

### 3014.—Uniform—Badges—W.R.N.S. Ratings

(V.1A/3107/51.—31 Aug. 1951.)

The badges worn by W.R.N.S. ratings have been reviewed in the light of the revised scheme of badges for Naval ratings set out in A.F.O. 2573/51 (*Uniform—Badges—Naval Ratings*) and the following decisions have been reached.

2. Badges of rate will continue to be worn as at present on the left arm by P.Os. and Leading Rates. Badges indicating the category or branch to which the rating belongs (*see* Appendix A) will continue to be worn (a) by C.P.Os.—on each side of the collar of serge jackets and tropical dresses, and on the right cuff of long sleeved overalls and overall suits ; (b) by P.Os. and below—on the right arm of serge jackets, tropical dresses and overalls.

3. Stars will be added to the branch badges of the Signal Telegraphist, Radio Air, Radar Plot, Meteorologist, Air Mechanic (A) and (E) categories to denote advancement in standard of qualification following the arrangement for the corresponding branches of Naval ratings as follows :—

One Star .. Technical qualification for Able Rate.

Two Stars .. Technical qualification for Leading Rate (not applicable to ratings advanced after provisional test to Acting Leading Rate before passing qualifying course for Leading Rate).

4. A Crown will be worn above the Branch Badge by C.P.Os. on the lower and P.Os. on the higher rate of pay. C.P.Os. on the higher rate of pay will wear a Crown above the Branch badge and a star below except in the Regulating category.

5. New designs of badges have been introduced for the following categories :— Clothing, Victualling, Writer Shorthand, Dental Surgery Assistant, Cinema Operator, Education, Hairdresser, M/T Driver, Quarters Assistant, Steward (G), Tailoress, Welfare Worker, Range Assessor, Radio Air, Meteorologist, Air Mechanic. The Appendices to this Order set out :—

(a) Designs of badges for all categories.

(b) List of vocabulary numbers of branch badges and the pattern numbers of badges at present in use.

(c) List of vocabulary numbers of other badges which will continue to be worn as at present.

(d) Obsolete badges.

6. The revised vocabulary numbers should be quoted in demands and issue notes and accounting records should be amended. Further instructions will be issued when badges of the new patterns become available and in the meantime demands should not be made for these patterns.

7. The new Branch badges for Chief Wrens will be supplied and accounted for in pairs. The issuing prices of these badges are :—

Blue on blue .. .. . 1s. a pair.

Blue on white .. .. . 4d. a pair.

8. An initial free issue of two blue badges and blue on white badges as required for tropical dresses and overalls in their kits, is to be made to all ratings who are required to change their badges under these instructions, except to ratings due for release within the next six months, who are not required to change their existing badges. The free issues are to be noted in ratings' paybooks. Until new pattern badges become available ratings are to continue to wear their present badge.

9. Stocks of obsolete badges which are not required are to be returned to the nearest victualling yard or depot.