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# DEFENCE COUNCIL INSTRUCTIONS ROYAL NAVY

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
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By Command of the  
Defence Council

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617/80. **UNIFORM—BR 81 (ROYAL NAVY AND ROYAL MARINES UNIFORM REGULATIONS)—AMENDMENTS (U)**

[D/ST83A/175/3/1—DGST(N)83A]

1. The ANNEX to this DCI provides a checklist of DCIs issued since January 1979 which affect uniform regulations for RN, QARNNS and WRNS personnel. These should be consulted in conjunction with BR 81, as updated by Change No 8 (just distributed) to obtain the correct interpretation of the current regulations. Chapters 5 and 6 affecting Royal Marines' personnel are being updated separately.
2. Change 9, incorporating amendments up to 31 December 1979, is also at the printers and is expected to be published around the end of the year.
3. In an attempt to prevent lengthy delays in publishing amendments consideration is being given to re-issuing BR 81 in a loose leaf format, which will lend itself to amendment more readily. Further details will be advised in due course.

**ANNEX**

<i>DCI No</i>	<i>Title</i>
27/79*	WRNS and WRNR officers and women medical, dental and RCNC officers—changes in arrangements for wear of outer coats.
133/79*	Badges—special skill badge for Commando qualified RN and RNR ratings.
274/79*	WRNS officers and women medical, dental and RCNC officers—introduction of new pattern mess dress.
454/79*	WRNS ratings, QARNNS naval nurses and CQA—introduction of lightweight suitcase.
478/79*	Badges—Engineering Branch.
513/79*	RN and RNR junior steward ratings—introduction of a new working dress.
514/79*	WRNS and QARNNS officers—discontinuance of loan issues of hand towels.
552/79*	WRNS DH and DSA—introduction of new printed blue category badges.
622/79*	Badges—Operations Branch—introduction of new sub-branch badges—radio operators (SM).
38/80	Badges—Operations Branch—introduction of new sub-branch badges—electronic warfare.
69/80*	WRNS and WRNR officers and ratings—introduction of improved pattern woman's HWJ—inclusion in ratings' compulsory kits.
117/80	RN Masters-at-Arms and Regulating Chief Wrens—wear of branch/category badges on HWJ.
209/80	RN, QARNNS and WRNS ratings and RM warrant officers, NCOs and men—pay book wallet.
258/80	RN ratings—reintroduction of tapes and lanyard for wear with MSR.
305/80	RN, QARNNS and WRNS junior ratings—inclusion of shoes gymnasium in compulsory kits.
358/80	RN and RNR officers—introduction of ready made white bush jackets.
367/80	Badges—QARNNS CQAs—introduction of category badges.

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## DCI No

## Title

450/80

Badges—Engineering branch, Air Engineering sub-branch.

468/80

WRNS and WRNR ratings—introduction of a separate blue uniform skirt.

488/80

Badges—WRNS Family Services category—introduction of new category badges.

\* denotes inclusion in Change No 9.