

## \*1217.—Kits and Uniform of Naval Ratings.

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The kits and uniform of naval ratings have been under review, and following the recommendations of the committees appointed by A.F.O. 262/31, presided over by Rear-Admiral W. F. French, C.M.G., and the views expressed to the committees by fleet representatives, the changes set out below have been approved.

### Kits.

2. The following alterations are to be made in the regulation kits, Classes I, II and III :—

#### Class I—compulsory.

Article.	Present.	Future.
Tunics, drill ...	2 for all C.P.Os.	3 for C.P.O. cooks and C.P.O. stewards; 2 for all other C.P.Os.
Caps, cloth ...	2	2, but on foreign stations, at the discretion of the C-in-C, one of these may be of a lighter type than the standard pattern for wear only with a cap cover.
Neckties, black silk ...	3 for all C.P.Os.	2 for all C.P.Os.
Half boots ...	2 pairs	2 pairs, but 1 pair may be of lighter manufacture than the standard pattern.
Blue overall suits ...	1 for engine room ratings only.	1 for engine room, artificer and artisan ratings only.
Aprons ...	2 for C.P.O. cooks only.	3 for C.P.O. cooks only.

#### Class I—optional.

Oilskin coat ...	Nil	1.
White socks ...	Nil	2 pairs.
Pyjamas ...	Nil	2 suits.
Pillow ...	Nil	1.
Pillow covers ...	Nil	2.
Pullover, blue, plain, knitted.	Nil	1.

#### Class II—compulsory.

Duck jumpers ...	3	{ For men of all branches except stokers } 2 { For signal and telegraphist ratings. Other ratings as at present. } 3 pairs 2 pairs, but one pair may be of lighter manufacture than the standard pattern.
Duck trousers ...	4 pairs	
Half boots ...	2 pairs	Nil.
Clothes stops ...	24	1, for stokers only.
Stokers' Manual	Nil	

#### Class II—optional.

White socks ...	Nil	2 pairs.
Pyjamas ...	Nil	2 suits.
Pillow ...	Nil	1.
Pillow covers ...	Nil	2.
Singlets, cotton (for wear under flannel).	Nil	2.

#### Class III—compulsory.

Article.	Present.	Future.
Tunics, drill ...	2	} For cooks and officers' cooks. } For officers' stewards.
Aprons ...	2	
Tunics, drill ...	2	
Trousers, duck or drill...	2 pairs	} For officers' stewards. } For officers' stewards.
Trousers, serge ...	1 pair	

*Badges.*

24. The principle on which the crown and stars are incorporated in badges worn to indicate non-substantive rating has been under review, and the under-mentioned modifications in the badges indicative of the non-substantive ratings specified have been approved.

<i>Rating.</i>	<i>Present Badge.</i>	<i>Future Badge.</i>
Gunner's Mate... ..	Crossed guns, star and crown above, star below.	Crossed guns, crown above, star below.
Torpedo Gunner's Mate	Crossed torpedoes, star and crown above, star below.	Crossed torpedoes, crown above, star below.
Torpedo Coxswain ...	Crossed torpedoes, wheel above.	Crossed torpedoes, crown above, wheel below.
Chief Yeoman of Signals	Crossed flags, star and crown above, star below.	Crossed flags, crown above.
Yeoman of Signals ...	Crossed flags, star above, two stars below.	Crossed flags, star above.
Leading Signalman ...	Crossed flags, star above, star below.	(Also for Signalman.) Wings, star above.
Leading Telegraphist ...	Wings, star above, star below.	(Also for Telegraphist.) Crossed clubs, crown above, star below.
Physical and Recreational Training Instructor, 1st Class.	Crossed clubs, star and crown above, star below.	Crossed clubs, crown above.
Ditto, 2nd Class ...	Crossed clubs, star and crown above.	Propeller, crown above, star below.
Mechanician ... ..	Propeller, crown and star above, star below.	Propeller, crown above.
Chief Stoker ... ..	Propeller, crown above, star below.	Propeller, star above.
P.O. Stoker ... ..	Propeller, star above, star below.	(Also for Leading Stoker.)
Stoker, 1st Class ...	Propeller.	

25. The star will be omitted from good shooting badges purchased in future, and the diver's badge, for wear on the sleeve, will be reduced in size.

26. The modified pattern badges will be brought into issue as stocks of the existing patterns are used up. Men may continue to wear old pattern badges issued to them until worn out.

27. The following new badges are being introduced :-

<i>Rating.</i>	<i>Badge.</i>
Chief Shipwright ...	Crossed axe and hammer, crown above.
Chief Sailmaker ...	} Crossed fid and marline spike, star above.
Sailmaker ... ..	
Sailmaker's Mate ...	

Patterns are being sealed and a notification will be issued in Admiralty Fleet Orders when supplies are available for issue.

28. Particulars of new pattern badges for the Accountant Branch have already been promulgated (A.F.O. 2361/31).

*Additional Articles for Repayment Issue.*

29. The following will be added to the list of articles stocked for sale to the men. Steps are being taken to select and seal patterns and to purchase supplies, and a further notification will be issued when stocks are available :-

White shoes.	Pyjamas.
White socks.	Peak caps, light-weight, for wear with cap cover.
Pillows.	Singlets, cotton (for wear under the flannel).
Pillow covers.	Cotton flannels.

30. Part contracts, similar to those already in existence for Class I and Class II Uniform Clothing, will be arranged for Class II Uniform Clothing. These contracts will provide men dressed as seamen with facilities for obtaining suits made to measure from Service materials, through the Accountant Officer. Particulars of these contracts will be promulgated shortly.