

Chapter 9

FOOTWEAR

FLYING BOOTS, 1941 PATTERN

1. The 1941 pattern flying boots (fig. 1) have a brown rubber sole and heel, and an upper of brown suede. They are lined with sheepskin. The boot is closed by a sliding fastener, which is backed by a leather tongue to prevent the fastener from catching the clothing underneath, and a strap enables it to be fitted snugly at the ankle.
2. A rubber galosh, approximately 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

high, is stuck securely round the sole and upper, completely covering the welt and making the boot waterproof.

3. The boots are supplied in Sizes 5 to 12 under Stores Ref. 22C/748 to 755. Socks to be worn with the boots are available under Stores Ref. 22C/234 to 241 (Sizes 5 to 12). The size chosen should be larger than that usually worn.



Fig. 1. Flying boots, 1941 pattern

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FLYING BOOTS, 1952 PATTERN

4. The 1952 pattern flying boots (*fig. 2*) were developed because of the need for boots which would be suitable not only for use in aircraft but also, if necessary, for walking long distances.

5. The uppers are made of soft black leather with a glacé kid gore, and the boots have hardwearing leather soles and rubber heels. The fit is obtained by bracing from the instep to the heel, and there is plenty of room in the front of the boot. A rubber pad is laid under the facing to ease pressure on the instep.

6. The boots are not lined with sheepskin, and warmth is provided by the wearing of two pairs of woollen socks. (The boot sizes allow for this.) The boots are provisioned under the following Stores Ref. numbers :—

Size	Fitting	Stores Ref. 22C/-
Size 5	Medium Large	1400 1401

Size	Fitting	Stores Ref. 22C/-
Size 6	Medium	1402
	Large	1403
Size 7	Medium	1404
	Large	1405
Size 8	Medium	1406
	Large	1407
Size 9	Medium	1408
	Large	1409
Size 10	Medium	1410
	Large	1411
Size 11	Medium	1412
	Large	1413
Size 12	Medium	1414
	Large	1415

7. The socks to be worn with the boots are as follows :—

Inner pair—Socks, woollen, undyed, plain knit (Stores Ref. 22C/1259-1263)

Outer pair—Socks, woollen, undyed, ribbed knit (Stores Ref. 22C/1264-1268).



Fig. 2. Flying boots, 1952 pattern

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