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S48. UNIFORM—RN FLEET CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS AND FLEET CHIEF WRENS—REVISED ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEAR OF BADGES AND BUTTONS (U)

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1. DCI (RN) S93/73 announced intended revised badge arrangements for RN Fleet Chief Petty Officers and Fleet Chief Wrens.

2. Naval General Message 131530Z Feb 74 authorized introduction of the new arrangements and gave advance information regarding gratuitous issues of badges and wrist straps to serving personnel and those advanced in future.

3. BR 81 (*The Uniform Regulations*) will be amended to incorporate the new dress regulations and revised Articles are contained in ANNEX A to this DCI.

4. Gratuitous issues on advancement in future are to be made to the revised scales shown in ANNEX B and these will be incorporated in Appendix 6 of BR 81. As indicated in NGM 131530Z Feb 74 serving personnel are entitled to a gratuitous issue of the following items under these arrangements:

a. *RN Fleet Chief Petty Officers*

2 Rating badges FCPO (Royal Arms) Gold—Vocab 31022

1 Rating badge FCPO (Royal Arms) Metal—Vocab 38920

*1 Strap wrist white—Vocab 35934

} When required for wear with tropical uniform

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b. *Fleet Chief Wrens*

2 Rating badges FCPO (Royal Arms) Blue on Blue—Vocab 50022

1 Rating badge FCPO (Royal Arms) Metal—Vocab 38920

*1 Strap wrist white—Vocab 35934

*If not already received as Master-at-Arms/Regulating Chief Wren.

5. The $\frac{7}{8}$ -in flat-backed buttons referred to in paragraph 4 of DCI (RN) S93/73 are now available from PSTOs(N). Details are given in ANNEX C, and cuff buttons issued gratuitously in future for wear on blue uniforms on advancements to Chief Petty Officer or Chief Wren are to be of this pattern.

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

ANNEX A

REVISED ARTICLES TO BE INCORPORATED IN BR 81 (THE UNIFORM REGULATIONS)

1. DESCRIPTION OF UNIFORM ITEMS—RN RATINGS

Article 0428(16) *Jackets*. Delete existing text of Section a. and substitute:

“a. *Class I and III Jackets*. Double-breasted. To button three: uniform buttons. Navy blue worsted serge, or rough serge as required. Stand and fall collar. Length 1-in below the fork. Side pockets with flap. External breast pocket.

Distinguishing buttons are fitted to these jackets as follows: Chief Petty Officers, three $\frac{7}{8}$ -in flat-backed buttons in horizontal row 4-in up from bottom of each cuff; other ratings, $\frac{9}{16}$ -in buttons at the side, disposed vertically 1-in and 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in up from bottom of each cuff (but Artificers 3rd Class wear only one $\frac{9}{16}$ -in button on cuff instead of two and Artificer Apprentices wear no buttons on cuff). Fleet Chief Petty Officers do not wear distinguishing buttons but the three CPO gilt buttons may be retained on both sleeves until jackets on which they are plugged require replacement.”

2. RATING BADGES—RN RATINGS

Article 0436(1). Delete existing text and substitute:

“1. *Fleet Chief Petty Officer*. The FCPO rating (Royal Arms) badge in gold wire is worn on both cuffs of blue uniform jackets and mess jackets with the bottom point of the badge 5-in from the end of the sleeve.

An anodised metal version of this Royal Arms badge is worn on both sleeves of white tunics and mess jackets with the bottom of the badge positioned 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in above the end of the sleeve. As an interim measure, the three CPOs gilt buttons may be retained until new white tunics are issued or the mess jacket is replaced or altered by the individual.

The anodised badge on a white strap is worn on the right wrist with rigs incorporating short-sleeved white tropical shirts (*ie* Nos 2A, 7N and 10 Dresses). Collar badges are not worn with these rigs.

A gilt metal version of this Royal Arms badge is worn as follows:

a. With Nos 2B, 2N and 7A Dresses: a single badge worn centrally in the tie (immediately below the V of the lapels when a jacket is worn with No 2 Dress).

- b. Optionally with Nos 8 and 10A Dresses on each side of the shirt collar, centrally between the points and top edge.

Fleet Chief Petty Officers are also distinguished by their cap badge (Article 0435)."

3. BRANCH SPECIALIST QUALIFICATION AND SKILL BADGES

Article 0438. *Delete existing text and substitute:*

"1. Branch badges and badges for specialist qualification within a branch (*see* Article 0439. 1) are *NOT* worn by Fleet Chief Petty Officers, Artificers, Chief Mechanics or Mechanics 1st Class. They are worn by other ratings as follows:

- a. By Chief Petty Officers on each side of the collar of the jacket, on the right cuff of the overall suit and immediately above the left breast pocket of action/working dress. Additionally, an anodised badge is worn by MAA on the right cuff of the white tunic immediately above the central gilt button and on a white wrist strap on the right arm in No 10 dress.
- b. By other ratings on the right arm, the centre of the device being midway between point of shoulder and point of elbow.

2. Badges for additional qualifications and special skills (*see* Article 0439. 2) are not worn by Fleet Chief Petty Officers and are worn on the right cuff by other ratings as follows:

- a. By Chief Petty Officers $\frac{1}{4}$ -in above the centre gilt button.
- b. By other ratings $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in from the end of sleeve.

3. Flying and parachutist badges (*see* Article 0439. 3) are worn on the left cuff of blue jackets—FCPOs $\frac{1}{4}$ -in above the rating badge, CPOs $\frac{1}{4}$ -in above the centre gilt button, other ratings $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in from end of sleeve: on blue and white jumpers $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in above cuff, or above end of sleeve of jumpers without cuffs: on blue serge working dress blouse and white tunic $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in above left breast pocket or above top row of medal ribbons when worn."

4. DESCRIPTIONS OF UNIFORM ITEMS—WRNS RATINGS

Article 0910(11). *Delete existing text and substitute:*

"Jacket, Navy Blue. Diagonal serge or rough serge as required. Double-breasted. Three uniform buttons in each forepart, to button three. Double-breasted collar and lapels. Front panels. Centre back seam. Jetted side pockets (no outside breast pocket). Chief Wrens have three large gilt buttons in horizontal row $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in up from bottom of each cuff. Petty Officer Wrens have two small gilt buttons disposed vertically 1-in and $2\frac{1}{4}$ -in up from bottom of each cuff. Fleet Chief Wrens may continue to wear distinguishing cuff buttons until the jackets on which they are plugged require replacement."

5. RATING BADGES—WRNS RATINGS

Article 0917(1). *Delete existing text and substitute:*

"Fleet Chief Wrens wear the FCPO rating (Royal Arms) badge on both cuffs of blue uniform jackets with the bottom point of the badge $3\frac{1}{2}$ -in from the end of the sleeve. A gilt metal version of this badge (Article 0436) is worn on each side of the collar of blue shirts (when a jacket is not worn) and on short-sleeved overalls. When a white shirt and collar are worn with a black tie to comprise a shirt-sleeve rig in blue uniform, a single small badge is placed centrally in the tie (immediately below the V of the lapels when a jacket is worn).

An anodised version of the badge on a white strap is worn on the right wrist with rigs incorporating the white tropical shirt and with WRNS white tropical dresses. Collar badges are not worn with these rigs."

6. DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF UNIFORM

Appendix 3—B. Naval Ratings' Uniform

- (i) Item 3 (JACKET CLASS I AND III DOUBLE-BREASTED)—sub-paragraphs:
- (f) *Forepart buttons*; last sentence *delete* "and on the cuffs".
 - (g) *Cuff buttons*; *add* new opening sentence "Distinguishing buttons are not worn by Fleet Chief Petty Officers."
 - (h) *Amend* opening sentence *to read* "Fleet Chief Petty Officers, Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers to have"
- (ii) Item 8 (TUNIC WHITE DRILL)—sub-paragraphs:
- (f) *Delete* existing text and *substitute*:
"Distinguishing buttons are not worn except that Chief Petty Officers wear three $\frac{7}{8}$ -in buttons in horizontal row $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in up from bottom of each cuff."
 - (g) *Amend to read* "Fleet Chief Petty Officers, Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers"

ANNEX B

REVISED SCALES TO BE INCORPORATED IN APPENDIX 6 TO BR 81— (THE UNIFORM REGULATIONS)

a. APP 6—4: TROPICAL CLOTHING

Against entry for Tunics White Drill *add* "*" and the following note:
"*On the first occasion only, FCPOs appointed to ships and establishments where white uniform is worn should be given a free issue of 2 No White Drill Tunics"

BADGES AND BUTTONS: To be issued gratuitously as follows:

b. APP 6—5: *On advancement* to:

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

Buttons; *Delete* "12 gilt, $\frac{7}{8}$ -in" and *substitute* "12 anodised $\frac{7}{8}$ -in (flat-backed)"

FLEET CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

Rating badge; *Delete* "2 gold" and *substitute* "4 gold"

c. APP 6—6: Additional issues on first draft to a station where tropical clothing is worn, or on advancement or award of badge while serving on such a station. *Insert* new entry after CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

"FLEET CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

Rating badge 2 anodised

White wrist strap 1 (if not already received as MAA)"

d. APP 6—21: *On advancement* to CHIEF WREN

Buttons; *Delete* "12 gilt $\frac{7}{8}$ -in" and *substitute* "12 anodised $\frac{7}{8}$ -in (flat-backed)"

On advancement to FLEET CHIEF WREN: *Delete* present entry and *substitute*:

"FLEET CHIEF WREN

Rating badge { 4 blue on blue rayon
 1 anodised
 1 pr metal collar badges

White wrist strap 1 (if not already received as Regulating Chief Wren)

Hat badge 2 rayon embroidered"

ANNEX C

Details of $\frac{7}{8}$ -in flat-backed buttons:

Vocab No:	28104
NATO Stock No:	8455-99-132-3627
Accounting classification:	CA
Accounting denomination:	Doz
Rate Book value:	£0.06 ea
FIP (VAT exclusive):	£0.06 ea
(VAT inclusive):	£0.07 ea