

(U)1487.—Uniform—Badges—WRNS Ratings
(N/V3A/444/68—20-N)

(N/V3A/444/68—29 Nov 1968)

1. *Hat Badges*.—The number of hat badges in the compulsory kits of Chief Wrens and Petty Officer Wrens is to be increased from one to two. Ratings advanced to Chief Wren or Petty Officer Wren on or after 28th November 1968, are to be given a gratuitous issue of two hat badges. Chief and Petty Officer Wrens already serving as such before the above date should provide themselves with a second hat badge, if not already in possession, in the normal course of maintenance.

2. *Embroidered and Printed Badges*.—Rating, good conduct and category badges are to be worn by WRNS ratings as follows:—

<i>Garment</i>	<i>Badges</i>	<i>Type of badge</i>
Blue jacket	Ratings, good conduct and category	Embroidered blue on blue
White tropical dress	Ratings, good conduct and category	Embroidered blue on white
Long-sleeved overalls	Rating and category	Printed blue on white
Overcoat		Embroidered blue on blue
Summer blouse		Embroidered blue on white
Tropical shirt*		Embroidered blue on white
Uniform cotton vest		Printed blue on white
Short-sleeved overalls*		

*Chief Wrens also wear gilt metal collar badges on these garments.

3. *Rayon and Cotton Embroidered Badges.*—Badges (blue on blue) embroidered in cotton are obsolescent, but while stocks remain they are to be issued for "second best" wear, the more expensive rayon being reserved for "best".
4. *Gratuitious Issues.*—The scales of gratuitious issue of badges to entitled ratings in accordance with paragraphs 1 to 3 above, are shown in the Annex to this Instruction, which amends the scales laid down in BR 93 (*Victualling Manual*), Articles 1321 to 1324. Officers concerned should take care that the correct issues are made. Instances have occurred of incorrect issues, particularly as regards embroidered blue instead of printed for overalls and uniform cotton vests, and two blue-on-blue rayon badges instead of one rayon and one cotton.
5. BR 81 (*Uniform Regulations*) and BR 93 (*Victualling Manual*) will be amended.

ANNEX

WRNS RATINGS: GRATUITIOUS ISSUE OF BADGES

<i>a. On Advancement</i>			
(1) To Leading Wren	Rating badge	2 No Blue on blue rayon	
		1 No Blue on blue cotton	
		2 No Blue on white embroidered	
(2) To PO Wren	Rating Badge	2 No Blue on blue rayon	
		1 No Blue on blue cotton	
		2 No Rayon embroidered	
(3) To Chief Wren	Hat Badge	1 Pr Metal collar badges	
	Rating badge	1 Pr Blue on blue rayon	
	Category badge	1 Pr Blue on blue cotton	
	Hat badge	2 No Rayon embroidered	
(4) Additional issue to PO Wren Cook, for wear on white tropical shirt:—			
	Rating badge	4 No Blue on white embroidered	
(5) Additional issues to ratings whose kits include uniform cotton vests and/or overalls (including loan overalls):—			
Leading Wren	Rating badge	1 No Printed blue on white for each uniform cotton vest and overall allowed.	
PO Wren			
(6) Additional issues to ratings serving on stations where tropical clothing is worn:—			
(a) Leading Wren	Rating badge	5 No Blue on white embroidered	
(b) PO Wren	Rating badge	8 No Blue on white embroidered	
(c) Chief Wren	Category badge	2 No Blue on white embroidered	
<i>b. On qualifying for a Category Badge or Change of Category Badge</i>			
(1) PO Wren and below	Category badge	1 No blue on blue rayon 1 Pr blue on blue cotton	
(2) Chief Wren	Category badge		
(3) Additional issues to ratings whose kits include long-sleeved overalls (including loan overalls):—		1 Pr Blue on blue rayon 1 Pr blue on blue cotton	
All ratings	Category badge	1 No Printed blue on white for each overall allowed	
(4) Additional issues to ratings serving on stations where tropical clothing is worn:—			
All ratings	Category badge	2 No Blue on white embroidered	
<i>c. On Award of Good Conduct Badge</i>			
(1) PO Wren and below	Good Conduct badge	2 No Blue on blue rayon	
(2) Additional issues to ratings serving on stations where tropical clothing is worn:—			
PO Wren and below	Good conduct badge	2 No Blue on white embroidered	
<i>d. On Award of Marksman (Good Shooting) Badge</i>			
All ratings	Marksman badge	1 No Blue on blue rayon	
		1 No Blue on blue cotton	

Note.—If an obsolescent blue-on-blue cotton badge is no longer available, blue-on-blue rayon is to be issued in lieu.