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## Defence Council Instructions



# Royal Navy

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## **27/89 Aiguillettes and Royal Cyphers**

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1. Following research into the wear of Aiguillettes, Royal Cyphers and Cyphers



of other Members of the Royal Family, the Lord Chamberlain's Office has directed that the following changes be made to dress regulations:

- a. All Naval Aiguillettes, with the exception of 'Board' and 'Staff' types, should have a four turn knot in each of the cords between the plaits and metal tags. At present such Aiguillettes are only worn by Admirals of the Fleet and personal ADCs to HM The Queen.
- b. Small Royal Cyphers (letters  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch high, crown  $\frac{7}{16}$  inch high) and the cyphers of other Members of the Royal Family should be worn on shoulder badges with the Heavy Wool Jersey by entitled officers at all times.

## 2. Introductory arrangements

### a. *Aiguillettes*

- (1) Newly appointed RN, RM, RNR, WRNS and WRNR ADCs to The Queen, Equerries, Honorary Physicians, Surgeons, Dental Surgeons and Nursing sisters, whose aiguillettes are currently issued on loan by PSTO(N) Devonport, will continue to receive the obsolescent version until they have been replaced in due course by aiguillettes with four turn knots. In the interim wear of either type of aiguillette will be permitted.

### b. *Royal Cyphers*

- (1) *Honoury Chaplains*. Because existing Chaplains' shoulder badges are too short to incorporate Royal Cyphers, it will be necessary for Honorary Chaplains to obtain special longer shoulder badges with Chaplains' insignia and Royal Cyphers by means of a cash grant.
- (2) *Honorary Nursing Sisters* Embroidered shoulder rank badges incorporating Royal Cyphers are available from PSTO(N) Devonport.
- (3) *All other appointments*. Cash grants will be enhanced to cover the cost of one additional pair of Royal Cyphers for fitting to existing shoulder badges.

## 3. Wear

### a. *Aiguillettes*

There is no change in the manner of wear as laid down in Annex 15A to BR 81 as a result of the inclusion of four turn knots.

### b. *Royal Cyphers*

- (1) *RN Officers*. Existing instructions in paragraph 7 on page 15A-2 of Annex 15A to BR 81 on the positioning of Cyphers on shoulder straps apply equally to shoulder badges and will be extended accordingly.
- (2) *RM Officers*. The cypher is to be fitted at the base of each shoulder flap on the heavy Wool Jersey below the slip-on shoulder badge.

4. BR 81 (RN and RM Uniform Regulations) will be amended. In the meantime, a copy of this DCI is to be retained within the covers of the BR until its contents have been incorporated by routine amendment.