

TRIAL OF NEW UNIFORM CLOTHING.

FROM:..... THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.S. " AGINCOURT ".

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TO:..... THE CAPTAIN (D), FOURTH DESTROYER FLOTILLA.

In accordance with the Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet's minute II, No.165/171 of 5 September 1949 herewith is submitted the final report on fifteen experimental uniforms issued to ratings in H.M.S. " AGINCOURT ".

2. Altogether nine uniforms of Classes I and III were issued and six of class II.

3. The reports are submitted as enclosures answering the questionnaires which were enclosed with the Admiralty letter V1361/49 of 5 March 1949. Copies of the latter are attached for convenience.

4. The answers represent the trend of opinions of ratings and inspecting officers combined.

5. In the case of Class II uniforms the answers concerning durability of the materials are not complete since the latest reports on the uniforms of four ratings who were drafted from the ship at Portsmouth are not yet available. It is anticipated that these will be obtained on return in reply to communications forwarded to their present Commanding Officers and letters will then be forwarded as an addendum to this report. However, enough experience has been gained to provide answers to all the questions.

6. To sum up the results of the trial, the following points are noted.

7. All the new cloths seem to wear satisfactorily and are preferred, if anything, to the present standard cloths except the new pattern T74A Blue Serge and also the new Diagonal Serges, where the ratings concerned all expressed a preference for the feel of the slightly heavier standard cloths.

8. All the modifications in design of the uniforms are liked except the front slip fastener to jumper and the coat style shoulders and sleeves of the class II uniforms which latter look and feel bulky and untidy.

9. The slide fasteners are preferred by the ratings in either position but the side position looks much smarter.

10. The anodised buttons are well-liked and are recommended.

11. With reference to the anodised buttons; the one rating in H.M.S. " AGINCOURT " who was supplied with them has recently lost one and cannot obtain a replacement. It would be appreciated if information could be given when he can obtain a new one.

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ENCLOSURES: