

4491.—Flying Badges for Ratings qualified as Rating Observers and Air Gunners
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A new badge of similar design to that described in A.F.O. 4490/42 for officers qualified as Observers has been approved for wear by Rating Observers and acting Rating Observers. The badge will be worn by C.P.O.s. on the cuff of the left sleeve $\frac{1}{2}$ in. above the centre button and by other ratings $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. above the point of the left cuff of the jumper or from the end of the sleeve of the jacket.

2. A new badge for wear by Acting Air Gunners, 3rd class, and men holding higher non-substantive ratings as Air Gunners has also been approved. This badge

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consists of wings having in the centre a fouled anchor surrounded by a narrow oval of rope. It will be worn by C.P.O.s. on the cuff of the left sleeve $\frac{1}{2}$ in. above the centre button and by other ratings $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. above the point of the left cuff of the jumper or from the end of the sleeve of the jacket.

3. The new badges are Flying Badges and will be worn in addition to the existing non-substantive badges for Rating Observers and Air Gunners which will continue to be worn as at present.

4. Steps will be taken to provide stocks of the new badges in red and blue for repayment issue and an Admiralty Fleet Order giving details of pattern numbers and issuing prices will be promulgated as soon as supplies are available.

5. An illustration of the Air Gunners' flying badge is appended.



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