

(V. 2B/65/2/54.—27 Apr. 1956.)

With reference to paragraph 6 of A.F.O. 2550/55 (*Uniform—Royal Marines—Badges*) the new pattern badges listed by vocabulary number in Appendix A to this Order are now available on demand from Superintending Victualling Store Officer, Admiralty Storage Depot (Victualling), Risley, Warrington, Lancs., or from Superintendent, H.M. Victualling Yard, Malta. A further announcement will be made when stocks are available at the Victualling Yards in the Far Eastern Theatre.

2. N.C.O.'s and men serving at present who hold specialist or other qualifications for which some or all of the badges have not hitherto been available are to receive initial free issues of such badges in accordance with the scales set out in Appendix B to this Order. Men who receive the initial free issues of badges under Appendix B will be required to maintain these badges as part of their compulsory kit.

3. The regulations governing the free issue of badges and buttons to N.C.O.'s. and men on advancement in rank or specialist qualification in future will shortly be published as Appendix 64 to B.R. 93—Victualling Manual.

4. Free issues of badges made in accordance with this Order are to be recorded on Kit History Sheets.

5. Although free issues of gold badges are only to be made to ranks of Corporal or above such badges may be taken up on repayment by men below the rank of Corporal who wish to provide themselves with these articles for optional wear on their best blue uniform suit.

6. The introduction of the new range of skill and specialist badges will necessitate a revision of Section III of the Uniform Regulations—N.C.O.'s and Men Royal Marines. In the meantime, skill and specialist badges are to be worn in the manner prescribed in the Uniform Regulations, and paragraph 3 of A.F.O. 2550/55.

APPENDIX A

1. *Gold badges available for issue.*

Vocab. Nos. 31943 to 31945, 31950 to 31973 and 31975 to 31978.

2. *Red on blue badges available for issue.*

Vocab. Nos. 32943 to 32946, 32948 to 32973 and 32977.

3. *Blue on blue badges available for issue.*

Vocab. No. 40975.

APPENDIX B

Initial Free Issues of Badges

Initial free issues of badges in accordance with the scale set out below are to be made, as they become available, to N.C.Os. and men serving at present who already hold specialist, skill or other special qualifications.

Scale 1.—N.C.Os. and men qualified in any of the new categories introduced in A.F.O. 2550/55, or whose existing badges, as a result of the introduction of the revised scheme, no longer denote their specialist qualifications:—

Rank	Badge	No. to be Issued
(a) Marines and Lance Corporals	Appropriate badge(s)	$\begin{cases} 2 \text{ No. red (or blue)} \\ 1 \text{ No. khaki on khaki} \end{cases}$
(b) Corporals, Sergeants and Colour Sergeants	Appropriate badge(s)	$\begin{cases} 1 \text{ No. gold} \\ 1 \text{ No. red (or blue)} \\ 1 \text{ No. khaki on khaki} \end{cases}$

Additional issues to be made to:—

(i) N.C.Os. and Men serving in a seagoing ship or abroad	Appropriate badge(s)	2 No. khaki on khaki drill
(ii) N.C.Os. and men not serving in a seagoing ship or abroad whose compulsory kit includes one khaki drill tunic	Appropriate badge(s)	1 No. khaki on khaki drill

Scale 2.—N.C.Os. and men entitled to badges in the former range which have not changed in design but which did not previously exist in all patterns (i.e. gold, red (or blue), khaki and khaki drill).

Rank	Badge	No. to be Issued
All Ranks	Appropriate badge(s)	As for Scale 1, except for existing patterns of which free issues have already been made.

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(Appendix to the Navy List.)

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