

(U)162.—Uniform—RN and WRNS Ratings—Printed Blue on White Badges—Change
in Production Methods

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1. There is now no capacity in the industry for the production of printed blue on white badges by the process hitherto used. It has therefore been necessary to resort to an alternative method of printing these badges for current supplies, which will now progressively be coming forward for issue.
2. The alternative production process has, however, resulted in greater susceptibility to loss of colour in the badge devices in the course of washing. The loss of definition should, however, be minimal provided normal laundering methods are used; but badges of this new type must not be subjected to scrubbing, or other harsh treatment.
3. Investigations are continuing with a view to finding better production methods for which capacity is available, and which will give improved colour fastness for printed blue badges.