

T A B L E "A".

Percentages of punishments of boys to average
numbers borne.

Training Establishments.

		<u>1926.</u>	<u>1927.</u>	<u>1928.</u>	<u>1929.</u>	<u>1930.</u>
H.M.S. GANGES.	Canings.	22.4	36.0	33.0	29.5	24.2
	All punishments.	90.5	147.0	134.3	98.2	111.5

(In 1930, 194 canings - 895 total punishments - average no. boys 803)

H.M.S. IMPREGNABLE.	Canings.	25.8	25.7	30.7	Closed
	All punishments.	67.5	79.1	121.9	Closed

(Closed in 1930).

H.M.S. ST.VINCENT.	Canings.	(Not	40.8	47.9	48.3	22.9
	All punishments.	open)	156.1	158.9	204.4	205.2

(In 1930, 115 canings - 1032 total punishments - average no. boys 503)

H.M.S. FISGARD.	Canings.	6.0	6.4	4.2	6.6	8.6
	All punishments.	27.3	36.3	29.3	27.5	39.3

(In 1930, 34 canings - 155 total punishments - average no. boys 394)

<u>Average for all establishments.</u>	Canings.	28.3	33.4	35.9	35.5	20.1
	All punishments.	75.1	110.5	115.2	107.4	122.4

(In 1930, 343 canings - 2082 total punishments - average no. boys 1700)

TRAINING SQUADRON.

		1926.	1929.	1930.
All Ships.	Canings.	38.3	23.9	20.0
	All punishments.	150.3	99.1	70.8

(The percentage of punishments for men in 1930 was 54.9)
 (In 1930, 120 canings - 425 total punishments - average no. boys 60)

ATLANTIC FLEET.

Two typical)	Canings.	34.2	44.8	27.4
Capital Ships)	All punishments	97.2	112.1	67.1

(In 1930, 20 canings - 49 total punishments - average no. of boys 73).

MEDITERRANEAN FLEET.

Two typical)	Canings.	38.8	43.2	55.5
Capital Ships)	All punishments	125.2	202.7	216.6

(In 1930, 20 canings - 78 total punishments - average no. of boys 36)

(As only a small number of boys are borne in Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleet Ships, the percentages are liable to greater fluctuation than if the numbers were large).

TOTAL NUMBERS OF PUNISHMENTS OF BOYS IN WHOLE OF R.N.

<u>1925.</u>	<u>1926.</u>	<u>1927.</u>	<u>1928.</u>	<u>1929.</u>	<u>1930.</u>
93.6	89.1	108.8	109.9	107.3	Figures not yet available.

(In 1929, 4747 total punishments - average no. boys 4426)

Separate figures for canings are not available.

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Percentages of Canings to all
punishments to boys.

	<u>1926.</u>	<u>1927.</u>	<u>1928.</u>	<u>1929.</u>	<u>1930.</u>
M.S. GANGES.	24.8	25.3	24.5	30.0	21.6
M.S. IMPRECINABLE.	38.1	32.5	25.2	Closed	-
M.S. ST. VINCENT.	Not open.	26.1	30.1	23.6	11.1
M.S. FISGARD.	22.2	14.2	14.4	24.2	21.9

	<u>1926.</u>	<u>1929.</u>	<u>1930.</u>
Training Squadron.	5.	24.1	28.2
Atlantic Fleet (2 Ships)	35.2	40.0	22.4
Mediterranean Fleet (2 Ships)	31.0	21.3	25.6

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12.8.31.

MARKINGS TO BOARD.

SUBJECT:

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banning of Boys.

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Editor of Fleet Orders.

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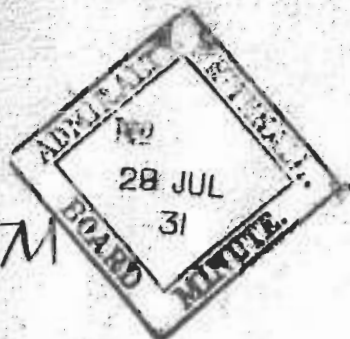
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EXTRACT FROM

BOARD MINUTES.

Wednesday, 29th July,

1931. **DO**



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Caning of Boys in the Royal Navy.

2844. In accordance with Board Minute 2835 a Memorandum on the subject of the caning of Boys in the Navy had been circulated to the Board, which summarised the present Regulations on the subject and contained statistics as to the punishments inflicted in the Boys' Training Establishments and in one or two typical ships.

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The Board considered two alternative courses of action :—

(1) To suspend the punishment of caning entirely for a period, at the same time informing the Fleet that this was done as an experiment and that the results were to be carefully watched, Their Lordships' hope being that experience would show that discipline amongst Boys could be maintained without recourse to this punishment ;

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(2) To retain the punishment but to restrict it even more stringently than it is at present restricted by Article 585, at the same time informing the Fleet of the Board's intention that it should not be resorted to except for the punishment of very serious offences, and strongly impressing on Commanders-in-Chief the necessity for regarding the matter carefully and investigating any cases in which the number of canings in an individual ship or establishment was high.

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After discussion it was agreed—

- (a) that the latter alternative should, in the first instance, be adopted and that the results should be carefully watched ;
- (b) that Article 585 should be amended as proposed in the Memorandum before the Board ;
- (c) that Commanding Officers should have their attention drawn confidentially to the fact that the numbers of canings in different ships and establishments vary in a manner that suggests that some Commanding Officers have recourse to this punishment too freely, and should be informed that caning should not be resorted to except for the punishment of very serious offences as laid down in Article 585, which has been amended to make it clear that ordinary offences against standing orders or regulations should not be punished by caning unless persisted in despite direct orders and warnings ;

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- (d) that returns as to canings should for the present, be rendered monthly through the Commanders-in-Chief, who should investigate any cases where the numbers of canings seem to be unduly high or where the punishment appears to have been awarded for offences of insufficient gravity, having regard to the amended wording of Article 585.

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Editor of Fleet Orders,

Please promulgate to:—

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- (1) The FLEET and FLEET ESTABLISHMENTS.
- ~~(2) CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS.~~

This Order—(3) may be issued to the PRESS.

- (4) should be posted on SHIPS' NOTICE BOARDS for the information of all concerned. (Orders posted on Ships' Notice Boards are issued to the Press.)

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Secretary's

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Date

August 1931

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Brief Heading (commencing with Index word)

Punishment of —
Caning — Restriction of Award — Returns

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(*N.L. 2599/31* — *21. 8. 1931.*)

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The Examination of statistics relating to the punishment of caning has ~~revealed~~ *shown* that the percentages of boys caned in different ships and establishments vary to an extent which suggests that this punishment is sometimes inflicted more freely than is ~~contemplated~~ *permitted* by the Regulations. Caning

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K.R. & A. J. Smith*

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6.) to make it appear that offences against standing orders or regulations should not be punished by caning unless persisted in despite direct orders and warnings.

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2. Until further notice, a monthly return, detailing every punishment of caning and the offence for which it is inflicted, and showing the average number of boys borne, in the month previous,

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is to be rendered on the 1st day of each month by every ship or establishment in which boy ratings are serving.

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2032. ~~Caning~~ Punishment of ~~Restriction of Award~~ RETURNS.

(N.L. 2599/31 - 21.8.1931.)

The examination of statistics relating to the punishment of caning has shown that the percentages of boys in line of duty in establishments vary to an extent which suggests that the regulations for caning should be inflicted more freely than is contemplated by the regulations. Caning should not be resorted to, except for the punishment of very serious offences as laid down in Article 585, clause 2, King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, which is being amended (by the substitution of the words "or gross and" for the words "and deliberate or" in line 6) to make it clear that ordinary offences against standing orders or regulations should not be punished by caning unless persisted in despite direct orders and warnings.

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3. For the present, this return should be rendered in manuscript, headed: "Caning: Monthly Return in accordance with C.A.F.O. 2032/31."

(K.R. and A.I., Art. 535 (1).)

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Article 585

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2. Caning on the breech with clothes on is limited to boys rated as such and to Boy Buglers and Band Boys when embarked and is to be inflicted with a light and ordinary cane. The number of cuts or blows is not to exceed 12, and the punishment is not to be carried out in public. Caning is intended for the serious offences of theft, immorality, drunkenness, desertion (in special cases as an act of leniency), insubordination, ~~or other~~ continued disobedience of orders. In the absence of the Captain, the Commanding Officer is not to order caning to be inflicted, unless the Captain shall be absent from duty by permission of superior authority for more than 48 hours.

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