

R.M.No.4644/39.Q.

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CIRCULAR.

Badges and Chevrons - Gold.  
Adoption of substitutes during hostilities.

With reference to R.M.O. Circulating Minute No.4644/39.Q. of 22.11.39, a decision on the proposal to use certain metal badges in lieu of corresponding gold embroidered badges has been delayed by the fact that according to available information, the War Office is considering the possibility of substituting khaki embroidered badges for the metal badges it was proposed to substitute for gold embroidered badges. In these circumstances, and pending a final decision by the War Office, metal badges of the following types are to be included in future requisitions for wear as shown :-

Badges, gilding metal

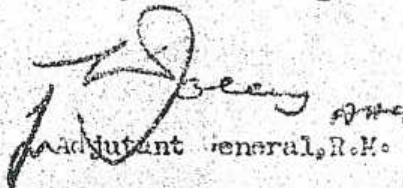
For wear on

Bugles	Blue and khaki clothing
Crowns, large	" " " "
" , small	Khaki clothing only
Crowns in wreath	Blue and khaki clothing
Crossed flags	Khaki clothing only
Xd hammers and pincers	Blue and khaki clothing of Armourer Sgts; khaki clothing only of other armourers
Xd rifles	Khaki clothing only

2. In the event of metal badges being unobtainable, gold embroidered badges will continue to be used for wear by ranks dressed <sup>(by)</sup> Staff Sergeants (on blue clothing) and P.O.O., Branston should be requested to supply khaki embroidered badges in lieu, for wear on khaki clothing, any difference in cost between metal and khaki embroidered badges being shown as a difference in rates under the appropriate heading.

3. It has now been decided also to dispense with gold lace chevrons, except for ranks dressed as Staff Sergeants, senior N.C.O's of Divisional Bands and such other senior N.C.O's in shore appointments (including Naval Establishments) as Commandants may decide. (Gold lace chevrons and G.C. Badges will continue to be worn on Cloth Tunics of junior N.C.O's and Musicians of Divisional Bands.) In consequence of this decision, no further issues of gold lace chevrons are to be made to N.C.O's other than those specified above. Chevrons, and badges worn above chevrons, on serge tunics will be of scarlet on blue pattern.

4. Gold embroidered badges outstanding on requisitions already forwarded to Victualling Yards will not be supplied; cost of these outstanding items is to be reflected as a saving in estimates (1939 or 1940 as the case may be) and supplementary requisitions are to be forwarded as soon as possible for badges of all types which will be required immediately in consequence of the decisions notified in this Circular. Less urgent requirements should be included in the requisitions being prepared in accordance with para.6 of R.M.O. Circular 3718/40.Q. of 16.2.40. Crowns, large, red, pattern 45a will be worn on serge tunics by Colour Sergeants.

  
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