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PROMOTION TO FLEET CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

1. At a board held in HMS CENTURION in September 1971 you were selected as a provisional candidate for Fleet Chief Petty Officer to date 31 March 1972. Your Commanding Officer has already been informed of this by Naval General message.

2. You have until **13 OCT 1971** to decide whether to accept promotion and the conditions of service involved. If your Commanding Officer reports to me that you have not signed the necessary forms within this period, your name will be removed from the list of selected candidates; however, you will be eligible for promotion until the next board sits and should you subsequently accept promotion you will naturally suffer a loss of seniority. If you refuse promotion you will not be debarred from consideration by future boards provided that you remain eligible.

3. The three weeks decision period has been given to you so that you have an opportunity to consult your family if you wish. So that appointing can start as soon as possible, and to avoid undue turbulence to other men, this time limit must be imposed.

4. If you decide to accept promotion you must complete a new engagement form S 61 with the undertaking at Annex A attached to it.

5. A medical examination is required before your Commanding Officer can complete Form S61. You should arrange for this medical examination to be done right away so that there will be no delay.

6. The undertaking that you are required to sign places all Fleet Chief Petty Officers on the same terms of service:

a. Men who have not yet completed 22 years service have their engagements extended to complete 27 years service.

b. Men who have already completed 22 years service have their engagements extended to ensure a minimum period of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years service from the date of selection ie until 4 April 1974.

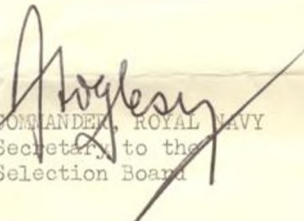
c. The engagements of men already serving to complete 27 or 32 years with longer than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years still to run are not affected and they will serve to complete these engagements in full.

d. All Fleet Chief Petty Officers have the right to apply to claim a free discharge on giving 18 months notice in writing at any time before or after completing 22 years service; the right to give less notice than this after completing 22 years is withdrawn.

7. On completion of the new engagement and on receipt of your acceptance of promotion action will be taken to appoint you to a billet as a Fleet Chief Petty Officer. This appointment may either place you in a Fleet Chief Petty Officer billet where you are now serving or send you to a new ship or establishment. In deciding this the appointing authority will be considering the order of priority for filling selected billets for FCPO and your career and preferences. You are invited to complete the new drafting preference card enclosed, adding such further details as you wish since you will be appointed on a personal basis (DCI(RN) 923/70 Paragraph 33). The card should be sent as soon as possible to HMS CENTURION via your Commanding Officer.

8. All Fleet Chief Petty Officers selected on this occasion will be promoted with a common seniority date of 31 March 1972 (except as provided for in paragraph 2 above.).

9. Fuller details of the terms of service for Fleet Chief Petty Officers are given in DCI's(RN) 923/70 and 817/71.

  
COMMANDER, ROYAL NAVY  
Secretary to the  
Selection Board

Annex

A. Waiver of right to discharge at less than 18 months notice.