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II. SERVICE PERSONNEL

S87/76. UNIFORM—RN OFFICERS—INTRODUCTION OF IMPROVED SHOULDER BADGES OF RANK (U)

[N/STE 1019/72 (DGST(N) 83A)]

1. DCI (RN) S141/74, which introduced the navy blue heavy wool jersey for RN and RNR officers, also referred to improved shoulder badges which were being obtained.
2. The badges are of the same design as the current pattern, except that, to improve their appearance, the rank markings in woven rayon are replaced by rank lace in electro-plated copper wire. This wire is of the quality used commercially for blazer badges and similar embroidery. The lace is therefore less costly than the gold lace used on uniform suits and shoulder straps, and may have a somewhat shorter wear-life. It has, however, been used satisfactorily in badges produced unofficially, for example in Hong Kong, for some time.
3. The new badges are for wear:
 - a. on heavy wool jerseys with Nos 5J, 8 and 11 Dresses;
 - b. on collar-attached white shirts with No 12 Dress (until collar badges of rank are introduced, probably later this year).
 They will also be used on new design windproof jackets and improved blue working shirts when these become available in due course.
4. The new shoulder badges are to replace the current woven rayon pattern in all RN officers' uniform outfits. Details of the new badges are contained in the ANNEX to this DCI. Outfits for new entrants should include the new pattern badges from a convenient date following receipt of this DCI.
5. Serving officers may continue to wear woven rayon shoulder badges for two years from the date of this DCI, during which time new pattern badges are to be obtained in the normal course of uniform replacement. Thereafter woven rayon shoulder badges will continue to be available for wear only with foul weather jackets and flying overalls.
6. Midshipmen's badges. Shoulder badges incorporating a turnback with button and twist, are being obtained for midshipmen, and a further DCI will be issued when stocks are available.
7. RN chaplains. Chaplains are to continue to wear the existing badge (Vocab 42281).
8. RNR, SCC and CCF (RN) officers. The new arrangements do not apply to RNR officers. Badges of the new type will, however, be provided for them in due course when stocks of rayon badges are exhausted. Woven rayon badges for SCC and CCF (RN) officers will be provided when heavy wool jerseys can be made available for these personnel.
9. Demands (except for the badges marked with an asterisk in the ANNEX) may be lodged with PSTO(N) Devonport, but should be restricted, for the time being, to three months' requirements and one pair of badges per officer to ensure availability of supplies during the introductory period. A further DCI will be issued when the badges for surgeon captains (D) and constructor sub-lieutenants are available.
10. BR 81 (*The Uniform Regulations*) will be amended.

ANNEX

Vocab Nos	NATO Stock Nos	Description	Rate Book Price† (per pair)
	8455-99-130-		
42600	2853	Admiral .. .	£
42601	2854	Vice-Admiral .. .	2.78
42602	2855	Rear Admiral .. .	2.52
42603	2856	Commodore .. .	2.27
42604	2857	Captain .. .	2.00
42605	2858	Commander .. .	2.42
42606	2859	Lieutenant-Commander .. .	2.14
42607	2860	Lieutenant .. .	1.97
42608	2861	Sub-Lieutenant .. .	1.81
42609	2862	Surgeon Vice-Admiral .. .	2.59
42610	2863	Surgeon Rear Admiral .. .	2.34
42611	2864	Surgeon Commodore .. .	2.06
42612	2865	Surgeon Captain .. .	2.52
42613	2866	Surgeon Commander .. .	2.24
42614	2867	Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander .. .	2.00
42615	2868	Surgeon Lieutenant .. .	1.87
42616	2869	Surgeon Sub-Lieutenant .. .	1.64
42617	2870	Wardmaster Lieutenant-Commander .. .	2.00
42618	2871	Wardmaster Lieutenant .. .	1.87
42619	2872	Wardmaster Sub-Lieutenant .. .	1.64
42620	2873	Surgeon Rear Admiral (D) .. .	2.34
42621*	2874	Surgeon Captain (D) .. .	2.52
42622	2875	Surgeon Commander (D) .. .	2.24
42623	2876	Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander (D) .. .	2.00
42624	2877	Surgeon Lieutenant (D) .. .	1.87
42625	2878	Surgeon Sub-Lieutenant (D) .. .	1.64
42626	2879	Constructor Captain .. .	2.52
42627	2880	Constructor Commander .. .	2.24
42628	2881	Constructor Lieutenant-Commander .. .	2.00
42629	2882	Constructor Lieutenant .. .	1.87
42630*	2883	Constructor Sub-Lieutenant .. .	1.64

Accounting Classification—CA

Denomination of Quantity—PR

Note. *Stocks of these badges are not yet available but deliveries are expected shortly.

†For Fleet Issuing Prices, see DCI (RN) S67/76.