

***908.—Badges for Officers Qualified as Pilots in the Fleet Air Arm,
and for Air Branch Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal
Naval Volunteer Reserve**

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His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the design of badges, as described hereunder, to be worn by officers qualified as Pilots and by officers of the Air Branch of the Royal Navy, respectively.

The Pilots Badge is to be worn by all officers, whether of the Executive, Engineer, or Air Branch, and Royal Marine Officers, who have qualified as Pilots in the Fleet Air Arm. The Air Branch Badge is to be worn as a distinctive badge by all officers of the Air Branch of the Royal Navy and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

2. *Badge for Officers Qualified as Pilots.*—(a) The badge consists of wings of gold embroidery having in the centre a silver anchor and cable surrounded by a gold embroidered wreath and surmounted by a crown. Dimensions—full size badge, length $2\frac{1}{4}$ in., height $1\frac{1}{4}$ in.; miniature size badge, length 2 in., height $\frac{7}{8}$ in.

(b) The badge is to be worn by officers as soon as they have qualified for the award of "wings" at the Flying Training School, and is to continue to be worn so long as an officer is employed or is eligible to be employed as Pilot of a Service aircraft, including periods of general service or corps duty.

(c) The badge is to be worn as follows:—

(i) *Blue Uniform and Khaki Service Dress.*

(a) *Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.*—The badge is to be sewn in the centre of the left sleeve $\frac{1}{4}$ in. above the circle in the uppermost row of distinction lace and in a corresponding position in the case of Midshipmen.

(b) *Royal Marine Officers.*—The badge is to be sewn on the left breast above the upper pocket of the tunic, and in a corresponding position on the frock coat and full dress tunic. If medal ribbons are worn the badge is to be immediately above the top row of ribbons. On mess jackets the miniature badge is to be sewn above the badges of rank on the right lapel.

(ii) *White and Khaki Drill Uniform.*

(a) *Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.*

—The badge with safety pin attachment is to be worn $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. above the left breast pocket of the white or khaki tunic. If medal ribbons are worn, the badge is to be immediately above the top row of ribbons. With the white mess jacket the miniature badge is to be pinned on the left lapel 1 in. below the point of the shoulder, or, if medal ribbons are worn, immediately above the ribbons.

(b) *Royal Marine Officers.*—The badge is to be pinned on the tunic and the miniature badge on the mess jacket in the positions corresponding to those authorised for blue uniform.

(c) The badge is not to be worn on tropical shirts, shoulder straps or on the greatcoat, watchcoat or waterproof coat.

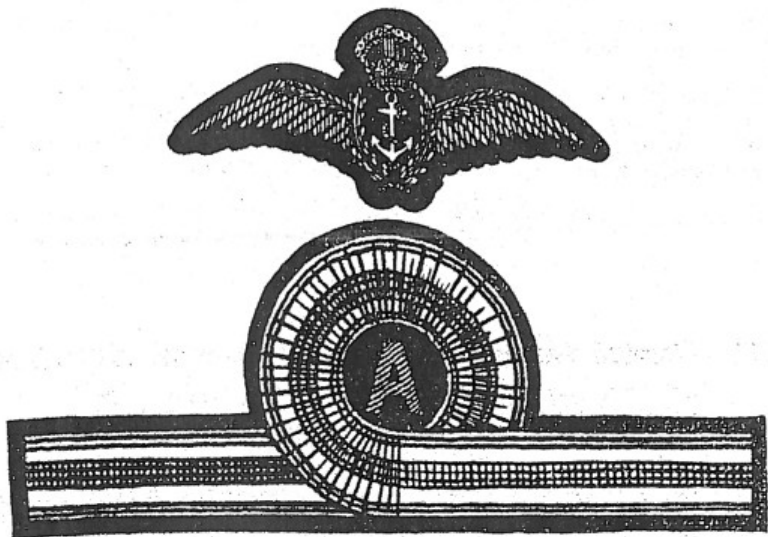
3. *Badge for Air Branch Officers.*—(a) The badge is a capital letter A in gold embroidery, $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in height.

(b) The badge is to be worn inside the circle in the uppermost part of the distinction lace, or in a corresponding position in the case of officers who do not wear the circle. It is worn on both sleeves and on both shoulder straps.

(c) A.F.O. 635/38 is cancelled and officers are to discontinue the use of the badge promulgated therein as soon as the change can conveniently be made.

4. The present badge worn by officers qualified as pilots in the Fleet Air Arm is to be discontinued.

5. Illustrations of the badges are appended below.



(A.F.O. 635/38 is cancelled.)