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552/80. UNIFORM—BADGES—RN AND WRNS RATINGS—INTRODUCTION
OF NEW BADGE FOR THE RADAR SUB-BRANCH/CATEGORY (U)

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1. Approval has been given for the adoption of new badges for RN ratings serving in the Radar (R) and Radar (S/M) sub-branches of the Operations Branch, and for WRNS ratings in the Radar category.
2. **Design.** The new badges incorporate a basic device of 'crossed lightning flashes on quartered concentric circles' and this will replace the present device of 'spider's web crossed by lightning flashes'.
3. **Introductory arrangements.** The new badges are being brought into use as stocks of the earlier pattern are used up. Storekeeping details and the approximate dates by which each new badge will be introduced are shown in the ANNEX to this DCI.
4. No change in the regulations for issue or wear is involved for RN personnel. However, in common with their RN counterparts, WRNS ratings in the Radar category are from now on to adopt the following system of stars and crowns to denote professional qualifications:

a. Basic device with star above: on qualifying for Able rate	}	As in Art 0921b of BR81 at present
b. Basic device with star above and star below: on qualifying for leading rate		
c. Basic device with crown above: on qualifying for Petty Officer; and also to be worn by Chief Wrens (since they attain no additional professional qualifications)	}	Art 0921a of BR81 amended accordingly
5. Senior WRNS ratings required to change badges to comply with para 4c are to be given a gratuitous issue of necessary badges, in accordance with Item 270 of Appendix 16 to BR 96.
6. **Ratings qualified as Plotting and Radar Instructors.** New badges are not being introduced for RN and WRNS ratings qualified as Instructors, prior to 1 Jan 1975, but ratings so qualified may continue to wear the present badges with crown above and two stars below, Art 0440(2)a of BR 81 refers.
7. Demands should continue to be placed with PSTO(N) Devonport (RN badges) or PSTO(N) Portsmouth (Royal Yacht and WRNS badges) quoting the Vocab numbers of the earlier badges. PSTOs(N) will supply new pattern badges when stocks of the old are exhausted.
8. BR81 (*RN and RM Uniform Regulations*) will be amended.

ANNEX

NEW BADGES FOR RADAR (R), RADAR (S/M) SUB-BRANCHES AND WRNS RADAR CATEGORY

Description	Colour	A/C Class	D of Q	Present badge Spiders web crossed by lightning flashes		New badge Crossed lightning flashes on concentric circles		Expected introductory date
				NSN	Vocab	NSN	Vocab	
Operations Branch: Seaman Group Radar (R) and Radar (S/M) Sub-branch								
Device: Crown above, small	Gold	} CA	pr	8455-99-		8455-99-		Mid 1981
	Red			416-4411	31062	132-6460	31620	
	Printed blue			4412	32062	6461	32620	
Device: Crown above, large	Gold	} CA	ea	4413	33062	6462	33620	Early 1982
	Red			416-4416	31063	132-6464	31621	After 1982
	Printed blue			4417	32063	6465	32621	Already in use
	Embroidered blue			4418	33063	6466	33621	After 1982
Device: Star above, star below, large	Gold	} CA	ea	4419	30063*	6467	30621*	After 1982
	Red			416-4420	31064	132-6469	31622	Late 1981
	Printed blue			4421	32064	6470	32622	Late 1981
	Embroidered blue			4422	33064	6471	33622	After 1982
Device: Star above, large	Gold	} CA	ea	4423	30064*	6472	30622*	After 1982
	Red			416-4425	31065	132-6474	31623	Already in use
	Printed blue			4426	32065	6475	32623	Already in use
	Embroidered blue			4427	33065	6476	33623	Early 1981
Device: Large	Gold	} CA	ea	4428	30065*	6477	30623*	After 1982
	Red			416-4430	31058	132-5161	31624	Late 1982
	Printed blue			4431	32058	6479	32624	After 1982
	Embroidered blue			4432	33058	6480	33624	Early 1981
WRNS—Radar Category	} Embroidered blue on blue	} CA	ea	4433	30058*	6481	30624*	Late 1982
				8455-99-		8455-99-		
				0161	50749	977-2397	50620	Already in use
				0165	50063	2398	50621	Late 1982
				0168	50064	2399	50622	After 1982
0171	50065	2400	50623	Late 1982				
0175	50058	2401	50624	Late 1981				

*Badges also worn by WRNS ratings.

Prices

a. FIPs are as shown in DCI RN 431/80.

b. Catalogue prices will be included in the Catalogue of Victualling Stores when available.