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Contents

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 and RNNS female officers and WRNS and WRNR ratings. WRNS and WRNR officers and RNNS 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 RNNS 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 1. Printed or embroidered blue on white arm badges will be worn by these ratings as appropriate. RNNS 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 RNNS female officers are being given a cash grant to pay for the initial cost of replacing 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 and 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
Telephonist	(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

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Description

Motor Transport	(ERB)	CPO	V083 99 978 8181
Motor Transport	(PBW)	CPO	V087 99 978 8182
Tmg Support Asst	(EGB)	Basic	V091 99 978 7622
Tmg Support Asst	(ERB)	Basic	V083 99 978 8183
Tmg Support Asst	(PBW)	Basic	V087 99 978 8184
Tmg Support Asst	(EGB)	PO	V091 99 978 7623
Tmg Support Asst	(ERB)	PO	V083 99 978 8185
Tmg Support Asst	(EBW)	PO	V083 99 978 8186
Tmg Support Asst	(PBW)	PO	V087 99 978 8187
Tmg Support Asst	(EGB)	CPO	V091 99 978 7624
Tmg Support Asst	(ERB)	CPO	V083 99 978 8188
Tmg Support Asst	(PBW)	CPO	V087 99 978 8189
Tmg 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 (3 Jackets)	WRNR/RNXS (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	—