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Branch badges are worn by chief petty officers, petty officers, leading rates and men entitled to them, except that Artificers do not wear branch badges.

With certain exceptions shown below, branch badges are worn:—

(a) By chief petty officers on each side of the collar of the jacket, on the right cuff of the white tunic immediately above the central gilt button, and on the right cuff of the overall suit.

(b) By all other ratings on the right arm, the

centre of the device being midway between the point of the shoulder and the point of the elbow. Branch badges are not worn on overcoat, action/working dress, tropical shirts or singlets.

**Physical Training Branch Badges.**—These badges (in blue) are worn by Physical Training Instructors and Physical Trainers in the centre of the chest on their P.T. vests and sweaters.

4. The following is a descriptive list of branch badges:—

Branch	Device	Distinguishing letters for various specialisations*	Remarks
Gunnery ..	Crossed Guns ..	Quarters .. Q Gunlayer .. L Control Armourer CA Anti-Aircraft .. A Radar Control .. R Quarters Armourer QA	
Radar Plot ..	Spider's Web crossed by Lightning Flashes ..		
Torpedo and Anti-Submarine ..	Crossed Torpedoes, Vertical Harpoon, Coil Superimposed ..	Underwater Weapons W Underwater Control C Mine Defence .. M Seaward Defence D	
Coxswain and Quartermaster ..	Six-spoked Wheel ..		Chief Petty Officers who have served as Coxswains will wear a badge consisting of the Branch device encircled by a laurel wreath.
Surveying Recorder ..	Sextant.		
Boom Defence ..	Crossed Shackle and Marline Spike.		
Signal ..	Crossed Flags.		
Coder ..	Open Code Book crossed by Lightning Flash.	Educational Special ..	E Letters on right hand page of book S
Telegraphist ..	Wings crossed by Lightning Flash.		
Engineering Mechanic ..	Propeller.		
Mechanicians—not entitled to trade pay ..	Propeller superimposed on a Throttle Wheel.		Mechanicians entitled to Trade pay wear no branch badge.
Regulating Branch ..	Crown.		
Naval Airmen ..	Aeroplane ..	Aircraft Handler H Safety Equipment SE Fitter & Mechanic (A) A Fitter & Mechanic (E) E Fitter & Mechanic (O) O Met. Observer MET Photographer .. P Naval Airmen (SAM) (A) R Naval Airmen (SAM) (E) F Naval Airmen (SAM) (O) O	Master-at-arms: Laurel wreath encircling branch device.
Air Mechanicians not entitled to Trade pay. Four-bladed Propellor.	Two-bladed Propeller		Pilot's mates will wear a badge on their right cuff—two-bladed propeller—in addition to the Branch badge.
Physical and Recreational Training.	Crossed Clubs.		Air Mechanicians entitled to Trade pay wear no branch badge.
Electrical ..	Diagonal Lightning Flashes ..	Electrician .. Electrician (Air) .. Radio Electrician .. Radio Electrician (Air) ..	L AL R AR
			Letters worn in centre of badge.

\* Distinguishing letters are worn below the badge, including stars where appropriate, except where otherwise indicated.

Branch	Device	Distinguishing letters for various specialisations	Remarks
Electrical Mechanicians not entitled to trade pay ...	Diagonal Lightning Flashes superimposed on an end-on view of a generator or motor with terminal blocks and shortened tail leads.	Electrical Mechanicians L Electrical Mechanicians (Air) ... AL Radio R Electrical Mechanicians ... R Radio Electrical Mechanicians (Air) ... AR	Letters worn in centre of badge. Electrical Mechanicians entitled to trade pay wear no Branch Badges.
Supply and Secretariat	Star	Writer ... W Stores ... S Victualling ... V Cook ... C Officers' Steward ... OS Officers' Cook ... OC Stenographer ... ST	Letters worn in centre of badge.
Artisans	Crossed Axe and Hammer.		
Photographer	Camera.		
Sailmakers	Crossed Fid and Marline Spike.		
Divers	Diver's Helmet.		
Clearance Divers	Diver's Helmet with letter "C" below.		Divers 2nd and 3rd class wear the badge <i>on the right cuff</i> in addition to their appropriate branch badge.
Artificers			Branch badges will not be worn.
Sick Berth	Red Cross on White ground in a circle.	State Registered Male Nurse ... N Radiographer ... X Physiotherapist ... M Hygiene Inspector ... H Laboratory Assistant ... L Mental Nurse ... P Operating Room Attendant ... O Dental Attendant ... D	

##### 5. Flying Badges, Naval Aircrew.

Flying Badges for Pilots, Observers and Aircrew are worn on blue uniform (other than working dress) by C.P.O.s on the cuff of the left sleeve  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the centre button, and by other ratings  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches from the end of the left sleeve of the jacket or jumper without cuffs. On jumpers with cuffs, they are to be worn  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches above the point of the left cuff. On blue serge working dress they are to be worn above the left breast pocket of the blouse. On white uniform they are to be worn  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches above the left breast pocket of the tunic. If medal ribbons are worn the badge is to be immediately above the top row of ribbons. Flying badges are not worn on tropical shirts.

The Flying Badges are as follows:—

Rating Pilots

Wings, with foul anchor surrounded by laurel wreath and surmounted by a crown, in the centre.

Rating Observers

Wings, with foul anchor surrounded by the letter O surmounted by a crown in the centre.

Rating Aircrew

Wings, with foul anchor surrounded by a narrow coil of rope, in the centre. (Telegraphist Air Gunners).

Ratings who have qualified as Pilots or Observers at any time during service with the Royal Navy, the Royal Air Force, or the Dominions Air Forces, may wear the Naval flying badge of a Rating Pilot or Rating Observer as appropriate, irrespective of the duties on which they are currently employed. The badge is to be worn in the same position as by serving Pilots and Aircrewmen.

##### 6. Miscellaneous Badges.

*Naval patrol armlet.*—All petty officers, seamen

and marines who are temporarily employed on regulating branch or patrol duties are to wear the naval patrol armlet on the left cuff whilst actually on duty.

Ratings entitled to the following badges are to wear them in a position  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches above the point of the right cuff of serge jumpers or from the end of the sleeve of jackets:—

Good shooting badges (crossed rifles).

Shallow water diver's badge (Diver's helmet with letters "S.W." below.)

Bugler's badge (bugle).

##### 7. SPECIAL BADGES FOR BOYS AND ARTIFICE APPRENTICES IN TRAINING ESTABLISHMENTS.

###### (a) Boys.

Instructor Boy Small crown, anchor and miniature good conduct badge

P.O. Boy Small crown and miniature good conduct badge.

Leading Boy Miniature good conduct badge.

Advanced Class Boy Small star.

Worn on left arm with the point of the good conduct badge 5" below shoulder seam.

Worn on the right arm midway between the point of the shoulder and the point of the elbow (immediately below the Branch badge in the case of Communication Boys—see below).