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# ADMIRALTY FLEET ORDER

## SUPPLY OF VICTUALLING STORES IN UNITED KINGDOM —PROCEDURE CONSEQUENT UPON DISPERSAL OF STOCKS.

ADMIRALTY, S.W.1,  
5th February, 1942.

The following Order having been approved by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty is hereby promulgated for information and guidance and necessary action.

By Command of their Lordships,

*J. V. Markham*

To all Commanders-in-Chief, Flag Officers, Senior Naval Officers, Captains and Commanding Officers of H.M. Ships and Vessels, Superintendents or Officers in Charge of H.M. Naval Establishments, and Admiralty Overseers concerned.

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NOTE:—The scale of distribution is shown in the revised Admiralty Fleet Order Volume Instructions—A.F.O. 4544/41, paragraph 10.

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### 517.—Supply of Victualling Stores in United Kingdom— Procedure Consequent Upon Dispersal of Stocks

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A policy of dispersal of victualling stores away from the main Naval bases has been carried out and is now practically completed. Broadly speaking the aim has been to retain at the main Naval bases sufficient stocks of victualling stores to meet urgent requirements and to transfer the balance to less vulnerable areas. In most instances the sub-depôts are scattered over a fairly wide area.

2. The effect of this arrangement is that while it will continue to be possible to meet urgent requirements of the fleet locally at short notice, replenishments will normally be sent from inland depôts. It is essential, therefore, for the smooth working of the scheme and to save double handling and transport that as much notice as possible should be given of all requirements.

3. The appendix to this Order gives particulars of the various victualling yards and depôts in the United Kingdom and the ships and establishments they will serve. Where necessary, local orders are to be issued by the appropriate administrative authority amplifying the procedure for the supply of victualling stores under this dispersal scheme.

4. The arrangements set out in the appendix do not apply to the supply of fresh provisions or water which are already dealt with in local port orders, etc.

5. It will not be possible at the outset to effect an immediate change in the yard or depôt from which supplies are received by all ships and establishments until accommodation and handling facilities are complete. In the meantime such ships and establishments will be directed to adhere to existing arrangements.

#### APPENDIX

Area, Yard or Depôt	Headquarters	Ships and Establishments served				Demands to be sent to
		Provisions	Seamen's Clothing, Soap and Tobacco	Mess Gear	Officers' Clothing, Flying Clothing, W.R.N.S. Clothing	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Eastern Area ...	Deptford (with 7 sub-depôts).	Ships and establishments at Ports in Essex and Kent (other than those supplied from Victualling Depôt, Dover). Ships and Establishments in London Area. "Ganges".	As for provisions	As for provisions	—	Superintendent, Royal Victoria Yard, Deptford, S.E.8. (Tel.: New Cross 0012.)
Victualling Depôt, Dover.	Dover ...	Ships and Establishments at Dover, Margate and Deal.	As for provisions	As for provisions	—	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depôt, Dover. (Tel.: Dover 1254.)

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Midland Area...	Leicester (with 25 sub-depôts).	Ships and establishments at ports in Norfolk and Suffolk.	As for provisions and in addition "Royal Arthur."	As for seamen's clothing.	All ships and Establishments in England, Wales and N. Ireland except those allocated to Southern Area (Guildford), see below. But see Note A.	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depôt, Leicester. (Tel. : Leicester 5252-3).
Victualling Depôt, Immingham.	Immingham (with 1 sub-depôt).	Ships and establishments at Immingham, Hull and Grimsby. "Royal Arthur."	Ships and establishments at Immingham, Hull and Grimsby.	As for seamen's clothing.	—	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depôt, Immingham Docks. (Tel. : Immingham 102.)

Yorkshire Area.	Stainland (with 7 sub-depôts).	Ships and bases in Tyne Area, including Tees. (But see Note B.)	As for provisions.	As for provisions except that commissioning demands for large ships will be met from Lancashire Area.	—	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depôt, Stainland, Nr. Halifax, Yorks. (Tel. : Stainland 67255.) Urgent demands to :— Officer - in - Charge, H.M. Naval Victualling Sub-Depôt, Northallerton, Yorks. (Tel. : Northallerton 568.)
Lancashire Area.	Accrington (with 16 sub-depôts).	Ships and Establishments at Liverpool and Birkenhead and elsewhere in Lancashire, Cumberland and Isle of Man. Large ships completing at Belfast.	As for provisions and in addition "Glendower".	As for seamen's clothing and in addition large ships completing on Tyne.	—	Superintending Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depôts, Lancashire Area, Accrington, Lanes. (Tel. : Accrington 3604.) Urgent demands, etc., for stores required in Mersey Area may be forwarded to Assistant Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Victualling Depôt, Rubins Buildings, London Road, Liverpool. (Tel. : Liverpool Royal 3322.) (See A.F.O. 4881/41.)

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Victualling Depôt, Cullybackey, N. Ireland.	Cullybackey ...	H.M. Ships and Naval Bases in Northern Ireland other than large ships completing at Belfast. (See Lancashire Area.)	As for provisions...	As for provisions...	—	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depôt, Cullybackey, Co. Antrim. (Tel : Cullybackey 241).
Victualling Depôt, Newtown.	Newtown (with 4 Sub-Depôts)	"Duke", "Cabala", "Cabot". Newcastle-under-Lyme, "Glendower," Highnam Court Camp. Ships and Establishments in S. Wales (except Milford Haven).	As for provisions, except "Glendower" (vide Lancashire Area).	As for seamen's clothing.	—	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depôt, Newtown, Montgomeryshire. (Tel : Newtown 429).
Victualling Depôt, Milford Haven.	Milford Haven	Ships and Bases at Milford Haven.	As for provisions...	As for provisions...	—	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depôt, Milford Haven. (Tel : Milford Haven 473).
South-Western Area.	Launceston (with 10 depôts).	Ships and Establishments at Plymouth and elsewhere in Devon and Cornwall.	As for provisions	As for provisions	—	Pending further instructions all demands to be sent to Superintending Victualling Store Officer, Royal William Yard, Plymouth. (Tel. : Plymouth 61492).
Southern Area	Thatcham (near Newbury) (with 7 sub-depôts).	Ships and establishments at Portsmouth, Portland and elsewhere in Hants, Sussex, Dorset and Isle of Wight.	As for provisions	As for provisions	All ships and Establishments which draw other Victualling stores from Eastern, Southern and South-Western Areas. But see Note A.	Demands for Officers', Flying and W.R.N.S. clothing may be sent direct to Officer-in-Charge, H.M. Victualling Sub-Depôt (Southern Area), Guildford. (Tel. : Guildford 774.) Pending further instructions all other demands are to be sent to Superintending Victualling Store Officer, Royal Clarence Yard, Gosport. (Tel. : Portsmouth 74571.)

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Jamestown, Scotland.	Jamestown (with 1 Sub-Depôt).	Ships and Establishments and Bases on W.Coast of Scotland excluding those provided for under Greenock.	As for provisions and in addition ships at Scapa. (Demands forwarded through V.S.O. Scapa) and (except soap and tobacco Naval Establishments and Bases in Orkneys and Shetlands.	As for Seamen's Clothing.	Ships and Establishments in Scotland and Tyne Area.(But see Note A.)	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depôt, Jamestown, Dumbartonshire. (Tel : Alexandria 397.)
Glasgow ...	Glasgow ...	Ships and Establishments in Clyde in and above. Rothesay Dock	As for provisions...	As for provisions...	—	Officer-in-Charge, H.M. Naval Victualling Depôt, Glasgow. (Tel : Glasgow, Central 8700 Extension 207).
Greenock ...	Greenock (with 2 Sub-Depôts).	Ships in Clyde west of Rothesay Dock and Bases at Ardrossan, Campbeltown, Dunoon and R.N. Air Station, Machrihanish.	As for provisions...	As for provisions...	—	Victualling Store Officer, Navy Office, Clarence Street, Greenock. (Tel : Greenock 2280.)
Rosyth ...	Rosyth (with 5 Sub-Depôts).	Ships and Establishments at ports in the Rosyth and Aberdeen Areas of the Rosyth Command and R.N. Air Stations in this command. Naval Establishments and bases in Orkneys and Shetlands. Ships at Scapa other than destroyers, etc., which are supplied from Buenos Aires.	Ships and Establishments at ports in the Rosyth and Aberdeen Areas of the Rosyth Command and R.N. Air Stations in this Command. Soap and Tobacco (only) for Naval Establishments and bases in Orkneys and Shetlands.	Ships and Establishments at ports in the Rosyth and Aberdeen Areas of the Rosyth Command and R.N. Air Stations in this Command.	—	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Victualling Yard, Rosyth. (Tel. : Inverkeithing 234).

See Notes on p. 10.

NOTES.

A. The date from which supplies of W.R.N.S., Officers' and Flying Clothing will be available at Jamestown will be promulgated later. In the meantime officers' and flying clothing will be supplied as follows :—

*Officers' Clothing.*

Ships and Establishments in Scotland and Tyne Area	...	...	...	Leicester.
All other Ships and Establishments	...	...	...	Guildford.

*Flying Clothing.*

Ships and Establishments which draw other Victualling Stores from Eastern, Southern and South Western Areas	...	...	...	Guildford.
All other Ships and Establishments	...	...	...	Leicester.

The procedure laid down in A.F.O. 3870/41 for demanding W.R.N.S.' clothing will continue.

B. The date from which supplies of Victualling Stores may be demanded on the Yorkshire Area will be promulgated. In the interim, existing arrangements should continue. At present storage in Yorkshire Area is used for bulk stocks of certain items held in reserve and materials for issue to manufacturers.

C. All demands for Officers' and Seamen's library books should be forwarded to Director of Victualling (Bath).

(A.F.Os. 3870/41 and 4881/41.)