

(U)995.—Uniform—Badges—Weapon and Electrical Engineering Branch and Air
Electrical Branch Ratings
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1. The revised regulations in this Instruction for the types of badges to be worn by certain ratings of the Weapon and Electrical Engineering and Air Electrical Branches are to be introduced as from a current date. Full details of the amended badge structure are given in the Annex to this Instruction.

2. *Mechanicians' Badges.*—The following alterations are to be made as regards the wearing of crown and stars with the basic badge:—

	Present Badge	Revised Badge
Mechanicians 5th Class and Acting 4th Class	Star above	Star above and star below
Mechanicians 4th Class (confirmed)	Star above and star below	Crown above

3. *Distinguishing Badges.*—The basic designs of the badges for both the Weapon and Electrical Engineering Branch and the Air Electrical Branch are the same as those of the former Electrical Branch, but certain of the distinguishing letters in the centre of some of the WEE Branch badges have been changed to indicate more clearly the category to which they relate. The badges affected are as follows:—

	Present Letters	Revised Letters
Control Electrical	L	CE
Ordnance Electrical	L	OE
Weapon Mechanicians (replaced by Ordnance Electrical)	WM	RE
Radio Electrical	R	RE

Note.—The letters MA will be retained for Mechanician Apprentices prior to categorization.

4. *Issue of Badges.*—The new badges, with the letters CE, OE and RE, are now becoming available. The following instructions are to be followed:—

- A gratuitous issue of the revised badges authorized by paragraph 2 above is to be made to all Mechanicians 5th Class, Acting 4th Class and 4th Class (confirmed) now serving as such and to those who qualify in future.
- Control and Ordnance Electrical Mechanician Apprentices after categorization, who are at present wearing a badge with the letters MA, are to be issued gratuitously with CE and OE badges, and these badges are likewise to be issued to those categorized in future.
- Since all existing Mechanicians' L badges have a crown above, Control and Ordnance Electrical Mechanicians Acting 4th Class are to be issued with CE and OE badges under the terms of a.
- All other ratings in these Branches are to provide themselves with the appropriate new badges in the normal course of kit maintenance.

5. BR 81 (Uniform Regulations) and BR 1246 (Rate Book and Vocabulary for Victualling Stores) will be amended.

ANNEX

WEAPON AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING BRANCH AND
AIR ELECTRICAL BRANCH RATINGS' BADGES

Basic device.—Electrician and Electrical Mechanic—Crossed lightning flashes; Electrical Mechanician—Crossed lightning flashes superimposed on an end view of a generator.

Letters in centre of basic device

Mechanic Apprentices before categorization MA

Control Electrical	CE	Electrical (Air)	AL
Ordnance Electrical	OE	Ordnance Electrical (Air)	AO
Radio Electrical	RE	Radio Electrical (Air)	AR

Crown and Stars above and below basic device

Electrical Mechanic 2nd Class

Mechanic Apprentice

Electrical Mechanic 1st Class

Petty Officer Electrician on lower rate of pay and other ratings technically qualified for Leading Electrical Mechanic

Mechanic 5th Class and Acting 4th Class

Petty Officer Electrician on higher rate of pay and Chief Electrician on lower rate of pay

Mechanicians 4th Class (confirmed), 3rd Class and 2nd Class

Chief Electrician on higher rate of pay

(Mechanicians 1st Class and Chief Mechanicians do not wear Branch badges.)