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210/77. UNIFORM—WRNS AND WRNR OFFICERS—INTRODUCTION OF  
HEAVY WOOL JERSEYS AND SHOULDER BADGES OF RANK (U)

[N/STE 143/77(DGST(N)83A)]

1. The navy blue heavy wool jerseys, and limited supplies of shoulder badges of rank, referred to in DCI (RN) 466/76, are now available. Details are given in ANNEXES A and B to this DCI.

2. Design

- a. The jersey is of ribbed construction, has a 'V'-neck, and sleeves with turn-back cuffs. Shoulder flaps are secured by Velcro, touch-and-close, fastening.
- b. The shoulder badges are similar to those worn by RN officers but with light blue rank lace. A letter 'R', embroidered in blue rayon, is positioned below the blue lace for WRNR officers.

Occasions for wear

3. The jersey and shoulder badges may be worn on ordinary working occasions with navy blue uniform skirt, white collar-attached shirt, black tie and tricorne hat. This Dress is to be designated No 5J (Jersey) and is to be worn on the same occasions

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and under the same conditions as No 5J Dress for RN and RNR officers; see DCI (RN) S38/75 and amendment dated 25 April 1975. Exceptionally, WRNS <sup>Officers; see DCI</sup> Analysis officers have the option of wearing a beret in place of the tricorne hat, and navy blue, diagonal serge trousers in place of the skirt.

4. The wearing of gloves with the jersey when out-of-doors during winter months will be optional.
5. The present optional No 8 Working Dress, which comprises a 'battle-dress' type blouse with either skirt or trousers, will be phased out progressively. It will be discontinued entirely when all WRNS and WRNR officers are in possession of heavy wool jerseys and badges (see para 8).
6. The shoulder badges are also intended for wear on white collar-attached shirts (with a black day tie) in the shirt-sleeve version of No 5 Dress, when RN officers wear No 12 Dress.

## Supplies

7. Difficulty has been experienced in the provision of the shoulder badges. Deliveries are not yet complete but additional supplies are expected shortly. Meanwhile, heavy wool jerseys may be worn with badges purchased privately if they cannot be obtained from Service sources.

## Method of introduction and revised scales

8. Initial outfits. The blue cardigan (Vocab 44316-319) is to be omitted from all outfits issued to WRNS and WRNR officers from the date of this DCI, and a heavy wool jersey and one pair of shoulder badges are to be issued in lieu. Similarly, the blue serge working dress blouse (officers' pattern) and shoulder straps, and the ratings pattern blue serge skirt (Vocab 45361-378) are to be discontinued from WRNR officers' initial outfits. The heavy wool jersey will be worn in place of the blouse, and a made-to-measure plain skirt in navy blue diagonal serge is to be issued in place of the ratings' pattern. (These skirts may be demanded against the appropriate Port Contract.)

9. Serving officers. Upkeep allowances provide for the replacement of uniform jackets and cardigans, and the use of the heavy wool jersey will reduce wear on these garments. WRNS and WRNR officers are therefore required to adjust their uniform outfits within 12 months, in the course of normal maintenance. Fleet Issuing Prices, inclusive of departmental oncosts, are given in ANNEXES A and B to this DCI. The changes in scales are detailed in ANNEX C.

10. Laundry instructions are given on a label in each garment. Heavy wool jerseys, like woollen items generally, should not be machine washed or wrung after washing. They should be hand washed in warm water (40°C), rinsed in warm water, spun and hung on a hanger to dry. They should be given a light press using a warm iron (No 2 setting). Alternatively, the garments may be dry cleaned if this is preferred.

11. Demands limited to three months' estimated requirements on the basis of one jersey and one pair of badges per officer should be forwarded to PSTO(N), HM Naval Base, Portsmouth, Hants. Badges not available initially will be issued subsequently without further demand on receipt from the Contractor.

12. So that best use may be made of RN stocks generally, Supply Officers are to return to PSTO(N) any quantities, particularly at the extremes of the size range, found after three months' experience to be in excess of normal stockholding levels for on-going issues.

13. BR 81 (*Uniform Regulations*) will be amended.

## ANNEX A

## JERSEY, WOOL, HEAVY, NAVY BLUE, WOMEN'S

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Vocab No	NATO stock number 8410-99-178	Size	Bust	Dimensions of Jersey		11
				Length—centre back excluding neck rib	Sleeve length (cuff not turned) from point of shoulder	
44844	-0870	1	86 (34)	56	54	
44845	-0871	2	92 (36)	58	56	
44846	-0872	3	96 (38)	60	56	
44847	-0873	4	100 (40)	62	58	
44848	-0874	5	106 (42)	64	58	
44849	-0875	6	112 (44)	64	58	
44850	-0876	Special	(All measurements in cms with imperial equivalent of bust measurement in inches in brackets)			

Denomination of quantity: No  
 Accounting classification: CA  
 Catalogue price: £4.77

FIP excluding VAT: £6.58  
 VAT (8 per cent): £0.53  
 FIP including VAT: £7.11

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## WRNS (officers)

ANNEX B  
SHOULDER BADGES

Vocab No	NATO stock number 8455-99-132	Rank	Denom of quantity	Acctg class	Catalogue price	FIP		
						VAT excl	VAT (8 per cent)	VAT incl
40763	-4099	Superintendent Chief officer First officer Second officer Third officer	PR	CA	1.75	2.41	0.19	2.60
40764	-4100				1.57	2.17	0.17	2.34
40765	-4101				1.49	2.06	0.16	2.22
40766	-4102				1.35	1.86	0.14	2.00
40767	-4103				1.21	1.67	0.13	1.80

## WRNR officers

Vocab No	NATO stock number 8455-99-132	Rank	Denom of quantity	Acctg class	Catalogue price	FIP		
						VAT excl	VAT (8 per cent)	VAT incl
40769	-4104	Chief officer First officer Second officer Third officer	PR	CA	1.57	2.17	0.17	2.34
40770	-4105				1.49	2.06	0.16	2.22
40771	-4106				1.35	1.86	0.14	2.00
40772	-4107				1.21	1.67	0.13	1.80

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## ANNEX C

## CHANGES IN WRNS AND WRNR OFFICERS' OUTFIT SCALES

Item	WRNS officers		WRNR officers	
	Present scale	New scale	Present scale	New scale
Cardigans blue WRNS	1	Nil	1	Nil
Jerseys wool heavy, womens	Nil	1	Nil	1
Shoulder badges	Nil	1 pr	Nil	1 pr
Blouses blue serge working dress officers	—	—	—	1
Shoulder straps	—	—	—	1 pr
Skirts blue serge	—	—	—	1
Skirts blue diagonal serge made-to-measure	—	—	Nil	1