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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, February 18, 1916.

The following regulations shall govern the uniforms for warrant officers and enlisted persons of the United States Coast Guard, and shall be strictly complied with. They shall be effective May 1, 1916, and all persons on the active list of the Coast Guard shall be fully provided with the uniform herein prescribed not later than June 30, 1916. All regulations governing the uniforms of warrant officers and enlisted persons of the former Revenue-Cutter Service, and all regulations prescribing uniforms for persons in the former Life-Saving Service, are hereby superseded.

By direction of the Secretary.

B. R. NEWTON,
Assistant Secretary.

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UNIFORMS FOR WARRANT OFFICERS.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. Warrant officers shall wear the prescribed uniforms at all times on board ship and at stations and also when ashore on duty. They may wear civilian dress when on liberty or leave of absence in domestic ports.

2. The regulations relative to the wearing of uniforms for commissioned officers shall govern in the case of warrant officers whenever applicable.

3. Warrant officers to whom medals or badges have been awarded by the Government shall wear them with blue dress uniform on occasions of ceremony.

4. Warrant officers drilling, or serving with, men under arms shall wear the service revolver belt with revolver.

5. A man rated as an acting warrant officer will not be required to obtain the uniform of a warrant officer until he receives an appointment from Headquarters, but may continue to wear the uniform of his old rating.

6. The white coat shall not be worn with blue trousers. The white cap shall be worn with white trousers and may be worn with blue trousers. White shoes shall be worn with white trousers, except when leggins are worn, or when on duty with enlisted men under arms on shore, or when on account of the nature of the work on hand the commanding officer permits black shoes to be worn.

7. The olive-drab coat shall not be worn with blue trousers nor the blue coat with olive-drab trousers. The olive-drab cap and tan shoes shall be worn with the olive-drab uniform.

8. White collars and cuffs shall be worn with white uniform at musters and quarters on board ship, and with olive-drab uniform, when such uniform is worn on liberty or beyond the scope of operations of the station.

9. No watch chains, fobs, pins, or other jewelry, except shirt studs or sleeve buttons, shall be worn exposed upon the uniform by any officer of the Coast Guard.

10. Black shoes shall be worn at all times with leggins, when blue or white uniforms are worn.

11. The uniforms prescribed for warrant officers are dress and service dress, and shall be as follows:

(a) BLUE DRESS.

(For all warrant officers—at least one suit required.)

Blue coat, of cloth.

Blue trousers, of cloth.

Blue cap.

White collars and cuffs.

White gloves shall be worn whenever commissioned officers are in full dress or dress uniform.

(b) BLUE SERVICE DRESS.**(For all warrant officers—at least one suit required.)**

Blue coat, of cloth, flannel, or serge.

Blue trousers, of cloth, flannel, or serge.

Blue cap.

White collar.

Clothing that has been some time in service may be worn.

(c) WHITE SERVICE DRESS.**(For all warrant officers except keepers—at least two suits required.)**

White coat.

White trousers.

White cap.

(d) OLIVE-DRAB SERVICE DRESS.**(For keepers only—at least two suits required.)**

Olive-drab coat.

Olive-drab trousers.

Olive-drab cap.

Olive-drab flannel or cotton shirt.

DESCRIPTION OF UNIFORMS.

BLUE COAT.

12. To be a sack coat, shaped to the figure and to descend to top of inseam of trousers; the body to be lined with black Italian cloth or silk serge, and the sleeves may be lined with drab jean; a slit over each hip extending 5 inches from the bottom of the coat; single-breasted, with a fly front fitted with plain, flat, black gutta percha buttons, the top button being $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch below the base of the collar and the lowest button 1 inch below the waist.

The coat shall have a straight front standing collar, not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ nor more than 2 inches high, stiffened by a strip of suitable material inserted between the two plys. The collar shall have square corners, closed by two black-enneled hooks and eyes, one at the base of the collar and one close to the top of the collar. The outside of the collar shall be covered with lustrous black mohair braid of the same width as the collar, laid on flat.

The edges of the coat and the edges of the hip slits shall be trimmed with lustrous black mohair braid, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, laid on flat. On each sleeve there shall be one stripe of flat black mohair braid, 1 inch wide, placed $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches above lower edge of cuff. To have one inside vertical pocket on each side.

Inside the front of the collar shall be fitted a small tongue of the same material as the coat, to be worn across the opening between the front edges of the collar, thus rendering the wearing of a tie unnecessary.

The blue coat for dress shall be of dark navy-blue cloth. The coat for service dress may be of cloth, flannel, or serge, dark navy blue in color.

COLLAR DEVICES.

13. Collar devices shall be made of No. 14 gilder's metal, $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick, in high relief, and placed upon each side of the collar of the blue coat $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch from the front vertical edge of the collar. Each device shall be 1 inch in height, smooth finish, gilt, detachable, and fitted with hard soldered joint pin and catch.

14. Collar devices shall be as follows:

For master's mate.—Same as cap device. (Pl. I, fig. 1.)

For keeper.—Two diagonally crossed oars on a circular life buoy. Bronze devices shall be used for olive-drab coat. (Pl. I, fig. 2.)

For boatswain.—Two foul anchors crossed on center of shanks. (Pl. I, fig. 3.)

For gunner.—A flaming spherical shell, flame parallel to neck edge of collar and pointing to rear. (Pl. I, fig. 4.)

For machinist.—A three-bladed propeller wheel. (Pl. I, fig. 6.)

For carpenter.—A chevron, point down. (Pl. I, fig. 5.)

15. Collar devices, similar to those described above, shall be worn on each side of the collar of the white coat and plain dull-finish soft bronze devices on each side of the collar of the olive-drab coat.

WHITE COAT.

16. To be made of white linen or cotton duck, or similar material, and trimmed with white linen or cotton braid on the cuffs and collar and around

edges of coat and edges of hip slits, of the same widths and laid on in the same manner as the braid on the blue coat. It shall be similar in cut and fit to the blue coat.

OLIVE-DRAB COAT.

17. To be of Army standard olive-drab cotton cloth and trimmed with the same color linen or cotton braid on the cuffs and collar and around edges of coat and edges of hip slits, of the same widths and laid on in the same manner as the braid on the blue coat. It shall be similar in cut and fit to the blue coat.

TROUSERS.

18. To be of dark navy-blue cloth, white linen or cotton duck, or Army standard olive-drab cotton cloth (for keepers only), with side pockets; all seams to be plain. The suspender buttons shall be on the inside of the waistband, which shall have 6 belt loops on the inside. Trousers of dark navy-blue flannel or serge may be worn with flannel or serge coat, respectively.

BLUE CAP.

19. To be of dark navy-blue cloth, the diameter at the top to be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch greater than at the base, the quarters not less than $1\frac{1}{4}$ nor more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, and of the same height in front and at the back. The seam around the top shall be made without a welt and neatly stitched on each side. The band shall be $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, with a welt $\frac{1}{8}$ inch in diameter at the top and bottom. The bottom welt shall be $\frac{1}{8}$ inch from the base of the cap. A band of black lustrous mohair braid, similar to that used for trimming blue coats, shall be worn between the upper and lower welts. The visor shall be of black patent leather, molded to shape and bound with the same, green underneath; rounded and sloping downward at an angle of 45 degrees from the horizontal; depth at center to be about $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches. The sweat lining shall be of morocco. Four black metal eyelets, two on each side, shall be placed above the band in the quarters for ventilation. A small-size gilt Coast Guard button shall be placed on each side beyond the ends of the visor, the eye of the button immediately above the lower welt. There shall be a metal eyelet in the center line of the front immediately above the mohair braid, for the screw post of the cap device.

The chin strap shall be a sliding strap of gold or gilt wire lace, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide, backed with black leather, fastened under the buttons; strap to be drawn between the buttons and to rest on the upper edge of the visor.

The cap device shall be of gilder's metal No. 14 (smooth finish) and shall be attached to the cap by means of a screw post through the eyelet on the front of the cap, and shall consist of two gilt foul anchors, each $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, crossed on centers of shanks, with a silver shield, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in height, placed upright upon the crossing of the two anchors. (Pl. I, fig. 1.)

WHITE CAP.

20. To be of the same shape and appearance as the blue cap, except that the top shall be white above the black mohair braid. It shall be a skeleton cap, with device, mohair band, chin strap, buttons, and visor, the same as on the blue cap, but with a removable, snug-fitting cover of white linen duck or similar material. There shall be a nonrusting metal eyelet in the center of the front of the cover immediately above the mohair band to receive the screw post of the cap device. Two covers required.