

PARTS I-V

Not to be communicated to
anyone outside HM Service
without authority

DCIs RN
82-99

1982

DEFENCE COUNCIL INSTRUCTIONS ROYAL NAVY

Instructions in this series are automatically cancelled after one year



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
12 February 1982

By Command of the
Defence Council

Frank Cooper.

92/82. UNIFORM—RN, RNR, WRNS AND WRNR OFFICERS—DISCONTINUANCE OF WEAR OF SHOULDER STRAPS ON RAINCOATS/TOPCOATS (U)

[D/ST83/314/3/1 - DGST(N)83A]

1. Experience has shown that the arrangements described in Art 0317(17A) of the Uniform Regulations (BR 81) — and also in force for WRNS, WRNR and women officers in the RN and RCNC — for sewing shoulder straps to raglan sleeved raincoats, are unsatisfactory.
2. Accordingly, the regulation requiring shoulder straps to be attached to topcoats is cancelled. Topcoats with shoulder straps already attached may continue to be worn until the garment is replaced in the course of normal uniform maintenance. In due course, re-designed topcoats with set-in sleeves and shoulder flaps will be provided so that detachable rank badges can be worn.
3. Blue uniform outfits laid down in Scales A1 to A5 and C1 to C4 of Appendix 5 to BR 81 are to be changed to omit one pair of shoulder straps and outfits issued since 1 January 1982 have been adjusted accordingly. Cash grants for initial provision of uniform, promotion grants and reversion grants (as described in Arts 1303 and 1311 of BR 1950 (*Naval Pay Regulations*)) have been similarly adjusted to reflect the change in the regulations.
4. BR 81 (*RN and RM Uniform Regulations*) and BR 1950 (*Naval Pay Regulations*) will be amended.