

3131.—Badges—Combined Operations Badge

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The following instructions on the use of the C.O. badge supersede those laid down in A.F.O. 4366/42.

2. *Badges, Pattern 292A (Red) and 292B (Blue).*—These are for wear on Naval uniform by ratings entitled to them. They are to be worn in the same way as the Good Shooting Badge, i.e., 1½ in. above the point of the right cuff of the jumper and 1½ in. from the end of the right sleeve of the jacket and with the muzzle of the tommy gun in the badge pointing to the rear. Two badges, Pattern 292A or two badges, Pattern 292B, are to be issued gratuitously to each rating when drafted to the C.O. organization. The issuing price for issues on repayment is 1d. each.

3. *Badges, Pattern 291A.*—These are similar to Pattern 292A but made in pairs. They are to be worn by those Naval personnel attached to the C.O. organization who are authorized to wear battledress, by Royal Marines, Army and by R.A.F. personnel as shown in paragraph 4 below. The badges are to be worn on the upper part of both arms immediately below the woven shoulder titles on battle-dress and 1 in. below the point of the shoulder on blue serge tunic of R.M.L.C. personnel. Royal Marines who cannot wear the badge on both arms (e.g., King's Badgemen, Instructors, etc.) will wear it on one arm. The badges should be worn with the muzzle of the tommy gun pointing to the front. The authorized gratuitous issues of these badges with C.O. kits are shown in A.F.O. 488/44 (Appendices) and A.F.O. 1139/44. The issuing price for issues on repayment is 2d. a pair.

4. The following are the general directions governing entitlement to wear the C.O. badge:—

*R.N.*—C.O. personnel as defined in A.F.O. 1653/44.

*Royal Marines.*—Trained R.M.L.C. personnel as defined in A.F.O. 1653/44 and all ranks of units in the R.M. Special Service Group on completion of training.

*Army.*—As a formation sign by all personnel serving in the C.O. Command.

*R.A.F.*—As prescribed in Air Ministry Order A.1186/42.

*American and Allied Personnel.*—In general conformity with the above in accordance with orders issued by their own authorities.