

***2573.—Uniform—Badges—Naval Ratings**
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The arrangements for the addition of stars and crowns to branch badges have been reviewed in the light of the 1950 Pay Code and the change in the advancement regulations of the Seaman Branch contained in A.F.O. 1187/51 (*Advancement—Seaman Branch—Abolition of Specialist Qualification as a Requirement for Advancement*).

2. It has been decided that stars and crowns are to be added to the branch badge to denote standard of qualifications as follows :—

*Seaman and Naval
Airman Branches*
(excluding Naval
Airmen Fitters
and Mechanics
(A) (E) and (O))

Other Branches
(including Naval
Airmen Fitters
and Mechanics
(A) (E) and (O))

*Petty Officers and below
One Star (above the
basic design).*

3rd Class Part II or
Specialist qualifi-
cation.

Technical qualifica-
tion for Able rate

Applicable only
to branches
dressed as
Seamen.

*Two Stars (one above
and one below basic
design).*

2nd Class Part II or
Specialist qualifi-
cation.

Technical qualifica-
tion for Leading
rate.

P.Os. on qualifying
for higher rate of
pay.

**Crown (above basic
design).*

1st Class Part II or
Specialist qualifi-
cation.

Ratings qualified as
Gunnery, T. and
A.S., Radar Plot,
Wireless, Signalling
Instructors and Staff Physical
and Recreational
Training Instruct-
ors.

Confirmed Lead-
ing rates and
above only.

**Crown (above basic
design).*

*Crown above and two
stars below basic
design.*

*Chief Petty Officers
Crown (above basic
design).*

2nd Class or lower
Part II or Special-
ist qualification.

C.P.Os. on lower
rate of pay.

*Crown above and star
below basic design.*

1st Class Part II or
Specialist qualifi-
cation.

C.P.Os. on qualify-
ing for higher
rate of pay.

*Crown above and two
stars below basic
design.*

C.P.Os. qualified as Gunnery, T. and A.S.,
Radar Plot, Wireless, Signalling In-
structors and Staff Physical and Recrea-
tional Training Instructors.

* Serving Petty Officers in the non-Seaman Branches who are in receipt of the lower rate of pay under the 1950 Pay Code and who wear a Crown above the branch badge under the present arrangements may continue to wear the Crown.

3. *Regulating Branch and Coxswains.*—The badges worn by ratings of the Regulating Branch and by Coxswains remain as at present.

4. It has been decided to allocate a Vocabulary number to each badge to replace the pattern number at present in use. The Appendices to this Order (not reproduced in the Notice Boards issue) set out :—

- A. List of Vocabulary Numbers of Branch badges in the revised scheme.
- B. List of Vocabulary Numbers of other badges that will continue to be worn as at present.
- C. Obsolete badges under the revised scheme of Branch badges.

5. Arrangements should be made for the revised vocabulary numbers to be quoted in demands, issue notes and for accounting records to be amended. Further instructions will be issued when the new branch badges become available and in the meantime demands should not be made for these patterns.

6. These arrangements involve changes of branch badges for :—

- (a) C.P.Os. with 1st Class Part II or Specialist qualification in Seaman and Naval Airman branches.
- (b) C.P.Os. on higher rate of pay in other branches.
- (c) C.P.Os. and other ratings qualified as Gunnery, T. and A.S., Radar Plot, Wireless, Signalling Instructors and Staff Physical Training and Recreational Training Instructors.

An initial free issue of two red and two blue badges is to be made to these ratings, except to those due for release within the next six months, who are not required to change their existing badges. The free issues should be noted in ratings' pay books. Until the new badges become available ratings will continue to wear their present badges.

7. Stocks of obsolete badges are to be returned to the nearest Victualling Yard.

8. *Gold Badges.*—The vocabulary numbers of these badges have been included in the Appendices to this Order. Further instructions will be issued as various patterns become available and only those patterns which have been notified as available should be demanded.

APPENDIX A

List of Vocabulary Numbers of Branch Badges

Note.—The Vocabulary numbers of badges which are to be quoted in all demands, issue notes and accounts consist of five figure numbers. The initial two digits indicate the colour, etc., of the badge as follows :—

<i>Gold badges</i> (in pairs for C.P.Os. blue uniform, or single for Petty Officers and below).	31
<i>Red badges</i> in pairs for C.P.Os. or single for Petty Officers and below.	32
<i>Blue badges</i>	33
<i>Gold badges</i> single for wear by C.P.Os. on the cuff of white uniform	34

The last three digits indicating the rating for whom the badge is provided are shown in the lists below.

The following examples illustrate the arrangement of the complete vocabulary numbers :—

<i>Gunnery Instructors</i>	<i>Colour of Badge</i>	<i>Vocab. No.</i>
C.P.O.	Gold in pairs for blue uniform ..	31012
C.P.O.	Red in pairs for blue uniform ..	32012
C.P.O.	Blue	33012
C.P.O.	Gold, single for white uniform ..	34012
P.O. or Leading Rate	Gold	31013
P.O. or Leading Rate	Red	32013
P.O. or Leading Rate	Blue	33013

Rating	Revised Vocab. No.—Last three digits	Old Pattern No.
<i>Gunnery Branch</i>		
<i>Gunnery Instructors</i>		
C.P.O.	012	
P.O. or Leading Rate	013	
<i>Quarter Ratings</i>		
C.P.O. with 1st Class Specialist Qualification	014	
C.P.O. with 2nd Class or lower Specialist Qualification	015	N.14
Q.R. 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed Leading Rate)	016	N.15
Q.R. 2nd Class	017	N.16
Q.R., 3rd Class	018	N.17
<i>Gun Layer Ratings</i>		
C.P.O., with 1st Class Specialist Qualification	019	
C.P.O., with 2nd Class or lower Specialist Qualification	020	N.18
G.L., 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed Leading Rate)	021	N.19
G.L., 2nd Class	022	N.20
G.L., 3rd Class	023	N.21
<i>Control Ratings</i>		
C.P.O., with 1st Class Specialist Qualification	024	
C.P.O., with 2nd Class or lower Specialist Qualification	025	N.22
C.R., 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed Leading Rate)	026	N.23
C.R., 2nd Class	027	N.24
C.R., 3rd Class	028	N.25
<i>Anti-Aircraft Ratings</i>		
C.P.O., with 1st Class Specialist Qualification	029	
C.P.O., with 2nd Class or lower Specialist Qualification	030	N.26
A.A., 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed Leading Rate)	031	N.27
A.A., 2nd Class	032	N.28
A.A., 3rd Class	033	N.29
<i>Radar Control Ratings</i>		
C.P.O., with 1st Class Specialist Qualification	034	
C.P.O., with 2nd Class or lower Specialist Qualification	035	N.30
R.C.R., 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed Leading Rate)	036	N.31
R.C.R., 2nd Class	037	N.32
R.C.R., 3rd Class	038	N.33
<i>Control Armourer Ratings</i>		
C.P.O., with 1st Class Specialist Qualification	039	
C.P.O., with 2nd Class or lower Specialist Qualification	040	
C.A., 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed Leading Rate)	041	
C.A., 2nd Class	042	
C.A., 3rd Class	043	
<i>Quarters Armourer Ratings</i>		
C.P.O., with 1st Class Specialist Qualification	044	
C.P.O., with 2nd Class or lower Specialist Qualification	045	N.34
Q.A., 1st Class (P.O. and confirmed Leading Rate)	046	N.35
Q.A., 2nd Class	047	N.36
Q.A., 3rd Class	048	N.37
<i>Radar Plot Branch :—</i>		
<i>Radar Plot Instructors</i>		
C.P.O.	059	
P.O. or Leading Rate	060	