

(U)319.—Uniform—Officers—Aiguillettes—Revised Arrangements for Wearing

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1. Her Majesty 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: it is to be worn on the *right* shoulder.
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, but will not wear the Royal Cypher unless entitled to do so by virtue of some other appointment.
4. Admirals of the Fleet, officers holding the posts of Vice Admiral of the United Kingdom and Rear Admiral of the UK 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 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 aiguilletes on all formal occasions when carrying out the duties of the appointment, except that aiguilletes 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 aiguilletes will now be worn, entitled officers, other than those who receive a grant under DCI (RN) 88/66 (*Allowances — Aiguilletes, Royal Cyphers and Shoulder Straps*) with which to purchase aiguilletes, 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 Superintending Victualling Store Officer, South Western Area, Royal William Yard, Plymouth or to the SVSO Singapore or PSTO(N) Gibraltar, as appropriate, in the case of officers serving abroad. Aiguilletes on loan under this arrangement are to be returned immediately on termination of the appointment for which they are supplied.

8. 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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