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The dagger symbol

1. In the past the dagger symbol has been awarded, within the Seamen specialization, to officers completing advanced training courses for certain sub-specializations, and in respect of advanced warfare training courses. For the engineering specialization the dagger symbol has been awarded for some, but not all, advanced engineering courses. It is not used by the Supply and Secretariat specialization and its use to distinguish between different grades of officer entry in the Instructor specialization has ceased.
2. Its primary use had been as an appointing aid but since it has not been awarded in a consistent manner in recent years it has ceased to be useful in this respect. It is now sufficient, for recording and appointing purposes, that *all* additional qualifications are shown in an officer's personal file and in the Naval Secretary's appointing records.
3. The award of the dagger symbol will therefore cease forthwith, and the symbol will also cease to be shown against the names of officers on published appointing lists and other similar documentation.

Additional qualifications (Adquals)

4. Lettered suffixes after an officer's name denote specialization, i.e. X, E, S and I, followed where appropriate by the sub-specialization, e.g. P, PWO(A) or WESM. These letters denoting specialization and sub-specialization are all that is necessary to categorize an officer in the Navy List, OALs or in Ship's Officer's Lists. Only a personal file within a ship or establishment, and within the Naval Secretary's organization, will it be necessary to record the details of additional qualifications, for example ASUW, OPINTEL, for appointing or employment purposes. (See **DCI (RN) 166/89** 'Notification to Naval Secretary of the award of qualifications to officers'.)