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PRESCRIBING UNIFORM FOR OFFICERS OF U. S. REVENUE MARINE.

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Hereafter, and until otherwise directed, the uniform of the Officers of the U. S. Revenue Marine shall be as follows:

FULL DRESS.

The full-dress coat for all commissioned officers will be a body-coat of navy-blue cloth, double-breasted, lined with black silk; the waist of the coat to descend to the top of the hip-bone; the skirts to begin about one-fifth of the circumference from the front edge and descend four-fifths from the hip-bone toward the knee, with one button behind on each hip and one near the bottom of the pocket in each fold; two rows of buttons on the breast, nine in each row, placed four inches and a half apart from eye to eye at top, and two inches and a half at bottom; the cuffs of the coat to be closed, without buttons, and to be from two and a half to three inches deep; rolling collar.

(Full-dress coat for Assistant Engineers will be the frock-coat hereinafter prescribed.)

Blue vest or white, according to season, single-breasted, with seven buttons.

Pantaloon, navy blue or white, according to season; blue pantaloons to have a twisted black-silk cord, three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, down the outside seams.

UNDRESS.

The undress-coat for all commissioned officers will be of navy-blue cloth, faced with the same and lined with black serge; double-breasted, with two rows of large buttons on the breast, nine in each row, placed four inches and a half apart from eye to eye at top, and two inches and a half at bottom; rolling collar; skirts to be full, commencing at the hip-bone and descending four-fifths thence towards the knee, with one button behind on each hip and one near the bottom of the pocket in each fold; cuffs to be closed without buttons and from two and a half to three inches deep. Vest and pantaloons same as for full dress.

FATIGUE-COAT.

Sack-coats of navy-blue flannel or blue cloth may be worn by all officers when off duty, or on watch at sea by permission of the commanding officer; sack-coats shall be single-breasted with a row of five medium buttons on the right breast. Shoulder-straps and gold lace will not be worn on sack-coats. (Assistant Engineers will be permitted to wear the sack or fatigue-coat on occasions of ordinary duty on board ship.)

BUTTONS.

Buttons shall be gilt, convex, of two sizes, eight-tenths of an inch and nine-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, each size to have the same device, a Treasury shield surmounted by a fowl anchor resting on a wreath, with the letters U. S. divided by the shield in a line with centre of button.

CAP FOR LINE-OFFICERS AND ENGINEERS.

Cap of dark blue cloth, diameter at top same as at base; quarters not less than $1\frac{1}{4}$ nor more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, in front, sloping gradually, and to be not less than one-half inch nor more than three-fourths inch wide at back of cap; the seam around the tip to be without a welt, and stitched on each side; band to be $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, including a welt one-eighth inch at top, also one-quarter inch from base of cap. A plain black ribbed-silk band will be worn between the upper and lower welts. Visor to be made of black patent-leather, not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ nor more than $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in front, and rounded. The cap-front is to be not less than $2\frac{3}{4}$ nor more than $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches in height, according to size; eyelets to be inserted in top for ventilation.

SWORD FOR LINE-OFFICERS AND ENGINEERS.

A small sword, double-edge blade, not less than twenty-six nor more than twenty-nine inches long; dagger hilt, grip white, scabbard of black leather, mountings of yellow gilt; belt of black glazed or enamelled leather.

EPAULETTES FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

Gold epaulettes of patterns prescribed for Lieutenant Commanders, U. S. Navy.

SLEEVE-ORNAMENTS AND SHOULDER-STRAPS FOR LINE-OFFICERS AND ENGINEERS.

Captain.—Full and undress, four bands of $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch gold lace around each sleeve; lower band two inches from lower edge of cuff; first three bands one-quarter inch apart; upper band one-half inch above third band. One inch above the centre of upper band will be a gold-embroidered shield, three-quarters inch in extreme length and breadth.

Shoulder-straps, undress, gold-embroidered rectangles, 4 inches long and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide; outside edges of $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch bullion, edged with twisted gilt wire, on dark-blue cloth. In centre of rectangles, a gold-embroidered fowl anchor, one and a quarter inches in length, with a $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch shield embroidered in silver on the shank, and perpendicular to the crown of the anchor. At each end, and inside of the rectangles, there will be a gold-embroidered oak leaf five-eighths inch long.

First Lieutenant.—Same as Captain, omitting upper gold band on sleeves, placing shield one inch above bands, and substituting two gold bars, one-half inch long and one-quarter inch wide, in gold embroidery for leaves, in shoulder-straps.

Second Lieutenant.—Same as First Lieutenant, omitting one band on sleeves, placing shield one inch above bands, and omitting one bar in each end of shoulder-straps.

Third Lieutenant.—Same as Second Lieutenant, omitting one band on sleeves and bars in shoulder-straps.

Chief Engineer.—Same as First Lieutenant, omitting shield on sleeves, and substituting for the anchor and shield in shoulder-straps a silver-embroidered propeller-wheel, with four blades, seven-eighths inch in diameter, with gold-embroidered boss.

First Assistant Engineer.—Same as Chief, omitting one band on sleeves and one bar in each end of shoulder-straps.

Second Assistant Engineer.—Same as First Assistant, omitting one band on sleeves and bars in shoulder-straps.

CAP-ORNAMENTS FOR ALL OFFICERS.

Cap-ornament: A gold-embroidered spread-eagle one inch in height, extreme points of wings two and a half inches apart, and on a line with centre of the shield, the latter to be one-half inch, embroidered in silver in the breast of the eagle; the talons of the eagle to grasp the shank of a silver-embroidered fowl

anchor, one and a half inches long. Surrounding the eagle there will be thirteen silver stars no larger than three-sixteenths of an inch in size. The chin-strap for the cap will be a double loop of twisted cord, one-fourth inch in diameter, composed of alternate strands of blue silk and gold cord.

COLLAR-ORNAMENTS FOR SACK-COATS.

Captain.—A gold-embroidered shield and oak leaf.

First Lieutenant.—A gold-embroidered shield and two bars.

Second Lieutenant.—A gold-embroidered shield and one bar.

Third Lieutenant.—A gold-embroidered shield as in shoulder-straps.

Chief Engineer.—A gold-embroidered propeller-wheel and two bars.

First Assistant Engineer.—A gold-embroidered propeller-wheel and one bar.

Second Assistant Engineer.—A gold-embroidered propeller-wheel.

The collar-ornaments will be worn on ends of collar.

Shoulder-straps will not be worn on sack-coats.

Officers will wear the undress uniform on all occasions of boarding vessels.

Officers on waiting orders will not wear their uniform, and they are forbidden to wear any part of their uniform with citizen's dress, or while suspended from duty.

Petty officers and seamen will wear the uniform prescribed in Circular, March 15, 1871.

John Sherman

Secretary.