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Secretary to Fourth Sea Lord

As arranged by telephone, I am attaching the paper (V.881/53) in which the Board recently approved detailed proposals for extended trials of white plastic-top caps.

2. The officers' caps required for these trials have been ordered from Messrs. Gieves and the ratings' caps from the Army and Navy Cap Co. Both firms have been asked to proceed with the work with all possible despatch and are expected to complete deliveries before the end of the year.

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Director of Victualling.

5th October, 1953.

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9. The Committee recommend that the extended trials of white plastic topped caps and plastic cap covers should be carried out in accordance with the foregoing proposals and that, in this connection, approval should be given for the white caps and covers under trial in the Home Fleet and Plymouth Command to be worn as necessary during the winter months.

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Chairman
Admiralty Uniform and Clothing Committee *B.*
23 July, 1953.

Concur in the recommendation of the Admiralty Uniform and Clothing Committee.

2. It is estimated that the total cost of providing the caps and cap covers for trial as in paragraph 5 of the A.U.C.C.'s recommendation will be approximately £350— *which can be met out of the amount provided for kit improvements in 1953/4*
Submitted.

Stewart

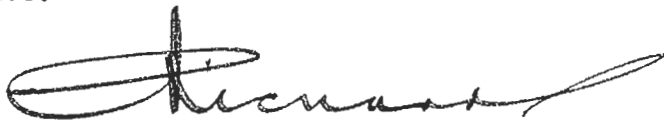
DIRECTOR OF VICTUALLING. *St*
20th August, 1953.

It has been ascertained that if, as a result of these trials, it is decided that the plastic topped caps should be made a general issue, the £350 to be spent now will be more than repaid from savings in the issue of headgear in future years. No financial objection to the A.U.C.C. recommendation.

AA Pritchard
for Head of G.F.
25/8/53

The plastic-topped caps for the further Fleet trials which have been approved are now available for distribution. It is proposed to communicate particulars of the arrangements for the trials to Commanders-in-Chief as in the draft letter enclosed, which has been agreed by D.G.S. and D.W.S.C. except for the modification suggested by D.G.S. in remarks of 17.12.1953. I would prefer to let Commanders-in-Chief have a free hand as suggested by D.W.S.C.

Submitted.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. C. ...', written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H'.

'DIRECTOR OF' VICTUALLING.

11th January, 1954.