

*5639.—Naval Aircrew Ratings, Aircraft Handlers, Safety Equipment Ratings and Naval Airmen (General Duties)—Badges

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The badges described in Appendix I to this Order have been approved for wear by naval aircrew ratings, aircraft handlers, safety equipment ratings and naval airmen (general duties).

2. Flying badges are to be worn by rating pilots, observers and telegraphist air gunners in addition as shown in Appendix II to this Order.

3. Ratings who have qualified as pilots or observers but who are no longer employed as such may wear the naval flying badge of a rating pilot or observer as appropriate under the conditions and in the manner described in Appendix III to this Order.

4. Issuing prices of the badges described in this Order (other than those of the spare letters T.G., S.E., and H., which are given below) are set out in A.F.O. 654/44.

Pattern No.	Description of Badge	Issuing Price
12A	Letters T.G. (red)	1d. each
X.12B	As above (blue)	1d. for 2
13A	Letters S.E. (red)	1d. each
X.13B	As above (blue)	1d. for 2
14A	Letter H (red)	1d. each
X.14B	As above (blue)	1d. for 2

APPENDIX I

Pilots

Pattern No.	Rating.	Description of Badge.	
<i>During preliminary training—</i>			
188A	—	Aeroplane, large, for right arm ...	Red
X.188B	—	As above	Blue
<i>During elementary and Service flying training—</i>			
188A with 113A ...	—	Aeroplane with letter "P" below, large for right arm.	Red
X.188B with X.113B	—	As above	Blue
<i>On completion of Service flying training—</i>			
186A with 113A ...	C.P.O. ...	Aeroplane with star above and letter "P" below, small in pairs for collars.	Red
X.186B with X.113B	C.P.O. ...	As above, but single for right cuff	Blue
187A with 113A ...	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Red
X.187B with X.113B	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Blue
<i>On completion of Naval operational training or working up in a first line squadron—</i>			
90A with 113A ...	C.P.O. ...	Aeroplane with crown above and letter "P" below, small in pairs for collars.	Red
X.90B with X.113B	C.P.O. ...	As above, but single for right cuff	Blue
90A with 113A ...	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Red
X.90B with X.113B	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Blue

Observers

Pattern No.	Rating	Description of Badge	
<i>During preliminary training—</i>			
188A	—	Aeroplane, large, for right arm ...	Red
X.188B	—	As above	Blue

Observers—contd.

Pattern No.	Rating	Description of Badge	
<i>On completion of Part I of Observers' training and during Part II—</i>			
188A with 333A ...	—	Aeroplane with letter "O" below, large for right arm.	Red
X.188B with X.333B	—	As above	Blue
<i>Acting Rating Observer on completion of Part II training—</i>			
186A with 333A ...	C.P.O.	Aeroplane with star above and letter "O" below, small, in pairs for collars.	Red
X.186B with X.333B	C.P.O.	As above, but single for right cuff	Blue
187A with 333A ...	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Red
X.187B with X.333B	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Blue
<i>Rating Observer—</i>			
90A with 333A ...	C.P.O.	Aeroplane with crown above and letter "O" below, small, in pairs for collars.	Red
X.90B with X.333B	C.P.O.	As above, but single for right cuff	Blue
91A with 333A ...	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Red
X.91B with X.333B	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Blue

Telegraphist Air Gunners

Pattern No.	Rating	Description of Badge.	
<i>During preliminary and Parts I and II training—</i>			
188A	—	Aeroplane, large, for right arm ...	Red
X.188B	—	As above	Blue
<i>T.A.G. 3—</i>			
188A with 12A ...	—	Aeroplane with letters T.G. below large for right arm.	Red
X.188B with X.12B	—	As above	Blue
<i>T.A.G. 2—</i>			
186A with 12A ...	C.P.O.	Aeroplane with star above and letters T.G. below, small, in pairs for collars	Red
X.186B with X.12B	C.P.O.	As above, but single for right cuff	Blue
187A with 12A ...	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Red
X.187B with X.12B	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Blue
<i>T.A.G. 1—</i>			
90A with 12A ...	C.P.O.	Aeroplane with crown above, and letters T.G. below, small, in pairs for collars.	Red
X.90B with X.12B ...	C.P.O.	As above, but single for right cuff	Blue
91A with 12A ...	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Red
X.91B with X.12B ...	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Blue

Safety Equipment Ratings

Pattern No.	Rating	Description of Badge	
188A with 13A ...	—	S.E.3 Aeroplane with letters "S.E." below, large, for right arm.	Red
X.188B with X.13B	—	As above	Blue
186A with 13A ...	C.P.O.	S.E.2 Aeroplane with star above and letters "S.E." below, small, in pairs, for collars.	Red

Safety Equipment Ratings—contd.

<i>Pattern</i>	<i>Ratings</i>	<i>Description of Badge</i>	
X.186B with X.13B	C.P.O.	As above, but single for right cuff	Blue
187A with 13A ...	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Red
X.187B with X.13B	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Blue
<i>S.E.1</i>			
184A with 13A ...	C.P.O.	Aeroplane with star above and star and letters "S.E." below, small, in pairs, for collars.	Red
X.184B with X.13B	C.P.O.	As above, but single for right cuff	Blue
185A with 13A ...	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Red
X.185B with X.13B	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Blue

Aircraft Handling Ratings

<i>Pattern No.</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Description of Badge</i>	
<i>A.H.3</i>			
188A with 14A ...	—	Aeroplane with letter "H" below, large, for right arm ...	Red
X.188B with X.14B	—	As above ...	Blue
<i>A.H.2</i>			
186A with 14A ...	C.P.O.	Aeroplane with star above and letter "H" below, small, in pairs, for collars.	Red
X.186B with X.14B	C.P.O.	As above, but single for right cuff	Blue
187A with 14A ...	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Red
X.187B with X.14B	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Blue
<i>A.H.1</i>			
184A with 14A ...	C.P.O. ...	Aeroplane with star above and star and letter "H" below, small, in pairs, for collars.	Red
X.184B with X.14B	C.P.O.	As above, but single for right cuff	Blue
185A with 14A ...	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Red
X.185B with X.14B	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Blue

Air Boatswain's Mate

88A ...	C.P.O.	Aeroplane with crown above and star below, small, in pairs, for collars.	Red
X.88B ...	C.P.O.	As above, but single for right cuff	Blue
89A ...	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Red
X.89B ...	Other ratings	As above, but large for right arm	Blue

Naval Airmen—General Duties

188A ...	—	Aeroplane, large, for right arm ...	Red
X.188B ...	—	As above ...	Blue

APPENDIX II

*Flying Badges—Naval Air Crews**Rating Pilots*

<i>Pattern No.</i>	<i>Description of Badge.</i>	
94A ...	Wings with anchor in the centre surrounded by embroidered wreath and crown above for left cuff. ...	Red
X.94B ...	As above, but for left breast ...	Blue

Note.—These badges are worn on being rated as pilots after successful completion of service flying training.

Rating Observers and Acting Rating Observers

- 95A ... Wings, having in the centre an anchor surrounded by the letter "O" and surmounted by a crown—for left cuff. Red
- X.95B ... As above, but for left breast ... Blue

Note.—These badges are worn on being rated as Acting Observers after successful completion of Part II of training.

Telegraphist Air Gunners

- 96A ... Wings, having in the centre an anchor surrounded by a narrow oval of rope—for left cuff. Red
- X.96B ... As above, but for left breast ... Blue

Note.—These badges are worn by T.A.Gs., 1st, 2nd and 3rd class.

On blue uniform (other than working dress) the flying badges described above are to be worn by C.P.Os. on the cuff of the left sleeve, $\frac{1}{4}$ in. above the centre button, and by other ratings $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. from the end of the left sleeve of the jacket or jumper without cuffs. On jumpers with cuffs, they are to be worn $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. above the point of the left cuff. On blue serge working dress they are to be worn above the left breast pocket of the blouse. On white uniform they are to be worn $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. above the left breast pocket of the tunic. If medal ribbons are worn the badge is to be immediately above the top row of ribbons. Flying badges are not worn on tropical shirts.

APPENDIX III

Wearing of Pilots' and Observers' Badges by Ratings who have Qualified as Pilots or Observers in the Royal Navy, the Royal Naval Air Service, the R.F.C., the R.A.F., or the Dominions Air Forces

Ratings who have qualified as *Pilots or Observers* at any time during service with the Royal Navy, the Royal Naval Air Service, the R.F.C., the R.A.F., or the Dominions Air Forces, but who are no longer employed as such, may wear the Naval flying badge of a Rating Pilot or Observer (Pattern Nos. 94A, X.94B, 95A, X.95B, as appropriate). The badge is to be worn in the same position as by serving Pilots and Observers—see Appendix II to this order.

2. Qualified ratings who wish to wear the badge must apply to the Commanding Officer for permission to do so and produce to him evidence of their qualification. If permission is granted, the notation "Pilots/Observers Badge A.F.O. 5639/45" is to be made on page 1 of the rating's service documents.

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