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The badges worn by Naval ratings have been reviewed in the light of the re-organisation of certain branches. The following decisions have been reached:—

- (i) Badges of rating will continue to be worn as at present on the left arm by P.Os. and Leading Rates.
- (ii) Badges indicating the branch to which the man belongs (*see* Appendix A) will be worn as follows, except when otherwise specified:—
 - (a) By C.P.Os.—On lapels of blue uniform, and on the right cuff in white uniform.
 - (b) By P.Os. and below.—On the right arm.

2. Where several Part II or Specialist Qualifications exist within a branch (e.g., Laying, Quarters, Control ratings, etc., in the Gunnery Branch), the rating's particular qualification will be indicated by the addition of a letter or letters to the basic design of the branch badge.

3. Stars and crown will be added to the branch badge to denote standard of qualifications as follows:—

	Seaman and Naval Airman Branches	Other Branches	
One Star (above basic design).	3rd Class Part II or Specialist qualifi- cation.	Technical qualification for Able rate.	} Not applicable to branches not dressed as Seamen.
Two Stars (one above and one below basic design).	2nd Class Part II or Specialist qualifi- cation.	Technical qualification for Leading rate.	
Crown	1st Class Part II or Specialist qualifi- cation.	Technical qualification for P.O. rate.	Not to be worn by ratings below confirmed leading rate.

Crown above and Star below. The following ratings qualified as Instructors:—
Gunnery Instructors, Torpedo and Anti-Submarine In-
structors, Radar Plot Instructors, Wireless Instructors,
Signalling Instructors, Staff Physical and Recreational
Training Instructors.

A Crown will be worn by all C.P.Os. above the branch badge.

4. Coxswains.—Quartermasters 1st Class rated as Chief Petty Officer or acting Chief Petty Officer when serving as Coxswains will wear a laurel wreath surrounding the Branch Badge. Coxswains subsequently employed as Quartermasters 1st Class will continue to wear the Coxswain's badge provided they retain the Chief Petty Officer or acting Chief Petty Officer rate.

5. *Regulating Branch.*—The use of the Crown as the Branch badge of the Regulating Branch is not affected by the above arrangements, and the badges of that Branch will remain as at present.

6. The Appendices to this Order set out:—

A.—Summary of badge designs for various Branches.

B.—List of pattern numbers of Branch Badges.

C.—List of pattern numbers of badges which will continue to be worn as at present.

D.—Obsolete badges.

7. The pattern numbers of all badges have been revised. The revised pattern numbers are shown in Appendices B. and C. Arrangements should be made for the revised pattern numbers to be quoted in demands, issue notes, and for accounting records to be amended. Further instructions will be issued when new patterns become available, and in the meantime demands should not be made for these patterns.

8. An initial free issue of two red and two blue badges is to be made to all ratings who are required to change their badges under these instructions, except to ratings 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' paybooks. Until new pattern badges become available, ratings will continue to wear their present badges.

9. Stocks of obsolete badges not required for replacements and new uniform as mentioned in A.F.O. 5347/46 are to be returned to the nearest Victualling Yard or Depot.

10. *Gold badges.*—It is unlikely that gold wire badges will be re-introduced for some considerable time. Trials are being carried out on badges woven in gold nylon thread for wear on No. 1 suits, as a substitute for gold wire badges. If these trials are successful, it is contemplated that the substitute gold badges will be made available from Service sources for issue on repayment, and the cost will be substantially less than that of gold wire badges.

Pending further instructions, ratings in possession of gold wire badges which do not conform with the new scheme will be allowed to wear them on appropriate occasions until worn out, but are advised not to incur the expenses of the purchase of new gold wire badges until the results of the trials with nylon badges are known.

11. A further Admiralty Fleet Order will be issued regarding badges for the Sick Berth Branch.

APPENDIX A

SUMMARY OF BADGE DESIGNS FOR VARIOUS BRANCHES

Branch	Device	Distinguishing letters for various specialisations	Remarks
Gunnery ...	Crossed Guns	Quarters ... Q Layer ... L Control ... C Anti-Aircraft ... A Radar Control ... R Quarters Armourer QA	
Radar Plot ...	Spider's Web crossed by Lightning Flashes.		
Torpedo and Anti-Submarine.	Crossed Torpedoes, Vertical Harpoon, Coil Superimposed.		T.D.2* Ratings will wear a badge on their right cuff—Harpoon and Coil—in addition to the Branch Badge.
Quartermaster ...	Six-spoked Wheel ...		Coxswains: Laurel wreath encircling Branch device (see paragraph 4 above). Navigators Yeoman: Q.M.3 will wear a badge consisting of a pair of dividers on the right cuff in addition to the Q.M.3 badge worn on the right arm.
Surveying Recorder	Sextant		
Boom Defence ...	Crossed Shackle and Marline Spike.		
Signal ...	Crossed Flags		
Telegraphist ...	Wings crossed by Lightning Flash.		
Stoker Mechanic ...	Propeller		
Mechanicians — not entitled to trade pay.	Propeller superimposed on a Throttle Wheel.		Mechanicians entitled to Trade pay wear no branch badge.
Regulating Branch	Crown ...		Master-at-Arms: Laurel wreath encircling branch device.

Branch	Device	Distinguishing letters for various specialisations	Remarks
Probationary Rating Pilots.	Aeroplane		
(Rating Pilots, Classes: I, II, III and IV.	Wings (Pilots' flying badge).		Worn on the left and left breast according to the uniform.
(Aircrewman ...	Observer's Flying Badge.		Worn on the left and left breast according to the uniform.
(Aircrewman (U)...	Telegraphist Air Gunner's Flying Badge.		Worn on left and left breast according to the uniform.
Naval Airman ...	Aeroplane ...	Aircraft Handler ... H Safety Equipment... SE (Aircraft Mechanic(A) A (Aircraft Mechanic(E) E Ordnanceman ... O Met. Observer MET Photographer ... P	
Skilled Air Mechanic.	Two-Bladed Propeller	Rigger ... R Fitter ... F Armourer ... O	
Air Mechanicians not entitled to Trade pay.	Four-Bladed Propeller		Air Mechanicians entitled to Trade pay wear no trade badge.
Physical and Recreational Training.	Crossed Clubs		
Electrical ...	Diagonal Lightning Flashes.	Electrician ... L Electrician (Air) ... AL Radio Electrician ... R Radio Electrician (Air) AR	Letters worn in centre of badge.
Supply and Secretariat.	Star ...	Writer ... W Stores ... S Cook ... C Officers' Steward ... OS Officers' Cook ... OC Stenographer ... ST	Letters worn in centre of badge.
Artisans ...	Crossed Axe and Hammer.		
Photographer ...	Camera		
Sailmakers ...	Crossed Fid and Marline Spike.		
Divers ...	Diver's Helmet ...		Worn by Divers 1: (a) on the collar by C.P.O.s. (b) on the right arm of P.O.s. or below. By Divers 2 and 3: On the right arm, in addition to the appropriate Branch badge.
Artificers ...	—	—	Branch badges will not be worn by these ratings.

† The addition of stars and crown under the arrangements referred to in paragraph 3 of the Order does not apply to these badges.

‡ Until conversion to A or E, Aircraft Mechanics with general purpose training are to wear the Branch badge without distinguishing letter.

APPENDIX B

LIST OF PATTERN NUMBERS OF BRANCH BADGES

Revised Pattern Number	Old Pattern Number (if any)	Rating	Description
GUNNERY BRANCH			
<i>Gunnery Instructors</i>			
N.12A	102a	C.P.O.	Red
N.12B	102b	C.P.O.	Blue
N.13A	103a	P.O. or Leading Rate	Red
N.13B	103b	P.O. or Leading Rate	Blue
<i>Quarter Ratings</i>			
N.14A		C.P.O.	Red
N.14B		C.P.O.	Blue
N.15A		Q.R. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate).	Red
N.15B		Q.R. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate).	Blue
N.16A	141a	Q.R. 2nd Class	Red
N.16B	141b	Q.R. 2nd Class	Blue
N.17A	143a	Q.R. 3rd Class	Red
N.17B	143b	Q.R. 3rd Class	Blue
<i>Layer Ratings</i>			
N.18A		C.P.O.	Red
N.18B		C.P.O.	Blue
N.19A		L.R. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate).	Red
N.19B		L.R. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate).	Blue
N.20A	147a	L.R. 2nd Class	Red
N.20B	147b	L.R. 2nd Class	Blue
N.21A	149a	L.R. 3rd Class	Red
N.21B	149b	L.R. 3rd Class	Blue
<i>Control Ratings</i>			
N.22A		C.P.O.	Red
N.22B		C.P.O.	Blue
N.23A		C.R. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate).	Red
N.23B		C.R. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate).	Blue
N.24A	153a	C.R. 2nd Class	Red
N.24B	153b	C.R. 2nd Class	Blue
N.25A	155a	C.R. 3rd Class	Red
N.25B	155b	C.R. 3rd Class	Blue
<i>Anti-Aircraft Ratings</i>			
N.26A		C.P.O.	Red
N.26B		C.P.O.	Blue
N.27A		A.A. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate).	Red
N.27B		A.A. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate).	Blue
N.28A	159a	A.A. 2nd Class	Red
N.28B	159b	A.A. 2nd Class	Blue
N.29A	161a	A.A. 3rd Class	Red
N.29B	161b	A.A. 3rd Class	Blue

<i>Revised Pattern Number</i>	<i>Old Pattern Number (if any)</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Description</i>
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GUNNERY BRANCH—contd.

Radar Control Ratings

N.30A	C.P.O.	Red
N.30B	C.P.O.	Blue
N.31A	R.C.R. 1st Class (P.O. and Con-	Red
			firmed Leading Rate).				
N.31B	...	...	R.C.R. 1st Class (P.O. and Con-	...	...	...	Blue
			firmed Leading Rate).				
N.32A	...	...	R.C.R. 2nd Class	...	...	...	Red
N.32B	...	...	R.C.R. 2nd Class	...	...	...	Blue
N.33A	...	...	R.C.R. 3rd Class	...	...	...	Red
N.33B	...	...	R.C.R. 3rd Class	...	...	...	Blue

Quarters Armourer Ratings

N.34A	...	...	C.P.O.	...	...	...	Red
N.34B	...	...	C.P.O.	...	...	...	Blue
N.35A	...	...	Q.A. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed	...	...	...	Red
			Leading Rate).				
N.35B	...	...	Q.A. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed	...	...	...	Blue
			Leading Rate).				
N.36A	...	...	Q.A. 2nd Class	...	...	...	Red
N.36B	...	...	Q.A. 2nd Class	...	...	...	Blue
N.37A	...	...	Q.A. 3rd Class	...	...	...	Red
N.37B	...	...	Q.A. 3rd Class	...	...	...	Blue

RADAR PLOT BRANCH

Radar Plot Instructors

N.45A	...	207a	C.P.O.	...	...	...	Red
N.45B	...	207b	C.P.O.	...	...	...	Blue
N.46A	...	208a	P.O. and Leading Rate	...	...	...	Red
N.46B	...	208b	P.O. and Leading Rate	...	...	...	Blue

Radar Plot Ratings

N.47A	...	214a	C.P.O.	...	...	...	Red
N.47B	...	214b	C.P.O.	...	...	...	Blue
N.48A	...	215a	R.P. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed	...	...	...	Red
			Leading Rate).				
N.48B	...	215b	R.P. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed	...	...	...	Blue
			Leading Rate).				
N.49A	...	210a	R.P. 2nd Class	...	...	...	Red
N.49B	...	210b	R.P. 2nd Class	...	...	...	Blue
N.50A	...	212a	R.P. 3rd Class	...	...	...	Red
N.50B	...	212b	R.P. 3rd Class	...	...	...	Blue

TORPEDO AND ANTI-SUBMARINE BRANCH

Torpedo Anti-Submarine Instructors

N.60A	...	---	C.P.O.	...	...	...	Red
N.60B	...	---	C.P.O.	...	...	...	Blue
N.61A	...	---	P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate	...	...	...	Red
N.61B	...	---	P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate	...	...	...	Blue

Torpedo Detector Ratings

N.62A	...	169a	C.P.O.	...	...	...	Red
N.62B	...	169b	C.P.O.	...	...	...	Blue
N.63A	...	170a	T.D. 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed	...	...	...	Red
			Leading Rate)				
N.63B	...	170b	T.D., 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed	...	...	...	Blue
			Leading Rate)				
N.64A	...	---	T.D., 2nd Class (including T.D. 2*)	...	...	...	Red
N.64B	...	---	T.D., 2nd Class (including T.D. 2*)	...	...	...	Blue
N.65A	...	---	T.D. 2* (cuff badge)	...	...	...	Red
N.65B	...	---	T.D. 2* (cuff badge)	...	...	...	Blue
N.66A	...	---	T.D., 3rd Class	...	...	...	Red
N.66B	...	---	T.D., 3rd Class	...	...	...	Blue

Revised Pattern Number	Old Pattern Number (if any)	Rating	Description
QUARTERMASTER BRANCH			
		<i>Coastguards</i>	
N.76A	---	C.P.O. or acting C.P.O.	Red
N.76B	---	C.P.O. or acting C.P.O.	Blue
		<i>Quartermasters</i>	
N.77A	---	C.P.O.	Red
N.77B	---	C.P.O.	Blue
N.78A	---	Q.M., 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	Red
N.78B	---	Q.M., 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	Blue
N.79A	---	Q.M., 2nd Class	Red
N.79B	---	Q.M., 2nd Class	Blue
N.80A	---	Q.M., 3rd Class	Red
N.80B	---	Q.M., 3rd Class	Blue
N.81A	249a	Q.M. 3 Navigators Yeoman (cuff badge)	Red
N.81B	249b	Q.M. 3 Navigators Yeoman (cuff badge)	Blue
SURVEYING RECORDERS BRANCH			
N.90A	---	C.P.O.	Red
N.90B	---	C.P.O.	Blue
N.91A	---	S.R., 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	Red
N.91B	---	S.R., 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	Blue
N.92A	---	S.R., 2nd Class	Red
N.92B	---	S.R., 2nd Class	Blue
N.93A	---	S.R., 3rd Class	Red
N.93B	---	S.R., 3rd Class	Blue
BOOM DEFENCE BRANCH			
N.104A	---	C.P.O.	Red
N.104B	---	C.P.O.	Blue
N.105A	---	B.T., 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	Red
N.105B	---	B.T., 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	Blue
N.106A	---	B.T., 2nd Class	Red
N.106B	---	B.T., 2nd Class	Blue
N.107A	---	B.T., 3rd Class	Red
N.107B	---	B.T., 3rd Class	Blue
SIGNAL BRANCH			
		<i>Signalling Instructors</i>	
N.120A	7a	C.P.O.	Red
N.120B	7b	C.P.O.	Blue
N.121A	---	P.O. or Leading Rate	Red
N.121B	---	P.O. or Leading Rate	Blue
		<i>Signalmen</i>	
N.122A	11a	Chief Yeoman of Signals	Red
N.122B	11b	Chief Yeoman of Signals	Blue
		<i>Signal Ratings professionally qualified as:</i>	
N.123A	15a	Yeoman of Signals	Red
N.123B	15b	Yeoman of Signals	Blue
N.124A	17a	Leading Signalman	Red
N.124B	17b	Leading Signalman	Blue
N.125A	19a	Signalman	Red
N.125B	19b	Signalman	Blue
N.126A	20a	Ordinary and Boy Signalman	Red
N.126B	20b	Ordinary and Boy Signalman	Blue

<i>Revised Pattern Number</i>	<i>Old Pattern Number (if any)</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Description</i>
PHOTOGRAPHER BRANCH			
N.364A ...	77a	C.P.O. ...	Red
N.364B ...	77b	C.P.O. ...	Blue
N.365A ...	78a	Photographer 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate).	Red
N.365B ...	78b	Photographer 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate).	Blue
N.366A ...	—	Photographer 2nd Class ...	Red
N.366B ...	—	Photographer 2nd Class ...	Blue
N.367A ...	79a	Photographer 3rd Class ...	Red
N.367B ...	79b	Photographer 3rd Class ...	Blue

Note.—Badges for C.P.Os. are issued in pairs for wear on collars of blue uniform.

APPENDIX C

LIST OF PATTERN NUMBERS OF BADGES WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE WORN AS AT
PRESENT.

Rating Badges

N.1A ...	1a	Petty Officer ...	Red
N.1B ...	1b	Petty Officer ...	Blue
N.2A ...	3a	Leading Rate ...	Red
N.2B ...	3b	Leading Rate ...	Blue

Cap Badges

N.5 ...	48	Chief Petty Officer	
N.6 ...	49	Petty Officers	
N.7 ...	52	Class III Ratings	
	E.52	Class III Ratings (flat)	

Beret Badges

N.9 ...	53	Chief Petty Officer	
N.10 ...	54	Petty Officer, confirmed	

Good Conduct Badges

N.11A ...	42A	1 stripe ...	Red
N.11B ...	42B	1 stripe ...	Blue
N.11D ...	42D	2 stripes ...	Blue
N.11E ...	42E	3 stripes ...	Blue

Miscellaneous Badges

N.410A ...	21A	Good shooting badge ...	Red
N.410B ...	21B	... ..	Blue
N.411A ...	71	Bugler's badge ...	Red
N.411B ...	72	Bugler's badge ...	Blue
N.412 ...	37	Armlets, patrol	
N.413 ...	168	Armlets, P.O. for wear on watch- coat.	
N.415A ...	44A	Small crown for addition to badges	Red
N.415B ...	44B	Small crown for addition to badges	Blue
N.416A ...	45A	Large crown for addition to badges	Red
N.416B ...	45B	Large crown for addition to badges	Blue
N.417A ...	46A	Star for addition to badges ...	Red
N.417B ...	46B	Star for addition to badges ...	Blue

APPENDIX D

OBSOLETE BADGES

Gunnery Branch

Pattern Nos. :

108,	108A,	108B,	108C.	140,	140A,	140B,	140C.
109,	109A,	109B.		142,	142A,	142B,	142C.
110,	110A,	110B,	110C.	145,	145A,	145B.	
111,	111A,	111B.		146,	146A,	146B,	146C.
114,	114A,	114B,	114C.	148,	148A,	148B,	148C.
115,	115A,	115B.		151,	151A,	151B.	
152,	152A,	152B,	152C.	154,	154A,	154B,	154C.
157,	157A,	157B.		158,	158A,	158B,	158C.
160,	160A,	160B,	160C.	163,	163A,	163B.	
223A,	223B,	224A,	224B.	225A,	225B,	226A,	226B.
227A,	227B,	228A,	228B.	229A,	229B,	234A,	234B.
230A,	230B,	231A,	231B.				
235A,	235B,	236A,	236B.	237A,	237B,	238A,	238B.

R.N.V.R.

Pattern Nos. :

23,	23A,	23B,	23C.	24,	24A,	24B.
25,	25A,	25B.				

D.E.M.S.

Pattern Nos. :

220,	220A,	220B.	221A,	221B.
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Boom Defence

Pattern Nos. :

200,	200A,	200B.	201,	201A,	201B.
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Radar Plot Branch

Pattern Nos. :

209A,	209B.	211A,	211B.
213A,	213B.	216A,	216B.

Torpedo and Harbour Defence

Pattern Nos. :

9,	9A,	9B,	9C.	10,	10A,	10B.
122,	122A,	122B,	122C.	123,	123A,	123B.
124,	124A,	124B,	124C.	125,	125A,	125B.
134,	134A,	134B.		126A,	126B.	
121	121A,	121B.		120,	120A,	120B, 120C.
202A,	202B.			133,	133A,	133B, 133C.

Submarine Detectors

Pattern Nos. :

81,	81A,	81B,	81C.	82,	82A,	82B.
83,	83A,	83B,	83C.	84,	84A,	84B.
85,	85A,	85B,	85C.	86,	86A,	86B.
191,	191A,	191B,	191C.	192,	192A,	192B.

Riggers

Pattern Nos. :

204,	204A,	204B.	205,	205A,	205B.
206,	206A,	206B.	218A,	218B,	219A, 219B.

Signal Branch

Pattern Nos. :

16,	16A,	16B.	18A,	18B.
203A,	203B.			

Telegraphists Branch

Pattern Nos. :

67,	67A,	67B.	51A,	51B.
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Mechanicians

Pattern Nos. :

4,	4A,	4B,	4C.
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Stokers

Pattern Nos. :

43A,	43B.
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Artisans

Pattern Nos. :

33,	33A,	33B,	33C.	34,	34A,	34B.
38,	38A,	38B.				

Sailmakers

Pattern Nos. :

73,	73A,	73B,	73C.	74,	74A,	74B.
30A,	39B.			75A,	75B.	