

**531.—Uniform—Badges—Seaman Branch Ratings, Gunnery, T.A.S. and R.P.
Specialist Qualifications**

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With reference to paragraph 11 of A.F.O. 472/56 (*Ratings—Seaman Branch—Training in Basic Specialist Qualifications Immediately after New Entry Training*) and paragraph 17 of A.F.O. 1094/56 (*Ratings—Seaman Branch—Introduction of New Structure of Gunnery Specialist Qualifications*) the new pattern badges listed in the Appendix to this Order are now available for wear by ratings holding basic Gunnery, T.A.S. and R.P. specialist qualifications and higher Gunnery S.Qs. Stocks of these badges are now available on demand from the Victualling Yards at Home and will be available shortly at H.M. Victualling Yards, Malta and Singapore.

2. An initial gratuitous issue of the appropriate badges to the scale indicated in B.R. 93, Appendix 64, Scale A, Section II is to be made to ratings now holding these S.Qs. including those Gunnery ratings required to assume new S.Qs. in accordance with A.F.O. 1094/56 paragraph 6, and to ratings on qualifying in future. All such gratuitous issues are to be recorded in ratings' pay books, Form S.43A.

3. These badges are also to be made available for issue on repayment at the Fleet Issuing Prices set out in A.F.O. 670/56 (*Clothing, Soap and Tobacco—Issuing Prices, Kit Upkeep Allowances etc.*).

APPENDIX

<i>Specialist Qualification</i>	<i>Badge Vocabulary Numbers</i>			
	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Red</i>	<i>Printed Blue</i>	<i>Em-broidered Blue</i>
<i>Gunnery Branch</i>				
<i>Fire Control Armourer Ratings</i>				
C.P.O. with 1st Class S.Q.	31395	32395	33395	30395
C.P.O. with 2nd Class or lower S.Q. . .	31396	32396	33396	30396
F.C. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	31397	32397	33397	30397
F.C. 2nd Class	31398	32398	33398	30398
<i>Gunlayer Armourer Ratings</i>				
C.P.O. with 1st Class S.Q.	31390	32390	33390	30390
C.P.O. with 2nd Class or lower S.Q. . .	31391	32391	33391	30391
G.A. 1st Class (P.O. and Confirmed Leading Rate)	31392	32392	33392	30392
G.A. 2nd Class	31393	32393	33393	30393
<i>Seaman Gunners</i>				
S.G. (Q) Star	31018	32018	33018	30018
S.G. (Q)	31055	32055	33055	30055
S.G. (C) Star	31028	32028	33028	30028
S.G. (C)	31052	32052	33052	30052
<i>Radar Plot Branch</i>				
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Ord. Seaman (R.P.)	31058	32058	33058	30058
<i>Torpedo and Anti-Submarine Branch</i>				
<i>Underwater Control Ratings</i>				
Ord. Seaman (U.C.)	31108	32108	33108	30108
<i>Underwater Weapons Ratings</i>				
Ord. Seaman (U.W.)	31110	32110	33110	30110

(B.R. 93, Appendix 64.)

(A.F.Os. 472/56, 670/56, and 1094/56.)