

## ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW RATING OF ELECTRICIAN.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the inadequacy of the skilled assistance at the disposal of the Torpedo Officers of Your Majesty's Fleet for the charge of the electrical fittings of Your Majesty's Ships;

And whereas we are of opinion that the difficulty of obtaining such skilled assistance can best be met by the entry of men, skilled in electrical work, from the Shore, who would be given a suitable training in the Torpedo School before being drafted to sea;

We therefore beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve of the establishment of a new rating of "Electrician," from 1st April 1901, and to authorise us to enter Electricians in such number as we may deem advisable as part of the complement of Your Majesty's Ships, with the rank of Chief Petty Officer, and under the following regulations as to rate of pay and promotion, viz. :—

Electrician, 4th Class.	On entry	5s. 6d. a day.
" 3rd Class.	After 3 years' service	5s. 9d. a day.
" 2nd Class.	After 7 years' service	6s. a day.
" 1st Class.	After 12 years' service	6s. 6d. a day.
Chief Electrician, 2nd Class.	promoted by selection,	7s. a day.

CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATION OF GUNNERY AND  
TORPEDO RATINGS AND IN ALLOWANCES PAY-  
ABLE TO VARIOUS RATINGS.

WHEREAS great difficulty has been experienced in training a sufficient number of Seamen in Your Majesty's Navy for Gunnery and Torpedo Ratings :

And whereas we, having fully considered the circumstances, are of opinion that this difficulty will best be remedied by a more complete separation of the Gunnery and Torpedo Branches, involving the establishment of a new rating to be called Second Captain of Gun; by the revision of some of the existing titles of Gunnery and Torpedo ratings, and by a modification of the conditions under which all non-substantive ratings are paid :

And whereas we are also of opinion that it is desirable to consolidate existing regulations affecting non-substantive Signal Ratings, Gymnastic Instructors and Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Marines serving afloat with Gunnery qualifications :

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council, to sanction the following proposals:—

1. That the designation and allowances of the ratings in question shall be:—

*Gunnery.*

Petty Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy	}	Trained Man - - - - -	1 <i>d.</i> a day.
		Qualified Gunner (instead of Seaman Gunner Second Class) - - - - -	2 <i>d.</i> "
		Seaman Gunner (instead of Seaman Gunner First Class) - - - - -	4 <i>d.</i> "
		Second Captain of Gun (new rating) - - - - -	6 <i>d.</i> "
Petty Officers and Seaman of the Royal Navy.	}	Captain of Gun - 2 <i>d.</i> a day	} In addition to other Gunnery Allowances.
		Captain of Turret Gun 4 <i>d.</i> "	
		Captain of Turret - 6 <i>d.</i> "	
		Gunnery Instructor - 8 <i>d.</i> "	
Non-commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Marines.	}	Royal Marine Artillery:—	
		Captain of Gun - - - - -	2 <i>d.</i> a day.
		Royal Marine Light Infantry:—	
		Trained Man (Payable concurrently with either of the following) - - - - -	1 <i>d.</i> "
		Second Captain of Gun - - - - -	1 <i>d.</i> "
		Captain of Gun - - - - -	2 <i>d.</i> "

*Torpedo.*

Seaman Torpedo Man (instead of Seaman (junior Torpedo Man) - - - - -	6 <i>d.</i> a day.	
Leading Torpedo Man - - - - -	2 <i>d.</i> "	} In addition to other Torpedo Allowances.
Coxswain of Torpedo Boat - - - - -	2 <i>d.</i> "	
Torpedo Instructor - - - - -	8 <i>d.</i> "	

*Signalling.*

Signal Instructor:—Allowance to Chief and other Yeomen of Signals qualified to act as such in ships in which the rating is allowed, namely, Battleships, First Class Cruisers, and Depot Ships Qualified in the Higher Standard. Allowance to Chief Yeomen of Signals, Yeomen of Signals, Second Yeomen of Signals, Leading Signalmen and Qualified Signalmen, subject to the condition that the allowance shall not be paid to more than thirty per cent. of the total Signal Staff - - - - -	8 <i>d.</i> a day.
	3 <i>d.</i> a day.

*Gymnastic Instructors.*

Allowance to Seaman Class Petty Officers or men qualified to act as Gymnastic Instructors in ships in which the rating is allowed, namely, in mastless ships, in harbour ships, and in General Depôts - - - - -	4 <i>d.</i> a day.
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2. That the above rates shall be payable subject to the provision that a man holding the rating of Captain of Gun (or a Higher Rating) at the date of the introduction of these regulations (*see* section 4) is to be rated and paid from that date as Second Captain of Gun (in addition to other Gunnery Allowances), that is, if not entitled under existing regulations to be paid the allowance at equal rate laid down for Seaman Gunner Torpedo Men (Seamen Torpedo Men, new rating).

3. That the Petty Officers and men holding the non-substantive ratings specified in Section 1, shall receive the pay for such ratings continuously, whether in performance of the duties or not, and that Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Marines holding the Gunnery ratings set forth in Section 1 shall similarly receive continuous payment while borne for service afloat, whether in performance of the duties attached to the rating or not.

4. These proposals to take effect from the first day of April 1901.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

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## CHIEF GUNNERS AND CHIEF BOATSWAINS AND GUNNERS AND BOATSWAINS.

### Increase in Numbers.

WHEREAS under the provisions of the Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the twenty-ninth day of November, 1898, the following maximum numbers were authorised for the ranks of Chief Gunner and Chief Boatswain and Gunner and Boatswain, viz :—

Chief Gunners	}	
Chief Boatswains	}	100

(including 10 Officers holding such rank by virtue of their appointments)

Gunners	}	
Boatswain	}	1,150

And whereas we are of opinion that these numbers should be increased in order to allow of the addition of fifty Signal Boatswains: and that it is desirable that such addition should be accompanied by an increase of four in the number of Chief Gunners and Chief Boatswains, so as to retain the relative proportion in the numbers of Chief Gunners and Chief Boatswains and of Gunners and Boatswains:

## CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS.

## Decoration instituted.

WHEREAS we are of opinion that there should exist some means of recognising Distinguished Service before the Enemy on the part of Warrant Officers or Subordinate Officers of Your Majesty's Fleet, who by reason of not holding a Commission in the Royal Navy, are not eligible for appointment to any existing Order or Decoration.

We beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to institute a Decoration to be designated the Conspicuous Service Cross, and to consist of a Silver Cross, with the reverse side plain, but having on the obverse side in the centre Your Majesty's Imperial and Royal Cypher, E.R.I., surmounted by the Imperial Crown.

We would beg leave to recommend to Your Majesty that this Decoration be awarded for meritorious or distinguished services before the Enemy performed by Warrant Officers or Acting Warrant Officers, or by subordinate Officers of Your Majesty's Fleet: and that no person shall be nominated thereto unless his services shall have been marked by the especial mention of his name in despatches by the Admiral or Senior Naval or Military Officer Commanding the Squadron or detached Force.

The award of this Decoration to carry with it the right to have the letter C.S.C. appended to the Officer's name.

We would submit further that the names of those upon whom Your Majesty may be pleased to confer this Decoration shall be published in the London Gazette, and a registry thereof kept in the Office of the Lords' Commissioners of the Admiralty.

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26th September 1901.

G.H.

PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES TO WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, PETTY OFFICERS, AND MEN WHO MAY BE KILLED DURING WARLIKE OPERATIONS.

WHEREAS we deem it expedient that provision be made from Naval Funds for the widows and children of non-commissioned Officers and Petty Officers and Men belonging to Your Majesty's Navy and Marines or Reserve Forces who may be killed or drowned, or who may die from wounds or injuries received, or disease contracted, during warlike operations:

We beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following regulations to govern the grant of pensions and allowances to such widows and children accordingly:—

ROYAL NAVY.

REGULATIONS for the GRANT of PENSIONS to WIDOWS and ALLOWANCES to CHILDREN of SEAMEN and MARINES.

1. Pensions and allowances may be granted by the Admiralty to widows and children of non-commissioned Officers and Petty Officers and men of the Royal Navy and Marines, and of the Reserve Forces who are killed or drowned, or who die from wounds or injuries received, or disease contracted, during warlike operations.

2. These pensions and allowances will be granted only in cases where men have, during warlike operations,—

- (a) been killed or drowned; or
- (b) received wounds or injuries, and have died therefrom within 12 months; or
- (c) contracted or developed disease which terminated fatally within 12 months of removal from duty on account of such disease.

The pensions and allowances will not be granted to the widows or children of men who were killed or drowned, or who died, before the 11th October 1899.

3. Pension or allowance will not be granted when death has been due to a man's own culpable action or negligence, or when the widow was not legally married to the man before the receipt of the wound or injury, or before the disease was contracted.

ALLOWANCES FROM GREENWICH HOSPITAL FUNDS  
TO NON PENSIONERS ADMITTED TO HOSPITALS, &c.

WHEREAS by Article 2173, paragraph 6, of the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service, money allowances at the rate of 1s. or 2s. a week, according to circumstances, may be paid from the funds of Greenwich Hospital to Naval Pensioners admitted into Hospitals or Infirmaries, and whereas we deem it expedient to extend the payment of the allowance to men who may not be Naval Pensioners.

We beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize the payment of the allowance at the minimum rate of 1s a week to non-pensioners, to take effect from the 12th day of November 1900.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SIGNALLING COURSES FOR  
OFFICERS, AND REVISING EXISTING REGULA-  
TIONS AS TO GUNNERY AND TORPEDO COURSES.



## SUBMARINE BOATS.

## Compensation to Officers and Men employed in.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the risk and discomfort and possible danger to health entailed upon those officers and men who may be selected for service in the Submarine vessels now in course of construction for use in Your Majesty's Navy.

2. And whereas we are of opinion that the exceptional nature of the Service can best be recognised by the offer of some pecuniary advantage by way of compensation.

3. We therefore beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the following scale of allowances, viz. :—

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
For Officers, each	0	0 a day.
Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers, and Leading Seamen Ratings, each	2	6 a day.
Able Seamen ratings, each	2	0 a day.

The allowances to be established as from 1st September, 1901, and the conditions of payment to be at our discretion.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

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13th January 1902.

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ALLOWANCE TO CHAPLAIN AND NAVAL IN-  
STRUCTOR OF H.M.S. "EXCELLENT" FOR CON-  
DUCTING MATHEMATICAL EXAMINATION FOR  
RANK OF GUNNER.

WHEREAS under a recent scheme we have arranged that the mathematical examination of men of Your Majesty's Navy for the rank of Gunner in all Your Majesty's Gunnery and Torpedo Schools shall be conducted by one Officer, the Chaplain and Naval Instructor of Your Majesty's Ship "Excelent" ;

And whereas we are satisfied that the work connected therewith will cause a considerable addition to the ordinary duties of this Officer ;

We most humbly beg to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction an allowance of 2s. a day (£36 10s. a year) for this service.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

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## OFFICERS, R.N.—DIVIDED INTO FOUR BRANCHES.

WHEREAS by Article one hundred and twenty-nine of the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service, established under Orders in Council of Her late Majesty, and by Your Majesty's Orders in Council of the ninth day of February and the thirteenth day of May 1901, it is laid down that the Officers of Your Majesty's Navy are divided into two branches, namely, a Military Branch and a Civil Branch, and by Article one hundred and thirty-nine of the aforesaid Regu-

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HEAD WARDMASTER SANCTIONED FOR R.N.  
HOSPITAL, MALTA.

WHEREAS by Her late Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the third day of March 1900, sanction was given to the establishment of three positions of Warrant Rank for the Sick Berth Staff, one at each of the Royal Naval Hospitals at Haslar, Plymouth, and Chatham.

And whereas we are of opinion that a Head Wardmaster should be added to the Staff of the Royal Naval Hospital at Malta on the completion of the extension now being made to the Hospital.

We therefore beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the establishment of an additional post of Head Wardmaster, under the same Regulations as regards pay, allowances, &c., as those governing the appointments already in existence.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

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INCREASE OF PERCENTAGE OF HIGHER STANDARD  
SIGNAL RATINGS, AND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE  
PAY AND POSITION OF CANDIDATES WHO  
QUALIFY.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council dated the third day of March, 1900, the allowance of threepence a day payable to Signal Ratings in Your Majesty's Fleet who have qualified in the Higher Standard, is limited to thirty per cent. of the Signal Staff:

And whereas having taken into consideration the difficulty that is experienced in maintaining the Signal Class at its proper numbers, we think it desirable to make certain improvements in its pay and position, in order to encourage the entry of suitable candidates:

We therefore most humbly recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals, to take effect from the first day of October 1902:—

- (i.) The percentage of Signal Ratings allowed to qualify for Higher Standard to be increased from thirty per cent. to forty-five per cent. of total Signal Staff.
- (ii.) Men obtaining this qualification to be awarded according to their proficiency, First or Second Class Certificates, the holders of the First Class Certificates to receive sixpence a day, and the remainder threepence a day.