

The arrangements for the addition of stars and crowns to branch badges have been reviewed in the light of the 1950 Pay Code and the change in the advancement regulations of the Seaman Branch contained in A.F.O. 1187/51 (Advancement—Seaman Branch—Abolition of Specialist Qualification as a Requirement for Advancement).

2. It has been decided that stars and crowns are to be added to the branch badge to denote standard of qualifications as follows:—

| Seaman and Naval Airmen Branches (excluding Naval Airmen Fitters and Mechanics (A) (E) and (O)) | Other Branches (including Naval Airmen Fitters and Mechanics (A) (E) and (O)) |
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| Petty Officers and below One Star (above the basic design). | 3rd Class Part II or Specialist qualification. |
| Two Stars (one above and one below basic design). | 2nd Class Part II or Specialist qualification. |
| Crown (above basic design). | 1st Class Part II or Specialist qualification. |
| Crown above and two stars below basic design. | Ratings qualified as Gunnery, T. and A.S., Radar Plot, Wireless, Signalling Instructors and Staff Physical and Recreational Training Instruc- tors. |
| Chief Petty Officers Crown (above basic design). | 2nd Class or lower Part II or Special- ist qualification. |
| Crown above and star below basic design. | 1st Class Part II or Specialist qualifi- cation. |
| Crown above and two stars below basic design. | C.P.Os. qualified as Gunnery, T. and A.S., Radar Plot, Wireless, Signalling In- structors and Staff Physical and Recre- ational Training Instructors. |

* Serving Petty Officers in the non-Seaman Branches who are in receipt of the lower rate of pay under the 1950 Pay Code and who wear a Crown above the branch badge under the present arrangements may continue to wear the Crown.

2573 3. *Regulating Branch and Coxswains*.—The badges worn by ratings of the Regulating Branch and by Coxswains remain as at present.

4. It has been decided to allocate a Vocabulary number to each badge to replace the pattern number at present in use. The Appendices to this Order (not reproduced in the Notice Boards issue) set out :—

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- A. List of Vocabulary Numbers of Branch badges in the revised scheme.
- B. List of Vocabulary Numbers of other badges that will continue to be worn as at present.
- C. Obsolete badges under the revised scheme of Branch badges.

For the revised vocabulary numbers to be quoted

5. Arrangements should be made for the revised vocabulary numbers to be quoted in demands, issue notes and for accounting records to be amended. Further instructions will be issued when the new branch badges become available and in the meantime demands should not be made for these patterns.

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- C.P.Os. with 1st Class Part II or Specialist qualification in Seaman and Naval Airman branches.
- C.P.Os. on higher rate of pay in other branches.
- C.P.Os. and other ratings qualified as Gunnery, T. and A.S., Radar Plot, Wireless, Signalling Instructors and Staff Physical Training and Recreational Training Instructors.

Wing Commander, Royal Canadian Air Force, and to the nearest Victualling Yard. International Training Instructors.

An initial free issue of two red and two blue badges is to be made to these ratings, except to those due for release within the next six months, who are not required to change their existing badges. The free issues should be noted in ratings' pay books. Until the new badges become available ratings will continue to wear their present badges.

7 Stocks of obsolete badges are to be returned to the nearest Victualling Yard.

8. *Gold Badges*.—The vocabulary numbers of these badges have been included in the Appendices to this Order. Further instructions will be issued as various patterns become available and only those patterns which have been notified as available should be demanded.

APPENDIX A

List of Vocabulary Numbers of Branch Badges

Note.—The Vocabulary numbers of badges which are to be quoted in all demands, issue notes and accounts consist of five figure numbers. The initial two digits indicate the colour, etc., of the badge as follows :—

Gold badges (in pairs for C.P.Os. blue uniform, or single for Petty Officers and below).

Officers and below).
Red badges in pairs for C.P.Os. or single for Petty Officers and 32
below.

Gold badges single for wear by C.P.Os. on the cuff of white uniform 34

the last three digits indicating the rating for whom the badge is provided.

The last three digits indicating the rating for whom the badge is provided are shown in the lists below.

The following examples illustrate the arrangement of the complete vocabulary numbers:

| <i>Gunnery Instructors</i> | <i>Colour of Badge</i> | <i>Vocab. No.</i> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| C.P.O. | Gold in pairs for blue uniform .. | 31012 |
| C.P.O. | Red in pairs for blue uniform .. | 32012 |
| C.P.O. | Blue | 33012 |
| C.P.O. | Gold, single for white uniform .. | 34012 |
| P.O. or Leading Rate | Gold | 31013 |
| P.O. or Leading Rate | Red | 32013 |
| P.O. or Leading Rate | Blue | 33013 |

APPENDIX A—contd.

| Rating | Revised Vocab. No.—Last three digits | Old Pattern No. |
|--|---|-----------------------|
| <i>Gunner Branch</i> | | |
| <i>Gunner Instructors</i> | | |
| C.P.O. | 012 | |
| P.O. or Leading Rate | 013 | |
| <i>Quarter Ratings</i> | | |
| C.P.O. with 1st Class Specialist Qualification .. | 014 | |
| C.P.O. with 2nd Class or lower Specialist Qualification. | 015 | N.14 |
| <i>Gun Layer Ratings</i> | | |
| Q.R. 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed Leading Rate) .. | 016 | N.15 |
| Q.R. 2nd Class | 017 | N.16 |
| Q.R. 3rd Class | 018 | N.17 |
| <i>Control Ratings</i> | | |
| C.P.O. with 1st Class Specialist Qualification .. | 019 | |
| C.P.O. with 2nd Class or lower Specialist Qualification | 020 | N.18 |
| G.L. 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed Leading Rate) .. | 021 | N.19 |
| G.L. 2nd Class | 022 | N.20 |
| G.L. 3rd Class | 023 | N.21 |
| <i>Anti-Aircraft Ratings</i> | | |
| C.P.O. with 1st Class Specialist Qualification .. | 024 | |
| C.P.O. with 2nd Class or lower Specialist Qualification | 025 | N.22 |
| C.R. 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed Leading Rate) .. | 026 | N.23 |
| C.R. 2nd Class | 027 | N.24 |
| C.R. 3rd Class | 028 | N.25 |
| <i>Radar Control Ratings</i> | | |
| C.P.O. with 1st Class Specialist Qualification .. | 029 | |
| C.P.O. with 2nd Class or lower Specialist Qualification | 030 | N.26 |
| A.A. 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed Leading Rate) .. | 031 | N.27 |
| A.A. 2nd Class | 032 | N.28 |
| A.A. 3rd Class | 033 | N.29 |
| <i>Control Armourer Ratings</i> | | |
| C.P.O. with 1st Class Specialist Qualification .. | 034 | |
| C.P.O. with 2nd Class or lower Specialist Qualification | 035 | N.30 |
| R.C.R. 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed Leading Rate) .. | 036 | N.31 |
| R.C.R. 2nd Class | 037 | N.32 |
| R.C.R. 3rd Class | 038 | N.33 |
| <i>Control Armourer Ratings</i> | | |
| C.P.O. with 1st Class Specialist Qualification .. | 039 | |
| C.P.O. with 2nd Class or lower Specialist Qualification | 040 | |
| C.A. 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed Leading Rate) .. | 041 | |
| C.A. 2nd Class | 042 | |
| C.A. 3rd Class | 043 | |
| <i>Quarters Armourer Ratings</i> | | |
| C.P.O. with 1st Class Specialist Qualification .. | 044 | |
| C.P.O. with 2nd Class or lower Specialist Qualification | 045 | N.34 |
| Q.A. 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed Leading Rate) .. | 046 | |
| Q.A. 2nd Class | 047 | N.36 |
| Q.A. 3rd Class | 048 | N.37 |
| <i>Radar Plot Branch :—</i> | | |
| <i>Radar Plot Instructors</i> | | |
| C.P.O. | 059 | |
| P.O. or Leading Rate | 060 | |