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II SERVICE PERSONNEL

104/88 Uniform — RN and RNR Officers and QARNNS male Officers — wear of shoulder straps in 10W Dress (Red Sea Rig) (U)

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1. **Background.** The wear by officers of shoulder straps with No 10W Dress was discontinued in 1984 when a standard pattern tropical shirt for RN officers and ratings was introduced. The new shirt incorporated button down shoulder flaps for the attachment of shoulder badges and it was decided at the time that shoulder badges should replace shoulder straps in 10W Dress.

2. Subsequently, in response to representations from the Fleet, it has been decided that wear of shoulder straps should be reinstated and a new pattern officers' tropical shirt which will allow for this is expected to become available in 1989, whereupon a further DCI will be issued.

3. In the interim, approval is granted for the former pattern tropical shirt and shoulder straps to be worn on occasions when 10W Dress is ordered. Officers not in possession of these old style shirts (RSNs V026-99-122-6588 to 6598) may purchase them through Service retail outlets whilst stocks last. It is accepted that a degree of mixed wear will be unavoidable.

4. BR 81 will be amended. In the meantime, a copy of this instruction is to be retained within the covers of BR 81, and is to be removed only when its contents have been incorporated in the text by the next routine amendments.