

Concur with the recommendation of the Admiralty and Uniform Clothing Committee and the enclosed draft A.F.O. subject to the slight modification shown in pencil regarding additional sizes of trousers which have been introduced to meet certain criticisms, and to the following remarks.

2. The Committee's recommendation at paragraph 6 (i) would involve provision of an extra blue branch badge for wear on each suit of action-working dress (3 for cook ratings and 2 for other ratings). Additions to compulsory kits normally involve an initial free issue to all ratings concerned; the cost of such an issue to ratings now serving would be about £1,500 and the estimated annual cost (i.e. the issue to ratings on first entry or on qualifying for the Branch) would be £400. No financial provision has been made in the current estimates for this service and, having regard to the existing financial stringency, it is proposed that this recommendation of the Committee should be deferred until, say, October next when it may be possible to say whether the money involved can be provided out of the aggregate for Vote 2.

3. If approved, it would be proposed to omit paragraph 2(f) of the draft A.F.O. and to explain the position on this point in the covering letter to Commanders-in-Chief. It may be considered desirable to invite comments of Commanders-in-Chief on the alternative proposals for the position in which badges should be worn by C.P.O's (see paragraph 2(iv) and 6(ii) of the recommendation of the Committee.)

4. Submitted.

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DIRECTOR OF VICTUALLING.
26th April 1949.

Concur with proposal in paragraph 8 of the Chairman A.U.C.C.'s minute of 2nd March, 1949, and with D. of V.'s suggestions.

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D. W. S. C.
29th April, 1949.

Concur with D.W.S.C.

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7 Dgts. 4th May 1949.

No objection to Dgts' proposals or to draft A.F.O. as amended

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for Head of G.F.