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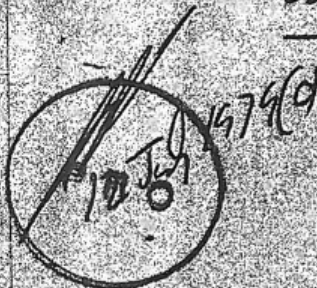
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SUBJECT

Royal Maritime Academy  
Proposed amendments to  
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holding 1st Class Specialist Qualification. It therefore appears desirable also to provide a khaki badge for wearing by Physical Trainers 2nd Class of Sergeant rank and below, which would consist of crossed clubs with a star above and a star below. In order that provision of this badge may be arranged it is requested that C.G.R.M. will indicate the number of ranks involved.

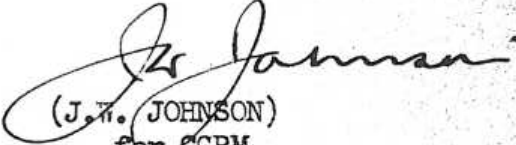
3. It is proposed that the revised Section III of the Uniform Regulations should be promulgated by A.F.O. as soon as it is approved. Referred for concurrence or remarks before submission to the Board.

  
DIRECTOR OF VICTUALLING  
29th April, 1953.

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Concur in paragraph 1 of D of V's minute. The enclosed draft has been amended where considered necessary.

2. Regarding paragraph 2, khaki pattern equivalents of the Naval Gunnery badges are at present worn by Royal Marines and stocks of these badges are held by D of V. It would appear necessary to provide a Staff PT Instructors badge, i.e. crossed clubs, crown above and 2 stars below in addition to PT 1st Class and PT 2nd Class. However, as the general question of specialist badges (including the provision of new badges for specialists for whom no badge exists at the moment) is at present under consideration by CGRM, it is suggested that no action be taken at this review to amend detail relating to specialist badges.

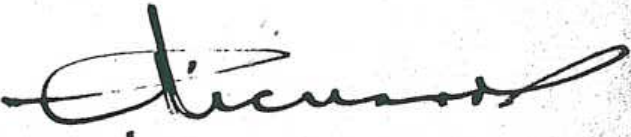
  
(J. W. JOHNSON)  
for CGRM

5th June, 1953.

The Uniform Regulations relating to the badges worn by N.C.O's and Men of the Royal Marines have been revised and amplified, as shewn in the enclosed draft. It is proposed to incorporate these amended regulations in the next reprint of the Appendix to the Navy List.

2. The section relating to Skill and Specialist badges (paragraph 10 et seq. of the draft) will require further revision in due course as C.G.R.M. has the general question of these badges under review at the present time. This review may not, however, be completed for some considerable time and it is meanwhile considered desirable that the existing regulations should be promulgated as shewn.

Submitted.

  
DIRECTOR OF VICTUALLING

12th August 1953.



Arising from the discussions on V.4813/51 in respect of free issues of badges to other ranks R.M. on advancement in rank and in specialist or technio qualification, it appears desirable to revise the existing Uniform Regulations Section III, on the lines of the corresponding regulations for naval ratings, to indicate more clearly the badges authorised for wear by other ranks R.M. In particular it appears necessary to shew -

- (i) details of the rank and specialist badges worn
- (ii) details of the material or colour of the various badges
- (iii) the dresses on which the badges are worn.

A draft of a revised Section III of the Uniform Regulations has therefore been prepared to include information covering (i) to (iii) above, furnished by C.G.R.M. in the discussions regarding free issues of badges, and is ~~the~~ enclosed. ~~The~~ The matter in the revised draft which is additional to the present regulations has been underlined in red. In this connection reference to the wearing of badges on blue battledress has been omitted from the draft in view of the decision on V.2859/50 to abolish this dress.

2. Specialist and skill badges. The present regulations state that naval pattern badges are to be worn with blue uniform and Army pattern badges with khaki uniform. It is understood that this is not in fact general to all branches and that the only badges of Naval or Army patterns concerned are:-

- Naval Gunnery - Naval Gunnery badges worn on blue uniform but no branch badges worn on khaki uniforms.
- Physical Training - Naval pattern badges worn on blue uniform and badges of the same design as naval badges but in ~~khaki~~, worn on khaki uniform.
- M/T Driver - Army pattern badges worn on khaki uniform only.

It is considered therefore that it would be more appropriate to list details of skill and specialist badges authorised for wear by other ranks R.M. as shown in paragraph 8 of the draft. In this connection it is understood that where naval badges are worn R.M. other ranks wear the same design of badge as the corresponding naval rating holding identical qualifications, viz:-

- Colour Sergeant - Chief Petty Officer
- Sergeant and below - Petty Officer and below.

In the case of Physical Training ranks the badges worn on blue uniform will be of the appropriate pattern provided for naval ratings, but in the case of khaki badges for wear on khaki uniform only two patterns of badges are at present provided by this Department, viz:-

	<u>Device</u>	<u>Equivalent Naval rating</u>
(i) Physical Trainer 1st Class	Crossed clubs, crown above, star below.	C.P.O. 1st Class Specialist Qualification.
(ii) Physical Trainer 2nd Class	Crossed clubs, crown above.	C.P.O. 2nd Class Specialist Qualification or P.O. and below 1st Class Specialist Qualification.

The badge at (i) above is therefore appropriate for wear by Colour Sergeants holding 1st Class Specialist Qualification and that at (ii) for wear by Colour Sergeants holding 2nd Class Specialist Qualification and Sergeants and below

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SECTION III

BADGES

1. Cap Badges consisting of globe and laurel with lion and crown above are to be worn centrally in front of the cap, with the top of the red welt running through the crown and level with the two holes in the crown. A composite gilding metal badge is worn by Corporals and below, a composite gilt badge by Bandmasters, Colour Sergeants and Sergeants, and a separate gilt lion and crown badge is worn above a gilt globe and laurel badge by Regimental Sergeants Major, Quartermaster Sergeants and Staff Bandmasters. Cap Badges as described above are also worn on berets by all ranks.

(See Section V. for special cap badges worn by R.M. Band Service ranks.)

2. Collar Badge consisting of globe and laurel in gilt for Senior N.C.O.s and gilding metal for Corporals and below is to be worn on each collar of the blue tunic. The badge is to be set one-eighth of an inch above the collar seam with the centre of badge two inches from the edge of the collar.

(See Section V. for special collar badges worn by Boy Musicians.)

3. Letters R.M. in gilt for Senior N.C.O.s and gilding metal for Corporals and below are to be worn on blue tunics, greatcoats, tunics khaki drill and bush jackets. The letters are to be set in the centre of the shoulder strap, half an inch above shoulder seam.



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4. Badges, arm, lettered ROYAL MARINES

embroidered in red on a blue background are to be worn on khaki battledress, except by Commando ranks (see paragraph 5 below). The badges are to be worn on both arms centrally below the shoulder strap, with the upper edge of the badge one inch below the shoulder seam.

5. Badges, arm, lettered "Royal Marines Commando"

embroidered in red on a blue background are to be worn on khaki battledress by ranks drafted to a Commando Formation or Unit, and Instructors at the Commando School R.M.

Badges, arm, Commando Formation Sign (Dagger), embroidered red dagger on a blue background are to be worn by all ranks on the posted strength of a Commando Formation or Unit, below the arm badge "Royal Marines Commando".

6. Rank Badges

The badges indicating rank are as follows:-

<u>Lance Corporal</u>	<u>Chevron 1 bar</u>
<u>Corporal</u>	<u>Chevrons 2 bars</u>
<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Chevrons 3 bars</u>
<u>Colour Sergeant</u>	<u>Chevrons 3 bar with crown above.</u>
<u>Quartermaster Sergeant</u>	<u>Crown and Wreath</u>
<u>Regimental Sergeant Major</u>	<u>Royal Arms</u>
<u>Bandmaster</u>	<u>Lyre, wreath and crown.</u>
<u>Bandmasters of Portsmouth, Plymouth and R.M. School of Music Staff Bands.</u>	<u>3 Inverted chevrons with lyre above.</u>
<u>Staff Bandmaster</u>	<u>Crown and Wreath</u>
<u>Bugle Major</u>	<u>4 inverted chevrons with bugle above.</u>
<u>Drum Major</u>	<u>4 inverted chevrons with drum above.</u>

These badges are worn on all dresses, with the exception of greatcoat, above the elbow by Colour Sergeant and below, and below the elbow by Bandmasters, Staff Bandmasters, Bandmasters of Staff Bands, Drum Majors, Bugle Majors, Quartermaster Sergeants and Regimental Sergeants-Major as follows:-

Colour Sergeants and below centrally between the sleeve seams, the bottom point of the lower chevron being  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " from the shoulder seam.

Bandmasters, Staff Bandmasters, Quartermaster Sergeants and Regimental Sergeants-Major centrally between the sleeve seams, the bottom point of the badge to be approximately one quarter of an inch from point of slash, except on khaki battledress when the distance is to be two inches above top of cuff seam.

Drum Majors, Bugle Majors and Bandmasters of Staff Bands centrally between the sleeve seams, the inner angle of the lower chevron to be approximately one quarter of an inch from the point of slash, except on khaki battledress when the distance of bottom point of the lower chevron is to be two inches above top of cuff.

When the above badges are worn on the greatcoat they are to be worn below the elbow by all ranks, the bottom point of the lower chevron or badge to be approximately one quarter of an inch from top of cuff.

7. Chevrons and badges of rank are to be worn on the right arm with all orders of dress except as follows:-

- (i) on khaki battledress and greatcoats these badges are worn on both arms.

(ii) Regimental Sergeants-Major,

Quartermaster Sergeants, Staff Bandmasters and Bandmasters are to wear brass badges of rank on a leather strap on the right wrist with all orders of tropical dress.

8. Colour Sergeants and below chevrons of rank are to be gold on scarlet, (Colour Sergeant's crown to be gold on blue) for wear on No's 1 and 2 Dresses ; red on blue for wear on other serge tunics and light blue shirts; khaki on khaki for wear on greatcoats, khaki battledress and denim suits; khaki on khaki drill for wear on khaki drill tunics and shirts khaki flannel; and white tape on khaki drill for wear on bush jackets.

Bandmasters, Staff Bandmaster, Quartermaster Sergeants and Regimental Sergeants-Major badges of rank are to be gold on blue for wear on all blue tunics; khaki on khaki for wear on greatcoats, khaki battledress and denim suits; and gilding metal badges for wear with all other dresses, except that Bandmasters are to wear khaki on khaki drill on tunics khaki drill.

Drum Majors, Bugle Majors and Bandmasters of Staff Bands chevrons and insignias of rank are to be gold on blue for wear on all blue tunics and khaki on khaki for wear on greatcoats and denim suits.

9. Good Conduct Badges are not worn by non-commissioned officers but are worn by all other ranks entitled to them. The possession of one or more good conduct badges by these ranks is indicated by corresponding number of chevrons worn point up, on the left arm with the inner angle of the lower chevron one quarter of an inch from point of slash except on khaki battledress when the

bottom point of the lower chevron is to be two inches above top of cuff.

Good conduct badges are to be worn on serge tunics, khaki battledress and khaki drill tunics only.

Good conduct badges are to be red on blue for wear on serge tunics, khaki on khaki for wear on khaki battledress, and khaki on khaki drill for wear on khaki drill tunics.

10. Skill and specialist badges as described below are to be worn <sup>by Colour Sergeants and below</sup> on blue tunics (except by N.C.O.s wearing gold chevrons) khaki battledress and khaki drill tunics only.

Naval Gunnery

Physical Training

*Badges of the design worn on the sleeve (P.O.s. only) by Naval ratings holding corresponding qualifications (see Naval Uniform (Ratings) Section 1)*

Signaller 1st Class

Crossed flags (one blue and one white crossed horizontally by blue line), with star above.

Signaller 2nd Class

Crossed flags (one blue and one white crossed horizontal by blue line).

Tradesmen group

Crossed hammer and pincers.

'A' and 'B'

≠ M/T Driver

Steering Wheel.

≠ Parachutist

Parachute and wings.

Platoon Weapons Instructor

Crossed Rifles with Crown above.

Sniper

Crossed Rifles with letter 'S' above.

Marksman

Crossed Rifles.

≠ Not worn on blue uniform.

Instructors of the rank of Colour Sergeant ~~and~~

~~above~~ are to wear the appropriate Instructor's badges



on the right arm immediately above the cuff, other N.C.O.s, above the chevrons on right arm, the bottom of the badge to be close to the centre of the top chevron. Group A and B Tradesmen are to wear the Tradesmen Badge (crossed Hammer and Pincers) on their right upper arm. Parachute badges with wings may be worn on the upper part of the right arm by N.C.O.s and men who are qualified parachutists and who are serving or who have served in Airborne, Commando or Small Raids units and formations.

11. Except as provided above, specialist badges are to be worn on the left arm one-quarter inch above the point of the cuff or good conduct badge (7 inches from bottom of sleeve when no pointed cuff or good conduct badge is worn) respectively. Where more than one specialist badge is worn, a quarter-inch is to be left clear between each badge, and badges are to be worn the following order commencing at the bottom:-

Marksman or Sniper

Naval Gunnery

M.T.Driver

Signaller

Badges awarded during former service in the Army or Royal Air Force are not to be worn unless such badges are authorised for wear by other ranks R.M. (e.g. parachute badge).

12. Skill and Specialist Badges are to be embroidered in red on a blue background for wear on serge tunics, in khaki on khaki for wear on khaki battledress, and in khaki on khaki drill for wear on khaki drill tunics.

13. The King's Badge consisting of the Royal Cypher, "G.R.V." surrounded by a laurel wreath, is to be worn below the point of the left shoulder, in gold on Nos. 1 and 2 Dresses, red on blue on other serge tunics, in khaki on khaki on khaki battledress, and in khaki on khaki drill on khaki drill tunics.