

2338.—Uniform—Flying Badges—Award, Wearing and Forfeiture
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The term "Aircrew badge" is a generic term including, at present, the under-mentioned 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. Naval pilots under training will be awarded the pilot's flying badge on successful completion of the applied section of the Royal Air Force standard syllabus for pilot training. Naval observers will be awarded the observer's flying badge on successful completion of training at the Royal Naval Observers' School, whether passed out fully qualified or as Acting Observers. The award of pilot's and observer's flying badges 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 41 and (Ratings) Section 5.

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

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 The aircrew badge may, however, be withdrawn if the holder has :—

- (a) Been removed permanently from flying duties for disciplinary or other reasons within his own control.
- (b) Failed to complete his full qualifying aircrew training.
- (c) 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.

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