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719/79. UNIFORM—BADGES—RN AND WRNS RATINGS—DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE PATTERNS (U)

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1. Changes in sub-branch structure and recategorization of personnel since the formation of the Operations Branch on 1 January 1975, together with other earlier changes, have rendered the badges listed in the ANNEX obsolete. Any stocks still held in HM ships and establishments are to be returned by 31 December 1979 for disposal.
2. The badges should be consigned as follows:
 - a. RN gold, red and blue badges to:
PSTO(N), Royal William Yard, Plymouth, Devon;
 - b. embroidered white on blue (Royal Yacht) and WRNS badges to:
PSTO(N), Royal Clarence Yard, Gosport, Hants.
3. BR 1246 (*Catalogue of Victualling Stores*) will be amended as necessary.

ANNEX

OBSOLETE CPOs BADGES (ALL WITH CROWN ABOVE AND STAR BELOW)

Sub Branch	Device	EGB	ERB	PBW	EBW	EWB	EBB
<i>A Seaman Group</i>							
Missile	Crossed guns, letters 'FC' below	31395	32395	33395	—	35395	—
Sonar and Sonar (S/M)	Crossed torpedoes	31165	32165	33165	—	35165	—
	As above, letter 'C' below	31089	32089	33089	—	35089	—
Diver	Diver's helmet	31335	32335	33335	—	35335	—
Survey Recorder	Sextant	31112	32112	33112	—	35112	—
Electronic Warfare	Spider's web crossed by lightning flashes	31061	32061	33061	30061	35061	—
Radar (R) and Radar (S/M)	—	—	—	33748*	30748*	—	40748*
Underwater Weapon (S/M)	Crossed torpedoes, vertical harpoon, coil superimposed, letter 'W' below	31096	32096	33096	—	35096	—
Seaman (ex Quarters Non-Armourer)	Crossed guns	31029	32029	33029	—	35029	—

ANNEX—cont

Sub Branch	Device	EBG	ERB	PBW	EBW	EWB	EBB
(ex Underwater Weapon Armourer)	Crossed torpedoes, vertical harpoon, coil superimposed, letters 'WA' below	31039	32039	33039	—	35039	—
(ex Radar Plot)	Spider's web crossed by lightning flashes				as above		
<i>B Communications Group</i>							
Radio Operator (General) and Warfare	Wings crossed by lightning flash	31148	32148	33148	—	35148	—
Tactical Communications	Crossed flags	31134	32134	33134	—	35134	—
					*WRNS badges		
<i>Miscellaneous Obsolete Badges</i>							
Shallow Water Diver	Diver's helmet, letters	31340	32340	33340	30340	35340	—
Free Diver	Diver's helmet, letter 'F' below, large	31341	32341	33341	30341	35341	—
Clearance Diver	Diver's helmet, star above, star and letter 'C' below, large	31069	32069	33069	30069	35069	—
Radar Plot	Spider's web crossed by lightning flashes, crown above, small	—	—	—	30062	—	—
	Spare letter 'C'	31093	32093	33093	30093	35093	—
	Spare letter 'W'	31094	32094	33094	30094	35094	—
<i>Obsolete Royal Naval Reserve Badges</i>							
Coder (Special)	Open code book crossed by lightning flash, letter 'S' on right-hand page, large	31142	32142	33142	30142	—	—