
 Badge. - )  
 Gloves. - )  
 Saddlery. - )  
 Sword-belt. - Web, to be worn beneath the jacket.  
 Sword-slings. - Plain, morocco leather. Billets fitted with studs and holes, as in para. 35.  
 Sword. - As for Mounted Services.  
 Scabbard. - Steel.

Sword-knot. - Silver, as described in para. 37 (a).  
 Plastron. - As described in para. 26 (for Lancers).

If hunting boots or Stowasser leggings are not worn, then brown puttees (as described in para. 27), will be worn. All officers of a Unit must wear the same pattern.

(b) Undress.

Jacket. - As described in para. 18, with -

Shoulder Straps. - As described in para. 33.

Breeches. - Bedford cord, as for Full Dress.

Trousers. - As described in para. 40 (a)  
 Dismounted.

Boots, )  
 Spurs, )  
 Hat, )  
 Feathers, ) The same as in Full Dress.  
 Puggaree, )  
 Badge, )  
 Gloves, )  
 Saddlery, )

Sword-Belt. - "Sam Browne" pattern, as described in para. 32.

Sword and )  
 Sword-knot ) As described in paras. 35 and 37 (b).

Scabbard. - Brown leather (when ordered to be worn).

Cap. - As laid down in 9 (b), when hat as described in 16 is not worn.

Great Coat. - As described in para. 14.

Cane. - The same as for Staff.

(c) Mess Dress.

As described in para. 23.

FIELD ARTILLERY

(a) Full Dress.

Jacket. - As described in para. 18.

Aiguillettes and Shoulder-Pads. - As described in para. 1.

Sash. - As described in para. 34.

Breeches. - As described in para. 3.

Trousers. - As described in para. 40 (a) when dismounted.

Boots - The same as for Light Horse.  
 Spurs - As described in para. 38.  
 Hat - As described in para. 16, with feathers as in 10.  
 Puggaree - As described in para. 29, and feather plume as in 10.  
 Badge - Of authorised pattern.  
 Gloves - As described in para. 12.  
 Sword and Scabbard - The same as for Light Horse.  
 Sash and Sword-knot as described in 34 and 37 (a) respectively,  
 Saddlery - As described in para. 31.

(b) Undress.

Jacket - As described in para. 18, with -  
 Shoulder Straps - As described in para. 33.  
 Breeches, Boots, Spurs, Hat, Puggaree, Badge, Gloves, and Saddlery -  
 The same as for Full Dress.  
 Sword-belt - "Sam Browne" pattern, as described in para. 32.  
 Sword - The same as for Full Dress (when ordered to be worn).  
 Sword-knot as described in 37 (b).  
 Scabbard - Brown leather.  
 Cap - As laid down in 9 (b), when hat is not worn.  
 Great Coat - As described in para. 14.  
 Cane - The same as for Staff.

(c) Mess Dress.

As described in para. 23.

GARRISON ARTILLERY

(a) Full Dress

Jacket. - As described in para. 18, with -  
 Breast Lines and Shoulder pads. - As described in para. 2.  
 Sash. - As described in para. 34.  
 Trousers. - As described in para. 40(c).  
 Boots - As described in para. 6(c) (1 and 2).  
 Puttees - As described in para. 27.  
 Spurs - As described in para. 38 (for Officers of and above the rank  
 of Field Officer).\*  
 The remainder the same as for Field Artillery. Sword as for  
 Dismounted Services.  
 Ornaments for Hat - As described in 24(b).  
 \* Note - Majors of Garrison Companies when employed as Company  
 Officers on parade, or when at gun drill or practice, or when  
 inspecting the armaments or magazines in their charge, are not to  
 wear spurs.

(b) Undress.

The same as for Field Artillery, but with trousers instead of  
 breeches, and boots as in 6(c) (1 or 2.)

(c) Mess Dress.

As described in para. 23.

ENGINEERS

## (a) Full Dress.

The same as for Garrison Artillery, with gorget patches, shoulder-straps, &c., as previously described.

## (b) Undress.

The same as for Garrison Artillery with Gorget Patches, Shoulder-straps, &c., as previously described.

## (c) Mess Dress.

As described in para. 23.

SUBMARINE MINERS - WORKING DRESS

Jacket - Blue serge, falling collar, two patch pockets in breasts with pleat, fastened by flap and small buttons; two flat pockets in skirt, five medium brass regimental buttons down front. Shoulder-straps and badges of rank.

Reefer - Blue serge, double-breasted, and made loosely, to be worn over jacket; length 1 inch lower than jacket; two rows of buttons down front, four in each row, 6 inches apart; plain sleeves; the flap pocket on each hip, length 6-3/4 inches, flap 2 1/2 inches; pocket inside left breast; stand and fall collar.

Trousers - Blue serge, without stripes; two cross pockets.

INFANTRY (EXCEPT SCOTTISH)

## (a) Full Dress

The same as for Garrison Artillery (with sword knot, as in para. 37(a)).

## (b) Undress

The same as for Garrison Artillery.

## (c) Mess Dress

As described in para. 23.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

## (a) Full Dress

The same as for Field Artillery.

## (b) Undress

The same as for Field Artillery.

## (c) Mess Dress

As described in para. 23.

ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

## (a) Full Dress

The same as for Field Artillery.  
Plume for hat, as described in para. 10.

## (b) Undress

The same as for Field Artillery.  
Plume. - As for Full Dress.

## (c) Mess Dress

As described in para. 23.

ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS.

## (a) Full Dress

The same as for Garrison Artillery.

## (b) Undress

The same as for Garrison Artillery.

## (c) Mess Dress

As described in para. 23.

ARMY VETERINARY DEPARTMENT

## (a) Full Dress and (b) Undress.

The same as for Garrison Artillery.

## (c) Mess Dress

As described in para. 23.

GREAT COAT

For all Arms - As described in para. 14.

SCOTTISH REGIMENTS

## (a) Full Dress

Head Dress - Helmet as described in para. 13, General Instructions, with red and white hackle feather, 4½ inches high, the red above, worn on the left side. Gilt two-frame socket.

Doublet - Scarlet cloth, with collar and cuffs of the colour of regimental facings. The collar laced and braided according to rank, as described for Infantry of the Line. Gauntlet cuffs, 3½ inches deep in front and 6 inches at the back, edged with 5/8 inch lace round the top and down the back seam; three loops of gold braid, with buttons on each cuff; eight buttons in front and two at the waist behind. Inverness skirts, 8, 7½ and 7 inches deep, with skirt flaps on the first two ½ inch shorter, the first skirt 1½ inches from centre of bottom button; three loops of gold braid with buttons on each skirt flap. Pockets in the skirts in front. The front, collar, skirts, and flaps edged with white cloth, ¼ inch wide, and the skirts and flaps lined with white. Twisted round gold shoulder cords, universal pattern, lined with scarlet; a small button of Commonwealth pattern at the top.

Field Officers have a second bar of lace round the top of the cuff, and ½ inch lace round the skirts and skirt flaps. Colonels have two lines of braid, and Lieutenant-Colonels one line within the lace on the cuffs.

Captains have a line of braid within the lace on the cuffs.

Lieutenants have the same lace on the cuffs as Captains, but without the line of braid.

The several bars of lace and lines of braid on the cuffs are to be ¼ inch apart.

Facings - As now worn.

Lace - Gold, thistle pattern, 5/8 inch wide.

Buttons - Commonwealth pattern.

Pantaloon - Tartan, of authorized pattern.

Boots and Spurs - As described in paras. 6 and 38, General Instructions.

Sash - Crimson silk, Highland pattern. Dimensions, unstretched, 15 inches wide in the middle and 7 inches at the commencement of the fringe.

Belted Plaid, Shoulder Plaid, Kilt, Trews, Hose, Garters, Skean Dhu Gaiters, Shoes and Buckles - Of authorized regimental patterns.

Brooch - Of authorized regimental pattern. The diameter not to exceed 3-7/8 inches. Undress brooches are not to be worn.

Sporrans - Of authorized regimental patterns. The sporran top is not to exceed 6 inches in width. The breadth of the sporran leather is not to exceed 8½ inches. The length of the top and leather together will not exceed 11 inches, or for badger-skin sporrans 13 inches. Officers may wear undress sporrans resembling those of the men. The bullion tassels on the dress sporrans will not exceed six. They are only to be worn in "Review Order," and must be removable in regiments that do not adopt the undress sporran.

Claymore - Steel, basket hilt lined with scarlet cloth; straight cut-and-thrust blade, 1½ inches wide at the shoulder and 32 inches long.

Scabbard - Steel.

Sword Knot - Of authorized pattern.

Waist-belt - White buff leather, from 2 to 2½ inches wide, with slings 1 inch wide hanging from two rings. Flat billets and gilt studs attached to the slings by square gilt wire buckles.

Shoulder-belt - White buff leather, 3 inches wide, with slings 1 inch wide hanging from rings. Round billets and gilt studs attached to the slings by square gilt wire buckles.

Waist Plate -	( Of authorized pattern. The dirk is not to
Breastplate -	( exceed in length 17½ inches over all, from
Dirk -	( extreme end of dirk handle to the point of the
*Dirk Belt and Plate -	( sheath. Blade not to be more than 1-3/8 inches
	( in breath at the broadest part.

\* Note - To be worn with slings by Field Officers in Full Dress.

(b) Undress

Glengarry - Blue, of pattern similar to that worn by the men. Bottom of cap bound with black silk. Black silk rosettes. Badge on left side. Two black feathers.

Jacket - Same colour as for Universal Service Dress, but shorter in the skirt and rounded off in front.

Shoulder Cord - Of regimental pattern.

Sword-belt - For wear under the jacket - Web, with plain brown leather slings and brass buckles.

Trews and Kilt - Regimental pattern.

Other articles as in Full Dress.

(c) Great Coat

As described in Universal Service Dress, para. 14.

(d) Mess Dress

As for Infantry, para. 23.

ARMY CHAPLAINS

Will wear the usual clerical costume of the Church to which they belong. No military uniform is necessary.

UNATTACHED OFFICERS

Officers on the Unattached List will wear the uniform, &c., of the unit with which they last served on the Active List.

RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Officers of the Reserve of Officers will wear the uniform, &c., of the unit with which they last served, but with the word "Reserve" below the badges of rank, in similar material to those badges.

RETIRED OFFICERS

Officers who have been retired, and are permitted to retain their rank, may wear the uniform of the unit with which they last served, with the letter "R" below the badges of rank, in similar material to those badges.

NOTE - Whenever Officers of the Unattached, Reserve, or Retired Lists require to renew their uniforms, the latest approved patterns will be followed.

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APPENDIX B.1. ORDERS OF DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

- \* 1. Review Order or Full Dress.
- 2. Drill Order or Undress.
- 3. Service or Marching Order.
- \* 4. Mess Dress
- \* 5. Church Parade Order.
- \* 6. Levee Order.

(a) Review and Drill Order as laid down in Appendix "A".  
 (b) Service or Marching Order will be "Drill" or "Undress" Order, with following additions:-

Haversack.  
 Waterbottle.  
 Field Glasses, case and strap.  
 Revolver and case (when specially ordered).  
 Ammunition Pouch (when specially ordered).

(c) "Church Parade" and "Levee Order" will be as for "Review Order" except that trousers, Wellington boots, and box spurs will be worn. Boards and Courts of Inquiry - "Drill Order" will be worn, unless otherwise ordered.

2. WEARING OF UNIFORM

- (a) State occasions, and when specially ordered upon other official occasions - "Review Order".
- (b) Dinners and entertainments of a semi-official character other than above - "Mess".

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\* White kid or buff gloves will also be worn in these Orders.

(c) Dinners and entertainments, which are not of above character or indicated in (a) or (b) - Plain evening dress with miniature orders and medals when His Excellency the Governor-General or a State Governor is present.

(d) Officers attending public balls at which His Excellency the Governor-General or a State Governor is present, or which partake of a State or official character - "Mess" unless "Review" or "Levee" Order is specially directed.

(e) All other evening entertainments of a public character - Plain evening dress when His Excellency the Governor-General or a State Governor is present, with miniature orders and medals unless otherwise ordered.

(f) When Mess Dress is directed to be worn, Officers not in possession of Mess Dress will appear in Levee Order.

(g) Officers attending inspections or general parades as spectators will appear in the same order of dress as the troops assembled.

(h) Officers on probation whose commissions are not confirmed are only required to provide themselves with undress uniform. They are permitted to appear in the evening at entertainments, &c., in plain clothes when Full Dress uniform is ordered to be worn.

Aiguillettes - To be worn in Orders 1, 5, and 6, as laid down in para. 1.

Breast Lines - To be worn in Orders 1, 5, and 6, as laid down in para. 2.

Forage Caps - To be worn straight on the head; this cap may be worn after sunset throughout the year; and in place of the hat at the discretion of Officers Commanding, during winter months.

Gloves - White kid or buff in Review Order, Levee or Mess Dress, and Church Parade Order.

Girdle - Only worn by Officers of Lancers (Light Horse) in Orders 1, 5, and 6; olivets to be under the left armpit.

Great Coat - Mounted Services will carry great coat rolled in front of the saddle.

"Sam Browne" Belts - Worn in Orders of Dress 2 and 3 when on duty or at parade.

Shoulder-pads - Should be made to come well out and rather over the point of the shoulder. They should be made stiff, and the points (well stiffened) should be turned slightly upwards, so as to look square and give rather the idea of an epaulette.

Shoulder-straps - Detachable - Are worn in Orders of Dress 2 and 3. They will be removed to allow of fixing on shoulder pads in other orders.

Sash - Optional with Officers Commanding for Engineers, Infantry, and Departments; worn as in 34 by all other arms except Lancers, who wear a girdle only. Staff Officers of an above the rank of Colonel will wear the sash with the frock coat.

Swords - Will always be worn in Orders 1, 5, and 6, but will not be worn with the "Sam Browne" belt unless specially ordered.

Officers appearing in Levee Order at Government House will not remove their swords until it is intimated to them by a Staff or Senior Officer present that they are at liberty to do so, when those Officers who wear the belt over the tunic will detach the sword and buckle the slings together.

When dismounted the front sling should be of such length that the point of the shoe of the scabbard just rests on the ground when standing at attention. When mounted the length of the front sling should be such that when passing the sword arm over the bridle hand to draw swords the hilt should come easily into the hand.

When Officers (dismounted) draw their swords the scabbards are to be carried in the left hand, except when sword is worn with Sam Browne belt.

Sword-knots - Must be worn with swords. In Mounted Services will be worn at full length. Others rolled round basket of hilt.

Spurs - Steel spurs are worn by all Officers of the Staff, Mounted Regiments, and by Mounted Officers of Dismounted Regiments. Care is to be taken that jack spurs are so strapped as to sit at right angles to the heel and about 2 inches above it.

Haversack - Worn over the right shoulder in "Service or Marching" Order, and when otherwise specially ordered. When empty it will be rolled, and in all cases under the belts.

Medals and Decorations - Will be worn strictly in accordance with para. 21.

Mourning Band - Officers in uniform, when in mourning or attending funerals, are to wear the band prescribed in para. 23.

This is the only mourning to be worn in uniform unless when otherwise specially ordered. It will never be worn at levees or drawing-rooms except when the Court is in mourning.

Mess - Waistcoats should be cut just to show centre shirt stud. Low shoes or pumps are not to be worn in Mess Dress. Mess Dress will never be worn when under canvas.

Puggarees - As in para. 29, to be worn at all times on helmet and hat.

Puttees - Should be wound from the inside of the leg outwards. They should finish off about 3 inches below the knee in the centre of the outside of the leg.

Revolver - Will only be worn in "Service or Marching" Order when specially directed. The case or pouch will not be worn unless the revolver is carried.

Trousers - Mess pattern will be worn in Mess dress in lieu of breeches or pantaloons. On dismounted duties generally, Mounted Officers will wear the trousers described in para. 40.

Waterproof Cloak - Worn as ordered, but not compulsorily, at discretion of Commanding Officers.

Watch Chains and Trinkets are not to be worn outside the uniform.

AUSTIN CHAPMAN,  
Minister of State for Defence.

By Order,

M. BAYLY, Lieut.-Colonel, A.A.G.,  
Acting D.A.G. and C.S.O.

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AUSTRALIA'S ONLY OTHER GENERALS

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In the latter half of the 19th century Great Britain's two most distinguished soldiers were Field Marshal Lord Wolseley of the British Army and Field Marshal Lord Roberts of the Indian Army. In the late 1870s Wolseley was dubbed England's "only General". Later, when Roberts became famous too he was described as England's "only other General".

When the promotion of Lieutenant General Sir John Wilton, the Chairman of the Australian Chiefs of Staff Committee, was announced in August 1968 this announcement said, not as it could with truth have said, that he was Australia's only General, but incorrectly that he was Australia's only officer to have been promoted in peace time to the rank of full General.

Who were Australia's only other Generals? Before this question is answered it should be pointed out that not all full generals are equal in status. An inspection of Australian Army Lists since 1918 will show that our generals have been of two kinds: those with the substantive and those with the honorary rank of general. Honorary rank, unlike substantive rank, is unpaid and it confers no rights of seniority or powers of command on the holder. The granting of honorary rank on general officers is the Army's equivalent of the custom of universities of conferring honorary degrees on persons of distinction but this analogy should not be drawn too closely.

The distinction should also be noted between "general officers" and "generals". General officers are those who hold ranks of and above that of major general. The term therefore denotes officers of a particular class. On the other hand a general - sometimes referred to in the press and elsewhere as a "full general" - is an officer not only of a particular class but also of a particular rank within that class. He is a general officer immediately subordinate in rank to a field marshal. Holders of the now obsolete rank of brigadier-general were, as brigadiers are to-day, field officers. Field officers are a class immediately below that of general officers and it includes officers of all ranks from major to brigadier. But whereas brigadier-generals wore the uniform of a general officer, brigadiers have always worn the same uniform as a full colonel, except of course the actual badges of rank.

Australia's first general was an honorary general. He was a distinguished one-armed French general officer, General Paul Gerald Pau, who visited Australia towards the end of the War of 1914-18 as the leader of a French Mission to this country. The Australian Government appointed him, in October 1918, to the honorary rank of general in the Australian Military Forces. Australia's next general was also an honorary one. Like Pau he was a distinguished official visitor to this country but his ties with the Australian Army were much closer. He was General Sir William Birdwood of the Indian Army who later became Field Marshal Baron Birdwood of Anzac and Totnes. He came to Australia in December 1919, with General

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Monash, as the guest of the Australian Government. He had commanded the A.I.F. since September 1915 and he retained this command during his visit to Australia and afterwards until September 1920. Then he resumed duty with the Indian Army. It was on the 29th January, 1920, during his visit to Melbourne, that the Australian Government appointed him to the honorary rank of general in the Australian Military Forces. Five years later Birdwood became the Commander-in-Chief in India with the rank of field marshal in the Indian Army. It is not widely known to-day that his name stood in the Australian Army List from March 1925 until his death in May 1951 as an honorary Australian field marshal. He is, therefore, strictly speaking Australia's first field marshal. Birdwood was known as "The Soul of Anzac" and the loyalty and affection he received from the Diggers of the first A.I.F. who looked on him as "the Boss Digger" is probably unique in British military history.

A special occasion in the history of the Australian Army was Armistice Day in 1929. On that day Sir Harry Chauvel and Sir John Monash were promoted from lieutenant generals to generals with substantive rank. This was the first time in the history of the Australian Army that any of its general officers had been promoted to this exalted rank. Nevertheless, the promotions were hardly noticed or commented on at the time and they seem to have been largely forgotten in the years that have passed between then and now.

When the War of 1939-45 began in September 1939 Monash had been dead since October 1931 but Chauvel was to live on till March 1945. In December 1939 Australia's Governor-General, Brigadier-General Lord Gowrie, V.C., a retired officer of the British Army, was appointed to the honorary rank of general in the Australian Military Forces. His appointment to this rank removed the anomalous position in which he had often been placed on parades with officers of higher ranks.

In March 1940 the Chief of the Australian General Staff, Lieutenant General Squires of the British Army, died. Thereupon, Lieutenant General Sir Brudenell White was recalled from retirement, appointed Chief of the Australian General Staff for the second time in his military career, and promoted to the substantive rank of general. An effect of this promotion was that the three pre-eminent officers of the first A.I.F., Chauvel, Monash and White, became the first three Australian General Officers to attain the substantive rank of general. But White's enjoyment of this high rank was abruptly and violently terminated by death on duty five months later. With his Minister and others he was killed in a plane crash in Canberra on the 13th August, 1940.

In the following year, in September 1941, Lieutenant General Sir Thomas Blamey was promoted to the substantive rank of general. At that time he was commanding the A.I.F. (Middle East). He had distinguished himself in the War of 1914-18 as Monash's principal general staff officer at Headquarters, Australian Corps. In the King's Birthday Honours List in June 1950 his promotion was announced to the substantive rank of field marshal in the Australian Military Forces. In this rank an officer remains on the Active List with full pay until death. In Blamey's case serious illness came about a week after this promotion and death within

less than a year. On Saturday 16th September 1950 the Governor General, Sir William McKell, presented him with his marshal's baton in circumstances of great sadness in the Repatriation Hospital at Heidelberg where he died eight months later.

Australia's next general was the Governor of New South Wales, Lieutenant General Sir John Northcott, who was a retired officer of the Australian Staff Corps. In July 1951 he was "granted the honorary rank of General whilst administering the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia."

After Blamey's promotion to the substantive rank of general in 1941, twenty seven years elapsed before the Australian Government made another promotion to this rank. Then it announced Sir John Wilton's promotion to the substantive rank of general and this promotion became effective on the 1st September, 1968. Now he is truly Australia's only General.

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#### BOOK REVIEW

By B. J. Videon.

Dr. K. G. Klietmann, "DIE DEUTSCHE WEHRMACHT 1934-1945".

In the January 1969 edition of SABRETACHE, I reviewed briefly the papers published by the well known German military researcher, Dr. Klietmann, numbered 1-25, in his series on the German Armed Forces in the years 1934-45.

The second series has now been published, numbered from 26 to 50.

As with the first series, this series includes a mass of valuable and interesting information which will appeal particularly to the enthusiast in German militaria. Unfortunately the papers are published in German, but the true enthusiast will not allow this to deter him from finding out the content of the papers on subjects which appeal to him.

Rank badges, Formation badges, weapons, flags, cuffbands, items of clothing, helmets, and other accoutrements of all sorts of regular or "wield" units are dealt with, one after the other, in apparent disorder. Most are illustrated, some in black and white, some in colour, some merely with sketches, but, if the subject is one that is in your field of interests, you may be sure that there will be something there that will be new to you!

The papers are loose, and cases may be purchased for filing them in any sequence that you may choose.

Prices of the papers vary from 2/4 to 5/6, with a discount of 20% if you subscribe to the whole series of 100 papers. Cases are 10/6 to 19/- each.

If you like German militaria, you MUST order now from the publishers, "Die Ordens Sammlung", 1 Berlin 12, Wielandstrasse 16, Germany.

FORMATION OF BRANCH OF THE SOCIETY AT GEELONG (Victoria)

As no objections to the formation of a Branch of the Society at Geelong (Victoria) were received, the Federal Council gave formal approval to its establishment on 20th June, 1969, with effect from 1st April, 1969.

J. B. HIRSH,  
Federal Secretary.

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BOOK REVIEW

By A. N. Festberg.

1. Uniforms of the Yeomanry Regiments.
2. Uniforms of the Royal Artillery.
3. Infantry Uniforms of the British Army I.
4. Infantry Uniforms of the British Army II, by P.H. Smitherman, Hugh Evelyn, \$10.60 each.

When one good Uniform book is published the collectors are happy; when four have been published they should be delirious with joy.

Colonel Smitherman has done a highly commendable job both in research and as a skilled draughtman.

Each book contains 20 colour plates accompanied by a brief text and most important the source.

It is a great pity that the Yeomanry could not have been dealt with more fully, considering that they have just about disappeared, being absorbed by other Corps. But who could have afforded the cost?

The Royal Artillery has been fully covered and includes the Indian Artillery.

The Royal Artillery being over 250 years old have, of course, a unique history and as their motto implies they have been everywhere.

Infantry Regiments have been dealt with in two volumes. The first one covers the period from 1660 to 1790 and the second one from 1790 to 1850. A third volume, 1880 to 1960, is yet to be published. The same applies to the Cavalry and Scottish Regiments.

All in all, when this series, covering seven volumes is completed it will provide a lasting tribute to the fast diminishing British Army.

I have, however, two complaints one is that the size of these books (14-3/4" x 9 1/2") is far to large for a normal bookshelf. Second is the price - \$10.60 per volume places them beyond the reach of the average collector.

A reduction in size would not have spoilt the designs - as the covers show - and would therefore have reduced the price.

Both the author and the publisher are to be commended for having undertaken this project, and for having carried it out so well.

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### DESPATCHES

(Comments, queries and letters from our readers).

From Mr. Alan Humphreys, of 3 Neil Street, WEST FOOTSCRAY, 3012.

This reader is interested in fortress artillery, and raises the following questions concerning Port Fairy, Victoria:-

1. What year was construction started on the fort at Port Fairy, and what year was it completed?
2. How many troops manned the fort?
3. Were these local militia or regular troops?
4. If these were regular troops were they billeted in private homes or proper barracks?
5. What types of Artillery did they use? (MUZZLE or BREECH loading) and what range did these weapons have?
6. If possible could you give me a rough layout of the Fort, Barracks, Magazine, Town?

Can any member help, preferably with copy to SABRETACHE?

From Major T.C. Sargent.

Reference 'Sabretache' Vol. X No. 2, October 1967 - "Some Interesting British Army Units" and Vol. X No. 3, January 1968 in which some details are given of the King's German Legion - here are a few details on another of the "Foreign Corps" listed - The Brunswick Cavalry and the Brunswick Infantry.

No better summary of the history of the Brunswick units could be given than that by C. T. Atkinson - "The Brunswick Hussars were the cavalry of the Brunswick Free Corps, a "Black Legion" raised in Silesia in 1809 by Frederick William, Duke of Brunswick-Oels, the third son of the Brunswick of Valmy and the Jena campaign, to assist in Austria's effort to throw off the yoke of Napoleon. After Austria's failure the Duke and his men made a most desperate raid into Westphalia in the hopes of rousing his father's former subjects to rise against their new ruler, Jerome Bonaparte. It was a hopeless venture. Westphalia was not ready to rise, certainly not after Wagram, and the Duke and his legion only escaped destruction or surrender through finding a British Squadron cruising off the mouth of the Weser to pick them up and carry them to Ireland. The "Black Legion" was then taken

into our pay as the Brunswick Hussars and Brunswick-Oels Light Infantry. The Infantry went out to Portugal in 1810 and served under Wellington: the cavalry remained some time longer in Ireland, where they fell foul of the people on whom they were quartered and had something like a free fight with them, after which they, too, were sent out to the Peninsula and served in the East Coast along with the troop of Foreign Hussars, which had been raised in Sicily from the King's German Legion and other units of which the force in Sicily contained so many."<sup>1</sup>

The Brunswick-Oels Light Infantry were present at most of the engagements of the Peninsula War after its arrival in Portugal in September 1810. Survivors were eventually awarded bars to the Military General Service Medal for Fuentes de Onoro, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Pyrenees, St. Sebastian, Nivelles, Nive, Orthez and Toulouse.<sup>2</sup>

Their reputation was varied, they performed well at Fuentes de Onoro (5 May 1811) and at the Pass of Maya in the Pyrenees (25 July 1813) but they behaved badly during the retreat from Burgos in late 1812 when they lost the bridge of Tordisillas - "This battalion was not trusted by the British, owing to the number of deserters that passed over to the enemy from its ranks."<sup>3</sup>

Little information, other than that above, is available on the Brunswick Hussars. As mentioned they were on the East Coast of Spain in 1813 where they formed part of Bentinck's Force.<sup>4</sup>

Unfortunately no uniform details are available, but it is believed that both Infantry and Cavalry were clothed in black - hence the title "Black Legion". A contemporary print of the "Duke of Brunswick-Oels" shows a cavalry-man in typical 1815 Hussar uniform (possibly black) wearing a black shako with large death's-head badge. This badge survived in German regiments of Brunswick origin to both WWI and WWII and those worn in WWI by the Hussar Regiment 17 (Brunswick) and the Infantry Regiment 92 III Battalion carried the battle honours "Peninsula, Sicilien, Waterloo" and "Peninsula" respectively.<sup>5</sup>

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APRIL 1969 SABRETACHE--CORRIGENDA

We regret that an error appeared in the details of gorget patches listed on page 85 of the April edition.

At line 6 the colour of gorget patches for Volunteer Troops is shown as "scarlet, omitting coloured line down centre".

This should have read:

"As above, omitting coloured line down centre".

In fact, in the original article this line appears to have been inserted out of sequence, and should perhaps have been placed under Infantry, as the colour of the Volunteer gorget was dark green without a coloured line down the centre.

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IN THE NEWS

by B. J. Videon.

THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY AVIATION CORPS.

In the July 1968 edition of SABRETACHE we showed a design for the badge of this Corps, saying that the motto "YUMANA" was to replace the motto "VIGILANCE" previously chosen.

A new badge chart has recently been prepared by the Army, and on it the badge of this Corps is shown with the motto "VIGILANCE" but otherwise as illustrated by us.

OFFICER TRAINING UNIT

On the same chart, the badge of the Officer Training Unit is described as being of "THE BATTALION OF OFFICER CADETS", but is as illustrated in Festberg "Australian Army Insignia".

STATE REGIMENTS

Badges of the State Regiments are gradually appearing. We have seen those of Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria, and we understand that N.S.W. is now available. Supplies seem to be very limited, but members may be able to advise us where they may be bought.

These badges must hold some sort of a record for the longest time between design and issue!

NAVAL AIRCREW WINGS

Gold metal wings for naval aircrews of the R.A.N. are now in existence. The two types seen by the writer are for Pilot and Observer. They are most attractively designed, and, oddly for these days, well-made. The designs consist of outspread wings with the crowned anchor in the centre. The Observer wings are very similar to the Pilots, but the letter "O" can be discerned surrounding the central motif.

R.A.A.F. SHOULDER EAGLES

The new style shoulder eagle badges for airmen have appeared. These show the Australian Wedgetailed eagle in similar form to that on the new buttons etc., but in the blue thread the design seems to lose something. The backing cloth is cut to shape, giving a shallow V-shaped effect that is disturbing to an eye accustomed to badges following the curve of the shoulder.

The same eagle appears in the latest shoulder patches for "RAAF APPRENTICES", in both khaki and blue finishes.

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THE MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA  
ANNUAL ELECTION OF FEDERAL COUNCIL FOR 1969/70

The Annual Election of Federal Council will take place at the Twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Society, to be held at 262 Tucker Road, Ormond East, Victoria, on Friday, 29th August, 1969.

The following nominations were received:

FEDERAL PRESIDENT:	Mr. J. K. Lyons
FEDERAL VICE-PRESIDENT:	Mr. B. J. Videon
FEDERAL SECRETARY:	No Nominations Received
FEDERAL TREASURER:	Mr. P. O. Lober

As the above-named were nominated unopposed it will not be necessary to conduct a Ballot, and these persons will automatically take office at the Annual General Meeting. The position of Federal Secretary will be filled by the Federal Council as empowered by the Constitution.

A. RAY, LL.B.  
Returning Officer

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307. Mr. John E. Price, Flat 7, 16 Barrett Street, CHELTENHAM, VIC, 3192.  
(All aspects of military history & lore; military heraldry;  
collects cap badges.)
308. Mr. J.D.C. Burridge, 11 Pltn., D Company, 5 RAR, AFPO 4, SYDNEY,  
N.S.W. 2890.  
(Interests Unknown)
309. Mr. J. Grant, Flat 63, 38-42 Waterloo Cres., EAST PERTH, WA, 6000.  
(Napoleonic Era - French and satellite armies.)
310. Mr. David P. Legg, Flat 11, Cottesloe Heights, COTTESLOE, WA, 6011.  
(British Commonwealth cap badges - particularly Australian.)
311. Mr. Wesley J. Adams, 98 Anzac Avenue, SEYMOUR, VIC. 3660.  
(Medals, badges, uniforms, books and arms; subjects pertaining  
to the Armed Forces.)
312. Mr. Kenneth H. Holder, 19 South Tce., PLYMPTON PARK, S.A. 5038.  
(Australian military history - all services and all facets.)
313. W.O.I. Jack C. Hughan, Borneo Barracks, CABARLAH, QLD., 4350.  
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299. Mr. Gary T. Field, to 28 Alexandra Street, ST. KILDA, VIC. 3182.



