

1147.—Flying Badges—Award, Wearing, and Forfeiture
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The term "Aircraft badge" is a generic term including, at present, the undermentioned badges:—

Pilot's badge.

Observer's badge.

Telegraphist Air Gunner's badge.

2. The initial eligibility for a badge will be on a provisional basis and the badge will not be considered to have been fully earned until the holder has been appointed to and has actually undertaken productive duties in a qualified capacity in a front line, training or miscellaneous unit.

3. Officers and ratings will continue to be awarded the Naval pilot's flying badge on successful completion of the applied section of the Royal Air Force standard syllabus for pilot training, but the award will be subject to the reservation in paragraph 2 above.

4. Observers who qualify as pilots will wear the pilot's badge and cease to wear the observer's badge, unless they are subsequently reverted to observer duties by reason of their inability to carry out the duties required of a pilot.

5. Regulations for the wearing of the badges are shown in the Appendix to the Navy List, Uniform Regulations, Naval Uniforms (Officers), Section 43, and (Ratings), Section 5.

6. Normally the holder of an aircraft badge will continue to wear the badge after he has ceased to carry out flying duties.

7. The aircraft badge may, however, be withdrawn if the holder has:—

(i) Been removed permanently from flying duties for disciplinary or other reasons within his own control.

(ii) Failed to complete his full qualifying aircraft training.

(iii) Failed to undertake successfully productive flying duties as defined in paragraph 2.

8. The withdrawal of the badge will be subject to Admiralty approval in each case.

(A.F.Os. 7517/45 and 48/48 are cancelled.)