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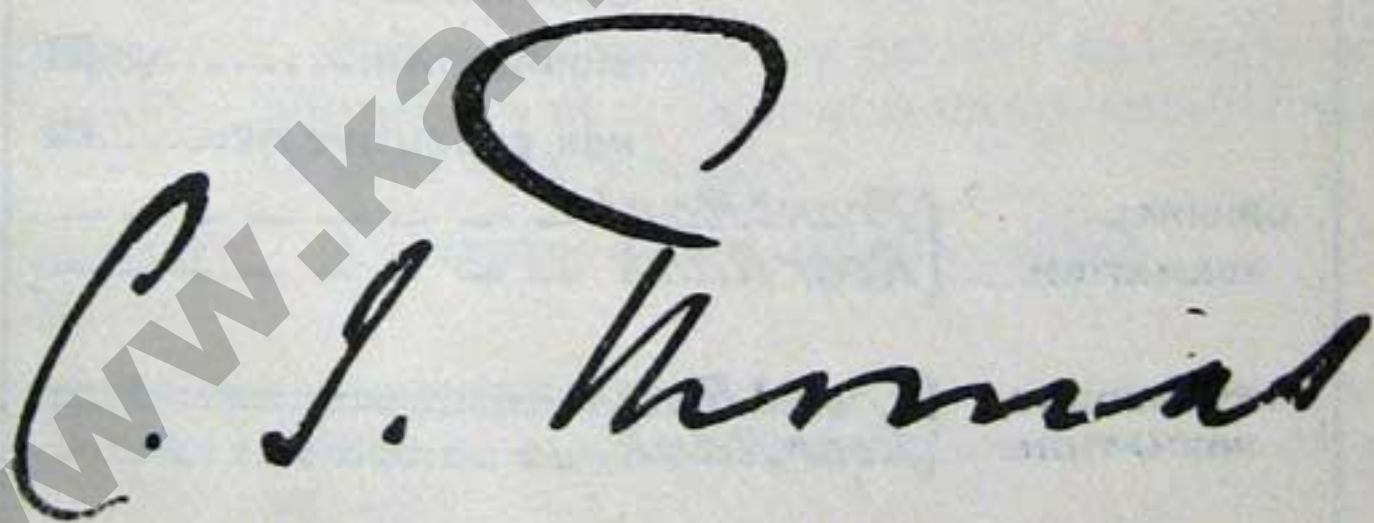
The "Rifle and Field Exercises for H.M. Fleet, 1909," having been approved by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are hereby promulgated for information and guidance.

This edition embodies the information and instructions contained in the following books, which are, therefore, to be considered obsolete:—

Rifle and Field Exercises, Vol. I., 1907.

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By Command of their Lordships,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. J. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'C'.

To all Flag Officers, Captains,
Commanders, and Commanding
Officers of H.M. Ships and
Vessels.

PART XII.

ACCOUTREMENTS FOR SEAMEN.

The accoutrements (Pattern 1901) consist of the following :—

Waist belt, two ammunition pouches, bandolier, frog, braces, haversack, water bottle with its sling and carrier, revolver, holster, cartridge pouch, and mess tin, with its cover and strap.

The following routine should be followed in assembling the accoutrements for "marching order" for men armed with rifles :—

- (a) Adjust the belt to fit moderately taut, mark the centre, then place it on the ground, inside part down, buckle to the left.
- (b) Reeve one pouch on from right to left, placing it close to the buckle.
- (c) Place the frog close to the pouch.
- (d) Place the mess tin in the centre with the centre mark between the loops on the cover.
- (e) Place the other pouch next to the mess tin the same distance from it as the pouch on the opposite side.

- (f) Place the braces on the deck in front of the belt with the inside part down, short ends next to the belt, hook the short ends in the belt in the second hole on each side of the mess tin so as to get a good spread; then take the long ends, reeve them down through the brass loops on the pouches and hook them to their own part; after which, hook the short ends to the belt between the loops of the pouches in order to keep the latter in place.
- (g) Reeve the mess tin strap up through the ring of the braces and through its own loop.
- (h) Reeve the tag end of mess tin strap through both loops of the mess tin cover and buckle it.

In placing the gear on, the following order should be preserved:—

- (1) Place the haversack sling over the right shoulder so as to allow the haversack to hang against the left hip below the ring on the sword bayonet.
- (2) Put on the assembled accoutrements, allowing the scabbard to hang inside the haversack.
- (3) Place the bandolier over the left shoulder and under the right arm, and buckle its strap to the belt.
- (4) Place the water-bottle sling over the left shoulder so as to allow the water-bottle to hang against the right hip, and steady it by placing the steadying clip into the belt.

The following are the different methods of wearing the accoutrements:—

Order.	Officers.	Men armed with Rifles.	Men armed with Revolver and Cutlass.
Marching	Complete accoutrements, as in Plate II., sword instead of cutlass, and, in addition, field glasses worn over right shoulder, and whistle.	Complete accoutrements, as in Plate I. Section leaders: Whistle in addition.	Complete accoutrements, as in Plate II.
Drill	Sword, with black sword belt.	Belt, with one pouch on right front, and sword bayonet.	Belt, with revolver, pouch, and cutlass.

NOTE 1.—Gaiters are always to be worn when men are landed under arms.

NOTE 2.—“Drill order” will be worn at reviews, rig as ordered. Officers should only wear gaiters when in “undress.”

NOTE 3.—Officers in “marching” or “drill order” (except at reviews) should always wear “undress” (blue or white, as ordered). Seamen should dress as ordered, except when at rifle practice, when “blue serge suits” should be worn.

NOTE 4.—Marching order is to be worn during the rifle practice course, but the canteen may then be dispensed with.

NOTE 5.—If the sword or cutlass is not used, the frog is to be detached.

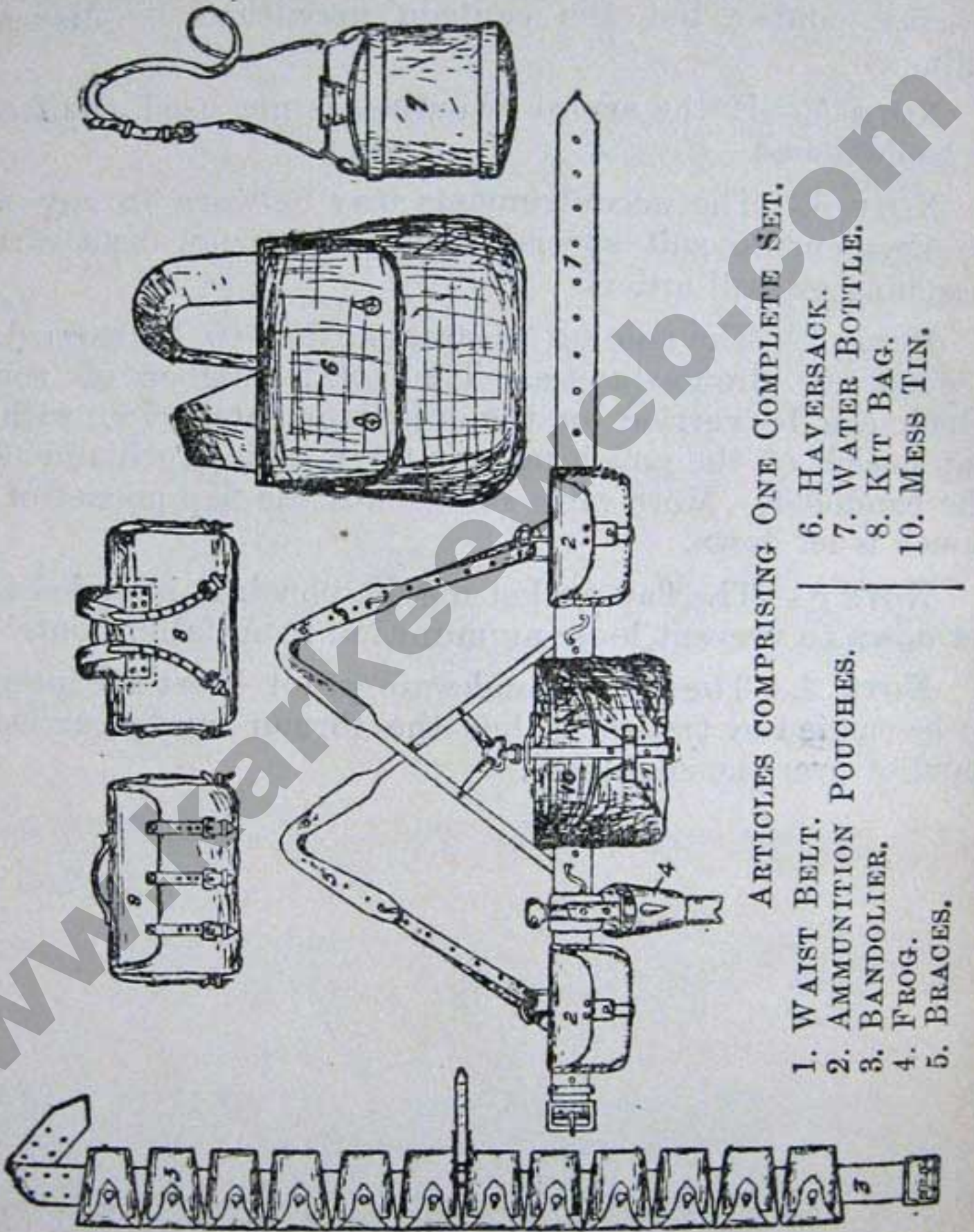
NOTE 6.—The accoutrements may be worn in any other arrangement to suit special requirements not dealt with by marching or drill orders.

NOTE 7.—The amount of ammunition to be carried will depend on circumstances. The total number of rounds which can be carried on the accoutrements is 180, with the flap pocket of the pouch up, *i.e.*, 60 in each pouch and 60 in the bandolier. More can be carried if the flap pocket of the pouch is let down.

NOTE 8.—The flap pocket of the pouch is intended to be let down to prevent loose ammunition from falling out.

NOTE 9.—The kit bag and waterproof sheet are intended to be carried by transport, but the former can be carried by hand or over the shoulders.

PLATE I.—RIFLE ACCOUTREMENTS.

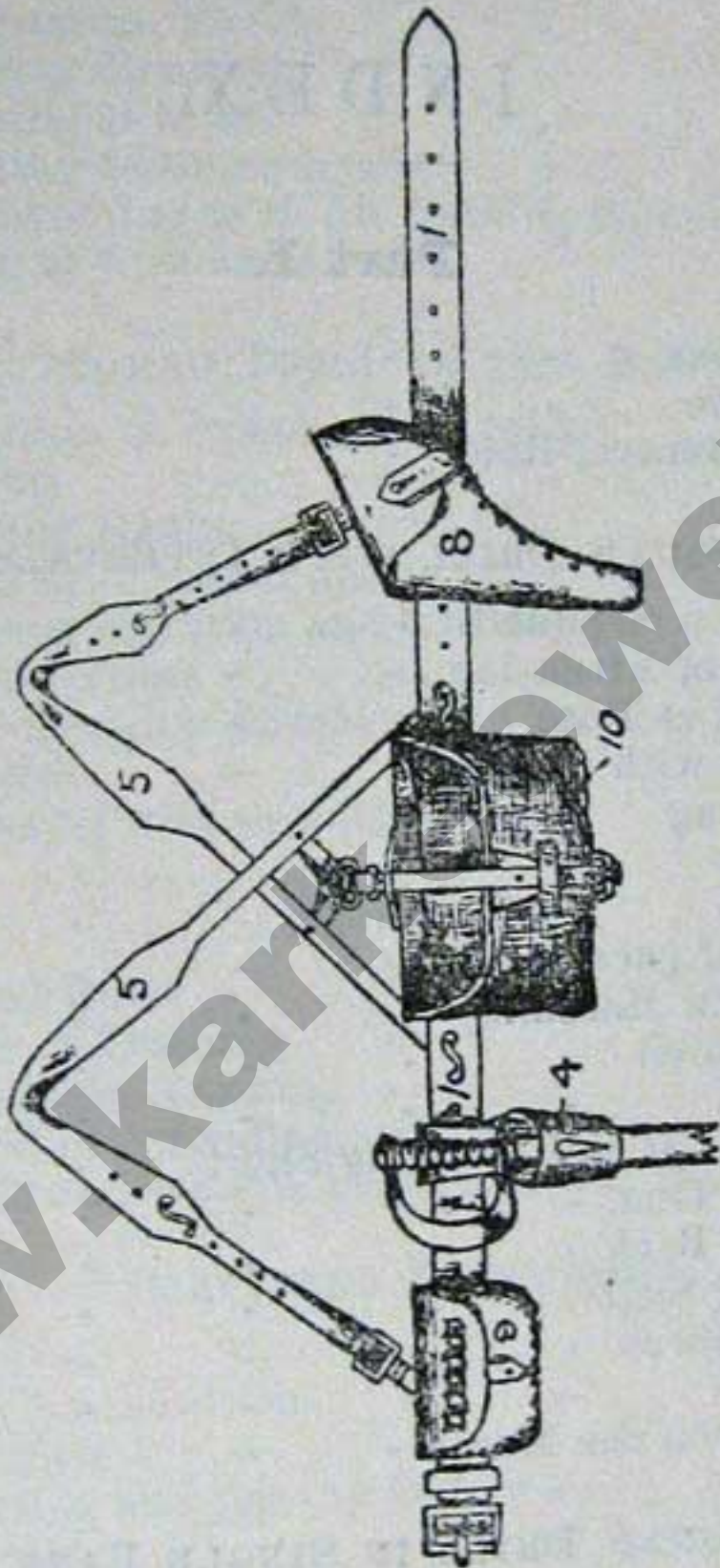


ARTICLES COMPRISING ONE COMPLETE SET.

- 1. WAIST BELT.
- 2. AMMUNITION POUCHES.
- 3. BANDOLIER.
- 4. FROG.
- 5. BRACES.

- 6. HAVERSACK.
- 7. WATER BOTTLE.
- 8. KIT BAG.
- 10. MESS TIN.

PLATE II.—REVOLVER ACCOUTREMENTS.



ARTICLES.

1. WAIST BELT.
 FROG.
 BRACES.

8. REVOLVER HOLSTER.
 9. CARTRIDGE POUCH.
 10. MESS TIN.