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1. HM The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve that Naval Members of the Admiralty Board should wear aiguillettes on all formal occasions. Unless entitled by virtue of some other appointment to wear the "Palace" type aiguillette these officers will wear a new type of aiguillette, to be known as the "Board" type. This has the same cords as the "Staff" type (BR 81 (*Uniform Regulations*), Article 0317.1.d(iv)) but the shoulder-strap—for Dresses not incorporating shoulder-straps of rank—is fully covered with plaited "Staff" cord; and it is to be worn on the *right* shoulder. It does *not* incorporate the Royal Cypher.
2. The same arrangements as above will also apply to Naval Members of the Defence Council.
3. A naval officer holding the appointment of Defence Services Secretary will wear the "Palace" type aiguillette (BR 81 Article 0317.1.d(iii)) on all formal occasions. He will also wear the *Royal Cypher*.
4. Admirals of the Fleet, officers holding the posts of Vice Admiral of the United Kingdom and Rear Admiral of the United Kingdom and ADCs, Equerries and other officers holding honorary appointments to the Queen or to members of the Royal Family are in future to wear aiguillettes (with Royal Cypher) on all formal occasions with all dresses (except those indicated in BR 81, Article 0309.4) whether or not in attendance on or in the presence of members of the Royal Family.
5. Other ADCs, Naval Attachés, Secretaries and Flag Lieutenants are in future similarly to wear aiguillettes on all formal occasions when carrying out the duties of the appointment except that aiguillettes need not be worn at sea.
6. Formal occasions are defined as all those when the sword and/or medals are worn and other occasions, duty or social, which are not part of the ordinary day-to-day routine work but call for particular formality. For example, a ship's cocktail party is a formal occasion but a private wardroom party is not considered formal.
7. In view of the more frequent occasions on which aiguillettes will now be worn, entitled officers, other than those who receive a grant under DCI (RN) 567/69 (*Allowances—Aiguillettes, Royal Cyphers and Shoulder Straps*) with which to purchase aiguillettes, may have them on personal loan for the duration of the appointment in which they are required. Applications for loan (other than from Naval Members of the Admiralty Board and Defence Council, for whom separate arrangements apply) should be made to PSTO(N), Royal William Yard, Plymouth, or to the SVSO Singapore or PSTO(N) Gibraltar, as appropriate, in the case of officers serving abroad. Aiguillettes on loan under this arrangement are to be returned immediately on termination of the appointment for which they are supplied.
8. The aiguillettes referred to in paragraph 7 above are of the "Palace" and "Board" types only. "Staff" type aiguillettes are not available on loan, and aiguillettes are not in any case issued on loan in respect of appointments for which cash grants for their purchase are payable.
9. BR 81 (*Uniform Regulations*), BR 93 (*Victualling Manual*), and BR 1950 (*Naval Pay Regulations*) will be amended.

(BRs 81, 93 and 1950)

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(DCIs (RN) 319/67 and 868/67 (title as above) are cancelled)