

## 709.—Uniform—Ratings and Royal Marine Other Ranks—Volunteer Bandmen

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At the discretion of Senior Officers, members of Volunteer Bands, when parading as such, may wear the normal uniform of their respective rating or rank or, to achieve uniformity of dress, men who are normally not dressed as seamen and Royal Marines other ranks may wear Class II uniform provided in accordance with B.R. 93, Appendix 61, Section XV.

2. A metal Lyre Badge, Vocabulary No. 37911, may be worn optionally by members of Volunteer Bands at all times whilst they remain members of such bands. The badge is to be provided from non-public funds and is to be worn in the same position as a skill badge, i.e., on the right cuff of ratings' uniform and on the left sleeve of Royal Marines other ranks' uniform. The wearing of any other type of badge to indicate membership of a Volunteer Band is to be discontinued.

3. Supplies of the Lyre Badge, Vocabulary No. 37911, are available on demand from the Admiralty Storage Depot (Victualling), Risley, and H.M. Victualling Yards at Malta and Singapore.

4. It is preferable that these badges should not be attached directly to uniform suits and arrangements should be made locally to mount them on patches of appropriate material (serge or drill) for sewing on to the sleeves of suits.

5. The Uniform Regulations and B.R. 93, Appendix 61, Section XV, will be amended.

*(Flag Officer, Scotland's 813/M.2281/35 dated 8th October, 1958.)*

*(Flag Officer, Air (Home)'s, 2121/P.241/29 dated 22nd October, 1958.)*

*(Appendix to the Navy List Uniform Regulations.)*

*(B.R. 93, Victualling Manual.)*

*(A.F.O. 2355/58 is cancelled.)*