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357/82. UNIFORM—RN AND RNR RATINGS—WEAR OF SHOULDER BADGES
ON BLUE WORKING SHIRTS (U)

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1. DCI RN 275/81 (*time-expired*) introduced new rate badges (Vocab nos 31054-5, 32056-7) for wear on the shoulders of heavy wool jerseys and advised that wear of these badges would be extended to other items in due course.
2. Blue working shirts with shoulder flaps are now in general use, and as from 1 September 1982, shoulder rate badges are to be worn on these garments with No 8 and No 10A Dresses by RN and RNR Fleet Chief, Chief and Petty Officers and Leading Rates.
3. Accordingly, from 1 September 1982, the following rules apply, except as in para 4:
 - a. Wear of arm rate badges (Vocab nos 33001-2) on blue shirts by RN and RNR personnel is to cease.
 - b. The option for Fleet Chief and Chief Petty Officers to wear gilt metal collar badges with No 8 and No 10A Dresses is withdrawn;
 - c. Issues of blue printed rate badges on advancement are to be limited to:
 - (1) 4 No to Petty Officer Cooks
 - (2) additional issues to ratings with overalls and flying clothing on personal loan.
4. Exceptionally, ratings who still possess blue shirts with no shoulder flaps may continue to wear collar badges or arm badges until 31 December 1983. In the interim period these ratings are to provide themselves with blue shirts of the current Service pattern (Vocab nos 23318-33).
5. BR 81 (*RN and RM Uniform Regulations*) and BR 96 (*Stores Accounting and Storekeeping Manual*) will be amended.