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(b) Pistols and revolvers not in use are to be kept in lock-up racks or cupboards in armouries.

(c) In units at home, rifles and other small arms, except those used for guards, training, and emergencies, are to be greased and kept under storage conditions in accordance with Leaflet F3, Vol. II, A.P. 830. Where storage in barrack rooms is resorted to, due care will be taken that the arrangements made are such as to preclude any necessity for increasing the personnel required for safeguarding the premises.

5. Complete units proceeding to India will take with them the scale of arms and accoutrements, less reserve, which will be returned to No. 1 Maintenance Unit before embarkation. In the absence of special instructions from the Air Ministry or the Government of India, drafts and details will proceed to or return from India unarmed, but will take the articles of accoutrements authorised by A.P. 830. Unserviceable articles will always be replaced before embarkation.

**2566. Automatic Pistols.**—1. Every officer of the general duties, equipment, accountant, medical and dental branches and every commissioned engineer, signals and armament officer must be in possession of a service type of pistol or revolver throughout his period of service on the active list and will be held personally responsible that he is so equipped. Every such officer, subject to clause 2, will be entitled to be issued, on demand to No. 1 Maintenance Unit, with one Colt automatic pistol (.455") or pistol revolver No. 2, Mark I (.38") for his personal use during that period.

2. The following must be in possession of and maintain their own service type of pistol or revolver:—

(a) officers attached or seconded from the Navy or Army.

(b) officers of the general duties, equipment and accountant branches commissioned before 8th June, 1923.

(See Appendix VII as to the purchase or acquisition of firearms by such officers.)

3. Pistols and revolvers held by officers may at the discretion of C.Os. be handed over to the unit or station armoury for safe custody whilst the officers are on the strength of the unit. In order to ensure that no officer leaves a unit without his pistol or revolver, he will be required to endorse his clearance certificate to the effect that he is in possession of one or other of these weapons.

**2567. Binoculars.**—C.Os. of units will demand and hold only such numbers of binoculars as are within the approved scales.

**2568. Web Equipment for Officers.**—1. Officers posted to units overseas will provide themselves, at their own expense, before embarkation, with web equipment, the components of which are:—

Belt, waist

Brace

Brace

Attachments, brace

Holster

Pouch, ammunition

In three pieces.

Right without loop.

Left with loop.

One for each brace.

Specially shaped to carry revolver or automatic pistol.

Specially shaped to carry revolver ammunition or two automatic pistol magazines.

2. The equipment is worn as follows :—

(a) The belt, which consists of three pieces, is adjustable to suit the girth of the wearer by means of the back piece. The side pieces are made in varying sizes to suit individual officers.

(b) The brace attachments are interchangeable, and one is attached to each of the side pieces of the belt by means of the slide with moveable centre bar, so as to be in line with the shoulders.

(c) The braces (crossed at the back, the right brace passing underneath and through the loop of the left brace) are inserted in the two metal fittings on top of the belt at the back, the plain front-ends being attached to the buckles on top of the brace attachments. Any necessary adjustment is made front and rear to bring the wide part of the braces centrally on the shoulders.

(d) The holster is attached to the left side of the belt (by inserting the hooks on the back into the flat loops on the inside of the belt) directly over the brace attachment slide.

(e) The ammunition pouch is similarly attached to the right side of the belt.

3. See para. 219 as to occasions on which web equipment will be worn.



Dresses.	Occasions.
No. 3. Tropical (khaki drill).	As for No. 2 dress. But may be worn in lieu of service dress No. 1 abroad under the authority of the air or other officer commanding.

**218. Arms and Equipment.**—Arms and equipment as may be ordered will be carried on parade or other occasions in all orders of dress.

**219. Web Equipment for Officers.**—1. Web equipment as laid down in para. 2568 will normally be worn by all officers serving overseas:—

- (a) when doing duty with airmen under arms.
- (b) when under orders to carry arms in uniform.
- (c) on all occasions when the air or other officer commanding decides that it shall be worn.

2. In review order, officers will wear the waistbelt with one supporting brace only. The brace without loop will be used and will be inserted in the metal fitting on the left side of the belt at the back and will be brought over the right shoulder, the plain front end being attached to the buckle on top of the left brace attachment. In drill and marching order both supporting braces will be worn as laid down in para. 2568, clause 2(c).

### SECTION III.—MANNER OF WEARING ORDERS, DECORATIONS, AND MEDALS.

**228. Orders, &c., to be worn with Full Dress.**—1. Orders, decorations and medals will be worn with full dress in the manner indicated in this para.

2. Orders, decorations and medals, with the exception of those referred to in clause 3 and para. 236, clause 1 (b), will be worn on the left breast in the order specified in para. 232 in the following manner:—

(a) Orders, decorations and medals will be suspended from a single bar, of which no part is to be seen.

(b) When the orders, decorations and medals cannot, on account of their number, be suspended so as to be fully seen, they are to overlap, the highest showing in full.

(c) The bar referred to in (a) above will be centred between the top and second buttons of the tunic, and the middle of the bar, irrespective of the number of orders, decorations and medals, will be midway between the line of buttons and the sleeve seam of the tunic. The bar will not project beyond the line of buttons of the tunic, and will be horizontal.

# APPENDIX/ XVIIIA. FIELD KIT SCALES FOR OFFICERS.

(Referred to in para. 185A.)

1. Subject to para. 2, the following are the scales of kit to be taken by officers on service in the field :—

\*(a) *Flying clothing* :—

Adaptors, speaking tube, without connectors	...	2
Boots, flying, knee	... pair	1
Cap, flying	...	1
Connectors, speaking-tube adaptor, type A	...	2
Connectors, speaking-tube adaptor, type B	...	2
Gauntlets, flying	... pair	1
Gloves, silk	... pair	1
Goggles, mask (with glasses tinted or non-tinted)	pair	1
Linings, gauntlet	... pair	1
Socks (for boots)	... pair	1
Suit, flying, complete	...	1

If cap, flying, is fitted with telephone or speaking-tube earpieces, the following items are necessary :—

Cord, telephone, type A (10A/117)	...	1
Earpieces, type B, with tubing (6F/154)	... pair	1
Flaps	... pair	1
Helmets, telephone, fittings (10A/7349)	...	2
Receivers, telephone, head, 1.750 ohms, type C (10A/8543)	...	2

\* Service issue.

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### (b) *Personal clothing :—*

† Boots, ankle ...	...	...	...	...	...	pairs	2
Boots, gum ...	...	...	...	...	...	pair	1
Braces ...	...	...	...	...	...	pair	1
Cap, blue, F.S. ...	...	...	...	...	...		1
Cap, blue, S.D., with badge	...	...	...	...	...		1
Cardigan or jersey ...	...	...	...	...	...		1
Collars, blue, S.D. ...	...	...	...	...	...		12
Comforter, cap (or muffler or scarf, in lieu)	...	...	...	...	...		1
Gaiters, blue web ...	...	...	...	...	...	pair	1
Gloves, brown leather ...	...	...	...	...	...	pair	1
Greatcoat, blue ...	...	...	...	...	...		1
Handkerchiefs ...	...	...	...	...	...		12
Pyjamas ...	...	...	...	...	...	pairs	2
Raincoat ...	...	...	...	...	...		1
Shirts, blue, S.D. ...	...	...	...	...	...		3
Shoes, canvas ...	...	...	...	...	...	pair	1
† Shoes, leather ...	...	...	...	...	...	pair	1
Socks, black ...	...	...	...	...	...	pairs	4
Suits, blue, S.D. (jacket and trousers)	...	...	...	...	...		2
Tie, black ...	...	...	...	...	...		1
Underclothing ...	...	...	...	...	...	suits	2

### (c) *Accoutrements and other personal effects :—*

*† Ammunition, pistol or revolver.							
* Bag, ration ...	...	...	...	...	...		1
Cabin trunk or uniform case	...	...	...	...	...		1
Cup, enamelled or collapsible	...	...	...	...	...		1
* Discs, identity, with cords	...	...	...	...	...		2
* Dressing, field ...	...	...	...	...	...		1
Haversack ...	...	...	...	...	...		1
Holdalls (containing hair brush and comb, tooth brush, tooth paste, shaving brush, shaving soap, razor, mirror, sponge and nail scissors)	...	...	...	...	...		1
Housewife ...	...	...	...	...	...		1
Knife, clasp, with ring and swivel	...	...	...	...	...		1
Knife, fork and spoon	...	...	...	...	...	set	1
Mess tin ...	...	...	...	...	...		1
Pistol or revolver (see para. 2566)	...	...	...	...	...		1
* Respirator, anti-gas	...	...	...	...	...		1
Soap ...	...	...	...	...	...	piece	1
Torch, electric ...	...	...	...	...	...		1
Torch, refill ...	...	...	...	...	...		1
Towels ...	...	...	...	...	...		3
Water bottle, with sling and carrier	...	...	...	...	...		1
Watch, luminous ...	...	...	...	...	...		1
Web equipment (see para. 2568)	...	...	...	...	...	set	1
Whistle and lanyard	...	...	...	...	...		1

\* Service issue.

† To be of the pattern prescribed in Appendix XVII, para. 1 (a) (i).

‡ Will be issued on board ship or on disembarkation.