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1. DCI 224/91, Revised officers training structure, stated that the arrangements for the introduction of white badges for young officers undergoing training in the Fleet would be published separately. The design of the badges has now been approved and the arrangements for supply have been established. This DCI gives details of the introduction into service of the new badges. Stock numbers and accounting details will be promulgated later.

2. With all uniforms, except No 4/5 Undress Uniform Jacket and No 6/7 Blue Mess Jacket, a shoulder badge bearing a white rectangle is to be worn. When at the Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth and at sea during Initial Sea Training this badge is to be worn on its own and denotes the training rank of 'Officer Cadet'. On proceeding to further stages of training and when passing out of the College it is to be worn with substantive badges of rank as shown in the illustrations at the ANNEX to this DCI. A gratuitous issue of two pairs will be included in the initial outfit of new entry (X),(E), (S),(I) and (Air) officers.

3. With the Undress Uniform Jacket and Blue Mess Jacket a curved shoulder flash incorporating a white rectangle will be worn on each sleeve. This badge will be fitted on appropriate uniform jackets supplied to new entry officers and will be stocked only at BRNC Dartmouth for this purpose.

4. The badge will be removed as follows:

- a. *Seaman, Supply and Engineer Officers*: On successfully passing all parts of the Fleet Board Examination.
- b. *Aircrew officers*: Until the day of starting the Basic Observer Course or Elementary Flying Training. This date may be reviewed in the future.
- c. *Instructor officers*: Until the completion of the RNIO Board.
- d. *Special duties officers*: (Non-engineering branches only.) On passing out from BRNC.

5. New entry chaplains and medical officers are not required to wear this badge for the time being.

Introduction

6. The new shoulder badges will be introduced from 1 Sep 92 to new entry officers at BRNC. Replacement shoulder badges will be available from PSTO(N) Devonport from the middle of 1993.

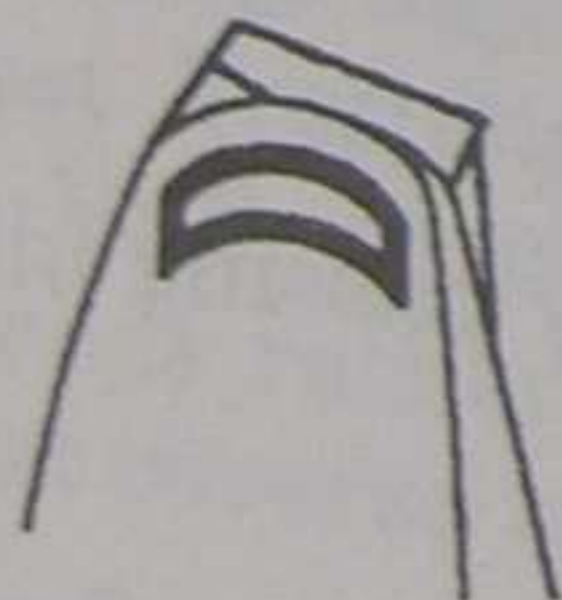
7. Young officers already in the Fleet and those at RNEC Manadon and university who have not completed their Fleet Time will not be required to wear white badges but are encouraged to do so on rejoining the Fleet. Only those officers who rejoin the Fleet for split or post-graduation fleet training after 1 Jan 96 (i.e. who will have had exceptional delay in training) will be required to retrospectively acquire white badges. Individuals in this category and those who wish to acquire badges voluntarily will receive a gratuitous issue. Supply details will be promulgated to those concerned.

8. Apart from these few officers returning for split or post-graduation fleet training, all young officers in the fleet should be wearing the badges by Summer 1993. In cases of doubt the Fleet Training Officer or DNOA(X)(U/T) will be able to advise.

ANNEX

ILLUSTRATIONS OF WHITE SHOULDER BADGES TO BE WORN BY OFFICERS UNDER TRAINING

WHITE PATCH APPLIED TO
REEFER JACKET
AND MESS JACKET



SHOULDER BADGE WORN
AT BRNC AND DURING
INITIAL SEA TRAINING
(DENOTES "OFFICER CADET")



THE WHITE SHOULDER BADGE (ABOVE RIGHT) WILL
BE WORN WITH BADGES OF RANK AS SHOWN BELOW

A. WITH SHOULDER STRAPS



B. WITH SHOULDER BADGES
(BLUE AND TROPICAL UNIFORM, AIRCREW AND ACTION OVERALLS ETC.)



Lieutenant



Sub-Lieutenant



Midshipman

A. WITH SHOULDER STRAPS



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