

RANK & BADGES

IN THE NAVY, ARMY, R.A.F. AND AUXILIARIES

*A fully coloured guide to
the badges worn by
members of
His Majesty's Forces*

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ROYAL NAVY

EXECUTIVE BRANCH—OFFICERS



Flag Officers are those of Rear-Admiral's rank and above, and who fly a distinguishing flag. A Commodore flies a broad Pennant (or Pendant).

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EXECUTIVE BRANCH—OFFICERS



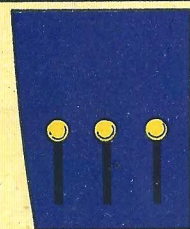
LIEUTENANT
Cap & Badge as 11 & 2



SUB-LIEUTENANT *
Cap & Badge as 11 & 2



WARRANT OFFICER
Cap & Badge as 11 and 2.



MIDSHIPMAN & CADET
Cap and Badge as 11 and 2
(Buttons only in full dress).



MIDSHIPMAN
Patch on collar lapel.



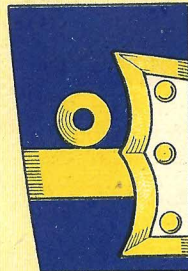
CADET
Button on collar lapel.

EXAMPLES OF FULL-DRESS CUFFS.

The foregoing cuffs, and the remainder given on pages 3 & 5, are those worn with the undress uniform. The three examples below, viz., Admiral, Commodore 2nd Class, and Warrant Officer, show the three styles of full-dress cuff with "slash" as worn by all Commissioned Officers. The rows of "distinction lace" vary in number and style for the different ranks and branches, exactly as on the cuffs of undress uniform.



FLAG OFFICERS
& COMMODORES
1st CLASS



COMMODORES, (2nd Class)
CAPTAINS
& COMMANDERS
TO SUB-LIEUTENANT



COMMISSIONED
WARRANT & WARRANT
OFFICERS ONLY

*Also Commissioned Officer from Warrant rank.

ROYAL NAVY

OFFICERS OF OTHER BRANCHES



AIR BRANCH



ENGINEER



SURGEON



DENTAL



ACCOUNTANT
(PAYMASTER)



INSTRUCTOR



SHIPWRIGHT
& CONSTRUCTORS



ORDNANCE



ELECTRICAL

Note.—The ranks for all these Officers are the same as for Executive Officers, with the prefix of "Surgeon" for "Surgeon so and so" [(D) added for Dental Officers], "Paymaster so and so" for Accountant, and others as named above. In the case of the Engineer Officers, most are called by Executive ranks, but with "E" in brackets afterwards; for instance, Commander (E). A few Captains and upwards, however, still retain the former titles of Engineer Captain, Engineer Rear-Admiral, etc. The rank shown in all the above drawings is that of Commander.

SHOULDER STRAPS ON GREAT-COATS



ADMIRAL OF
THE FLEET



ADMIRAL



VICE-ADMIRAL



REAR-ADMIRAL



COMMODORE
1st CLASS *

*Officers of lower rank have the same design upon their shoulder straps as upon their sleeves. Engineer and Surgeon Vice and Rear-Admirals and Paymaster and Instructor Rear-Admirals have suitably coloured edging—purple, red, white and light blue respectively.

6 R.N.R., R.N.V.R. & R.M.

ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE *



LIEUTENANT ¹



PAYMASTER-LIEUTENANT ¹



MIDSHIPMAN

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE *



LIEUTENANT ¹



SURGEON-LIEUTENANT



MIDSHIPMAN

ROYAL MARINES



CAP BADGE



FIELD OFFICER



OTHER OFFICERS



COLONEL
2nd COMMANDANT



LIEUT.-COLONEL



MAJOR



CAPTAIN



LIEUTENANT



SECOND LIEUTENANT

*Note.—Cap and Badge as for Royal Navy.

The highest rank in the R.N.R. and R.N.V.R. is Commodore, 2nd Class.

1. The half-stripe of a Lieutenant-Commander is a straight gold one, and in the case of Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander has a narrow white edging.

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CAPS & CAP BADGES OF PETTY OFFICERS, ETC.



CAP & BADGE



CHIEF PETTY OFFICER



PETTY OFFICER



ENGINEER P.O.*



ENGINE-ROOM ARTIFICER, WRITERS, Etc.



PETTY OFFICER



Both worn on left arm

LEADING SEAMAN



PETTY OFFICERS & MEN AND BOYS DRESSED AS SEAMEN

INCLUDING SEAMEN, ARTIFICERS, STOKERS AND ALL OTHER RATINGS NOT SPECIALLY PROVIDED FOR

OFFICERS' BUTTONS



OF FLAG RANK



UNDER FLAG RANK

ROYAL NAVY YOUTH ENTRIES



Designed for young men aged 17 years, accepted for the Navy, and awaiting call-up at 18. Worn at the top of the sleeve on Home Guard, Sea Cadet or Air Training Corps uniforms.

Note.—Lettering R.N.R. or R.N.V.R. is on right cuff of Seamen in these Reserves. Petty Officers wear a single-breasted jacket for working rig, and a double-breasted otherwise. C.P.O.s wear three large buttons on sleeves and non-substantive badges on their lapels.

*Although it is not worn nowadays, this badge still officially exists.

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BADGES OF PETTY OFFICERS & RATINGS

GUNNER'S MATE	GUNLAYER, 1ST CLASS †	GUNLAYER, 2ND CLASS
GUNNERY RATING 3RD CLASS LAYER	SEAMAN GUNNER	TORPEDO GUNNER'S MATE
TORPEDO COXSWAIN	LEADING TORPEDOMAN	SEAMAN TORPEDOMAN
DIVER	GOOD SHOOTING BADGE	CHIEF YEOMAN OF SIGNALS

See Notes on page 11.

†Has an "L" below it, and a "Q" for Quarter Rating.
"C" for Control and "A" for Anti-Aircraft.

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BADGES OF PETTY OFFICERS & RATINGS

PHOTOGRAPHER	AIR FITTER (AIR FRAME)	CHIEF SAILMAKER
BUGLER	AIR GUNNER 3RD CLASS	PETTY OFFICER TELEGRAPHIST
LEADING TELEGRAPHIST	TELEGRAPHIST	ENGINE SECTION LEADING RATING †
PHYSICAL TRAINING * INSTRUCTOR, 1ST CLASS	PHYSICAL TRAINING * INSTRUCTOR, 2ND CLASS	REGULATING P.O.

See Notes on page 11. †Applies to members of the Air Branch (R.N. & R.N.V.R.)
* In full, "Physical and Recreational Training Instructor."

