

## Chapter 9

### FOOTWEAR

#### FLYING BOOT, 1941 PATTERN

1. The 1941 pattern flying boot (*fig. 1*) has a brown rubber sole and heel, and an upper of brown suede. It is 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.

2. A crêpe 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. A

splinterproof interlining of thirty layers of parachute silk is stitched to the sheepskin at the top. It extends from  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. below the top of the boot to the ankle, the layers being stitched together at top and bottom to prevent their rucking.

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 boot, 1941 pattern

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