

***4444.—Royal Marines—Badges for Wear by Drivers, I.C.**

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The special badge for wear by qualified drivers, I.C., recently introduced in the Army, will be adopted in the Royal Marines. The badge is in the form of a steering wheel, the official description being "Badge, Arm, Steering Wheel".

2. To qualify for the initial award of this badge, the undermentioned conditions must be fulfilled:—

(a) Only drivers, I.C., are eligible.

(b) The rank must have a minimum of one year's service as a qualified driver, I.C.

(c) He must have driven for one year without being involved in any accident for which he was in any way responsible.

(d) A driver must have 50 hours' driving experience after passing his tests as a driver, I.C., to warrant the award of a badge.

3. In deciding on eligibility for the badge, the C.O. will also take into consideration such factors as reported cases of dangerous or negligent driving, even though these have not caused accidents, and cases of neglected vehicle maintenance.

4. The badge will be forfeited for six months after an accident for which the rank is in any way responsible, or after a conviction by civil or military powers for dangerous driving.

5. The award and forfeiture will be entered in the Pay Book (S.43A).

6. Requirements of badges for eligible ranks who are not already in possession of the badge should be demanded from the appropriate R.M. establishment.