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## II. SERVICE PERSONNEL

### S200. UNIFORM—BADGES—OPERATIONS BRANCH (U)

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1. DCI (RN) S114/74 gave details of the structure of the Operations Branch and indicated that instructions regarding badges would be issued separately.
2. **General intention.** When the Branch forms on 1 January 1975 ratings will continue as far as possible to wear existing Seaman and Communications Branch badges. The badges to be used by each new Sub-branch are shown in ANNEX A to this DCI.
3. **New badges for Mine Warfare (MW) Sub-branch.** New badges will be provided for the Mine Warfare (MW) Sub-branch. Badges will bear a representation of a horned contact mine enclosing the letters "MW". Details of the new range are given in ANNEX B.
4. **Badges for Electronic Warfare (EW) and Radio Operator Submarine (RO(SM)) Sub-branches.** Ratings in these sub-branches will wear badges as follows:
  - a. Electronic Warfare (EW): Spider's web crossed by lightning flashes.
  - b. Radio Operator Submarine (RO(SM)): Wings crossed by lightning flash.
 Serving Radar Plot and Communications ratings, respectively, who transfer to these new Sub-branches will therefore be required to change their badges.

#### Addition of stars and crowns to indicate professional qualification

5. Progressively, in conformity with the new Sub-branch structures, revised arrangements will be adopted for the display of stars and crowns to indicate professional qualification. Badges will be worn on the right arm as follows:
  - a. On entering a Sub-branch: the basic Sub-branch device.
  - b. On qualifying professionally for Able-rate: Sub-branch device with star above.
  - c. On qualifying professionally for Leading-rate: Sub-branch device with star above and star below.
  - d. On qualifying professionally for Petty Officer: Sub-branch device with crown above.

No additional professional qualification is attained by Chief Petty Officers. The Sub-branch device with crown above will therefore be worn by these ratings on jacket lapels, overall cuffs and No 8 shirts in the distinctive manner described in Article 0438 of BR 81 (*The Uniform Regulations*).

6. Consideration is being given to adopting a comparable system in other Branches in due course.
7. The present "Seaman—uncategorized" badge, crossed shackle and marlin spike, will be worn by all new entries to the Seaman Group of the Operations Branch during Part I and Part II training. New entries in the Communications Group will wear the basic wings and lightning flash badge on entry.

#### Manner of change to new arrangements

8. **New entrants.** Ratings are to be given the appropriate badges in accordance with the scales in Appendix 6 to BR 81 (*The Uniform Regulations*).
9. **Serving Ratings.** Gratuitous issues to the same scales in BR 81 are to be made to ratings qualifying in the Mine Warfare (MW), Electronic Warfare (EW) and Radio Operator Submarines (RO(SM)) Sub-branches *ie*: ratings who in their new Sub-branch will wear a basic device different from the one on their present badge. Other serving

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ratings will continue to wear their present badges, adjusting where necessary to the new arrangements for displaying stars and crowns as new badges are obtained in the course of normal uniform upkeep over the next two years. From 1 January 1977 badges are to be worn as described in paragraph 5 above.

10. **Ratings qualified as Instructors in the Seaman and Communications Branches.** The Operations Branch structure does not include the Instructor rate, but ratings currently qualified in the Seaman and Communications Branches may continue to wear the special Instructors' badges during the remainder of their service.

11. **Demands for badges.** Demands for badges for gratuitous issues in accordance with paragraph 8 above, limited to quantities required for three months' issues, may be lodged with PSTO (N) Plymouth. Some of the new Mine Warfare (MW) badges have not yet been received from contract, but these are expected shortly and PSTO (N) will supply as soon as badges are available.

12. BR 81 (*The Uniform Regulations*) will be amended.

(BR 93)

## ANNEX A

### BADGES TO BE WORN BY SUB-BRANCHES OF THE OPERATIONS BRANCH

#### A. Seaman Group

Radar (R) and Radar (S/M) ..	Radar Plot: spider's web crossed by lightning flashes
Missile (M) .. .. .	Fire Control Armourer: crossed guns and letters "FC" below: Seaman Gunner star and Seaman Gunner badges for Able Seaman (M) and below
Sonar (S) and Sonar (S/M) ..	Underwater Control: cross torpedoes, vertical harpoon, coil superimposed ( <i>see note below</i> )
Diver (D) .. .. .	Clearance Diver: diver's helmet
Mine Warfare (MW) .. .. .	New badge: horned contact mine incorporating the letters "MW"
Survey Recorder (SR) .. .. .	Survey Recorder: sextant (stocks of the basic badge are being obtained: details will be announced separately)
Electronic Warfare (EW) ..	Radar Plot: spider's web crossed by lightning flashes
Underwater Weapons (S/M) ..	Underwater Weapons: crossed torpedoes, vertical harpoon, coil superimposed and letter "W" below
Seaman (SEA) .. .. .	Existing Gunnery, TAS, Radar Plot, Boom Defence and Coxswain's badges to which entitled in current Rating/SQ
Basic badge .. .. .	Crossed shackle and marlin spike

#### B. Communications Group

Tactical (T) .. .. .	} Communications: wings crossed by lightning flash (cross flags for Chief Communications Yeoman and Communications Yeoman)
General (G) .. .. .	
Radio Operator Submarines (RO(S/M))	
Warfare (W) .. .. .	

*Note.* Letter "C" to be omitted from badges provided in future and brought into use as TAS "C" badges are used up.

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## ANNEX B

## BADGES FOR THE MINE WARFARE SUB-BRANCH

<i>Rating</i>	<i>Description of Badge</i>	<i>Vocab No</i>	<i>D of Q</i>	<i>AC</i>	
Chief Petty Officer .. ..	Horned mine incorporating the letters "MW", crown above, small	Gold	31117	Pr	CA
		Red	32117	Pr	CA
		Blue	33117	No	CA
Men qualified for Petty Officer	Horned mine incorporating the letters "MW", crown above, large	Gold	31118	No	CA
		Red	32118	No	CA
		Blue	33118	No	CA
		Embroidered Blue	30118	No	CA
Men qualified for Leading Rate	Horned mine incorporating the letters "MW", star above and star below, large	Gold	31119	No	CA
		Red	32119	No	CA
		Blue	33119	No	CA
		Embroidered Blue	30119	No	CA
Men qualified for Able Rate ..	Horned mine incorporating the letters "MW", star above, large	Gold	31120	No	CA
		Red	32120	No	CA
		Blue	33120	No	CA
		Embroidered Blue	30120	No	CA
2nd Class and Junior Operators	Horned mine incorporating the letters "MW", large	Gold	31121	No	CA
		Red	32121	No	CA
		Blue	33121	No	CA
		Embroidered Blue	30121	No	CA

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