

II. SERVICE PERSONNEL

S93. UNIFORM—RN FLEET CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS AND FLEET CHIEF WRNS—REVISED ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEAR OF BADGES AND BUTTONS (U)

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1. A number of changes in the arrangements for wear of badges and buttons by Fleet Chief Petty Officers and Fleet Chief Wrens have been approved. They are:
 - a. Wear of CPOs' cuff buttons to be discontinued.
 - b. The Royal Arms badge to be worn on both cuffs of uniform jackets, tunics and mess jackets.
 - c. An anodised Royal Arms badge to be worn on a white wrist strap, on the right arm, with rigs incorporating short-sleeved white tropical shirts and with WRNS white tropical dresses and blouses. Collar badges to be discontinued with these rigs.
 - d. Wear of Crown-in-wreath badge by Fleet Masters-At-Arms to be discontinued.
2. Implementation is dependent on the availability of additional badges, buttons and the white wrist straps. Further instructions will be issued when these can be supplied, gratuitous issues made and changes in dress for which they are needed can be introduced.

Removal of Cuff Buttons

3. Fleet Chiefs and Fleet Chief Wrens may dispense with CPOs' cuff buttons progressively from the date of this DCI in conformity with the following arrangements.
4. Flat backed buttons will be introduced later this year for wear on the cuffs of CPOs' blue jackets. They will be attachable without need to "plug" holes in jacket sleeves. When Senior Rates are advanced to Fleet Chief, buttons can then be removed without resultant damage to sleeves.
5. Meantime, jackets in use, including blue mess jackets, are to be replaced in the normal course of maintenance. Until this has been done Fleet Chiefs may continue to wear cuff buttons in addition to their Royal Arms badges. The lack of uniformity is to be accepted.
6. Flat backed buttons will not be suitable for white tunics, and Fleet Chief Petty Officers appointed in future to ships and establishments where white uniform is required may (on the first occasion only) be given a free issue of two ready made white drill tunics. Fleet Chiefs at present in post may continue to wear CPOs' buttons on white uniform for the duration of their present appointment, and on optional white evening jackets until replacement or alteration at their own expense.

Wear of Royal Arms Badges on Both Sleeves

7. Present stocks of badges are sufficient only for *one* badge per jacket or tunic to be worn on the left sleeve. In no circumstances are badges to be worn on both sleeves until further instructions are given.

Master-at-Arms Branch Badge

8. Wear of the Crown-in-wreath badge on blue uniform jackets, white tunics and with No 10 Dress should be discontinued forthwith.

9. BR81 (*Uniform Regulations*) and BR93 (*Victualling Manual*) will be amended.

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