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ADMIRALTY FLEET ORDER
VICTUALLING STORES IN UNITED KINGDOM—SUPPLY OF

ADMIRALTY, S.W.1,

12th October, 1944.

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,

H. V. Markham

To all Commanders-in-Chief, Flag Officers, Senior Naval Officers, Captains and Commanding Officers of H.M. Ships, Vessels and C.O. Craft (see A.F.O. 3758/44) Superintendents or Officers in Charge of H.M. Naval Establishments, and Admiralty Overseers concerned.

Home Commands only.

NOTE:—The scale of distribution is approximately half that shown in the Admiralty Fleet Order Volume, 1941, Instructions, paragraph 10.

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5508.—Victualling Stores in United Kingdom—Supply of
(V. 7/5719/44.—12 Oct. 1944.)

The Appendix to this Order shows revised particulars of the various victualling yards and depots in the United Kingdom and the ships and establishments which they serve.

2. Under the present dispersal system whereby the bulk of stocks of victualling stores are kept at inland depots it is essential that as much notice of requirements as possible should be given. The stocks held at the main naval ports have been reduced to the minimum necessary to meet urgent local requirements.

3. 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.

APPENDIX

Area, Yard or Depot. (1)	Headquarters. (2)	Ships and Establishments served.				Demands to be sent to (7)
		Provisions. (3)	Seamen's Clothing, Soap and Tobacco. (4)	Mess Gear. (5)	Officers' Clothing, Flying Clothing, W.R.N.S. Clothing. (6)	
Eastern Area	Deptford ..	Ships and establishments in Essex, Kent, (except Dover Command), London, Middlesex, Surrey, Herts., Bucks, and H.M.S. "Ganges".	As for provisions and in addition part requirements of H.M.S. "Royal Arthur."	As for provisions..	—	Superintendent, Royal Victoria Yard, Deptford, S.E.S. (Telephone: New Cross 0012.)
Victualling Depot, Dover	Dover ..	All ships and establishments in the Dover Command.	As for provisions..	As for provisions..	—	Victualling Stores Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Dover. (Telephone: Dover 1250, Ext. 137.)
Midland Area	Leicester ..	Ships and Establishments in Norfolk, Suffolk, Notts., Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Hunts, Cambs., Rutland, Warwickshire, Northants., Beds, and Lines. (except Immingham, Grimsby and H.M.S. "Royal Arthur.")	As for provisions and in addition part requirements of H.M.S. "Royal Arthur."	As for Seamen's clothing.	Officer's Clothing. All Ships and Establishments in England and Wales except Tyne Area (allocated to James-town) and those allocated to Southern Area (Guildford). Flying and W.R.N.S. clothing as above but including North-ern Ireland,	Superintending Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Midland Area, Leicester. (Telephone: Leicester 65751L) For W.R.N.S. Clothing, see Note "A."

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Victualling Depot, Immingham	Immingham ..	Ships and establishments at Immingham, Hull, Grimsby, and H.M.S. "Royal Arthur".	Ships and establishments at Immingham, Hull and Grimsby.	As for Seamen's clothing.	—	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Immingham Docks, Lincs. (Telephone: Immingham 321.)
Yorkshire Area ..	Halifax ..	Ships and establishments in Northumberland, Durham and Yorkshire (except Hull).	As for provisions..	As for provisions..	—	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, Yorkshire Area, Prudential Buildings, Halifax. (Telephone: Halifax 5288.) Urgent demands to Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Northallerton. (Telephone: Northallerton 588.)
Lancashire Area ..	Accrington ..	Ships and establishments in Cumberland, Westmorland, Lancashire, Cheshire, Staffs, Isle of Man.	As for provisions and in addition H.M. Ships "Glendower", "Bee", and part requirements of H.M.S. "Royal Arthur".	As for seamen's clothing.	—	Superintending Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Lancs Area, Accrington, Lancs. (Telephone: Accrington 3604.) Demands for stores required by <u>cruisers and below (except trawlers) in the Mersey and by Establishments in the Liverpool district except R.N. Supply Base, Birkenhead, should be forwarded direct to the</u> Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Rubins Buildings, London Road, Liverpool. (Telephone: Liverpool North 1718.)

Northern Ireland ..	Belfast ..	A. Ships and Establishments at Belfast and Larne. B. Establishments at Londonderry.* R.N. Air Stations, Eglington and Maydown.	All requirements other than badges for Ships and Establishments at Belfast and Larne. As for provisions and in addition badges for Ships and Establishments at Belfast and Larne.	As for provisions.. As for provisions..	Officers' Clothing. As for provisions. Flying and W.R.N.S. Clothing. See Midland Area. As above	A. Victualling Store Officer, Northern Ireland, H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Ormeau Avenue, Belfast. (Telephone: Belfast 20006.) B. Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Cullybackey, Co. Antrim. (Telephone: Cullybackey 241.)
Victualling Depot, Newtown.	Newtown ..	Ships and establishments in Wales (except Milford Haven), Gloucestershire, Monmouth, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Worcestershire.	As for provisions except H.M. Ships "Glendower" and "Bee" (see Lancashire Area).	As for seamen's clothing.	—	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Newtown, Montgomeryshire. (Telephone: Newtown 366.)
Victualling Depot, Milford Haven.	Milford Haven	Ships and establishments at Milford Haven.	As for provisions .	As for provisions..	—	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Milford Haven. (Telephone: Milford Haven 473.)
South Western Area ..	Launceston ..	Ships and establishments in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset.	As for provisions..	As for provisions..	—	Superintending Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, South Western Area, Launceston, Cornwall. (Telephone: Launceston 436-437.) Urgent demands, etc., for stores in the Plymouth Area should be forwarded to— Superintending Victualling Store Officer, Royal William Yard, Plymouth. (Telephone: Plymouth 61492.)

* The present arrangement whereby the Base Accountant Officer, Londonderry, meets requirements of all vessels at that Port will continue.

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Southern sea	Thatcham, near Newbury.	Ships and establishments in Hants, Dorset, Oxon, Berks, Wilts, Sussex 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.	(i) Demands for Officers' and flying clothing should be sent direct to the Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Guildford. (Telephone : Guildford 3374.) (ii) Demands for mess gear should be sent direct to the Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Bournemouth. (Telephone : Bournemouth 245.) (iii) Demands for dry provisions, seamen's clothing, soap and tobacco should be sent to the Superintending Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, Southern Area, Thatcham, Berks. (Telephone : Thatcham 2141.) (iv) Urgent local demands for stores should be sent to the Victualling Store Officer, Royal Clarence Yard, Gosport. (Telephone : Portsmouth 74571.) (v) For W.R.N.S. clothing, see Note "A".

Jamestown, Scotland ..	Jamestown ..	Ships and establishments on W. Coast of Scotland, excluding those provided for under Greenock and Glasgow.	As for provisions. In addition ships at Scapa and Naval Establishments and Bases in Orkneys and Shetlands will draw clothing only from Jamestown. Soap and tobacco for these services will be supplied with provisions from Rosyth.	As for Seamen's clothing.	Ships and establishments in Scotland and Tyne Area (see note under (Col. 7))	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Jamestown, Alexandria, Dumbartonshire. (Telephone : Alexandria 397, Also Naval lines through Glasgow.) Except for flying Clothing and C.O. Kits which should be demanded from the Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Sub-Victualling Depot, Burnside Works, Kilmarnock. (Telephone : Kilmarnock 1686.)
Glasgow	Glasgow ..	Ships in the Clyde in and above Rothesay Dock and Establishments in the Glasgow district.	As for provisions..	As for provisions..	—	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Fordneuk Street, Glasgow. (Telephone : Glasgow, Central 8700, Ext. 207 or Bridgton 1701.)
Greenock	Greenock ..	Ships and establishments in the Clyde area west of Rothesay Dock (including Campbeltown and R.N. Air Station, Machrihanish).	As for provisions..	As for provisions..	—	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Burton's Buildings, Charles Street, Greenock. (Telephone : Greenock 2355, also Naval lines through Glasgow.)

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Rosyth	Rosyth	Ships and Establishments on the East Coast of Scotland and in the Orkneys and Shetlands <i>except</i> destroyers and smaller craft at Scapa which are supplied from R.F.A. "Demeter."	<i>Seamen's Clothing.</i> Ships and Establishments on the East Coast of Scotland. <i>Soap and Tobacco</i> as for provisions.	Ships and Establishments on the East Coast of Scotland.	—	Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Victualling Yard, Rosyth. (Telephone: Inverkeithing 234.) Ext. 711, also Naval lines through Rosyth.) N.B.—Demands for Ships and Establishments in Orkneys should be forwarded through the Victualling Store Officer, R.F.A. "Demeter."

Notes

- "A"—W.R.N.S. Clothing. The procedure laid down in A.F.O. 1048/44 will continue.
- "B"—Officers' and seamen's library books. All demands should be forwarded to the Director of Victualling, Admiralty, London.
- "C"—Combined Operations Kits. The procedure laid down in A.F.O. 488/44 will continue.
- "D"—Khaki Tropical Clothing for ratings should be demanded from Superintending Victualling Store Officer, Midland Area, Leicester.

(A.F.Os. 488/44 and 1048/44.)

(A.F.Os. 231/43, 1487/43, 2567/43, 3216/43 and 3747/43 are cancelled.)