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577/80, UNIFORM—BADGES—OPERATIONS BRANCH—SEAMAN SUB-BRANCH (U)

[D/ST83/300/5/3(DGST(N)83)]

1. DCI RN 35/80 announced the establishment of the specialist Seaman sub-branch of the Operations Branch and the intention to provide a distinguishing badge for wear by senior rates after transfer to the new sub-branch.
2. Design, Approval has been given to re-introduce the Boom Defence badge of 'crossed shackle and marline-spike' for the new sub-branch.
3. Accounting details are shown in the ANNEX to this DCI.
4. Availability, Additional stocks of badges have been ordered but new deliveries of gold and red patterns will not be available for some months. Until they have been received, issues will be made only to those senior rates who satisfactorily complete their Seamanship qualifying course. These issues will be controlled by the Seamanship School and the Supply Officer HMS VERNON.



5. A further DCI will be issued when stocks of gold and red badges are available for general maintenance issues.
6. BR 81 (*RN and RM Uniform Regulations*) and the Catalogue of Victualling Stores will be amended.

## ANNEX

<i>NATO stock number</i>	<i>Vocab no</i>	<i>Colour</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>D of Q</i>	<i>Acc class</i>	<i>Catalogue price</i> £
8455-99-416-			Device: 'crossed shackle and marline-spike'			
4560	31123	EGB	Device: crown above; small	pr	CA	3.27
4561	32123	ERB		pr	CA	0.08
4562	33123	PBW		ea	CA	0.07
4564	31124	EGB	Device: crown above; large	ea	CA	1.23
4565	32124	ERB		ea	CA	0.17
4566	33124	PBW		ea	CA	0.07
4567	30124	EBW		ea	CA	0.09

Fleet Issuing Prices are as shown in DCI RN 431/80.