

1921.—Uniform—Badges—Specialist Qualifications for Royal Naval Reserve Ratings  
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Consequent on the Unification of the Reserves and the concentration of R.N.R. training on Minesweeping, it has been necessary to amend the specialist qualifications open to R.N.R. ratings.

2. *Specialist Qualifications.*—In future all R.N.R. Seamen ratings will specialise in both Gunnery and Minesweeping and will wear appropriate badges, as detailed in paragraph 5 below.

3. Since the amount of training for R.N.R. ratings is less than for R.N. ratings, the syllabus for R.N.R. specialist qualifications has been modified, and R.N.R. ratings will not be able to qualify for a specialist qualification above 2nd class.

4. The new combined specialist qualifications are:—

<i>Course</i>	<i>S.Q.</i>
Gunnery—S.G.(C) Star, Parts 1 and 2	} S.G.(C)/M.3
Minesweeping—M.3, Parts A and B ..	
Gunnery—G.A.2, Parts 1 and 2	} G.A.2/M.2
Minesweeping—M.2, Parts A and B ..	

5. *Badges.*—Details of the badges to be worn, together with vocabulary numbers and descriptions, are detailed below. These badges are available in red only and may be demanded from the Superintending Victualling Store Officer, Northern Area:—

<i>Vocab. No.</i>	<i>Specialist Qualification</i>	<i>Description of Badge</i>
32430	S.G.(C) .. .. .	Crossed guns.
32431	S.G.(C)/M.3 .. .. .	Crossed guns, letters M.S. below.
32432	G.A.2/M.2 .. .. .	Crossed guns, star and letters M.S. below.
32433	Chief Petty Officers with 2nd class or Star S.Q.	Crossed guns, crown above, letters M.S. below.

Two in number of the appropriate badge are to be issued gratuitously to R.N.R. ratings on obtaining the full combined specialist qualification detailed above. Exceptionally, in order that the award of a first specialist qualification badge shall not be delayed, two basic badges, Vocab. No. 32430, are to be issued as soon as ratings complete the course for S.G.(C).

6. Badges are to be issued as follows:—

*Other than List 2* At the appropriate Sea Training Centre.

*List 2* .. .. . At the establishment where the qualification is gained or on the next occasion of reporting for training.

7. *Previous Non-Substantive Qualifications.*—All R.N.R. ratings at present serving or those joining in future with other 2nd or 3rd class specialist qualifications may continue to wear the appropriate badges until they have obtained the corresponding new qualification.

8. Those already holding 1st class specialist qualifications may continue to wear their present badges.