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- 89 Uniform — WRNS and WRNR officers and ratings and RNXS female officers — change to gold lace and insignia and gold and red badges



## Introduction

1. This DCI promulgates full details of the changes already announced in principle in rank lace, insignia and badges worn by WRNS and WRNR officers. RNXS female officers and WRNS and WRNR ratings. WRNS and WRNR officers and RNXS female officers will cease to wear blue braid and insignia on their uniforms and will wear instead RN gold lace, including the executive curl, and insignia. WRNS and WRNR ratings will wear RN gold or red badges on their uniforms, as appropriate.

## Background

2. As part of the ongoing integration of the WRNS into the RN it has been decided that WRNS officers should wear RN gold rank lace and insignia instead of blue braid and insignia and that this change should extend to WRNR officers and RNXS female officers. WRNS and WRNR ratings will cease to wear blue badges and will wear instead RN gold or red badges as described in para 5. Printed or embroidered blue on white arm badges will be worn by these ratings as appropriate. RNXS women members already wear red badges only and it is not intended that they should change to gold.

3. Female officers in the rank of Captain and Commander WRNS will wear a gold border on their hatbands instead of the present blue border. Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal in her capacity as Chief Commandant WRNS, and Director WRNS as Commandant WRNS, will wear a double width gold border on their hatbands.

## Method of introduction

4. a. Serving WRNS and WRNR officers and RNXS female officers are being given a cash grant to pay for the initial cost of relacing a maximum of two jackets and a mess dress bolero according to their outfit scales. They are also being given as replacements for blue insignia already held, an initial gratuitous issue of one RN cap badge, one RN beret badge, one pair of RN shoulder straps, two pairs of RN slip-on shoulder badges and, for Commanders and above, one hat band with a single gold stripe (V034 99 124 2307).

b. Serving WRNS and WRNR ratings are being given an initial gratuitous issue of one gold and one red badge to replace each of the blue rate, branch and good conduct badges already held. Blue shoulder rate badges will be replaced by existing RN gold badges for chief petty officers and red badges for petty officers and leading rates. WRNS warrant officers shoulder and cuff badges were standardized on the RN multi-coloured Royal Arms in 1990 when a free issue of cuff badges only was made to WRNS warrant officers. They were given until June 1992 to purchase shoulder badges in the normal course of uniform upkeep. This DCI overtakes that concession and any warrant officers still wearing blue



shoulder badges are to be given two pairs of the RN pattern. Warrant officers, chief petty officers and petty officers will also be given one RN cap badge each in the appropriate rate.

#### Timescale

5. The changeover from WRNS blue to RN gold/red is to take effect as from 1 Apr 92 after a transitional period from 1 Jan 92. Blue badges may continue to be worn by ratings on No 2 uniforms until 1 Jan 93 in lieu of red badges, subject to availability.

#### New badges

6. Some new badges have been introduced for branches with no RN equivalent; particulars are shown in ANNEX A.

#### Supply arrangements

7 a. Serving WRNS and WRNR officers should apply to HMS *Centurion* NPP (ACS) for payment of the relacing grant. Separate arrangements have been made for RNXS female officers to be given the grant without application after 1 Apr 92. Individual grants by rank are listed at ANNEX B.

b. Gratuitous issues of stocked items will be made on application to clothing stores.

(All issues are to be recorded in Kit Record Book S2910).

8. Deliveries of the new badges in para 6 above, to PSTO(N) are not expected before mid March 1992. Production difficulties with current gold badges may result in some temporary shortages. In both cases demands will be satisfied as quickly as possible.

#### Publications

9. BR 81, RN & RM Uniform Regulations will be amended. *In the meantime a copy is to be retained within the covers of BR 81 until its contents have been incorporated by the next routine amendment.*

### ANNEX A

#### New Badges Introduced for Branches with no RN Equivalent

| Description     | NSN   |       |                  |
|-----------------|-------|-------|------------------|
| Weapons Analyst | (EGB) | Basic | V091 99 978 7604 |
| Weapons Analyst | (ERB) | Basic | V083 99 978 8151 |
| Weapons Analyst | (EGB) | PO    | V091 99 978 7605 |
| Weapons Analyst | (ERB) | PO    | V083 99 978 8152 |



| Description              | NSN   |       |                  |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|------------------|
| Weapons Analyst          | (EGB) | CPO   | V091 99 978 7606 |
| Weapons Analyst          | (ERB) | CPO   | V083 99 978 8153 |
| Telephonist              | (EGB) | Basic | V091 99 978 7607 |
| Telephonist              | (ERB) | Basic | V083 99 978 8154 |
| Telephonist              | (PBW) | Basic | V087 99 978 8155 |
| Telephonist              | (EGB) | PO    | V091 99 978 7608 |
| Telephonist              | (ERB) | PO    | V083 99 978 8156 |
| Telephonist              | (EBW) | PO    | V083 99 978 8157 |
| Telephonist              | (PBW) | PO    | V087 99 978 8158 |
| Telephonist              | (EGB) | CPO   | V091 99 978 7609 |
| Telephonist              | (ERB) | CPO   | V083 99 978 8159 |
| Telephonist              | (PBW) | CPO   | V087 99 978 8160 |
| Dental Hygienist         | (EGB) | Basic | V091 99 978 7610 |
| Dental Hygienist         | (ERB) | Basic | V083 99 978 8161 |
| Dental Hygienist         | (EGB) | PO    | V091 99 978 7611 |
| Dental Hygienist         | (ERB) | PO    | V083 99 978 8162 |
| Dental Hygienist         | (EBW) | PO    | V083 99 978 8163 |
| Dental Hygienist         | (PBW) | PO    | V087 99 978 8164 |
| Dental Hygienist         | (EGB) | CPO   | V091 99 978 7675 |
| Dental Hygienist         | (ERB) | CPO   | V083 99 978 8165 |
| Dental Hygienist         | (PBW) | CPO   | V087 99 978 8166 |
| Dental Surgery Assistant | (EGB) | Basic | V091 99 978 7612 |
| Dental Surgery Assistant | (ERB) | Basic | V083 99 978 8167 |
| Dental Surgery Assistant | (EGB) | PO    | V091 99 978 7613 |
| Dental Surgery Assistant | (ERB) | PO    | V083 99 978 8168 |
| Dental Surgery Assistant | (PBW) | PO    | V087 99 978 8169 |
| Dental Surgery Assistant | (EGB) | CPO   | V091 99 978 7614 |
| Dental Surgery Assistant | (ERB) | CPO   | V083 99 978 8170 |
| Dental Surgery Assistant | (PBW) | CPO   | V087 99 978 8171 |
| Educ & Training Support  | (EGB) | Basic | V091 99 978 7615 |
| Educ & Training Support  | (ERB) | Basic | V083 99 978 8172 |
| Educ & Training Support  | (EGB) | AB    | V091 99 978 7616 |
| Educ & Training Support  | (ERB) | AB    | V083 99 978 8173 |
| Educ & Training Support  | (EGB) | LR    | V091 99 978 7617 |
| Educ & Training Support  | (ERB) | LR    | V083 99 978 8174 |
| Educ & Training Support  | (EGB) | PO    | V091 99 978 7618 |
| Educ & Training Support  | (ERB) | PO    | V083 99 978 8175 |
| Educ & Training Support  | (EGB) | CPO   | V091 99 978 7619 |
| Educ & Training Support  | (ERB) | CPO   | V083 99 978 8176 |
| Motor Transport          | (EGB) | LR    | V091 99 978 7620 |
| Motor Transport          | (ERB) | LR    | V083 99 978 8177 |
| Motor Transport          | (PBW) | LR    | V087 99 978 8178 |
| Motor Transport          | (EGB) | PO    | V091 99 978 7621 |
| Motor Transport          | (ERB) | PO    | V083 99 978 8179 |
| Motor Transport          | (PBW) | PO    | V087 99 978 8180 |
| Motor Transport          | (EGB) | CPO   | V091 99 978 7676 |



## NSN

| Description         |       |       | NSN              |
|---------------------|-------|-------|------------------|
| Motor Transport     | (ERB) | CPO   | V083 99 978 8181 |
| Motor Transport     | (PBW) | CPO   | V087 99 978 8182 |
| Trng Support Asst   | (EGB) | Basic | V091 99 978 7622 |
| Trng Support Asst   | (ERB) | Basic | V083 99 978 8183 |
| Trng Support Asst   | (PBW) | Basic | V087 99 978 8184 |
| Trng Support Asst   | (EGB) | PO    | V091 99 978 7623 |
| Trng Support Asst   | (ERB) | PO    | V083 99 978 8185 |
| Trng Support Asst   | (EBW) | PO    | V083 99 978 8186 |
| Trng Support Asst   | (PBW) | PO    | V087 99 978 8187 |
| Trng Support Asst   | (EGB) | CPO   | V091 99 978 7624 |
| Trng Support Asst   | (ERB) | CPO   | V083 99 978 8188 |
| Trng Support Asst   | (PBW) | CPO   | V087 99 978 8189 |
| Trng Support Asst   | (EGB) | Basic | V091 99 978 7677 |
| Quarters Assistant  | (ERB) | Basic | V083 99 978 8190 |
| Quarters Assistant  | (PBW) | Basic | V087 99 978 8191 |
| Quarters Assistant  | (EGB) | PO    | V091 99 978 7678 |
| Quarters Assistant  | (ERB) | PO    | V083 99 978 8192 |
| Quarters Assistant  | (PBW) | PO    | V087 99 978 8193 |
| Quarters Assistant  | (EGB) | CPO   | V091 99 978 7679 |
| Quarters Assistant  | (ERB) | CPO   | V083 99 978 8194 |
| Quarters Assistant  | (PBW) | CPO   | V087 99 978 8195 |
| Air Eng Mech (L)    | (EGB) | Basic | V091 99 978 8369 |
| Air Eng Mech (L)    | (PBW) | Basic | V087 99 978 8488 |
| Air Eng Mech (L)    | (EBW) | Basic | V083 99 978 8487 |
| Air Eng Mech (L)    | (ERB) | Basic | V083 99 978 8486 |
| Shoulder Flash WRNR | (EWB) |       | V083 99 978 7878 |



## ANNEX B

WRNS, WRNR officers and RNXS female officers — cash grants for relacing uniform jackets in gold lace

1. Includes 'R' or 'X' within the curl of the uppermost row of gold lace for WRNR and RNXS Officers

| Rank                 | Grants              |                         |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
|                      | WRNS<br>(3 Jackets) | WRNR/RNXS<br>(1 Jacket) |
| Sub-Lieutenant       | £132.00             | £48.00                  |
| Lieutenant           | £221.85             | £77.95                  |
| Lieutenant Commander | £277.56             | £96.52                  |
| Commander            | £301.86             | £104.62                 |
| Captain              | £395.85             | £135.95                 |
| Commandant           | £302.94             | —                       |