

"QUEEN ELIZABETH",

25th July, 1917.

No. 1760/H.F.563.

Sir,

Be pleased to submit for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that during the period of the war a distinctive uniform may be worn by Naval Chaplains.

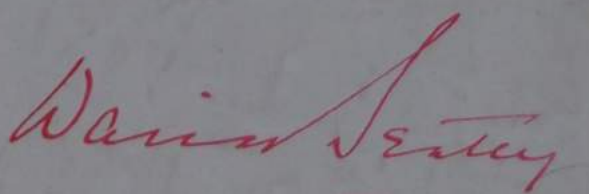
2. It has been represented to me that this is generally desired; Chaplains have been subjected to annoyance when on shore, and have had difficulty in obtaining recognition of the fact that they are serving in the Royal Navy when applying for reduced railway fares, hotel accommodation, etc. There is at present nothing to indicate that they are engaged in their Country's service, nor the particular Service to which they belong.

3. For these reasons it is considered very desirable that official sanction should be given for the wearing of uniform, which should be as plain as possible and lacking any marks indicative of "relative rank", to which Chaplains, R.N. are anxious to avoid the appearance of making any claim.

4. It is suggested that the uniform should consist of a plain monkey jacket and trousers, and the ordinary Officer's cap with Naval badge. This would sufficiently indicate that the wearer is serving in His Majesty's Navy, whilst the distinctive clerical collar and stock would plainly denote his particular calling.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



THE SECRETARY
OF THE ADMIRALTY.

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