

ADMIRALTY UNIFORM AND CLOTHING COMMITTEE.Royal Marines Dress ProposalsItem No. 15. Gold Badges for Sergeants and above.

Arising from the minutes of the 218th meeting, held on 27th January, 1954, C.G.R.M. has investigated the origin of the Colour Sergeants' badge and has produced the following extract from "Britain's Sea Soldiers", Volume II:-

"1814. Company Sergeants granted a special badge and 6d, a day in consideration of the meritorious and exemplary conduct of N.C.O.'s R.M."

A copy of the Admiralty Letter promulgating the introduction of the badge is given in Appendix A.

Item No. 16. Specialist Qualification etc. Badges.

Requirements of specialist qualification etc. badges for wear by Royal Marines have now been reviewed by C.G.R.M. and a comprehensive list of the badges required is shown in Appendix B.

2. According to the Uniform Regulations the badges to be provided for R.M. personnel with Gunnery and P.T. qualifications should be of the same design as those provided for R.N. ratings with similar qualifications and requirements of red badges for wear on blue uniforms by these ranks are currently provided from existing stocks of R.N. badges. It will be necessary, however, to provide additional patterns of these badges in most instances for wear on khaki uniforms and to re-categorise some of the patterns of khaki badges of which stocks are now held.

3. It is noted that the same design of badge is required for both Drill and Platoon Weapons personnel due to the fact that these ranks were originally included in the same category. Although it is understood from C.G.R.M. that this is not likely to lead to confusion in practice it is for consideration whether a distinguishing letter might be added to these badges to avoid any possible confusion with the marksmanship badge, which is also of the same design.

4. The badges included in the revised schedule are all of existing patterns, with the exception of those consisting of a laurel wreath with distinguishing letters. These badges are similar to the current Army Tradesman's badges, a sample of which will be available for inspection at the meeting. Further samples incorporating (a) scroll letters and (b) block letters are being made up. No difficulties are anticipated with regard to the manufacture of badges incorporating either type of lettering.

5. The choice of the letter K as the distinguishing letter in the badge to be provided for Cooks is due to the fact that the letter C is required for Clerks. It is for consideration whether a more appropriate letter or device might be provided for one or other of these categories.

Comprehensive List of Specialist Qualification Badges etc.
necessary for Royal Marines

Appendix B

Key to abbreviations
 G = Gold
 R = Red
 K = Khaki
 KD = Khaki Drill

Specialist Qualification (1)	Approx. No. of Men (2)	Description of Badge (3)	Additional Patterns now Required (4)	Remarks (5)
Gunnery Instructor	50	R.N. Badge	K., KD.	
Quarters Rating 1st Class	10	R.N. Badge	K., KD.	
" " 2nd Class	45	R.N. Badge	K., KD.	Old QR1 badge can be utilised
" " 3rd Class	130	R.N. Badge	K., KD.	Old QR1I badge can be utilised.
Quarters Armourer 1st Class	25	R.N. Badge	K., KD.	
" " 2nd Class	40	R.N. Badge	K., KD.	
" " 3rd Class	180	R.N. Badge	K., KD.	
Gunlayer 1st Class	10	R.N. Badge	K., KD.	
" 2nd Class	80	R.N. Badge	K., KD.	
" 3rd Class	160	R.N. Badge	K., KD.	Old LRII badge can be utilised
Staff Physical Training Instructor	15	R.N. Badge	K., KD.	—
Physical Trainer 1st Class	45	R.N. Badge	K., KD.	Old 2nd Class badge can be utilised.
" " 2nd Class	40	R.N. Badge	K., KD.	

NOTE: G and R Patterns of the above RN badges already exist.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Assault Engineer 1st Class	10	Letters "AE" in wreath, Crown above.	G.,R,K,KD.	
" " 2nd Class	15	" " " " Star above & below.	G,R,K, KD.	
" " 3rd Class	40	" " " " Star above	G,R,K, KD.	
Cliff Leader 1st Class	40	Letters "CL" in wreath, Crown above.	G,R,K, KD.	
" " 2nd Class	20	" " " " Star above & below.	G,R,K, KD.	
" " 3rd Class	40	" " " " Star above.	G,R,K, KD.	
Drill 1st Class	50	Crossed Rifles, Crown above.	G.	R,K, & KD already exist.
" 2nd Class	10	" " Star above & below.	G,R,K, KD.	
Platoon Weapons 1st Class	110	Crossed Rifles, Crown above.	G.	R,K & KD already exist.
" " 2nd Class	75	" " Star above & below.	G,R,K, KD.	
" " 3rd Class	24	" " Star above.	G,R,K, KD.	
Heavy Weapons 1st Class	30	Letters "HW" in wreath, Crown above.	G,R,K, KD.	
" " 2nd Class	60	" " " " Star above & below.	G,R,K, KD.	
" " 3rd Class	60	" " " " Star above.	G,R,K, KD.	
Landing Craft 1st Class	50	Letters "LC" in wreath, Star above.	G,R,K, KD.	
" " 2nd Class	200	" " " " Star above & below.	G,R,K, KD.	
" " 3rd Class	250	" " " " Star above.	G,R,K, KD.	

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Swimmer Canoeist 1st Class	30	Letters "SC" in wreath, Crown above.	G,R,K,KD.	
" " 2nd Class	30	" " " " Star above & below.	G,R,K,KD.	
" " 3rd Class	35	" " " " Star above.	G,R,K,KD.	
Signal Instructor	20	Crossed Flags, Crown above, Two stars below.	G,R,K,KD.	Pattern of flags Old RM Instructors
Signaller 1st Class	25	Crossed Flags, Crown above.	G,R,K,KD.) is peculiar to badge can be
" 2nd Class	70	" " Star above and below.	G,R,K,KD.) R.M. (not R.N. utilised for
" 3rd Class	245	" " Star above.	G,R,K,KD.) flag) Signaller 1st Class.
Clerk 1st Class	150	Letter "C" in wreath, Crown above.	G,R,K,KD.	Old RM Signaller
" 2nd Class	120	" " " " Star above & below.	G,R,K,KD.	2nd Class can be
" 3rd Class	210	" " " " Star above.	G,R,K,KD.	utilised for Signaller 3rd Class.
Cook 1st Class	25	Letter "K" in wreath, Crown above.	G,R,K,KD.	
" 2nd Class	60	" " " " Star above & below.	G,R,K,KD.	
" 3rd Class	180	" " " " Star above.	G,R,K,KD.	

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<u>Miscellaneous</u>				
King's Badge		Royal Cypher and GRV in wreath	Nil	All patterns already exist.
Tradesmen	380	Crossed Hammer and Pincers	G.	R, K & KD patterns already exist.
" Radio Mechanic	15	Wireless Signals (Army Patt. CB 0239)	G, R, K & KD.	
" Telegraphic Mechanic	4	Wireless Signals (Army Patt. CB 0239)	G, R, K & KD.	
Musician	900	Lyre	Gilding Metal (Army pattern)	For wear by Band Sergeants & below (2 per man)
Drummer		Drum	KD.	Other necessary patterns already exist.
Bugler (Bugle Major only)	3	Bugle	Nil	Other necessary patterns already exist.
Parachutist		Parachute with wings	G., Light Blue on Dark Blue.	Blue on Khaki already exists.
Driver	550	Wheel Steering	G., R & KD.	K patterns already exist.
<u>Skill at Arms</u>				
Marksman	2000	Crossed Rifles	G.	R, K & KD patterns already exist.
Sniper	100	Crossed Rifles, Letter "S" above.	G.	R, K & KD patterns already exist.
<u>Badge of Rank</u>				
Colour Sergeant	250	Special Ceremonial arm-badge	G.	R.M. Dress Proposals, Serial No. 15 refers.