

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
*4366.—Combined Operations Personnel—Special Badge
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A special badge has been approved for wear by all the Services attached to the Combined Operations Organisation.

2. The badge will be known as the C.O. badge and it is to be worn by naval ratings in the same way as the Good Shooting Badge, i.e., 1½-in. above the point of the right cuff of the jumper and 1½-in. from the end of the right sleeve of the jacket. Stocks of red and blue badges are being provided and the pattern numbers allotted to them are 292A and 292B respectively. Demands for supplies from ships and establishments at home are to be forwarded to the nearest of the following victualling yards—Royal Victoria Yard, Deptford, H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, Southern Area, Thatcham, H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, South Western Area, Plymouth, and H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Jamestown. Demands from ships and establishments abroad should be sent to the Admiralty (Director of Victualling).

3. A gratuitous issue of two badges Pattern 292A or two badges Pattern 292B is to be made to each rating now employed in the Combined Operations Organisation or drafted to that organisation for the first time in future. Badges required in replacement are to be taken up on repayment from Service stocks and until further notice the issuing price of these patterns will be 1d. each.

4. Supplies of a similar badge to Pattern 292A but made in pairs, to which the pattern number 291A has been given, are being provided for wear by those naval personnel attached to the Combined Operations Organisation who wear battle dress and by Army and Air Force personnel included in the organisation. These will be issued on repayment and any requirements for Army and Air Force personnel will be obtained from H.M.S. "Quebec." The issuing price will be 2d. a pair. They will be worn on the upper part of the sleeves, below the special shoulder titles which are being provided for wear by ratings wearing battle dress and by certain other C.O. personnel. Stocks will be held at H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Jamestown only.

5. The following are the general directions governing entitlement to wear the C.O. badge:—

Royal Navy.—For wear by Combined Operations Personnel, as defined in C.A.F.O. 1631/42.

Army.—For wear by officers and other ranks of the Special Service Brigade in a similar manner to the formation signs as worn by all division and independent brigades in the Army. Shoulder titles will also be worn.

Royal Marines.—For wear with shoulder titles in a similar manner to the Army.

Royal Air Force.—For wear by R.A.F. personnel attached to Combined Operations, as prescribed by the Air Council.

American and Allied Personnel.—For wear in general conformity with the above in accordance with orders issued by their own authorities.

6. Purchase of these badges from other than official sources is prohibited.
(C.A.F.O. 1631/42.)