

***2996.—Uniform—Badges—Naval Airman and Naval Air Mechanic Branches**

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All Naval Airmen and Naval Air Mechanics on entry are to wear the branch basic device badge (aeroplane) and on being allocated to specialist categories for technical training they are to wear the branch basic device badge with distinguishing letters below to denote the appropriate category. It is emphasised that *this instruction is applicable to all categories of the Naval Airman and Naval Air Mechanic Branches.*

2. The appropriate badges are to be issued gratuitously on the basis indicated below to the ratings on entry and on categorisation :—

Two red badges.

One or two blue printed badges, according to the number of overall suits in the rating's compulsory kit.

The free issues of badges are to be noted in the ratings' pay books Form S.43a.

3. Stocks of the branch basic device badges with distinguishing letters below, including gold badges for issue on repayment, are being provided and a further Admiralty Fleet Order will be issued when these are available. Until supplies of complete badges become available for issue to ratings on categorisation, spare letter badges are to be issued to them in lieu on the basis indicated in paragraph 2. These spare letter badges are to be added by the ratings to the branch basic device badges issued to them on entry. Spare letter badges in gold are available for issue on repayment.

4. The descriptions and vocabulary numbers of the spare letter badges are as follows :—

Category	Distinguishing letters	Vocab. Nos.		
		Red	Blue	Gold
Aircraft Handler	H	32213	33213	31213
Safety Equipment	S.E.	32214	33214	31214
Met. Observer	MET	32218	33218	31218
Photographer	P	32219	33219	31219
Air Mechanic (A)	A	32215	33215	31215
Air Mechanic (E)	E	32216	33216	31216
Air Mechanic (O)	O	32217	33217	31217

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