

†4490—*Flying Badge for Officers qualified as Observers in the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Naval Reserve and the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve*

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His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the design of a badge to be worn by all officers and warrant officers who are qualified as observers in the Fleet Air Arm, whether of the Executive, Air Branch or Royal Marines.

2. The badge consists of wings of gold embroidery having in the centre a fouled silver anchor surrounded by the letter "O" in silver rope and surmounted by a crown. The dimensions are:—

(a) *Full size badge* :—

Width at wing tips	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.
Overall height to wing tips	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Height of centre	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

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(b) *Miniature size badge* :—

Width at wing tips	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.
Overall height to wing tips	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Height of centre	1 in.

3. The badge is to be worn by Observer Officers as soon as they have qualified as Observers and is to continue to be worn so long as the officer is employed or is eligible to be employed as an Observer in a service aircraft, including periods of general service or Corps duties.

4. The badge is to be worn as follows:—

(1) *Blue Uniform and Khaki Service Dress*.

(a) *Officers of the Royal Navy, Royal Naval Reserve and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve*.—The badge is to be sewn in the centre of the left sleeve $\frac{1}{2}$ in. above the circle in the uppermost row of distinction lace and in a corresponding position in the case of midshipmen.

(b) *Royal Marine Officers*.—The badge is to be sewn on the left breast above the upper pocket of the tunic, and in a corresponding position on the frock coat and full dress tunics. If medal ribbons are worn, the badge is to be immediately above the top row of ribbons. On mess jackets the miniature badge is to be sewn above the badges of rank on the right lapel.

(2) *White and Khaki Drill Uniform*.

(a) *Officers of the Royal Navy, Royal Naval Reserve and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve*.—The badge with a safety-pin attachment is to be worn $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. above the left breast pocket of the white or khaki tunics. If medal ribbons are worn, the badge is to be immediately above the top row of ribbons. With the white mess jacket the miniature badge is to be pinned on the left lapel 1 in. below the point of the shoulder, or, if medal ribbons are worn, immediately above the ribbons.

(b) *Royal Marine Officers*.—The badge is to be pinned on the tunics and the miniature badge on the mess jacket in the positions corresponding to those authorised for blue uniform.

(c) The badge is not to be worn on tropical shirts, shoulder straps or on the great coat, watchcoat or waterproof coat.

5. An illustration of the badge is appended.

