

(U)1487.—Uniform—Badges—WRNS Ratings

(N/V3A/444/68—29 Nov 1968)

1. *Hat Badges.*—The number of hat badges in the compulsory kits of Chief Wrens and Petty Officer Wrens is to be increased from one to two. Ratings advanced to Chief Wren or Petty Officer Wren on or after 28th November 1968, are to be given a gratuitous issue of two hat badges. Chief and Petty Officer Wrens already serving as such before the above date should provide themselves with a second hat badge, if not already in possession, in the normal course of maintenance.

2. *Embroidered and Printed Badges.*—Rating, good conduct and category badges are to be worn by WRNS ratings as follows:—

<i>Garment</i>	<i>Badges</i>	<i>Type of badge</i>		
Blue jacket	} Ratings, good conduct and category	{ Embroidered blue on blue		
White tropical dress			{ Embroidered blue on white	
Long-sleeved overalls			{ Printed blue on white	
Overcoat	} Rating only	{ Embroidered blue on blue		
Summer blouse			{ Embroidered blue on white	
Tropical shirt*				{ Printed blue on white
Uniform cotton vest				
Short-sleeved overalls*				

*Chief Wrens also wear gilt metal collar badges on these garments.

3. *Rayon and Cotton Embroidered Badges.*—Badges (blue on blue) embroidered in cotton are obsolescent, but while stocks remain they are to be issued for “second best” wear, the more expensive rayon being reserved for “best”.

4. *Gratuitious Issues.*—The scales of gratuitious issue of badges to entitled ratings in accordance with paragraphs 1 to 3 above, are shown in the Annex to this Instruction, which amends the scales laid down in BR 93 (*Victualling Manual*), Articles 1321 to 1324. Officers concerned should take care that the correct issues are made. Instances have occurred of incorrect issues, particularly as regards embroidered blue instead of printed for overalls and uniform cotton vests, and two blue-on-blue rayon badges instead of one rayon and one cotton.

5. BR 81 (*Uniform Regulations*) and BR 93 (*Victualling Manual*) will be amended.

WRNS RATINGS: GRATUITIOUS ISSUE OF BADGES

a. *On Advancement*

- (1) To Leading Wren Rating badge 2 No Blue on blue rayon
1 No Blue on blue cotton
2 No Blue on white embroidered
- (2) To PO Wren Rating Badge 2 No Blue on blue rayon
1 No Blue on blue cotton
2 No Rayon embroidered
- (3) To Chief Wren Hat Badge 1 Pr Metal collar badges
Rating badge 1 Pr Blue on blue rayon
Category badge 1 Pr Blue on blue cotton
Hat badge 2 No Rayon embroidered
- (4) Additional issue to PO Wren Cook, for wear on white tropical shirt:—
Rating badge 4 No Blue on white embroidered
- (5) Additional issues to ratings whose kits include uniform cotton vests and/or
overalls (including loan overalls):—
Leading Wren } Rating badge { 1 No Printed blue on white for each uni-
PO Wren } form cotton vest and overall allowed.
- (6) Additional issues to ratings serving on stations where tropical clothing is worn:—
(a) Leading Wren Rating badge 5 No Blue on white embroidered
(b) PO Wren Rating badge 8 No Blue on white embroidered
(c) Chief Wren Category badge 2 No Blue on white embroidered

b. *On qualifying for a Category Badge or Change of Category Badge*

- (1) PO Wren and below Category badge { 1 No blue on blue rayon
1 Pr blue on blue cotton
- (2) Chief Wren Category badge { 1 Pr Blue on blue rayon
1 Pr blue on blue cotton
- (3) Additional issues to ratings whose kits include long-sleeved overalls (including
loan overalls):—
All ratings Category badge 1 No Printed blue on white for each
overall allowed
- (4) Additional issues to ratings serving on stations where tropical clothing is worn:—
All ratings Category badge 2 No Blue on white embroidered

c. *On Award of Good Conduct Badge*

- (1) PO Wren and below Good Conduct badge 2 No Blue on blue rayon
- (2) Additional issues to ratings serving on stations where tropical clothing is worn:—
PO Wren and below Good conduct badge 2 No Blue on white embroidered

d. *On Award of Marksman (Good Shooting) Badge*

- All ratings Marksman badge 1 No Blue on blue rayon
1 No Blue on blue cotton

Note.—If an obsolescent blue-on-blue cotton badge is no longer available, blue-on-blue rayon is to be issued in lieu.