

(U)749.—Uniform—Badges—Submariners—Specialist Qualification
(N/NP2/V 96/69—2 Jul 71)

1. A new design of submarine badge has been approved for introduction into the Service. A Naval General Message will be issued giving the date on which wear is authorized. The badge consists of a metal brooch depicting two dolphins supporting a crown over a fouled anchor. It is to be worn by all qualified officers and ratings in the Submarine Service. Its wear by qualified officers and ratings who have returned to General Service is optional.

Qualification

2. The award of the Submarine Badge signifies that the wearer has proved himself by service in a seagoing submarine. The rules for its award are not identical therefore with those for the payment of continuous SSP(SM), which is governed by continuing liability for service in submarines.

3. The badge will be awarded as follows:

- To Seamen and Supply Officers.*—When they have successfully completed their Continuation Sea Training as in SGM 1721 or, for Polaris Supply Officers, when they have completed their BSQ.
- To Engineer Officers.*—After three months' service in a seagoing submarine following completion of submarine and professional training courses (eg NRC, PSO, etc) provided their Commanding Officers consider them competent and reliable submarine officers.

- c. *To Instructor Officers.*—As in sub-paragraphs 3 a. or b. as appropriate to method of entry and subsequent appointment in submarines.
- d. *To Ratings.*—When they have successfully completed their Part III training as in SGM 1760.

Presentation

4. It is intended that the badge should be formally presented to qualifiers by their Commanding Officer or other senior (SM) officer.

Forfeiture

5. Normally the holder of a submarine badge may continue to wear it after returning to General Service. Permission to wear the badge may, however, be withdrawn by Flag Officer Submarines if the holder:

- a. is removed from the Submarine Service for disciplinary reasons or because he has brought discredit on the Service;
- b. fails to complete his initial period of service in submarines.

Record of Award or Forfeiture

6. The award of the badge is to be recorded at the foot of page 3 of a rating's Service Certificate on receipt of the report required by SGM 1760, paragraph 11. Should the badge be withdrawn as provided for in paragraph 5 above, the notation is to be ruled through, the reference number of Flag Officer Submarines' letter being noted as authority for forfeiture.

7. Forfeiture of the badge by an officer will be noted in his appointing record.

Issue

8. There will be an initial gratuitous issue of one badge to each qualified officer and rating in accordance with the general regulations in Chapters 11 and 12 of BR 93 (*The Victualling Manual*). Special arrangements will be made by Flag Officer Submarines to distribute the first issue to submarine accounting bases. Subsequent replacement will be at the individual's expense and ratings will be required to produce evidence, signed by their Divisional Officers, that they are entitled to wear the badge.

9. Qualified officers and ratings who have returned to General Service should apply to Flag Officer Submarines through their Commanding Officers for authority to wear the badge and to receive their initial free issue.

10. *Replacement demands.*—Stocks will only be held at submarine accounting bases who should demand on the Principal Supply and Transport Officer (Naval), Royal William Yard, Plymouth, citing:

<i>Vocab No</i>	<i>Description</i>
35414 	Badge—Submariners—Metal

The Rate Book Price of this badge is £0.26. The Fleet Issuing Price is also £0.26 subject to the usual Purchase Tax addition for sale to officers (at £0.30).

11. *Manner of Wearing.*—The badge is to be worn as follows:

a. *Blue Uniform*

- (1) *Officers: Ratings not dressed as seamen.*—Centrally $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch above the top row of medal ribbons. In the absence of medal ribbons, it is to be worn on the left breast, level with the point of the lapel.
- (2) *Ratings dressed as seamen.*—Centrally $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch above the top row of medal ribbons. In the absence of medal ribbons, it is to be worn on the left breast in a position $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inches vertically below the point of the shoulder.

b. *White Uniform*

(1) *Officers: Ratings not dressed as seamen.*—Centrally 1½-inches above the left breast pocket of the white tunic. If medal ribbons are worn, the badge is to be placed centrally $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch above the top row of ribbons.

(2) *Ratings dressed as seamen.*—Centrally 4½-inches vertically below the point of the shoulder. If medal ribbons are worn, the badge is to be placed centrally $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch above the top row of ribbons.

c. *Ball Dress/Mess Dress.*—The badge is to be worn on officers' mess jackets on the left lapel, centrally 1-inch below the point of the lapel or, if medal ribbons are worn, $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch centrally above the ribbons. Senior rates who have provided themselves with mess jackets are to wear the badge in a similar manner.

d. *Other Uniform.*—The badge is not to be worn on tropical shirts, uniform vests, jerseys, windproof working jackets, working dress shirts or with other shirt-sleeve rigs, great-coats or raincoats.

12. BR 81 (*The Uniform Regulations*) and BR 93 (*The Victualling Manual*) will be amended.

(BRs 81 and 93)