

***3277.—Uniform—E.R.A.s, E.A.s, O.A.s, and Shipwrights.**

(V. 3409.—20.11.1925.)

Men who enter the Royal Navy in the Engine Room Artificer, Electrical Artificer, Ordnance Artificer and Shipwright branches, including those who pass out of the Training Establishment for Artificer Apprentices, after the date of this Order are to come under the same regulations in respect of uniform as men holding corresponding rates in other branches not dressed as seamen.

2. Under this rule Artificers and Shipwrights below the rate of Chief Petty Officer will wear Class III uniform with black horn buttons and red cap badge until they have served one year as Petty Officer, and have been confirmed in that rate, when they will be entitled to wear gilt buttons and the Petty Officer's gold cap badge in the usual way. Shipwrights will wear their branch distinguishing badge on the right arm with all dresses until they become Chief Petty Officers.

3. The regulation kit for all Artificers and Shipwrights below the rate of Chief Petty Officer will be that at present laid down in the Uniform Regulations for Artificers and Shipwrights, 5th Class.

4. All Artificers and Shipwrights serving on the date of this Order, who, under the regulations hitherto in force, have been allowed to wear gilt or brass buttons may continue to do so, and all Shipwrights serving on the date of this Order may continue to wear gold collar distinction badges.

5. Artificer Apprentices entered after the date of this Order are to wear black horn crown and anchor buttons. Those now under training may continue to wear brass buttons on their cloth or tartan jackets until drafted to sea, when they are to change the brass buttons for black horn buttons.

6. The Uniform Regulations are to be amended accordingly.

(Uniform Regulations for C.P.O.s, P.O.s, Men and Boys.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)