

(U)\*†1442.—Uniform—Petty Officers and Sergeants Royal Marines—Evening Rigs

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1. The Admiralty Board has approved the wearing of evening rigs by Petty Officers on an optional basis under the same general conditions as at present authorised for Chief Petty Officers (BR 81, (*Uniform Regulations*) Article 0412). The dresses to be worn are:—

- a. *When Blue Uniform is Worn.*—No 1 Dress negative medals with black bow tie and either a soft white day shirt or an evening shirt with pique or marcella front and matching collars and cuffs.
- b. *When White Uniform is Worn.*—The white mess jacket rig as at present authorised for Chief Petty Officers except that the gilt buttons on the cuff of the jacket are to be positioned as on Petty Officers' No 1 Dress and a miniature gold on blue rating badge is to be worn on the left arm.

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2. *Sergeants RM* may in future be permitted to wear white mess jackets in HM ships and establishments on occasions when this is authorised for Petty Officers. (Paragraph 1 b. above.)

3. *Supply Arrangements.*—The mess jackets and Petty Officers' miniature rating badge will not be available from Service sources. The private traders listed in DCI (RN) 1362/65 (*Uniform—General—Clothing Purchased from Private Traders by Naval Personnel*) have been informed of the introduction of these dresses and are expected to be in a position to supply shortly. Arrangements have also been made to inform local traders in Singapore, Malta and Gibraltar. Ratings are advised to arrange with their tailors for the badges on white jackets to be detachable *eg* by use of press studs, so that they can be removed when the jacket is washed.

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