

\*3893.—Uniform—Badges—Naval Ratings

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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., Layer, 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:—

	<i>Seaman and Naval Airman Branches</i>	<i>Other Branches</i>
One Star (above basic design).	3rd Class Part II or Specialist qualification.	Technical qualification for Able rate.
Two Stars (one above and one below basic design).	2nd Class Part II or Specialist qualification.	Technical qualification for Leading rate.
Crown ... ...	1st Class Part II or Specialist qualification.	Technical qualification for P.O. rate.
Crown above and Star below.	The following ratings qualified as Instructors:— Gunnery Instructors, Torpedo and Anti-Submarine Instructors, Radar Plot Instructors, Wireless Instructors, Signalling Instructors, Staff Physical and Recreational Training Instructors.	Not to be worn by ratings below confirmed leading rate.

*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 those 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.

## Distinguishing letters for various specializations

Branch

Device

Branch

Probationary Aeroplane  
Rating Pilot.Rating Pilot. Wings (Pilot's flying  
Badge; I, II, III and IV.Airmen ... Observer's Flying  
Badge.Airmen (O) ... Telegraphist Air  
Gunner's Flying  
Badge.

Naval Airmen ... Aeroplane ...

Aircraft Handler ... H  
Safety Equipment ... SE  
Aircraft Mechanic(A) ... A  
Aircraft Mechanic(E) ... E  
Ordnanceman ... O  
Met. Observer ... MFT  
Photographer ... P

Skilled Air Mechanic Two-Bladed Propeller

Rigger ... R  
Fitter ... F  
Armourer ... OAir Mechanic not entitled to  
Trade pay. Four-Bladed PropellerAir Mechanic not  
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  
of badge.

Supply and Secretariat. Star ...

Writer ... W  
Stores ... S  
Cook ... O  
Officers' Steward ... OS  
Officers' Cook ... OC  
Stenographer ... STLetters worn in  
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  
C.P.Os.  
(b) on the right arm  
of P.Os. of below  
By Divers 2 and 3  
On the right arm, in  
addition to the  
appropriate Branch  
badge.

Artificers ...

† The addition of stars and crown under the arrangements referred to in paragraph 3 of this 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.

Branch badges will not  
be worn by those  
ratings.

## APPENDIX B

## LIST OF PATTERN NUMBERS OF BRANCH BADGES

Revised Pattern Number	Old Pattern Number (if any)	Rating	Description
<b>GUNNERY BRANCH</b>			
<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	...	G.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

Revised Pattern Number	Old Pattern Number (if any)	Rating	Description
<b>GUNNERY BRANCH—contd.</b>			
		<i>Radar Control Ratings</i>	
N.30A	...	C.P.O. ....	Red
N.30B	...	C.P.O. ....	Blue
N.31A	...	R.C.R. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate).	Red
N.31B	...	R.C.R. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate).	Blue
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
		<i>Quarters Armourer Ratings</i>	
N.34A	...	C.P.O. ....	Red
N.34B	...	C.P.O. ....	Blue
N.35A	...	Q.A. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate).	Red
N.35B	...	Q.A. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate).	Blue
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
<b>RADAR PLOT BRANCH</b>			
		<i>Radar Plot Instructors</i>	
N.45A	...	C.P.O. ....	Red
N.45B	...	C.P.O. ....	Blue
N.46A	...	P.O. and Leading Rate ....	Red
N.46B	...	P.O. and Leading Rate ....	Blue
		<i>Radar Plot Ratings</i>	
N.47A	...	C.P.O. ....	Red
N.47B	...	C.P.O. ....	Blue
N.48A	...	R.P. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate).	Red
N.48B	...	R.P. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate).	Blue
N.49A	...	R.P. 2nd Class ....	Red
N.49B	...	R.P. 2nd Class ....	Blue
N.50A	...	R.P. 3rd Class ....	Red
N.50B	...	R.P. 3rd Class ....	Blue
<b>TORPEDO AND ANTI-SUBMARINE BRANCH</b>			
		<i>Torpedo Anti-Submarine Instructors</i>	
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
		<i>Torpedo Detector Ratings</i>	
N.62A	...	C.P.O. ....	Red
N.62B	...	C.P.O. ....	Blue
N.63A	...	T.D. 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed Leading Rate).	Red
N.63B	...	T.D. 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed Leading Rate).	Blue
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			
		Coxswains	
N.76A	...	C.P.O. or acting C.P.O.	Red
N.76B	...	C.P.O. or acting C.P.O.	Blue
		Quartermasters	
		C.P.O.	Red
		C.P.O.	Blue
N.77A	...	Q.M., 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	Red
N.77B	...	Q.M., 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	Blue
N.78A	...	Q.M., 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	Red
N.78B	...	Q.M., 2nd Class	Blue
N.79A	...	Q.M., 2nd Class	Red
N.79B	...	Q.M., 3rd Class	Blue
N.80A	...	Q.M., 3rd Class	Red
N.80B	...	Q.M. 3 Navigators Yeoman (cuff badge)	Blue
N.81A	240a	Q.M. 3 Navigators Yeoman (cuff badge)	Red
N.81B	249b	Q.M. 3 Navigators Yeoman (cuff badge)	Blue
SURVEYING RECORDERS BRANCH			
		C.P.O.	Red
		C.P.O.	Blue
N.90A	...	S.R., 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	Red
N.90B	...	S.R., 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	Blue
N.91A	...	S.R., 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	Red
N.91B	...	S.R., 2nd Class	Blue
N.92A	...	S.R., 2nd Class	Red
N.92B	...	S.R., 3rd Class	Blue
N.93A	...	S.R., 3rd Class	Red
N.93B	...	S.R., 3rd Class	Blue
BOOM DEFENCE BRANCH			
		C.P.O.	Red
		C.P.O.	Blue
N.104A	...	B.T., 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	Red
N.104B	...	B.T., 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	Blue
N.105A	...	B.T., 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	Red
N.105B	...	B.T., 2nd Class	Blue
N.106A	...	B.T., 2nd Class	Red
N.106B	...	B.T., 3rd Class	Blue
N.107A	...	B.T., 3rd Class	Red
N.107B	...	B.T., 3rd Class	Blue
SIGNAL BRANCH			
		Signalling Instructors	
		C.P.O.	Red
		C.P.O.	Blue
N.120A	...	P.O. or Leading Rate	Red
N.120B	...	P.O. or Leading Rate	Blue
N.121A	...	Signalmen	Red
N.121B	...	Chief Yeoman of Signals	Blue
N.122A	...	Chief Yeoman of Signals	Red
N.122B	...	Chief Yeoman of Signals	Blue
		Signal Ratings professionally qualified as :	
	7a	Yeoman of Signals	Red
	7b	Yeoman of Signals	Blue
N.123A	...	Leading Signalman	Red
N.123B	...	Leading Signalman	Blue
N.124A	...	Signalman	Red
N.124B	...	Signalman	Blue
N.125A	...	Ordinary and Boy Signalman	Red
N.125B	...	Ordinary and Boy Signalman	Blue
N.126A	...	Ordinary and Boy Signalman	Red
N.126B	...	Ordinary and Boy Signalman	Blue

Revised Pattern Number	Old Pattern Number (if any)	Rating	Description
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### 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.O.s 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 AT PRESENT.

##### Rating Badges

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

##### Cop 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-coats.	...	...	...	
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

## 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.	237A,	237B, 238A, 238B.
235A,	235B, 236A, 236B.		

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

## Pattern Nos. :

209A, 209B.
213A, 213B.

211A, 211B.
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216A, 216B.
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## 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.
39A,	39B.	75A,	75B.