

(V. 3A/191/4/61.—1 Feb. 1963.)

Anodised badges and buttons are being introduced for wear on Royal Marines other ranks' uniforms instead of gilt and gilding metal items. The new items will be introduced gradually as present stocks of the gilt and gilding metal badges and buttons run out.

2. Details of the anodised badges and buttons at present available from Superintending Victualling Store Officer, South Western Area, Royal William Yard, Plymouth, are given in the Appendix to this Order. Stocks will also be available shortly from Superintending Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Victualling Yard, Singapore. Demands for anodised items are to be restricted to minimum requirements—see paras. 3 and 4 below.

3. *Senior Non-Commissioned Officers.*—Gilt and anodised items are not to be worn together on the same garment. The badges and buttons issued gratuitously to men promoted to Sergeant are to be all gilt, where available, or all anodised. Senior N.C.Os. issued with gilt items may continue to wear them until further notice.

4. *Corporals and below.* Gilding metal (polished) items will continue to be issued to Corporals and below for some time. For an interim period, a mixture of polished and anodised items on the same garment is acceptable for these ranks. Where a mixture of polished and anodised items is worn on the same garment, all buttons must be of the same type. Similarly pairs of collar badges are to match and also pairs of letters R.M.

5. *Cleaning.*—Anodised items must not be cleaned with any form of abrasive, including metal polish, and care is to be taken to avoid scratching of the coating.

6. B.R. 93 (Manual of Victualling), Appendix 64, will be amended.

## APPENDIX

Vocab. No.	Description	Denomination	Fleet Issuing Price	
			s.	d.
38900	Badges, Lion and Crown, with pin ..	No.	1	2
38902	Badges, Globe and Laurel Lion and Crown.	No.		11
38910	Badges, Globe and Laurel .. ..	No.		10
38911	Badges, Lyre .. ..	No.	1	1
38912	Letters R.M. .. ..	No.	1	0
38920	Badges, Royal Arms .. ..	No.	1	6
38921	Crown in Wreath .. ..	No.	1	8
38981	Letters R.M.F.V.R. .. ..	No.	1	2
75315	Buttons, R.M. anodised, large ..	doz.	3	6
75317	Buttons, R.M. anodised, small ..	doz.	3	0

(B.R. 93.)

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