*708.—Uniform—Badges—Wearing of Parachutists' Badge by Naval Officers and Ratings

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With reference to paragraph 5 of A.F.O. 1385/58 (*Ratings—Telegraphists—Volunteers for Parachute Training*) Communication Branch ratings who satisfactorily complete the parachute training course at the R.A.F. Parachute Training School and are attached to the Independent Amphibious Observation Regiment, Royal Artillery, are to receive a gratuitous issue of the parachutists' badges set out in the Appendix to this Order. The badges, which depict a parachute with wings, may still be worn after the ratings have ceased duty with the Regiment, unless the privilege of wearing them has been withdrawn under condition (*c*) of paragraph 2 below.

2. Parachutists' badges may also be worn optionally by Naval Officers and ratings who have qualified as parachutists in the other services provided that:—

(*a*) They have successfully completed a basic parachute course at a recognised R.A.F. Parachute Training School and have been subsequently held on the strength of an airborne unit which required them to drop by parachute,

or (*b*) they have made a parachute jump in operations against the enemy,

and (*c*) they have not had the privilege of wearing the badge withdrawn for refusing to jump or for being absent without good cause from a parade specifically ordered for parachute jumping.

3. Ratings qualified under paragraph 2 may wear the badges detailed in the Appendix to this Order. Naval officers may wear the badge in gold on blue with silver parachute (Vocabulary No. 31975) on blue uniform, with a safety pin attachment on white uniform and in miniature (length 2-ins., height ¾-in.) on white mess jackets. The miniature badge will not be supplied from Service sources.

4. These badges are to be worn in the same position as flying badges. Parachutists' badges other than those detailed in this Order are not to be worn on naval uniform.

5. Stocks of the parachutists' badge are held in the United Kingdom by the Superintending Victualling Store Officer, Northern Area and supplies will shortly be available at Victualling Yards in Singapore and Malta.

6. The Uniform Regulations will be amended.

Appendix

Vocabulary No.	*Colour*	*To be worn by ratings on*
31975	Gold on blue with silver parachute	No. 1 Dress.
32975	Red on blue	Blue uniform other than No. 1 Dress.
33975	Blue on white	White uniform.
86975*	White on khaki serge	Khaki serge uniform.
87975*	White on khaki drill	Khaki drill uniform.

Note.—*Vocabs. 86975 and 87955 are only to be issued to ratings who are required to wear khaki uniform.

(*Appendix to Navy List—Uniform Regulations.*)

(*A.F.O. 1385/58.*)

(*A.F.O. 512/59—Clothing, Soap and Tobacco—Issuing Prices, Kit Upkeep Allowances, etc.*)