

1113.—Uniform—R.N. Officers—Changes in Distinction Laces (V. 1A/4378/50.—13 Apr. 1951.)

H.M. The King has approved the following changes in :—

- Distinction lace worn by officers of the R.N.R., R.N.V.R. and by officers holding temporary commissions in the R.N.
- Colours of distinction cloth of branch worn by officers of certain branches in the R.N. and Reserve Officers.
- Uniform buttons for R.N.R. and R.N.V.R. officers.
- Patches and notched holes of twist worn by Midshipmen R.N.R. and R.N.V.R. and Cadets R.N.R.

2. Distinction Lace is to be worn as follows :—

R.N.V.R. Officers Air Branch, other than those holding temporary commissions.
Officers holding temporary commissions in R.N.V.R. for Sea Cadet Corps or Combined Cadet Force.
Officers holding temporary commissions in R.N., R.N.R. or R.N.V.R.

As for R.N. Officers but with letter "R" in the curl. During mobilised service, qualified officers will omit the "R" from the curl.

As for R.N. Officers but with letter "A" in the curl.

Wavy lace as at present but without letters "S.C." or "C.C.F." in the curl.

As for R.N. Officers except that curl is to be of $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. gold lace and is to be waved as previously worn by R.N.V.R. Officers. Air Branch Officers are to wear letter "A" in curl. In wartime, on becoming qualified officers, the wavy curl will be replaced by a plain curl of $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. lace as for R.N. Officers.

As for R.N. officers but with letter "R" in the curl.

Honorary Officers, R.N.R. and R.N.V.R.

3. Changes in Distinction Cloth for certain Branches.

Wardmaster

Electrical Branch

R.N.V.R. Officers of Special Branch and the Technical Branches peculiar to R.N.V.R.

Sea Cadet Corps and Combined Cadet Force Officers.

Salmon pink instead of maroon.

Less dark shade of green than at present.

Much lighter green than present shade.

No distinction cloth.

4. Uniform Buttons R.N.R. and R.N.V.R. Officers.—Officers and Midshipmen (whether permanent or temporary) are to wear the buttons of their respective reserves, which were used up to 1921.

5. Midshipmen R.N.R. and R.N.V.R. (including honorary Midshipmen R.N.R. and R.N.V.R.) and Cadets R.N.R.—Patches and notched holes of twist are to be worn as follows :—

Midshipmen

White patches and notched holes of twist as for Midshipmen R.N. except that for officers holding temporary appointments the notched holes of twist are to be waved instead of straight. Midshipmen of the R.N.V.R. Air Branch will wear letter "A" on the twist instead of on the cuff of the sleeve.

Cadets White notched holes of twist as for Cadets, R.N.

6. Patterns of the new distinction cloth are being sealed and specimens will be forwarded to Commanders-in-Chief at home and abroad. R.N.R. and R.N.V.R. buttons will be made available for issue on repayment from Service sources as soon as practicable. A further A.F.O. will be issued when supplies are available.

7. Change of Uniform.—Officers serving in the Royal Navy who are affected by the foregoing changes, temporary Reserve Officers serving full time in the R.N., and permanent officers of the R.N.R. and R.N.V.R. are to arrange for their uniform to be modified as early as practicable and not later than 1st January, 1952, except that present