

314.—Uniform—R.N.R. and W.R.N.R. Ratings—Shoulder Flashes and Cap Ribbons

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Ratings of the unified Royal Naval Reserve and Women's Royal Naval Reserve are in future to wear shoulder flashes on blue uniform suits, and cap ribbons as follows:—

(a) *Shoulder Flashes*

(i) R.N.R. ratings . . . Shoulder flash lettered "Royal Naval Reserve" in white on a blue ground (Vocab. No. 35474).

(ii) W.R.N.R. ratings . . . Shoulder flash lettered "Women's Royal Naval Reserve" in blue on a blue ground (Vocab. No. 50816).

(b) *Cap Ribbons*

(i) R.N.R. ratings dressed as seamen attached to R.N.R. Divisions and W.R.N.R. ratings below Petty Officer . . . Cap ribbons lettered with ship's name of R.N.R. Division.

(ii) Other R.N.R. ratings dressed as seamen . . . Cap ribbons lettered "Royal Naval Reserve".

2. Shoulder flashes lettered as in paragraph 1 (a) are to be worn on the left arm only of blue uniform suits, centrally on the upper arm with the top one inch below the shoulder seam.

3. The existing badge lettered R.N.R. blue on white ground (Vocab. 30443) will continue to be worn on the left forearm of white uniform suits. Shoulder flashes will not then be worn.

4. An initial gratuitous issue of shoulder flashes and cap ribbons is authorised as follows, Pay and Identity Books 'S' 43A being noted accordingly:—

(a) *Shoulder Flashes*

Headquarters Reserve Ratings . . . 1 No. "Royal Naval Reserve" or 1 No. "Women's Royal Naval Reserve" as appropriate.

All other Ratings . . . 2 No. "Royal Naval Reserve" or 2 No. "Women's Royal Naval Reserve" as appropriate.

(b) *Cap Ribbons*

Ratings dressed as Seamen who are *not* attached to R.N.R. Divisions and *not* already in possession of "Royal Naval Reserve" ribbons . . . 1 No. "Royal Naval Reserve" gold wire ribbon, and 1 No. "Royal Naval Reserve" rayon ribbon.

5. Supplies of "Royal Naval Reserve" shoulder Flashes and Cap Ribbons are now available on demand from S.V.S.O. Northern Area, Risley, and "Women's Royal Naval Reserve" Shoulder Flashes from S.V.S.O. Southern Area, Fareham.

6. Ratings attached to Divisions will be issued with their requirements by Divisional Supply Officers. Those attached to Inland Training Centres, Postal Reservists and other ratings now administered by the Central Registrar (A.F.O. 2146/58 (*Reserves—Administration of "Unattached" Officers and Ratings by Central Register*)) will be supplied by A.C.R. and such issues will be accounted for in the accounts of H.M.S. "President" (R.N.R.). Ratings of the List 2 Reserve will be issued with requirements on their next reporting for continuous training.

7. The Fleet Issuing Prices of Shoulder Flashes are:—

Vocab. 35474. Flash "Royal Naval Reserve" . . . 2d. each  
 Vocab. 50816. Flash "Women's Royal Naval Reserve" . . . 4d. each

8. Surplus holdings of superseded patterns of badges R.N.R., R.N.V.R., R.N.V.W.R. and W.R.N.V.R. and cap ribbons R.N.V. (W) R., should be returned to S.V.S.O. Northern Area, H.M. Victualling Depot, Beehive Mill, Crescent Road, Bolton, for disposal.