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**450/80. UNIFORM — BADGES — ENGINEERING BRANCH — AIR
ENGINEERING SUB-BRANCH (U)**

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1. **DCI RN 531/79** announced changes affecting the Air Engineering (short title AE) sub-branch resulting from the Engineering Branch Development. The changes include the introduction of a common badge design for all Air Engineering Mechanics.

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2. Badges for RN and WRNS ratings will incorporate an 'aeroplane' device, with integral letters below to indicate sub-branch category ie:

Mechanical
Radio/radar

Weapons

Electrical

Ordnance

Weapons Electrical

'M'

'R'

'W'

'L'

'O'

'WL'

} new badges: *see* ANNEX A

'O'—existing badge for Ordnance ratings

'WL'—new badge: *see* ANNEX A

Addition of stars and crowns to indicate professional qualification

3. Stars and crowns to indicate professional qualifications will be added to all AE sub-branch badges as indicated in para 2a of Art 0440 of BR 81 (*RN and RM Uniform Regulations*), as for other Engineering Branch sub-branches. This conforms to Admiralty Board policy that the revised badge system, first introduced for the Operations Branch, should be extended progressively to all other branches.

4. AE sub-branch badges will therefore be worn as follows:

a. New entrants:

(1) On entry: basic device—worn until categorization.

(2) On categorization: basic device with category letter below.

b. On passing the Professional Qualifying Examination for Able Rate: basic device and category letter, with star above.

c. On passing the Professional Qualifying Course for Leading Rate: basic device and category letter, with star above and star below. (*Note: not on passing provisional examination as at present*).

d. On passing the Professional Qualifying Course for Petty Officer: basic device and category letter, with crown above.

5. As no additional professional qualification is attained by Chief Petty Officers they will continue to wear badges incorporating the basic device and category letter, with crown above.

6. **Ordnance ratings** will continue to wear their existing badge (unless or until they qualify in the WL category), but in common with other AE sub-branch ratings are to conform to the revised system of stars and crowns outlined in paras 3 to 5.

7. **Introductory arrangements.** The new badges and arrangements are to be brought into use on 1 September 1980. In accordance with Art 0917 of BR 96:

a. New entrants are to be given a free issue of the appropriate badges.

b. Serving ratings are to be given a free issue of the badges appropriate to their new titles.

Availability of badges

8. Stocks of the new badges are now available, and supply officers are to demand their initial requirements, from PSTO(N) Devonport (PSTO(N) Portsmouth for embroidered blue-on-blue badges). Demands are to be limited to quantities required for initial free issues, plus three months' maintenance needs, and if demands are not restricted realistically to these levels non-availability will result for other ships and establishments. Supply officers should review stock-holdings in January 1981 and return any badges in excess of normal requirements to the appropriate PSTO(N).

9. Demands for badges for issue to the RNR will be processed through Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command and arrangements will be promulgated by Home Temporary Memorandum (Reserves).
10. Where it is known that individuals will achieve higher professional qualifications or be advanced to Chief Petty Officer soon after 1 September 1980, the initial free issue on that date is to be restricted to those badges required for interim wear.
11. Accounting details are contained in the ANNEXES to this DCI as follows:
 ANNEX A: details of the new range of badges and of existing badges for wear by uncategorized new entrants and by Ordance ratings.
 ANNEX B: details of badges which will become obsolete with the introduction of the ranges in ANNEX A, and which should be returned to the appropriate PSTO(N) not later than 31 March 1981.
12. FIPs are as shown in **DCI RN 431/80**.
13. BR 81 (*RN and RM Uniform Regulations*) and the Catalogue of Victualling Stores will be amended.

ANNEX A

BADGES TO BE WORN BY THE AIR ENGINEERING SUB-BRANCH

NATO stock no	Vocab no	Description	Colour	D of Q	Accounting classification
1. <i>Mechanical. Device: aeroplane with letter 'M' below</i>					
8455-99-139-9351	31738	CPO: device, crown above, small	EGB	Pr	CA
9352	32738		ERB	Pr	
9353	33738		PBW	Ea	
9354	50738		EBB	Pr	
9355	31739	PO: device, crown above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
9356	32739		ERB		
9357	33739		PBW		
9358	30739		EBW		
9359	50739		EBB		
9360	31740	Leading Rate: device, star above, star below	EGB	Ea	CA
9361	32740		ERB		
9362	33740		PBW		
9363	30740		EBW		
9364	50740		EBB		
9365	31741	Able Rate: device, star above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
9366	32741		ERB		
9367	33741		PBW		
9368	30741		EBW		
9369	50741		EBB		
9370	31742	Basic Rate: device, large	EGB	Ea	CA
9371	32742		ERB		
9372	33742		PBW		
9373	30742		EBW		
9374	50742		EBB		

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NATO stock no	Vocab no	Description	Colour	D of Q	Accounting Classification
2. Radio. Device: aeroplane with letter 'R' below					
8455-99-139-9375 9376 9377 977-2154	31743	CPO: device, crown above, small	EGB	Pr	CA
	32743		ERB	Pr	
	33743		PBW	Ea	
	50743		EBB	Pr	
139-9378 9379 9380 9381 977-2155	31744	PO: device, crown above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
	32744		ERB		
	33744		PBW		
	30744		EBW		
	50744		EBB		
139-9382 9383 9384 9385 977-2156	31745	Leading Rate: device, star above, star below	EGB	Ea	CA
	32745		ERB		
	33745		PBW		
	30745		EBW		
	50745		EBB		
139-9386 9387 9388 9389 977-2157	31746	Able Rate: device, star above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
	32746		ERB		
	33746		PBW		
	30746		EBW		
	50746		EBB		
139-9390 9391 9392 9393 977-2158	31747	Basic Rate: device, large	EGB	Ea	CA
	32747		ERB		
	33747		PBW		
	30747		EBW		
	50747		EBB		
3. Weapons/electrical. Device: aeroplane with letters 'WL' below					
8455-99-139-9394 9395 9396 977-3543	31754	CPO: device, crown above, small	EGB	Pr	CA
	32754		ERB	Pr	
	33754		PBW	Ea	
	50754		EBB	Pr	
139-9397 9398 9399 9400 977-3544	31755	PO: device, crown above, large	EGB	Ea	EA
	32755		ERB		
	33755		PBW		
	30755		EBW		
	50755		EBB		
139-9401 9402 9403 9404 977-3545	31756	Leading Rate: device, star above, star below	EGB	Ea	CA
	32756		ERB		
	33756		PBW		
	30756		EBW		
	50756		EBB		
139-9405 9406 9407 9408 977-3546	31757	Able Rate: device, star above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
	32757		ERB		
	33757		PBW		
	30757		EBW		
	50757		EBB		
139-9409 9410 9411 9412 977-3547	31758	Basic Rate: device, large	EGB	Ea	CA
	32758		ERB		
	33758		PBW		
	30758		EBW		
	50758		EBB		

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NATO stock no	Vocab no	Description	Colour	D of Q	Accounting classification
4. Weapons. Device: aeroplane with letter 'W' below					
CPO:					
8455-99-977-2159	31234	device, crown above, small	EGB	Pr	CA
2160	32234		ERB	Pr	
2161	33234		PBW	Ea	
3538	50234		EBB	Pr	
PO:					
2162	31235	device, crown above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
2163	32235		ERB		
2164	33235		PBW		
2165	30235		EBW		
3539	50235		EBB		
Leading Rate:					
2166	31236	device, star above, star below	EGB	Ea	CA
2167	32236		ERB		
2168	33236		PBW		
2169	30236		EBW		
3540	50236		EBB		
Able Rate:					
2170	31237	device, star above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
2171	32237		ERB		
2172	33237		PBW		
2173	30237		EBW		
3541	50237		EBB		
5. Electrical. Device: aeroplane letter 'L' below					
CPO:					
8455-99-977-2174	31073	device, crown above, small	EGB	Pr	CA
2175	32073		ERB	Pr	
2176	33073		PBW	Ea	
3533	50073		EBB	Pr	
PO:					
2177	31074	device, crown above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
2178	32074		ERB		
2179	33074		PBW		
2180	30074		EBW		
3534	50074		EBB		
Leading Rate:					
2181	31075	device, star above, star below	EGB	Ea	CA
2182	32075		ERB		
2183	33075		PBW		
2184	30075		EBW		
3535	50075		EBB		
Able Rate:					
2185	31076	device, star above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
2186	32076		ERB		
2187	33076		PBW		
2188	30076		EBW		
3536	50076		EBB		
6. Ordnance. Device: aeroplane, letter 'O' below					
CPO:					
8455-99-416-4832	31199	device, crown above, small	EGB	Pr	CA
4833	32199		ERB	Pr	
4834	33199		PBW	Ea	
PO:					
4836	31200	device, crown above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
4837	32200		ERB		
4838	33200		PBW		
4839	30200		EBW		
7. Air engineering mechanic badge worn prior to categorization. Device: aeroplane					
4701	31174		EGB	Ea	CA
4702	32174		ERB		
4703	33174		PBW		
977-3548	50174		EBB		

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ANNEX B

OBSOLETE BADGES

NATO stock no	Vocab no	Description	Colour	D of Q	Accounting classification
1. Air electrical branch. Device: 'crossed lightning-flashes' letters in centre					
A. Electrician (air) device with letters 'AL' in centre					
8455-99-416-4907	31258	Device: crown above, star below, small	EGB	Pr	CA
4908	32258		ERB	Pr	
4909	33258		PBW	Ea	
4911	31259	Device: crown above, small	EGB	Pr	CA
4912	32259		ERB	Pr	
4913	33259		PBW	Ea	
4915	31260	Device: crown above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
4916	32260		ERB		
4917	33260		PBW		
4918	30260		EBW		
4919	31261	Device: star above, star below, large	EGB	Ea	CA
4920	32261		ERB		
4921	33261		PBW		
4922	30261		EBW		
4923	31262	Device: star above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
4924	32262		ERB		
4925	33262		PBW		
4926	30262		EBW		
4927	31263	Device: large	EGB	Ea	CA
4928	32263		ERB		
4929	33263		PBW		
4930	30263		EBW		
B. Electrician (Air Weapon). Device with letters 'AW' in centre					
8455-99-137-0880	31645	Device: crown above, star below, small	EGB	Pr	CA
0881	32645		ERB	Pr	
0882	33645		PBW	Ea	
0883	31646	Device: crown above, small	EGB	Pr	CA
0884	32646		ERB	Pr	
0885	33646		PBW	Ea	
0886	31647	Device: crown above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
0887	32647		ERB		
0888	33647		PBW		
0889	30647		EBW		
0890	31648	Device: star above, star below, large	EGB	Ea	CA
0891	32648		ERB		
0892	33648		PBW		
0893	30648		EBW		
0894	31649	Device: star above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
0895	32649		ERB		
0896	33649		PBW		
0897	30649		EBW		
0898	31650	Device: large	EGB	Ea	CA
0899	32650		ERB		
0900	33650		PBW		
0901	30650		EBW		

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NATO stock no	Vocab no	Description	Colour	D of Q	Accounting classification
C. Radio Electrician (Air). Device with letters 'AR' in centre					
8455-99-416-4958	31270	Device: crown above, star below, small	EGB	Pr	CA
4959	32270		ERB	Pr	
4960	33270		PBW	Ea	
4962	31271	Device: crown above, small	EGB	Pr	CA
4963	32271		ERB	Pr	
4964	33271		PBW	Ea	
4966	31272	Device: crown above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
4967	32272		ERB		
4968	33272		PBW		
4969	30272		EBW		
4970	31273	Device: star above, star below, large	EGB	Ea	CA
4971	32273		ERB		
4972	33273		PBW		
4973	30273		EBW		
4974	31274	Device: star above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
4975	32274		ERB		
4976	33274		PBW		
4977	30274		EBW		
4978	31275	Device: large	EGB	Ea	CA
4979	32275		ERB		
4980	33275		PBW		
4981	30275		EBW		
2. Air mechanic branch. Device: 'aeroplane' letters below.					
A. Mechanic (AE) device, with letters 'AE' below					
8455-99-416-4805	31399	Device: crown above, star below	EGB	Pr	CA
4806	32399		ERB	Pr	
4807	33399		PBW	Ea	
4809	31400	Device: crown above, small	EGB	Pr	CA
4810	32400		ERB	Pr	
4811	33400		PBW	Ea	
4813	31401	Device: crown above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
4814	32401		ERB		
4815	33401		PBW		
4816	30401		EBW		
4817	31402	Device: star above, star below, large	EGB	Ea	CA
4818	32402		ERB		
4819	33402		PBW		
4820	30402		EBW		
4821	31403	Device: star above, large	EGB	Ea	CA
4822	32403		ERB		
4823	33403		PBW		
4824	30403		EBW		
4825	31404	Device: large	EGB	Ea	CA
4826	32404		ERB		
4827	33404		PBW		
B. Mechanic (O), device, with letter 'O' below					
8455-99-416-4828	31198	Device, crown above, star below, small	EGB	Pr	CA
4829	32198		ERB	Pr	
4830	33198		PBW	Ea	

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<i>NATO stock no</i>	<i>Vocab no</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Colour</i>	<i>D of Q</i>	<i>Accounting classification</i>
3. <i>WRNS badges</i>					
A. <i>Radio Electrical (Air). Device: 'Crossed lightning flashes' letters AR in centre.</i>					
8455-99-416-0137	50736	Device: crown above, star below, small	EBB	Pr	CA
0140	50737	Device: crown above, small	EBB	Pr	CA
0143	50272	Device: crown above, large	EBB	Ea	CA
0146	50273	Device: star above, star below, large	EBB	Ea	CA
0149	50274	Device: star above, large	EBB	Ea	CA
0153	50275	Device: large	EBB	Ea	CA
B. <i>Air Mechanic (AE). Device: 'aeroplane' letters 'AE' below</i>					
8455-99-416-0200	50770	Device: crown above, star below	EBB	Pr	CA
0201	50771	Device: crown above, small	EBB	Pr	CA
0202	50401	Device: crown above, large	EBB	Ea	CA
0205	50402	Device: star above, star below	EBB	Ea	CA
0208	50403	Device: star above, large	EBB	Ea	CA
0210	50404	Device: large	EBB	Ea	CA