280. The active list of Chief Gunners, Chief Torpedo Gunners, Numbers of Chief Boatswains, and Chief Carpenters, and Gunners, Torpedo Warrant Gunners, Boatswains, and Carpenters, will be raised to—

Chief Gunners, Chief Torpedo Gunners, and Chief Boatswains, including 10 Officers holding either rank by virtue of their appointments (Chief Gunners, Chief Torpedo Gunners, Gunners and Torpedo Gunners being eligible for such appointments, as well as Chief Boatswains and Boatswains) 100 Chief Carpenters 20 Gunners, Torpedo Gunners, and Boatswains (including 16 Signal Boatswains) ... 1,150 Carpenters ... 240 Artificer Engineers 50

The proportion of Gunners and Torpedo Gunners to Boatswains will be so regulated as may, in the opinion of the Admiralty, be advisable for the efficiency of the service, and the number of promotions to the respective ranks will be adjusted accordingly—eight per cent. of the total of each branch holding the chief rank, Gunners and Torpedo Gunners forming one branch.

- 2. The increase of Artifiver Engineers to be made gradually as follows:—
 - 25 between 1st April 1899 and 31st March 1900.
 - 25 between 1st April 1900 and 31st March 1901.

An initial analysis of the lower deck reveals half a dozen different functions: executive-military, engineer, artisan, medical, accountant and police. Within these functions there were further subdivisions into occupational groups, resulting in a score of different branches or classes of rating. The relative numerical strength of the more important ones is indicated by the following figures taken from one year, 1919:

| Seamen | 46,802 | Armourers | 938 |
|------------------------|--------|-----------------------|---------|
| Stokers | 30,477 | Electrical artificers | 932 |
| ERAs and mechanicians | 5,042 | Ships' stewards | 697 |
| Officers' stewards and | | Blacksmiths | 391 |
| cooks | 4,598 | Joiners | 311 |
| Signalmen | 4,476 | Painters | 266 |
| Telegraphists | 4,065 | Plumbers | 236 |
| Cooks | 1,994 | Coopers | 212 |
| Sick-berth stewards | 1,492 | Carpenters' crews | 163 |
| Shipwrights | 1,332 | Sailmakers | 101 |
| Writers | 952 | Miscellaneous | 1,26213 |

Two important groups not listed here are the Royal Marines – half sailors, half soldiers – and the warrant officers, one of the oldest ranks in the service, though becoming anomalous in this period and existing uneasily in the no-man's-land between lower and quarter deck. Each of the branches tended to be self-contained and inward-looking. The smaller ones in particular were often tight-knit, while the divisions between branches could be wide. One of the consequences was that it was always difficult for the reform movement to present a united front.

MARKS OF RANK-OFFICERS.

Officers wear distinguishing gold lace, and, in the case of the Civil Branches, coloured cloth, on both sleeves of their coats. When wearing a great-coat and in white uniform, the lace and cloth are worn on shoulder-straps.

Officers are divided into two branches, executive and civil. The Civil Branch is sub-divided into Engineer, Medical, Accountant, and Naval Instructor Officers.

Branches are distinguished as follows:-

Executive (Military) - By a circle on the upper row of lace. Engineer purple: cloth. In conjunction Medical - By scarlet with the gold cloth. lace stripes, Accountant - By white between ibem cloth, or below Naval Instructor - By light blue them, not cloth above them. Assistant Constructors By at vergrey cloth.

The lace worn on the sleeves and shoulder-strape differs in breadth according to the rank of the officer, as follows:—

(The Measurements shown are Inches.)

| Admiral of the Fleet | I row of I and a rows of]. |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Admiral . | 1 row of 1 and 3 rows of |
| Vice-Admiral - | 1 mw of 1 and 2 rows of 1. |
| Rear-Admiral and Com- | |
| modore, 1st class - | I row of I and I row of 1. |
| Commodore, and class - | I KIN Of I. |
| Captains . | 4 rows of |
| Commanders . | 3 raws of |
| Lieutenant over 8 years' | a mus of , with a row of } |
| semority . | between them. |
| Lieutenant under 8 years | |
| sepiority | a rows of 1. |
| Sub-Licutenant - | |
| Chief Gunners and Chief | a row of |
| Bontswains - | |
| Gunners and Boatswains | |
| OVER TO YEARS' SERIORITY | 1 row of 1. |
| , | I TON OF IT |

In the case of Flag Officers and Commudores, 1st class, the upper row of lace forms a circle, above the row, 1 inches in diameter. In the case of a Commodore, 2nd class, a circle of f-inch lace is placed just over the 13-inch band. All other Executive Officers have a hand of lace the width of the upper row, formed into a circle above the upper row, the circle being 13 inches in diameter.

Officers of the Civil Braothes have the same number of rows of lace as officers of corresponding rank in the Executive Branch, the upper row being straight and having no circle above it. The spaces between the lace are filled with the coloured cloth praviously referred to. The width

of the coloured cloth is I inch.

Warrant Officers under 10 years' seniority do not wear distinguishing lace, but have three buttons on the sleeves, and, in the case of Engineer Warrant Officers, a band of

purple cloth I inch wide under the buttons.

Subordinate officers do not wear distinguishing lace, but Midshipmen wear, on each side of the collars of their coats a white turnback of a inches, with a notched hole of white twist 14 inches long, with a corresponding button; Navul Cadeta wear on each side of the collars of their coats a button hole of white twist 14 inches long, with a corresponding button. Cleeks and Amiatant Cleeks wear round each cuff of the coat a row of white cloth 4 inch wide.

Flag Officers and Commodores, 1st class, and officers of the Civil Beanch ranking with them, wear devices on their shoulder-straps, but all other Commissioned Officers and Warrant Officers over 10 years' teniority, wear the same distinguishing lace on the shoulder-strap as on the cuff.

Subordinate officers do not wear shoulder straps,

Warrant Officers under 10 years' sentority wear plain shoulder-strops.

Officers (executive or civil) serving on the staff of a Flag Officer or Commodore, and Naval Attachés wear arguillettes (i.e., ropes of gold lace bung from the shoulder) on the left shoulder.

Aide-de-Camps to the King, Admirals of the Fleet, and Honorary Physicians and Surgeons to the King wear

alguillettes on the right shoulder.

If a Naval Attache is also an Aide-de-Camp to the King he wears the Aide-de-Camp's aignillettes on the right shoulder only.

DISTINGUISHING BADGES- MEN AND BOYS.

Men, of all ratings, whether dressed as seamen or not, if they are below the rating of Chief Petty Officer, wear their distinguishing badges for substantive ratings

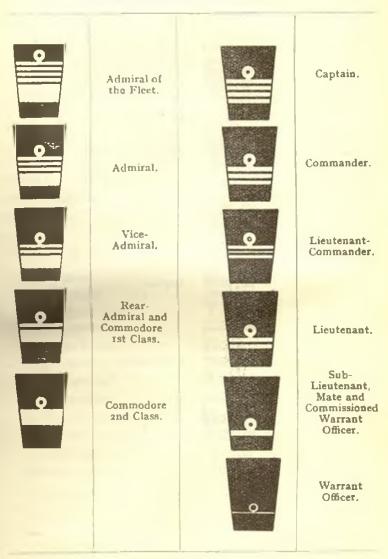
DISTINCTION LACE WORN BY NAVAL OFFICERS

| | Military | Without the Curl, but with | | | |
|----------|--|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | Branch. | Purple between Stripes. | Scarlet between Stripes. | White between Stripes. | |
| • | Admiral of the Fleet. | _ | | | |
| • | Admiral. | _ | | _ | |
| 0 | Vice- Admiral. | Engineer-in- Chief II Engineer Vice- Admiral. | Medical Director- General. | | |
| • | Rear- Admiral and Commodors 1st Clam. | Engineer-in- Chief if Engineer Rear- Admiral. | Surgeon- General. | ***** | |
| <u> </u> | Commodore 20d Class. | | - | | |

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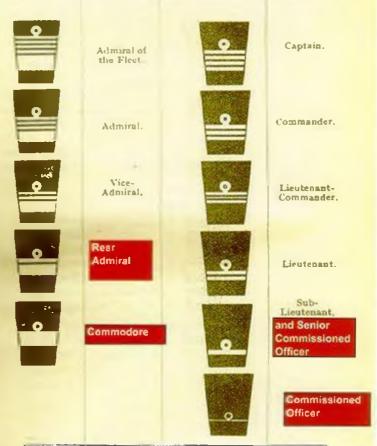
| - | W W | | Without the Curl, but with | |
|---|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|
| _ | Military Branch | Purple hetween Stripes | Scarlet between Stripes. | White between Stripes. |
| • | Captain. | Engineer- Captain. | Deputy Surgeon- General. | Paymaster - in - Chief also Secretary to a Flag Officer (if with over 5 years service as Secretary to a CIn-C.), |
| 2 | Commander | Engineer- Communder. | Float- Surgeon | Fleet Paymaster also Secretary to a Cln-C. |
| • | Lieutenant- Commander | Engineer- Lieutenant (over 8 years). | Staff Surgeon. | Staff Paymanter or Paymanter also Secretary to a Flag Officer other than a C in-C. or to a Commodore tact class or Captain of the Fleet. |
| - | Lieutenant | Engineer- Lieutenant (under 8 years). | Surgeon. | Assist. Paymaster (over 4 years) also Secretary to a Commo- dore 2nd class. |
| • | Sub- Lieutenant and Mate. | Engineer- Sub- Lieutenant und Mate(E.) | | Assist. Paymaster (under 4 years). |

DISTINCTION LACE WORN BY NAVAL OFFICERS OF THE RANK OR RELATIVE RANK OF



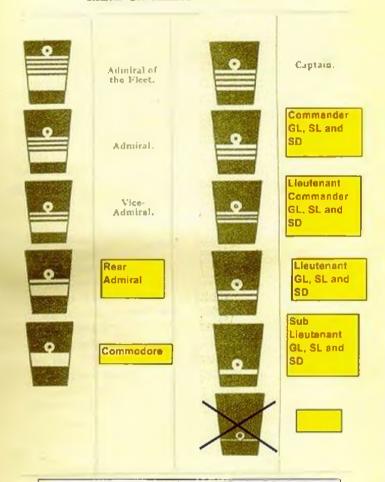
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RANK STRIPES AS WORN AT THE CESSATION OF THE WARRANT OFFICER RANK IN 1949

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Stripes as worn from late 1956 early 1957 at the introduction of the Special Dulies List officer and the cossation of the Commissioned Rank