

**(U)459.—Uniform—Badges—RN Fleet Chief Petty Officers, Fleet Chief Wrens and RM
Regimental Sergeants Major**

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1. DCI (RN) 923/70 announced the introduction of Fleet Chief Petty Officers into the rating structure of the Royal Navy. Paragraph 39 of that Instruction indicated that Fleet Chief Petty Officers would wear the same uniform as Chief Petty Officers with new badges. It also gave a brief description of these badges of which further details are contained in Annex A to this Instruction.

2. The new hat and cap badges, beret and collar/tie badges and badges for foul-weather garments are to be worn in the same manner and with the same dresses as those worn by Chief Petty Officers at present.
3. The new Royal Arms rating badges (Vocab 31022 in gold wire for RN personnel and Vocab 50022 blue on blue for WRNS personnel) are to be worn on the left cuff of blue uniform jackets and mess jackets centrally $\frac{1}{4}$ -in above the three Chief Petty Officers' cuff buttons (which are to be retained on both sleeves). An anodised metal badge also depicting the Royal Arms is to be worn on white tunics and mess jackets similarly positioned on the left cuff. Red badges are not being provided and no other Branch, Specialist Qualification or skill badges are to be worn, except:
 - a. Flying and Parachutist badges; centrally $\frac{1}{4}$ -in above the rating badge on blue uniform jackets and in the same manner as for Chief Petty Officers on other garments;
 - b. the existing Master-at-Arms Branch badge (Vocab 31172); on the right cuff or wrist with white uniform as by Chief Petty Officers at present and in addition to be similarly worn on blue uniform jackets and mess jackets.
4. *Beret Badges.*—WRNS personnel are to wear hat badge (Vocab No 50011) on berets. A special metal badge (Vocab No 35023) is being provided for RN Fleet Chief Petty Officers but supplies will not be available from production for immediate use and the existing Chief Petty Officers' badge (Vocab No 35006) should continue to be worn as an interim measure.
5. *Collar Badges for WRNS.*—In addition to wear in accordance with paragraph 2 above, collar badges (Vocab 35017) are to be worn by Fleet Chief Wrens on white tropical dresses. These badges are to be placed in the middle of each lapel with the centre of the badge level with the lapel point.
6. *Royal Marines Regimental Sergeants Major.*—The Royal Arms badge (Vocab 31022) is larger than the badges of similar design (Vocab 31920 and Vocab 39920) worn at present by Regimental Sergeants Major in the Royal Marines. In future the latter will be required to wear badges of the same size as those provided for Fleet Chief Petty Officers. A gratuitous issue of one badge (Vocab 31022) is therefore to be made to each serving Regimental Sergeant Major, for wear on his blue tunic. No further issues of the present gold badge (Vocab 31920) are to be made and any remaining stocks are to be returned to Principal Supply and Transport Officer (Naval), Royal William Yard, Plymouth. The gold on green badge (Vocab 39920) worn on lovat uniforms is also to be replaced by a larger badge but stocks are not yet available and a further announcement will be made when these are received and issues can be made.
7. Demands for badges may be lodged with the Principal Supply and Transport Officer (Naval), Royal William Yard, Plymouth and should be limited to quantities actually required for first issue to newly advanced ratings. Gratuitous issues may be made as indicated in Annex B to this Instruction in accordance with the general regulations in Chapter 11 (for RN) and Chapter 13 (for WRNS) of BR 93 (*The Victualling Manual*).
8. BR 81 (*The Uniform Regulations*) and BR 93 (*The Victualling Manual*) will be amended.

ANNEX A

SCHEDULE OF BADGES—FLEET CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

<i>RN Vocab No</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Denom</i>	<i>Rate Book Price</i>
31011	Cap Badge, Fleet Chief Petty Officer	Gold No	1.02
31022	†Rating Badge, Fleet Chief Petty Officer (Royal Arms)	Gold No	1.04
35017	*Rating Badge, Fleet Chief Petty Officer Collar Badge (Royal Arms)	Metal No	0.11
35023	Beret Badge, Fleet Chief Petty Officer	Metal No	To follow
38920	†Rating Badge, Fleet Chief Petty Officer (Royal Arms)	Metal No	0.09
25826	Badge Shoulder Foul Weather Clothing, Fleet Chief Petty Officer	No	0.14

*Also worn by Fleet Chief Petty Officer WRNS

†Also worn by Regimental Sergeant Major Royal Marines

WRNS

<i>Vocab No</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Denom</i>	<i>Rate Book Price</i>
50011	Hat Badge, Fleet Chief Petty Officer	Blue on Blue No	0.16
50022	Rating Badge, Fleet Chief Petty Officer (Royal Arms)	Blue on Blue No	0.13
35017	Rating Badge, Fleet Chief Petty Officer Collar Badge (Royal Arms)	Metal No	0.11

ANNEX B

FLEET CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS BADGES SCALE OF GRATUITOUS ISSUES—ON ADVANCEMENT

<i>RN Vocab No</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Type</i>
31011	2 No	Cap Badges
31022	2 No	Rating Badge, Gold (For blue uniform jackets)
38920	1 No	Rating Badge, Metal (For white uniform tunics)
35017	2 No	Collar Badge
Additional issue to Fleet Chief Petty Officers with foul-weather clothing on loan:		
25826	2 No	Blue printed Shoulder Badges

WRNS

<i>Vocab No</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Type</i>
50011	2 No	Hat Badges
50022	2 No	Rating Badges blue
35017	2 No	Collar Badges

(BRs 81 and 93)

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