

## NOTES ON A SEAMAN BOY'S PAY

From now your boy will hold the rate of boy second class until he has been in H.M.S. GANGES for approximately six months, after which he should be rated boy first class. After leaving GANGES and becoming 17½ he will be rated ordinary seaman, and will come under adult rates of pay and regulations.

### BASIC PAY IN GANGES

Boy 2nd Class	2/6 a day	-	17/6 per week.
Boy 1st Class	3/6 a day	-	24/6 per week.
Boy over 17½	7/- a day	-	49/- per week.

### POCKET MONEY

A boy is paid the following weekly amounts from his pay for pocket money:-

Boy 2nd Class	5s. 0d.
Boy 1st Class	7s. 6d.
Boy over 17½	10s. 0d.

After any allotments he may make and any expenses which he may incur in H.M.S. GANGES have been paid, the rest of his pay is placed to his credit in his naval pay account and transferred to a P. O. S. B. account opened for him during his last month in H.M.S. Ganges. If a boy is careful his expenses are small.

### ALLOTMENTS

Every boy has the option of making a small weekly allotment of money to his parents or to the P. O. S. B. from his credit up to the following maximum amounts:-

Boy 2nd Class	-	5s. 0d. per week
Boy 1st Class	-	10s. 0d. per week
Boy over 17½	-	30s. 0d. per week

Parents will realise from the above figures that the boy will have very little margin left if he makes a maximum allotment, and the starting of allotments is not therefore encouraged except in cases of real necessity. At the same time a boy has the opportunity to allot to the P.O.S.B. thus enabling him to learn the value of saving and to earn interest on his savings. The Navy is bearing a heavy cost in keeping and training the boy, and it cannot therefore be expected that he should be much of a wage earner at this stage in his career.

### UNIFORM CLOTHING

A boy receives a free kit on entry and is credited continuously with an allowance to maintain it.

### LEAVE

A boy going on leave is paid pocket money at the rate of 15/- a week for a boy 2nd class, 20/- a week for a boy 1st class and 30/- a week for a boy over 17½. He is also paid in advance a ration allowance of 4/4 a day. Ration allowance is intended to pay for his food while on leave, and this money should therefore be handed over to his parents, who sign a receipt for it which the boy brings back. Boys also receive free return railway warrants to the station nearest their home three times a year.

### PRIVATE ALLOWANCE

A boy may be given a small private allowance if desired, but any money over 10/- which he may receive is kept in safe custody for him and he may not draw more than 10/- a week of this private money. A larger allowance than £2 a term should not however be sent, and it is considered that the pocket money paid him each week is sufficient for his normal needs.

### POSTAGE

Parents desiring to send presents of money, etc., to their boys are advised in their own interests to use registered mail thus ensuring the safe arrival of their gifts.