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552/80. UNIFORM—BADGES—RN AND WRNS RATINGS—INTRODUCTION  
OF NEW BADGE FOR THE RADAR SUB-BRANCH/CATEGORY [N/STE375/77DGST(N/83A)]

1. Approval has been given for the adoption of new badges for RN ratings serving in the Radar (R) and Radar (S/M) sub-branches of the Operations Branch, and for WRNS ratings in the Radar category.
2. Design. The new badges incorporate a basic device of 'crossed lightning flashes or quartered concentric circles' and this will replace the present device of 'spider's web crossed by lightning flashes'.
3. Introductory arrangements. The new badges are being brought into use as stocks of the earlier pattern are used up. Storekeeping details and the approximate dates by which each new badge will be introduced are shown in the ANNEX to this DCI.
4. No change in the regulations for issue or wear is involved for RN personnel. However, in common with their RN counterparts, WRNS ratings in the Radar category are from now on to adopt the following system of stars and crowns to denote professional qualifications:
  - a. Basic device with star above: on qualifying for Able rate
  - b. Basic device with star above and star below: on qualifying for leading rate
  - c. Basic device with crown above: on qualifying for Petty Officer; and also to be worn by Chief Wrens (since they attain no additional professional qualifications)
5. Senior WRNS ratings required to change badges to comply with para 4c are to be given a gratuitous issue of necessary badges, in accordance with Item 270 of Appendix II to BR 96.
6. Ratings qualified as Plotting and Radar Instructors. New badges are not being introduced for RN and WRNS ratings qualified as Instructors, prior to 1 Jan 1975, but ratings so qualified may continue to wear the present badges with crown above and two stars below, Art 0440(2)a of BR 81 refers.
7. Demands should continue to be placed with PSTO(N) Devonport (RN badges) or PSTO(N) Portsmouth (Royal Yacht and WRNS badges) quoting the Vocab numbers of the earlier badges. PSTOs(N) will supply new pattern badges when stocks of the old are exhausted.
8. BR81 (*RN and RM Uniform Regulations*) will be amended.

## ANNEX

## NEW BADGES FOR RADAR (R), RADAR (S/M) SUB-BRANCHES AND WRNS RADAR CATEGORY

Description	Colour	A/C Class	D of Q	Present badge Spiders web crossed by lightning flashes	NSN	Vocab	NSN	Vocab	New badge Crossed lightning flashes on concentric circles	Expected introductory date
Operations Branch: Seaman Group Radar (R) and Radar (S/M) Sub-branch										
Device: Crown above, small	Gold Red Printed blue	CA	pr	8455-99- 416-4411	8455-99- 31062	132-6460	31620	Mid 1981		
Device: Crown above, large	Gold Red Printed blue Embroidered blue		pr ea	4412 4413	32062 33062	6461 6462	32620 33620	Early 1981 Early 1982		
Device: Star above, star below, large	Gold Red Printed blue Embroidered blue	CA	ea	416-4416 4417 4418 4419	31063 32063 33063 30063*	132-6464 6465 6466	31621 32621 33621	After 1982 Already in use After 1982		
Device: Star above, large	Gold Red Printed blue Embroidered blue		ea	416-4420 4421 4422 4423	31064 32064 33064 30064*	132-6469 6470 6471	31622 32622 33622	Late 1981 Late 1981 After 1982		
Device: Large	Gold Red Printed blue Embroidered blue	CA	ea	416-4425 4426 4427 4428	31065 32065 33065 30065*	132-6474 6475 6476	31623 32623 33623	Already in use Already in use Early 1981		
Device: Large	Gold Red Printed blue Embroidered blue		ea	416-4430 4431 4432 4433	31058 32058 33058 30058*	132-5161 6479 6480	31624 32624 33624	Late 1982 After 1982 Early 1981		
WRNS—Radar Category										
Device: Crown above, small	Embroidered blue on blue	CA	pr	8455-99- 0161	8455-99- 50749	977-2397	50620	Already in use		
Device: Crown above, large			ea	0165	50063	2398	50621	Late 1982		
Device: Star above, star below, large			ea	0168	50064	2399	50622	After 1982		
Device: Star above, large			ea	0171	50065	2400	50623	Late 1982		
Device: Large			ea	0175	50058	2401	50624	Late 1981		

\*Badges also worn by WRNS ratings.

## Prices

a. FIPs are as shown in DCI RN 431/80.

b. Catalogue prices will be included in the Catalogue of Victualling Stores when available.