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200/95 Uniform — QARNNS and QARNNS (R) Officers — adoption of RN Ranks  
— changes to rank insignia, other badges and uniforms (U)

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## Introduction

1. This DCI promulgates full details of new badges and the changes in rank insignia and uniforms for QARNNS and QARNNS(R) Officers following adoption of RN ranks and titles which will be announced concurrently in a separate DCI.

## Background

2. The unique design of QARNNS badges for Officer's has existed since 1902. A ratings section of QARNNS was formed in 1959 which has since adopted RN titles and rate badges. When DCS15 is implemented, personnel from all three nursing services will be working together in a tri service organization. The adoption of RN titles and rank insignia for QARNNS and QARNNS(R) Officers will include them in the RN rank and rate structure along with nursing ratings and establish a corporate identity within the three nursing services.

3. The QARNNS and QARNNS(R) will remain separate services identified by Queen Alexandra's monogram, and will retain the suffix QARNNS or QARNNS (R).

4. From 3 Sep 95 all QARNNS and QARNNS(R) Officers will assume RN ranks as follows:

Old Rank	New Rank
Principal Nursing Officer (PNO)	Captain, QARNNS
Chief Nursing Officer (C NO)	Commander, QARNNS
Superintending Nursing Officer (Supt. NO/Supt. NO(R))	Lieutenant Commander, QARNNS/QARNNS(R)
Senior Nursing Officer (SNO/SNO(R))	Lieutenant, QARNNS/QARNNS(R)
Nursing Officer (NO/NO(R))	Sub Lieutenant, QARNNS/QARNNS (R)

### Changes to Rank Insignia, Badges and Uniform

5. Detailed instructions for implementing the following changes have been issued separately by personal letter to all QARNNS and QARNNS(R) Officers:

- a. *Headwear:* The existing QARNNS cap/hat and beret badge will be replaced by the RN Officer's gold embroidered hat badge and metal beret badge respectively.
- b. *No. 1, 4 and 5 Undress Blue Uniform suit:* Existing QARNNS shoulder badges will be replaced by appropriate RN or RNR gold sleeve rank lace surmounted by a new Queen Alexandra's insignia (embroidered red and gold QA monogram superimposed on a gold foul anchor). This insignia will be worn on both sleeves  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch above the curl in the uppermost (or only) row of rank lace.
- c. *No. 2, 6 and 7 Blue Mess Dress.*
  - (1) *Male Officers:* As for No. 5 Undress blue uniform in Para 5b above.
  - (2) *Female Officers:* Existing QARNNS tippet badges will be replaced by new distinctive badges, of similar outer dimensions, displaying appropriate RN rank embroidered in gold below the new QA insignia. Reserve Officers, when in optional mess dress, will wear the same badge but with a small 'R' embroidered inside the curl of the rank insignia. New entrant QARNNS Officers will be issued with the new style RN female Officer's Mess undress jacket and long skirt. Serving Officers may continue to wear the existing style of QARNNS mess dress until 31 Mar 2003, or until replaced earlier in the normal course of uniform upkeep by the new style RN Officer's mess dress.
- d. *No.5J Heavy Wool Jersey/No.12 White Collar attached Shirt:* Existing badges will be replaced by equivalent RN or RNR slip-on shoulder rank badges.

- e. *No.8 Ward Dress and Tippet:* There is no change to the ward dress but existing tippet badges will be replaced by new distinctive rank badges described in Para 5c(2) above.
- f. *No. 8 Blue Working Dress (Blue No. 8 working dress shirt and trousers):* Appropriate RN or RNR shoulder rank badges will be worn. In addition a new embroidered red/blue on white badge depicting the QA monogram is to be worn centrally immediately above the left breast pocket of the No.8 shirt.
- g. *No.8 White Ward Coat (Male Officers):* Existing QARNNS shoulder badges will be replaced by appropriate RN or RNR slip-on shoulder rank badges. In addition a new metal badge displaying the QA insignia (QA monogram in gold and red superimposed on a gold foul anchor) will be worn  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches above the left breast pocket of the jacket.
- h. *No.8W White Ward Dress (Female Officers):* Existing QARNNS shoulder badges will be replaced by appropriate RN or RNR slip-on shoulder rank badges.
- j. *No.9W, 10W and 12W White Tropical Shirt (Male Officers):* Existing QARNNS shoulder badges will be replaced by appropriate RN or RNR lace-on shoulder rank boards.
- k. *White Mess Dress.*
  - (1) *Male Officers:* No2W, 6W and 7W White Mess Jacket: Existing QARNNS shoulder badges will be replaced by appropriate RN (RNR in optional mess dress) lace-on shoulder rank boards. In addition the new QA metal insignia as described in Para 5g above will be worn on the left lapel immediately above any medal ribbons.
  - (2) *Female Officers:* No.2W and 6W White Mess dress with Cape: Existing tippet badges will be replaced by new distinctive rank badges described in Para 5c(2) above. Serving Officers may continue to wear the existing white mess dress with cape until 31 Mar 2003, or until replaced earlier in the normal course of uniform upkeep by the new style RN Officer's mess dress. Officers who have not been issued with the existing white mess dress and cape will be provided with the new style RN female Officer's white (and blue) mess dress jackets and long blue skirt when next appointed to an area where tropical uniform will be worn.
- l. *White Bush Jacket.*
  - (1) *Male Officers:* No. 4W and 5W: Existing shoulder badges will be replaced by appropriate RN or RNR lace-on shoulder rank boards. In addition the new metal QA insignia as described in Para 5g above will be worn over the left breast pocket. It should be positioned  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches above the pocket if no medal ribbons are worn or immediately above the medal ribbons.

(2) *Female Officers*: Introduction of a new bush jacket and skirt for RN and QARNNS Officers and Senior Rates will be announced separately by DCI during Aug 95. Instructions regarding the wear of shoulder boards and the new QA badge in para 5.1(1) above will apply.

#### New badges

6. Stores and accounting details of the new badges are at the ANNEX.

#### Method of Introduction

7. Details of cash grants for the lacing of blue uniform suits, gratuitous issues of new QARNNS and existing RN badges and instructions for implementing the changes are given in the letter mentioned at the beginning of Para 5 which is also copied to Commands, Administrative authorities and clothing stores.

#### Supply arrangements

8. Stocks of the new badges for initial requirements to cover introduction are held exclusively at RNH Haslar. Other RN Clothing Stores should allow a further two months before placing demands for local requirements.

#### Publications

9. BR81 (RN and RM Uniform Regulations) will be amended. In the meantime a copy of this DCI is to be retained within the covers of the BR until its contents have been incorporated by routine amendment.

## ANNEX

### QARNNS and QARNNS(R) Officers — new badges and insignia

1. *Badge QARNNS Tippet EGB* — RN rank embroidered in gold below QA insignia (red and gold QA monogram superimposed on a gold foul anchor).

Stock No.	Description			
V091-99-869-2911	Badge QARNNS Tippet EGB	Sub Lieutenant		
V091-99-869-2912	" " "	Lieutenant		
V091-99-869-2913	" " "	Lt. Commander		
V091-99-869-2914	" " "	Commander		
V091-99-869-2914	" " "	Captain		
V091-99-869-2916	" " "	Commodore		

Denomination of Quantity: EA

Accounting Cl as s ification : C

Fleet Issuing Price: To be promulgated later

2. *Badge QARNNS(R) Tippet EGB* — As for 1. above but with a small 'R' embroidered inside the curl of the rank insignia.

Stock No.	Description		
V091-99-869-3066	Badge QARNNS(R) Tippet EGB	Sub Lieutenant	
" " "	" "	Lieutenant	
V091-99-869-3067	" "	Lt. Commander	
V091-99-869-3068	" "		

Denomination of Quantity: EA

Accounting Classification: C

Fleet Issuing Price: To be promulgated later

3. QARNNS (Officer's) Cuff Badge — Embroidered red and gold QA monogram superimposed on a gold foul anchor.

Stock No.	Description
V091-99-869-2910	QARNNS Cuff Badge EGB

Denomination of Quantity: EA

Accounting Classification: C

Fleet Issuing Price: To be promulgated later

4. QARNNS Metal Lapel Badge — QA monogram in gold and red superimposed on a gold foul anchor.

Stock No.	Description
V095-99-869-2917	QARNNS Lapel Badge

Denomination of Quantity: EA

Accounting Classification: C

Fleet Issuing Price: To be promulgated later

5. QARNNS Monogram — Embroidered red QA monogram outlined in blue on a white background.

Stock No.	Description
V083-99-869-2921	QARNNS Monogram ERBW

Denomination of Quantity: EA

Accounting Classification: C

Fleet Issuing Price: To be promulgated later