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and guidance of the Commonwealth Naval Forces.

By direction of the Naval Board,

GEO. L. MACANDIE.

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**HOSPITAL TREATMENT OF MEMBERS OF PERMANENT N.O. 1
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1915.

1. With reference to Navy Order No. 83/1913, and statement showing particulars of hospital charges for Naval patients, dated 1st August, 1913, Commanding Officers of ships are empowered to send cases of a serious nature to civil hospitals ashore; it is at the discretion of the Senior Officer present to approve of superior accommodation in the case of Officers.

2. Should the necessity arise for landing sick Officers or Men at a place where there is no hospital or sick quarters, the Commanding Officer is to be guided by King's Regulations, Article 1246.

3. In cases where an Officer or Man elects to be treated in a private hospital, or by a private practitioner, a public hospital, with approved accommodation, being available, the expense incurred consequent on this decision will not be allowed by the Department. The patient in such a case will be responsible for, and will be required to pay, all the expenses involved.

4. Except in cases of emergency, operations shall not be performed by civil practitioners upon Officers and Men at Service expense, except in hospitals with which the Service has arrangements.

5. When an operation is necessary in cases of emergency, the Senior Medical Officer present, where practicable, is to be consulted, and if he considers it desirable to obtain outside assistance, he shall arrange for it at as moderate a charge as practicable, and should only exceed the fees on the undermentioned scale in exceptional circumstances

6. The Medical Officer who arranges the operation is to send a report in full on the subject to the Naval Board, through his Commanding Officer.

7. The statement forwarded to Commanding Officers giving particulars and terms of treatment at hospitals for Naval patients has been amended, and copies of the revised statement have been forwarded to Commanding Officers. The following institution has been approved since issue of the statement, and should be added thereto.

Western Australia.—Grosvenor Hospital, Beaconsfield (Fremantle): Officers, £3 3s. per week; Men, £2 2s. per week. (N. 14/4669.)

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N.O. 2
1915. ADVANCEMENT OF ROYAL NAVY RATINGS LENT TO ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

1. With reference to the question of the advancement of Active Service Ratings lent from the Royal Navy to the Royal Australian Navy to meet Royal Australian Naval demands, it is notified for information that in cases where such ratings belong to a class in which the authority to grant the higher rating is the Commodore of a Home Depôt, (*i.e.*, ratings promoted from Home Port Division Rosters) any advancements made in these classes on the authority of the Naval Board can only be regarded as local. In the event of their turn not having arrived for advancement on the Home Depôt Rosters prior to completing their period of engagement in the Royal Australian Navy, the ratings so concerned must revert to their Royal Navy Rating on return to that Service.

2. Where a rating is advanced to a higher rating to fill an actual vacancy in the complement, and the authority to grant such rating is the Captain, no reversion takes place on return to Royal Navy. (N. 14/5823.)

[Navy Orders 3, 4, and 5 of 1915.]

RETIRED PAY OR PENSIONS OF OFFICERS RETIRING FROM THE ROYAL NAVY. N.O. 3
1915.

With reference to the question of retired pay or pensions of Naval Officers who may retire from the Royal Navy while serving in the Royal Australian Navy, advice has been received from the Admiralty that an Officer severing his connexion with the Royal Navy at his own request, can, under no circumstances, be granted a pension from Imperial Funds unless he is eligible for optional retirement under Naval Regulations. (N. 14/5474.)

EXAMINATIONS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND NAVAL HISTORY. N.O. 4
1915.

1. With reference to Admiralty Circular Letter No. 7 of 14th February, 1913, in regard to the above subject, the Admiralty advise that Lieutenants, Royal Navy, lent for service in the Royal Australian Navy, are eligible to enter for the examinations in Foreign Languages and Naval History.

2. Officers of the Royal Australian Navy may also enter for these examinations under the same conditions as Officers of the Royal Navy.

3. It is pointed out that under the terms of Admiralty Weekly Order No. 492 of 5th September, 1913, all Officers of the relative rank of Lieutenant under five years seniority, are eligible for the competition in foreign languages.

4. In regard to Officers of the Royal Australian Navy, they will be grouped parallel to Officers of the Royal Navy as regards prizes, medals, or certificates; duplicate prizes, &c., being awarded to any Officers qualifying for them, at the expense of the Commonwealth Government. (N. 14/6088.)

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION FOR ARMOURER RATINGS. N.O. 5
1915.

With reference to Navy Order No. 94/1914, the Courses of Instruction for Armourers' Mates and Armourers, at Ordnance Depôt, Spectacle Island, Sydney, are to be altered to 10 days and 15 days respectively. (N. 14/5773.)

N.O. 6 DISPOSAL OF DUPLICATE RECORD BOOKS.

1915. 1. With reference to the disposal of duplicate record books of trainees transferred from Military to Naval Service, or *vice versa*, it is notified that the duplicate record book of any trainee who has previously served in the Military, Senior Cadets, or Citizen Forces, and is subsequently transferred to the Royal Australian Naval Reserve (O), is to be kept in the custody of the trainee's Naval Commanding Officer, together with his Naval Duplicate Record Book, as it is essential that when a trainee reaches his 26th year his Commanding Officer, whether Naval or Military, should have a full record of his service, in order that it may be accurately ascertained whether the trainee is liable to any further service under Section 133 of the Act. If the original Military Record Book be received, it should be handed to the trainee for retention.

2. Similarly, if a trainee who has served in the Royal Australian Naval Reserve (O) is transferred to the Military, his Duplicate Naval Record Book should be forwarded to the Area Officer concerned for his retention.

3. The receipt of such Military Record or Duplicate Record Book (Forms C.M. 7 and 8) is invariably to be acknowledged to the Area Officer from whom received by the trainee's Commanding Officer (*vide* Navy Order No. 12 of 1914). (N. 14/6479.)

N.O. 7 ADDENDA TO THE STEAM MANUAL, 1914.

1915. 1. An addenda to the *Steam Manual*, 1914, has been issued, of which a supply has been received from the Admiralty.

2. A number of copies of this addenda will be distributed to all H.M.A. ships and Naval Establishments by the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown.

3. Commanding Officers of all H.M.A. ships and Naval Establishments should demand on the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, the number of any further copies required in accordance with the established allowance for books of reference.

4. When the requirements of books of reference are asked for by Navy order, "nil" returns are to be rendered in all cases when applicable. (D.S. 14/693.)

N.O. 8 NOTIFICATION OF SHIPMENTS OF STORES.

1915. The attention of Commanding Officers of H.M.A. ships and Naval Establishments is drawn to the necessity, when possible, of supplying information as to the shipment of stores to H.M.A. Naval Establishments at least one mail

previous to the stores being forwarded. This is especially necessary in the case of explosives consigned to the Naval Ordnance Depôt, Spectacle Island, as the shipping companies require all explosives removed immediately the ship arrives in port, and great inconvenience is caused by the absence of the necessary information which is required by the Customs Department before the stores can be cleared. (N. 14/8798.)

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RELATIONS WITH CIVIL POWER.

N.O. 9
1915.

With reference to Navy Order No. 87 of 1914, the South Australian Government has now agreed to follow the procedure laid down in Article 811, King's Regulations, and in Admiralty Weekly Order No. 248 of 11th August, 1911. (N. 14/5907.)

H.M.A.S. "TINGIRA."

N.O. 10
1915.

The above-mentioned ship is placed under the orders of the Captain-in-Charge, H.M.A. Naval Establishments, Sydney, as from 1st August, 1914.

2. The following amendments of Navy Orders are to be made:—

N.O. 69 of 1913, paragraph 6, *delete* line 4, viz.:—
"The *Tingira* (Boys' Training Ship)."

N.O. 70 of 1913, paragraph 2, *add* "H.M.A.S. *Tingira*."

3. All reports from Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. *Tingira*, are to be rendered through the Captain-in-Charge, who also is to carry out the annual inspection of this ship, *vide* Article 423, King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions. (N. 14/5518.)

CHARGE FOR ARTICLES OF BEDDING NOT RETURNED. N.O. 11

1915.

1. The following procedure is to be adopted in connexion with Navy Order No. 69/1912—Issue of Bedding:—

2. A man discharged for any cause is to be charged the value of his loan articles *not returned*, or returned in an unfit state, on the following basis:—

Full value if he deserts or is discharged during first year of service.

4/5ths of full value if he deserts or is discharged during 2nd year of service.

3/5ths of full value if he deserts or is discharged during 3rd year of service.

2/5ths of full value if he deserts or is discharged during 4th year of service.

1/5th of full value if he deserts or is discharged during 5th year of service.

The above to apply to Royal Australian Naval ratings only.

Navy Orders 11, 12, and 13 of 1915.]

N.O. 11 3. A signed statement of ledger account, clothing gratuity balance (giving date to which credited, &c.), is to be placed inside the Service Certificate of all deserters by the Accountant Officer of the ship in which marked "Run," in order that a man may be dealt with promptly in the ship in which he is recovered.

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4. A note is to be made on a man's Service Certificate when Government bedding is issued to him. (N. 14/5693.)

N.O. 12 PACKAGES TO BE EXAMINED BEFORE DELIVERY TAKEN.

1915. 1. The following instruction is to be substituted for that given in Navy Order No. 103 of 1913:—

2. Officers responsible, or their representatives, are to examine carefully before taking delivery, all packages containing stores received from H.M.A. Naval Establishments, or elsewhere, in order that any instances of tampering with packages in transit may be detected before receipts are given for the packages.

3. Should the packages bear signs of having been tampered with, they should be opened in presence of a representative of the shipping company, and the contents checked before removal from the wharf. (D.V. 14/714.)

N.O. 13 COMMISSIONING OF H.M.A.S. "UNA."

1915. The German armed despatch vessel *Komet*, 937 tons, having been captured in New Guinea waters, has been renamed *Una*, and was commissioned at Sydney, on 17th November, 1914, for service in H. M. Australian Fleet.

[Navy Orders 14 and 15 of 1915.

FORM A.S. 46—ACCOUNTS OF MEN DISCHARGED TO SHORE "D.D." OR "RUN."

N.O. 14
1915.

So far as it relates to the rendering of Form A.S. 46, Navy Order 115 of 1912 is cancelled, and the following substituted:—

1. Upon the realization of the clothes and effects of men discharged to shore "D.D." or "Run," Form A.S. 46 is to be rendered without delay to the Director of Navy Accounts.

2. The rendering of Form A.S. 46 does not dispense with the transmission of Form A.S. 1031z., which must be rendered in all cases (*vide* Navy Orders 43 of 1914, and 69 of 1914).

3. In the case of men discharged to shore or "D.D.," the net sum realized from the sale may be credited to the ratings account in "Other Credits" column, and the words "Sale of Effects" entered in the "Description" column of the ledger.

4. Under no circumstances, however, should a deserter's account be so credited.

5. When charging the accounts of purchasers, it is particularly necessary that the letters "D.M.E." be utilized to designate charges for dead or discharged men's effects, and "R.M.E." those for deserters; the totals of each class being shown separately on the folios, and also the summary of the ledger.

REMITTANCES TO MEET PAYMENT OF SHIP'S OFFICIAL N.O. 15 ACCOUNTS.

1915.

Where it is necessary for special reasons for H.M.A. ships to make remittances to meet payment of ship's official accounts, bank drafts should be obtained from the Commonwealth Bank in all cases where a branch of the bank exists. No charge will be made by the Commonwealth Bank to the Accountant Officer when obtaining a draft for transmission of public money; payment of exchange, in such cases, being made by the Treasury. (N. 14/5417.)

N.O. 16

FORMS.

1915. 1. The following forms have been adopted for use in the Royal Australian Navy. Supply may be obtained on demand on the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown:—

A.S. 10.—“Extra pay for work in double bottoms.” (D.S. 14/790.)

A.S. 21.—“Pilotage Certificate and Receipt.” (D.S. 14/888.)

A.S. 83.—“Part III., Implement Account.” (D.S. 14/801.)

A.S. 431A.—“Copy of Navigation Certificate.” (D.S. 14/761.)

A.S. 1320B.—“Naval Signal.” (D.S. 14/411.)

A.S. 1320C.—“Naval Signal Form” (large). (D.S. 14/411.)

A.S. 134D.—“Demands to Replenish, Supplementary.” (13/9951.)

A.S. 1070.—“Menu for General Mess.” (D.V. 14/711.)

S. 100.—Part I.—Account of Mess Traps for the use of Flag and Commanding Officers.

S. 100.—Part II.—Account of Mess Traps for Ward or Gun Room Mess.

S. 100.—Part III.—Account of Mess Traps supplied for Warrant Officers' Mess. (D.V. 14/724.)

2. Supply of the following forms will be made by the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, without demand:—

A.S. 66.—(Outside and Inside) “Remittance Lists.” (D.S. 14/954.)

A.S. 16.—“Payment for Extra Fresh Diet, &c. for Sick Mess.” (D.S. 14/543.)

A.S. 39.—“Cash Balance Book.” (N. 14/5386.)

3. The following form has been revised. Supply may be obtained on demand on the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown:—

A.S. 22.—“Voucher for purchase.” (D.S. 14/792.)

N.O. 17

FORMS.

1915. In future, stocks of “S” forms will be maintained at the Naval Depot, Williamstown, and all “D” forms at Garden Island. Supplies of these respective forms should be demanded from the Naval Store Officers at the above depôts (*vide* also Navy Order, No. 137, of 1912). (D.S. 14/654.)

MAILS FOR H.M.A. SHIPS.

N.O. 18

Section 1 of Navy Order No. 32 of 1913 is cancelled, and the following substituted therefor:—

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LETTERS POSTED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1. Arrangements have been made with the General Post Office, London, to collect all letters posted in the United Kingdom for H.M.A. ships, and to seal the letters for each ship in separate bags.

2. The General Post Office, London, will despatch the mail bags weekly with the Australian mail, addressed to c/o Postmaster, Fremantle, Western Australia (except those specially addressed as denoted in paragraph 3). The Postmaster, Fremantle, will be informed by the Navy Office, Melbourne, of the ports to which the bags are to be forwarded, and will arrange for the immediate re-shipment of the mails as required.

3. Mails for the following ships will be forwarded direct from London to the ports named:—H.M.A.S. *Penguin*, Sydney; H.M.A.S. *Tingira*, Sydney; H.M.A.S. *Cerberus*, Williamstown, *via* Melbourne; and H.M.A.S. *Gayundah*, Brisbane.

4. A letter bill and list of registered letters will be enclosed in each mail bag. Registered letters are to be recorded in a book kept by the Commanding Officer for the purpose, and the receipt of the addressee obtained therein.

5. Letters upon which any charge is to be levied by the Postal Department will be fastened together, with a statement attached giving the number of insufficiently prepaid letters, and the total amount of the charges thereon, and will be enclosed in a bag for each ship. All such charges are to be collected by the Accountant Officer of the ship, who is to remit quarterly the total sum so collected to the Deputy Postmaster-General, General Post Office, Melbourne, accompanied by the statements referred to.

6. The English mail is received in Melbourne, at the Spencer-street Railway Station, each Sunday, and mails for any of H.M.A. ships lying in Hobson's Bay may be obtained from the Postal official at the train, upon production of an order duly signed by the Commanding Officer of the ship. (N. 14/5864.)

MOTOR BOATS—PREVENTION OF FIRE.

N.O. 19

1915. *Lamps*.—No lamps other than electric lamps are to be used in the engine-room. All boats which are not already fitted with electric light, and which may be required for night duties, and all new boats, are each to be provided with one portable accumulator lantern for lighting the engine-room, and one spare accumulator for same.

Navy Orders 19 and 20 of 1915.]

N.O. 19 *Fuel Tank.*—The fuel tank is to be filled during daylight hours only. When filling from petrol or kerosene tins, a McKnight filler is to be utilized, in order to avoid spilling.

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continued.

A copper piercer of suitable dimensions for the McKnight filler is to be used for opening the tins.

Bilges.—The bilges are to be kept dry, to prevent the possibility of any petrol spilled in the engine-room being carried into any other compartment.

Flooring Boards.—Flooring boards in the engine-room are to be made portable, and of sufficiently small dimensions to enable them to be quickly removed. They are to be painted all over.

Fire Extinguisher.—An "Electrene" No. 1 fire extinguisher, and a supply of sand, are to be kept in the engine-room in readily accessible positions.

The following items are also to be stocked at each boat's head-quarters for use when refilling fire extinguishers:—

- 3 No. Valves.
- 1 No. Pump, 125 lbs, pressure.
- 2 No. Quart tins of "Electrene" (spare).

Remarks.—It has been found by experiment that petrol burning in bulk cannot be extinguished. However, if the spirit is spilled over wood and set on fire, it is easily extinguished by the aid of an extinguisher or sand, or both, if applied before a large quantity of oil is allowed to accumulate.

Demands.—H.M.A. ships and Establishments should demand from the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, any of the articles mentioned above that may be required. (N. 14/8996.)

N.O. 20 CONDITIONS GOVERNING PAYMENT OF SUBMARINE PAY.

1915. With reference to Navy Order No. 100 of 1914, Clause 2, paragraph (d) is amended to read "In cases dealt with under paragraph (a). . . ." instead of "In cases dealt with under paragraph (b). . . ." (N. 14/4291.)

[Navy Order 21 of 1915.]

KING'S REGULATIONS AND ADMIRALTY INSTRUCTIONS. N.O. 21

1915.

It is notified for the information of all concerned that an additional copy of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, namely, Volume 2 of 1914, has now been issued.

2. A supply of these books has been obtained from the Admiralty, and a first supply will be made to H.M.A. ships and Naval Establishments by the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown. A further quantity of these books has been ordered, and on receipt a further supply will be made.

3. Demands should also be forwarded to the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, for any copies required in accordance with Article 38 of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions. The price of this book is 1s. 6d.; *vide* also Navy Order 29/14. (D.S. 14/1343.)



Navy Office Library.

COMMONWEALTH FORCES.

NAVY ORDERS,
1915.

NAVY OFFICE,

Melbourne, 12th June, 1915.

The following Orders are promulgated for the information and guidance of the Commonwealth Naval Forces.

By direction of the Naval Board,

GEO. L. MACANDIE.

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INCOME TAX ASSESSMENTS, VICTORIA.**N.O. 22****1915.**

It is notified, for the information of all concerned, that advice has been received from the Victorian Commissioner of Taxes to the effect that, as regards the State of Victoria, the value of quarters provided for officers and men of the Royal Australian Navy need not be included in their returns as income for taxation. (N.15/2108.)

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS ON ARRIVING AT AUSTRALIAN PORTS.**N.O. 23****1915.**

The attention of Commanding Officers and Medical Officers is called to the necessity for strict compliance with the Commonwealth Quarantine Regulations.

2. On first entering a port of the Commonwealth from overseas, that is to say, from any place other than New Zealand and Fiji, it is incumbent upon the ship to obtain pratique before proceeding into harbor and anchoring.

3. The Quarantine Officer will board the ship, make the necessary inquiries from the Medical Officer, and grant pratique if the written report signed by the Commanding Officer and the Medical Officer is considered satisfactory. In the case of ships in company, the Senior Officer's ship only will be boarded.

4. This regulation applies only to vessels carrying a Medical Officer. In other cases an inspection by the Health Officer will be necessary. (N. 15/1053.)

INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS—SUPPLEMENT 1913. N.O. 24**1915.**

Attention is drawn to Admiralty Weekly Order of the 17th July, 1914, wherein it is stated that all editions of the International Code of Signals 1913 can be brought up to date by means of a supplement which is issued separately.

2. It is requested that H.M.A. Ships and Establishments will report forthwith to the Naval Secretary the number of copies of these supplements required. (D.S. 15/72.)

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N.O. 25 PRICES AT WHICH OFFICERS' GILT BUTTONS ARE TO BE ISSUED ON RE-PAYMENT.

1915.

With reference to Navy Order No. 110, of 1914, relative to gilt buttons for uniforms of Officers of Royal Australian Navy, hereunder are shown prices at which these buttons may be obtained from Accountant Officers:—

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Officers' Gilt Buttons, $\frac{3}{16}$ inch ...	3	1 per dozen
Officers' Gilt Buttons, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch ...	2	1 per dozen
Officers' Gilt Buttons, $\frac{3}{32}$ inch ...	1	10 per dozen

(D.S. 15/141.)

N.O. 26 ISSUING PRICES OF BUTTONS.

1915.

The following issuing prices for uniform buttons are to be shown in Official Memorandum, dated 1st March, 1914.—Prices of Seamen's Clothing for Petty Officers, Men and Boys:—

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
C.P.O.'s Buttons, Gilt, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch ...	3	1 per dozen
C.P.O.'s Buttons, Gilt, $\frac{3}{16}$ inch ...	1	10 per dozen
Buttons, White Horn, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch ...	4	1 per gross
Buttons, Black Horn, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch ...	3	1 per gross
Buttons, Black Horn, $\frac{3}{16}$ inch ...	2	1 per gross

(D.V. 15/141.)

N.O. 27 QUARTERLY RETURN OF SMALL BOATS IN SERVICE.

1915.

With reference to Navy Order No. 102, of 1913, paragraph 1, it is notified, for the information of all concerned, that—

The printed form referred to for the rendering of above returns has been adopted as "A.D. 564-z", and stocks will, in future, be held by the Naval Store Officer, Sydney, instead of at Navy Office, as hitherto.

A supply of these forms may be obtained as required by demand on the above mentioned officer.

N.O. 28 ENTRY OF ENGINEER OFFICERS.

1915.

For the information of Commanding Officers, the conditions governing the entry of engineering graduates to the Royal Australian Navy are as under:—

1. All candidates nominated by the Universities are required to have completed a University Course of not less than four years in Mechanical Engineering. Exceptional cases of graduates in other branches of Engineering will be considered on their merits.

2. Not to have less than twelve months' workshop experience in the aggregate.

3. To be medically fit, according to the requirements prescribed for service in the Royal Australian Navy. **N.O. 28**
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4. Age not to exceed 24 years, except in special circumstances. *continued.*

5. Candidates on entry to be given the rank of Probationary Engineer Sub-Lieutenant, with the pay and allowances as laid down for Engineer Sub-Lieutenants on promotion. Probationary Engineer Sub-Lieutenants only to provide themselves with the minimum requirements of Naval Uniform, and to be granted their Uniform Allowance for a year in advance on entry (£18 5s.).

6. Probationary Engineer Sub-Lieutenants to be confirmed in the rank of Engineer Sub-Lieutenant after a year's training in ships or Naval Establishments on passing the prescribed examinations in the courses of instruction which they have undergone.

7. Seniority in rank to date from original entry as Probationary Engineer Sub-Lieutenant, and service as such to count as full time.

8. Engineer Sub-Lieutenants to be eligible for promotion to Engineer Lieutenant on completion of two years' service in the confirmed rank of Engineer Sub-Lieutenant, provided they have passed the prescribed examination, and are recommended for promotion. This period may be reduced in the case of officers displaying conspicuous ability.

Examination for Engineer Lieutenant.

9. (1) The Examining Board is to consist of an Engineer Officer not below the rank of Engineer Commander and an Engineer Commander or Engineer Lieutenant Commander. The examination is to be conducted in the presence of a Captain or Commander, or of such officer as may be nominated for the purpose.

(2) Qualifications—

(i) All the qualifications required of an Engineer Sub-Lieutenant.

(ii) Be fully competent to perform the various duties of an Engineer Lieutenant.

(iii) Be well acquainted with the principles upon which marine engines work in all their parts.

(iv) Able to adjust the various working parts, and set right defects which may arise in the engine-room department.

(v) Be in every respect competent to take charge of the engines in the absence of the Engineer Officer.

(3) The result of the examination is to be noted on Form S. 435 as "Ordinary," "Creditable," or "Very Creditable." (N. 15/1038.)

N.O. 29 TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESSES.

1915. The following telegraphic addresses are published for general information:—

Officer.	Telegraphic Address.
Commanding Officer, R.A.N. College, Jervis Bay, Via Nowra, N.S.W.	Naval College, Via Nowra. (N.O. 30/1913 is to be amended accordingly.)
Director of Naval Works, Wool Exchange Building, King-street, Melbourne.	Naval Works, Melbourne.

(N.15/2701.)

N.O. 30 ADVANCEMENT OF WARRANT OFFICERS TO RANK OF MATE OR MATE (E).

1915.

The following regulations regarding advancement of Warrant Officers to rank of Mate or Mate (E) are published for information of Officers concerned:—

- See Navy Order No 86/1915*
- (1) A limited number of Warrant Officers who have served at least three years in that rank, two years of which must have been in a ship of war at sea, will be selected for advancement to the rank of Mate or Mate (E).
 - (2) At present, owing to the very few Warrant Officers serving in Royal Australian Navy, one Executive Warrant Officer, and one Artificer Engineer will be selected in alternate years, but in future, when the field of selection has become greater, the number of these promotions will be increased.
 - (3) Mates thus promoted will be appointed to sea-going ships for two years to gain experience in watch-keeping duties, navigation, gunnery, torpedo and signals. During this time, if they wish to qualify for further advancement, they will be required to pass examinations similar to those prescribed for Lieutenants wishing to be considered for appointment to Destroyers, King's Regulations, Appendix X, Part IV.

After two years' service as Mate, and subject to passing the above examinations, and provided they are well reported on and recommended for advancement, these officers will be promoted to Lieutenant, Royal Australian Navy.

- (4) Mates (E) on being specially advanced as in **N.O. 30** paragraph (1) will be appointed to sea-going ships for two years, during which time they will be required to pass the examination laid down for Engineer Lieutenant (Junior List), Appendix X., Part V., King's Regulations.

After two years' service as Mate (E), and subject to passing the above examination, and provided they are well reported on and recommended for advancement, these officers will be promoted to Engineer Lieutenant, Royal Australian Navy.

- (5) Mates and Mates (E) will mess in the Ward Room, and rank with, but after, Sub-Lieutenants.
- (6) Pay.—Mates and Mates (E)—active, 11s. per day; deferred, 2s. 9d. per day. Lieutenants and Engineer Lieutenants—as laid down in Financial and Allowance Regulations.
- No married allowance will be paid to any of above. Mates and Engineer Mates, Lieutenants, and Engineer Lieutenants promoted from Warrant Officer, will be allowed 2s. per day messing allowance.
- (7) This scheme admits of selections being made from the ranks of Stoker Warrant Officers, as well as those from Artificer-Engineers, for the rank of Engineer Mate.
- (8) These regulations are framed after reviewing the present facilities in Australia for training Officers. As soon as circumstances render it possible, these regulations may be amended to include theoretical courses for both branches of Mates at Navigational and Engineering Colleges established on shore, and it is possible that, later on, the field may be widened by the selection of more junior ratings than Warrant Officers for the rank of Mate. (N. 14/1940.)

*See N.O. 10/1916***DAMAGED CHRONOMETERS OR WATCHES.****N.O. 31**

1915.

Commanding Officers are informed that damaged chronometers or watches will not be accepted at the chronometer depôt unless accompanied by a copy of the report, which must be rendered to the Naval Board (through the Officer in Charge, Chronometer Depôt, Garden Island, Sydney), in all cases of damage, in accordance with Article 1010, paragraph 6, of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions. (N. 15/2367.)

1915,*continued.**see N.O. 65/1915*

N.O. 32 PAY OF RECRUITS FINALLY ENTERED.

1915. With reference to Navy Order No. 85 of 1914, the words "their place of residence" are to be substituted for the words "port of entry" in third and last lines. (N. 15/1954.)

N.O. 33 PASSAGES OF WIVES AND FAMILIES OF OFFICERS LENT FROM THE ROYAL NAVY.

1. Officers volunteering for service in the Royal Australian Navy for three years will be granted passage of wife and family to Australia. After completion of three years' service with Royal Australian Navy, a return passage will be granted for wife and family.

2. If, through reasons beyond an Officer's control, his service with Royal Australian Navy is terminated before expiration of the three years, the Commonwealth do not hold themselves responsible for the return passage of wife and family, but, on application being made, the whole or a portion of the return passage may be granted, after taking into consideration the circumstances attending the withdrawal of the Officer from the Royal Australian Navy.

3. Should private reasons necessitate the return of an Officer's wife or family prior to the completion of the three years' service, the money for this passage will not, as a general rule, be paid until this period has been completed; a portion, however, may be advanced on application being made, the amount being dependent on length of service of Officer in the Commonwealth Service.

4. Should an Officer's services with the Commonwealth be terminated owing to his misconduct or unsatisfactory service, or should an Officer voluntarily withdraw from the Royal Australian Navy prior to the completion of the period for which lent, the Commonwealth do not hold themselves liable for a return passage of the Officer's wife and family. (N. 15/2943.)

N.O. 34 FOREIGN SERVICE LEAVE.

1915. With reference to Navy Order No. 45 of 1913, regarding leave to officers and men lent from the Royal Navy, attention is drawn to paragraph 2, directing that Forms S.48, S.227, and S.505 are to be prepared as laid down in the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, and forwarded to Naval Representative, London. (N. 14/6270.)

ENTRY OF RECRUITS.**N.O. 35**

In regard to the provisional medical examination of recruits for the Royal Australian Navy, the attention of Examining Medical Officers is drawn to the notes *re* eyesight test, on page 8 of "Medical and Surgical Notes for use of the Surgeons of the R.A.N. and R.A.N.R.," and also to the following extracts from notes, on page 13, namely:—

The real test of fitness is the candidate's likelihood to continue efficient and serviceable in any climate, and under all the vicissitudes of the service for a period of not less than 12 years. The examining officers must necessarily be guided by their own judgment as to whether defects in a minor degree are of sufficient importance to disqualify.

Special Entries.—Specially desirable (from the physical point of view) men and boys, although slightly under the physical standard, may be entered if the deficiency in height or chest measurement is more than counterbalanced by special general fitness, and if they are robust, intelligent, and of perfectly sound and healthy constitutions.

In every case in which a Medical Officer, in accordance with the discretionary power conferred upon him, passes a man or boy not entirely free from defect, he is to insert the particulars of such defects on *the disability clause at bottom of A.R. 5.* [The italicised words are in substitution for the words "Form S 271."] (N. 15/1101.)

ENGINEER OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR DUTY IN VESSELS BUILDING AT NAVAL DOCKYARD, COCKATOO ISLAND, SYDNEY.**N.O. 36 1915.**

1. Engineer Officers appointed to vessels building at a Naval Yard are to be considered as representing the interests of the Sea-going Service.

2. Any question affecting their department is to be referred to them by the Yard Authorities, and, conversely, they should refer questions to the Yard Authorities for discussion, if necessary, before forwarding the matter to the Naval Board.

3. In the event of non-concurrence, after reconsideration by the Yard Authorities, the matter is to be submitted by the Engineer Officer to the Naval Secretary, through the Captain-in-Charge of Naval Establishments at Sydney, with any remarks the latter may think fit to make.

4. The Engineer Officer should have access to any specifications or terms of contract for supply of main and auxiliary machinery and boilers. (N. 15/1299.)

N.O. 37 IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS SENT THROUGH THE POST.

1915. (1) Instances have occurred in which letters and bulky papers sent through the post have been received with the envelopes or outside covers burst open, or in such a mutilated condition as to allow of the extraction of their contents without further opening.

(2) Care is therefore to be taken to see that important documents or papers of a bulky nature intended for transmission through the post are enclosed in envelopes or covers of suitable strength.

FORMS.

N.O. 38 It is notified for the information of all concerned that the following forms have been adopted for use in the Royal Australian Navy:—

1915.

A first supply of the undermentioned forms will be made by the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, when available, without demand:—

A.S. 86.—Demand Note, Implements and Mess Utensils. (D.S. 14/850.)

A.S. 171A.—Monthly Return of Ratings Discharged to Public Hospitals. (D.S. 15/44.)

A.S. 229.—Statement of Coal and Coaling Gear Lost while Coaling, &c. (D.S. 14/988.)

A.S. 242.—Rough Report Book for Use of Master-at-Arms. (D.S. 15/187.)

A.S. 253.—Wine Book. (D.S. 15/66.)

A.S. 343.—Weekly Repair Sheet—Return of Defects Developed (Destroyer Flotillas). (D.S. 15/122.)

A.S. 353B.—Tube History Sheet for Water Tube Boilers. (D.S. 14/1135.)

A.S. 359z.—Oil Tank Book. (D.S. 14/605.)

A.S. 375.—Navigating Officer's Report of Position of Ship at Noon. (D.S. 15/27.)

A supply of the following may be obtained by demand on the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, in the usual way:—

A.S. 57.—Officers' Pay Book. (D.S. 14/1178.)

A.S. 100.—Part I.: Account of Mess Traps for Use of Flag and Commanding Officers. (D.S. 14/1256.)

A.S. 100.—Part II.: Account of Mess Traps for Ward or Gun Room Mess. (D.S. 14/1256.) **N.O. 38**

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A.S. 100.—Part III.: Account of Mess Traps Supplied to Warrant Officers' Mess. (D.S. 14/1256.)

A.S. 356.—(Outside and Inside) Report of Annual Examination of Boilers of H.M.A. Ships. (D.S. 15/259.)

A.S. 1322.—Signal Forms, Wireless Telegraphy. (D.S. 15/211.)

The following forms have been revised.

First supply of the undermentioned forms will be made by the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, without demand:—

A.S. 41, A.S. 41A.—Quarterly Ledger. (D.S. 14/978.)

A.S. 162.—Monthly Return of Vacancies in Complement. (D.S. 14/791.)

Supplies of the undermentioned forms may be obtained by demand on the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, in the usual way:—

A.S. 5.—Naval Advance. (D.S. 14/1156.)

A.S. 17.—Certificate of Payment of Officers and Men. (D.S. 14/505.)

A.S. 27.—Schedule of Payments. (D.S. 14/1325.)

A.S. 41B.—(Outside and Inside) Summary of the Quarterly Ledger. (D.S. 14/1269.)

A.S. 63.—(Outside) List of Allotments Signed. (D.S. 14/938.)

A.S. 184.—Return of Numbers Borne. (D.S. 14/853.)

A.S. 450.—Officers' Certificate. (D.S. 14/1174.)

A.S. 1330.—Receipt for Confidential Manuals, &c. (D.S. 14/1026.)

Form A.S. 45—Transfer Lists—has been revised. When stock of existing forms has been exhausted, the revised forms will be obtainable by demand on the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown. (D.S. 15/25.)

Form A.D. 38—Weekly Return Showing Dates of Taking in Hand, Completion, &c., of H.M.A. Ships and Vessels—has been adopted. Supply may be obtained by demand on the Naval Store Officer, Garden Island, Sydney. (14/2162.)

See No. O. 48/1915

Navy Orders 39 and 40 of 1915.]

N.O. 39
EXAMINATION FOR THE RANK OF ENGINEER
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

1915.

1. With reference to Article 280, King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, an Engineer Lieutenant of the Royal Australian Navy, with previous experience in the Merchant Service, may present himself for examination for the rank of Engineer Lieutenant Commander provided—

- (a) He has completed four years' combined service as Certificated Engineer in the Merchant Service and Engineer Officer in the Royal Australian Navy, of which at least two years has been in the rank of Engineer Lieutenant;
- (b) He has not less than three years' service as watch-keeper in sea-going ships;
- (c) He is recommended by his Commanding Officer.

2. The examination is to be conducted by two Engineer Commanders in the presence of a Captain or Commander.

Qualifications to be those laid down in K.R., App. X., Part VI., par. 2. (N. 14/8610.)

N.O. 40 ROYAL FLEET RESERVE RATINGS—STOPPAGES FROM
DEFERRED PAY FOR PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS.

1915.

Where any member of the Royal Fleet Reserve, who is serving in the Royal Australian Navy, renounces, in writing, his claim to the pension or gratuity from the Admiralty which he might otherwise have become entitled to in due course, no further deduction from his Deferred Pay for Pension Liability to the Admiralty will be made, and any amounts previously charged will be recredited to his account.

2. Men desirous of taking advantage of this order must sign, in duplicate, a declaration relinquishing all rights to Royal Fleet Reserve Pension or Gratuity, which is to be witnessed by the Commanding Officer and forwarded to the Director of Navy Accounts for transmission to the Admiralty.

3. Full particulars as to rating, official number, port division, &c., in the Royal Fleet Reserve, must also be stated for identification purposes.

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COMMONWEALTH FORCES

NAVY ORDERS,
1915.

NAVY OFFICE,

Melbourne, 26th July 1915.

The following Orders are promulgated for the information and guidance of the Commonwealth Naval Forces.

By direction of the Naval Board,

GEO. L. MACANDIE.

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[Navy Orders 41, 42, and 43 of 1915.]

"ENCOUNTER" DISASTER FUND. N.O. 41**1915.**

1. It is notified for general information that a sum, at present amounting to £252 2s. 6d., being the balance of a fund originated in 1910—after the loss of a pinnacle belonging to H.M.S. *Encounter*—known as "The *Encounter* Disaster Fund," is now vested in the Captain-in-Charge, H.M.A. Naval Establishments, and the General Manager, Garden Island, for the time being, as trustees of a fund to be devoted to the relief of the relatives of Petty Officers and men of the Royal Navy or the Royal Australian Navy serving in H.M. or H.M.A. Ships on, or of, the Australian Station, who are disabled on service, or who lose their lives under any circumstances.

2. The disposal of the Fund is entirely at the discretion of the Trustees, to whom all applications should be addressed. Applications should be accompanied by evidence of the financial circumstances, &c., in which the next-of-kin is placed, and whether the deceased or injured man was the sole support of his next-of-kin. (N. 15/4095.)

SERVICE CERTIFICATES.**N.O. 42****1915.**

With reference to Navy Order No. 74 of 1912, in the case of H.M.A. Ships absent from Australian waters, copies only of the men's service certificates are to accompany applications, requests, &c., except in those instances where the Commanding Officer considers that a perusal of the original certificate would facilitate a decision being arrived at. (N. 15/4070.)

THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL MEDICINE, TOWNSVILLE. N.O. 43**1915.**

1. The Department of External Affairs has advised the Naval Board that £300 is being provided to enable three scholarships to be awarded to young medical practitioners desirous of undergoing a course of instruction at the Australian Institute of Tropical Medicine, at Townsville.

2. Candidates for the Diploma of Tropical Medicine must be registered medical practitioners, and must either (a) have completed Part I. of the course for the Diploma of Public Health; or (b) have undergone a special course of preparatory instruction during one month at the University of Sydney, Melbourne, or Adelaide.

3. The course at Townsville will occupy three months, and will be placed in March, April, and May, 1916.

4. The scholarships will be awarded by the Minister for External Affairs.

Navy Orders 43, 44, 45, and 46 of 1915.]

N.O. 43 5. The Deans of the Faculties of Medicine at the Universities of Melbourne, Sydney, and Adelaide, have been asked to invite applications at the beginning of June, from medical practitioners registered in any Australian State (including those in the Commonwealth or State Service), and from medical officers of the Australian Navy, who are desirous of undertaking the course at Townsville. The latest date for the receipt of applications will be the 1st August next.

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continued.

6. The awards will be made before the end of September, and successful candidates who have not undergone the necessary preliminary training might receive instruction during the month of October, and proceed to Townsville in readiness for the course commencing on the 1st March. If candidates have undergone, or propose to undergo, any special course of preparatory instruction that might be accepted for purposes of a scholarship in lieu of the provisions of Clause 2, they should specify the same in their application, and should consult the University to which their application is addressed.

7. Applications will be received by the Universities of Sydney, Melbourne, or Adelaide.

8. Commanding Officers are informed that it is improbable any Naval medical officers can be spared during the present crisis to undergo the proposed course. (N. 15/4076.)

N.O. 44 OFFICERS LENT FROM ROYAL NAVY—EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF SERVICE DURING CONTINUANCE OF THE WAR.

1915.

R.N. Officers whose period of engagement in the Royal Australian Navy expires during the period of the war, are notified that the Admiralty has intimated that their appointments will, as a general rule, be extended until the termination of hostilities. (N. 15/3536.)

N.O. 45 ACCESSION OF EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

1915.

The Japanese Consulate has advised that the Ceremony of the Accession of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan will take place on the 10th November, 1915. (N. 15/4654.)

N.O. 46 PROMOTION OF BUTCHER CLASS III. AND CLASS II.

1915.

Advancement of Butcher Class III. and Class II. will be automatic on following lines:—

For Butcher, 2nd Class.—(a) Three years' service as Butcher 3rd class, provided that during the last two years' service his character has been V.G., and he is recommended for advancement.

(b) Authority to give rating, Captain of Ship.

For Butcher, 1st Class.—As at (a) and (b), except that for Butcher 3rd class read Butcher 2nd class. (N. 15/4498.)

[Navy Orders 47 and 48 of 1915.]

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESSES.

N.O. 47

The following telegraphic address is published for general information:—

Officer.	Telegraphic Address.
The Naval Store Officer, H.M.A. Naval Store Depot, Williamstown, Victoria.	Naval Stores, Williamstown.

(N. 15/4833.)

*amended
by H. P.
57/1915*

FORMS.

N.O. 48

The following forms have been adopted in the Royal Australian Navy. Supply may be obtained, when available, by demand on the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown:—

1915.

A.S. 218, List of men recommended for medal. D.S. 15/536.

A.S. 228, Report of suitability of Collier. D.S. 15/494.

The undermentioned forms have been revised, and supply may be obtained, when available, by demand on the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown:—

A.S. 41 } Quarterly Ledger. D.S. 15/563.

A.S. 41A }

A.S. 53, Return of Numbers Borne Monthly. D.S. 15/634.

A.S. 247, Leave Book. D.S. 15/657.

A.S. 271, Warrant for Punishment. D.S. 15/212.

Supplies of the following form will be made by the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, without demand. Previous editions are to be treated as obsolete:—

A.S. 297, List of Prizes Awarded for Good Shooting. D.S. 15/26.

With reference to Navy Order No. 38, of 1915, relative to the adoption in the Royal Australian Navy of certain "A.S." forms, as stocks of the following "S" forms are at present held, these forms will be issued as demanded until such time as present stocks are exhausted, when the new editions of the A.S. forms will be issued:—

S. 86, Demand Note, Implements and Mess Utensils.

S. 229, Statement of Coal and Coaling Gear Lost while Coaling, &c.

S. 242, Rough Report Book for Use of Master-at-Arms.

S. 253, Wine Book.

S. 353B, Tube History Sheet for Water Tube Boilers.

S. 375, Navigating Officer's Report of Position of Ship at Noon. D.S. 15/809.

Navy Orders 49, 50, and 51 of 1915.]

N.O. 49 ADMIRALTY MANUAL OF NAVIGATION.

1915. A first supply of *The Admiralty Manual of Navigation* will shortly be issued to H.M.A. Ships. Further supplies are also being ordered.

This publication will be on sale, and all Midshipmen are expected to provide themselves with a copy, for which a charge of 2s. will be made.

Accountant Officers of H.M.A. Ships should demand on the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, the number of copies required for the above purpose.

This publication will supersede the *Handbook of Pilotage, Notes Bearing on the Navigation of H.M. Ships*, and *Raper's Practice of Navigation*.

D.S.15/745.

N.O. 50 GILT BUTTONS FOR OFFICERS' UNIFORMS.

1915. The second size of Gilt Buttons appearing in Navy Order No. 25/1915 should read $\frac{1}{2}$ inch instead of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch. (D.V. 15/141.)

N.O. 51 NAVAL DISCIPLINE ACT.

1915. The Naval Discipline Act (consolidated), including the *Naval Discipline Act 1914*, and the Amendments for applying the Act to the Commonwealth Naval Forces, has been printed, and is available for supply to H.M.A. Ships.

2. The first supply, in accordance with the following establishment, viz. :—

Ships and Establishments commanded by a		
Captain or Commander	.. ..	4 copies
Other Ships and Establishments	.. ..	2 "
District Naval Officers	.. ..	2 "
Sub-District Naval Officers	.. ..	1 "

will be made by the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, without demand.

By Authority: ALBERT J. MULLETT, Government Printer, Melbourne.



COMMONWEALTH FORCES.

**NAVY ORDERS,
1915.**

NAVY OFFICE,

Melbourne, 3rd August, 1915.

The following Orders are promulgated for the information and guidance of the Commonwealth Naval Forces.

By direction of the Naval Board,

GEO. L. MACANDIE.

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[Navy Orders 52, 53, and 54 of 1915.]

N.O. 52

**QUALIFYING SERVICE BEFORE EXAMINATION FOR
RATING OF LEADING SEAMAN.**

1915.

1. It has been decided to modify the Regulations regarding period of qualifying service required before examination for rating of Leading Seaman as laid down in Appendix XV. of King's Regulations, in order to allow an Able Seaman to pass for Leading Seaman after one year's service as Able Seaman, but not to be rated until he has served two years in the latter rating. It is to be understood, however, that there is to be no lowering of the present standard.

2. Until further orders, Able Seamen serving in sea-going ships who have passed and are thoroughly recommended may be advanced to Acting Leading Seamen to fill vacancies in complement, notwithstanding they have not completed 2 years' service. (N. 15/4596).

N.O. 53

RATION ALLOWANCE.

1915.

On account of the additional cost of messing due to the abnormal conditions which have existed for some time past, the following has been approved and the necessary action is to be taken accordingly:—

- (i) Any balance debit on the General Mess Account at 31st May, 1915, as shown on Form A.S. 73, is not to be carried forward into the Accounts for June.
- (ii) From 1st June, 1915, the Ration Allowance for Seagoing Ships will be increased from 1s. 4d. to 1s. 8d. per head per diem.
- (iii) From 1st June, 1915, the Ration Allowance for Harbor Ships and Establishments will be increased from 1s. 2d. to 1s. 5d. per head per diem.

General Messes in all Ships and Establishments will therefore be free of all liabilities on 1st June, 1915, when the higher rate of Ration Allowance commences.

2. It is to be clearly understood that the increased rate of Ration Allowance is of a temporary nature and will be liable to reduction to the original scale when the Naval Board consider conditions are again normal.

3. The value of the stocks held on the General Mess Account on 1st June, 1915, should be debited against the Account as on that date. (N.15/4780).

N.O. 54

COMMISSIONING OF "PSYCHE."

1915.

H.M.A.S. *Psyche* was commissioned at Sydney on 1st July, 1915. (N.15/5112).

N.O. 55

SENATOR PEARCE'S VALEDICTORY.

1915.

Department of Defence,
Melbourne, 13th July, 1915.

In severing my official connexion as Minister with the Naval Board and the Naval Department, in consequence of the creation of a separate Department for the Navy, I wish to express my appreciation to the Board and the officers of the Department generally of the magnificent work that has been done, firstly, in the creation of the Royal Australian Navy; and, secondly, in the discharge of the duties thrown upon the Department as a result of the war.

In 1908, before the establishment of the Naval Board, I had the honour of being the Minister to give the order for the torpedo-boat destroyers *Yarra*, *Parramatta*, and *Warrego*, the first vessels of the Australian Navy. From that modest commencement the Navy has grown, until to-day it has assumed such proportions as to be able to render invaluable aid to the Mother Country in the prosecution of the war, both on sea and land. The operation of the Fleet at sea constitutes a record, which will become a tradition associated with the Naval Department, of which future generations will speak with pride. The Naval Forces on land at New Guinea and in various duties for the Commonwealth have also rendered valuable service.

I cannot speak too highly of the tremendous work that has been successfully accomplished in connexion with transport services, and the utilization of captured German vessels for the cargo trade of Australia. The provision of officers and crews for these vessels alone was a work of great magnitude, and has been successfully carried through.

The transport arrangements by which 75,000 troops have been successfully conveyed over thousands of miles of sea, without the loss of a single ship and with regularity and precision, speak volumes for the work that has been done by the Transport Board.

In severing my connexion, I do so with some regret, as it has been a source of pride and satisfaction to myself to be associated with a service that has accomplished so much. I feel, however, that the incoming Minister will receive the same loyal support and hearty co-operation, from the highest officer in the Department to the youngest boy on the *Tingira*, which I have received in the past.

May the Royal Australian Navy go forward to still greater successes.

(Signed) G. F. PEARCE,
Minister for Defence.

NON-SUBSTANTIVE RATING TO BE NOTED ON SERVICE N.O. 56
CERTIFICATES.

1915.

Cases have come under notice of Ratings having tampered with their Service Certificates, generally in regard to their G. and T. qualifications. It is considered that this is done in order to assist them in obtaining employment in civil life.

2. With a view to preventing Certificates of Service being tampered with in this manner, on a rating's discharge, the non-substantive rating held by him is to be noted at the foot of page 3 of his Service Certificate. (N.15/4871.)

*Amended
by H.O.
of 1916*

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.

N.O. 57

1915.

The telegraphic address appearing in Navy Order No. 47 of 1915 should read "Naval Stores, Williamstown," instead of "Stores, Williamstown." (N.15/4833.)

NAVAL DISCIPLINE ACT.

N.O. 58

1915.

A revised edition of the Naval Discipline Act (Consolidated), and a separate copy of the *Naval Discipline Act* 1915, has been printed and is available for supply to all H.M.A. Ships and Establishments. A first supply will be made by the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, without demand.

Previous editions of the above publication are to be treated as obsolete. (D.S.15/911.)



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NAVY OFFICE,

Melbourne, 25th August, 1915.

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COMMISSIONING OF "FANTOME." N.O. 59

H.M.A.S. *Fantome* was commissioned at Sydney on 27th July, 1915. (N. 15/5956.)

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S CONGRATULATIONS TO STAFF OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL COLLEGE. N.O. 60 1915.

The Governor-General congratulates Captain Morgan and Commander Grant and the Staff Officers and Instructors on the admirable installation provided by the Royal Australian Naval College.

The manner in which the complement of Warrant Officers and Naval ratings fulfil their functions; the bearing, intelligence, and smartness of the Cadets testify alike to the high character of the organization, discipline, and training at Jervis Bay. Everything points to the assured success of this all-important branch of the Commonwealth Naval organization.

The Governor-General will report to His Majesty the King that the impression derived from his visit is that, thanks to the high standard of training in the Naval College, there is every prospect that the future Officers of H.M.A. Fleet will maintain the tradition of the British Navy in the Southern Seas. (N. 15/5987.)

REDUCED KIT FOR OFFICERS OF R.N.R. AND R.A.N.R. N.O. 61

Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve and the Royal Australian Naval Reserve called up for service, or any other officer appointed temporarily to the Royal Australian Navy during the present hostilities, will not be required to provide themselves with the following articles of uniform:—

- Full Dress Coat.
- Ball Dress Coat.
- Cocked Hat.
- Epaulettes.
- Full Dress Sword Belt.
- Gold-laced Trousers.
- White Waistcoats.
- Boat Cloak.

2. Should an officer provide himself with any of these articles, no compensation will be paid to him in the event of their loss or damage from any cause whatever. (N. 15/5979.)

N.O. 62 SCALE OF CHARGES FOR HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

1915. With reference to the scale of charges for Medical Treatment in Hospital of members of Permanent Naval Forces (Sea-going), the rate now charged by the Coast Hospital, N.S.W., is 30s. per week, instead of 25s. as formerly. (N. 15/5200.)

N.O. 63 MINISTERIAL AND BOARD APPRECIATION OF SERVICES RENDERED BY THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR.

1915.

At the close of a year of warfare, the Minister for the Navy and the Naval Board congratulate the Vice-Admiral Commanding, the Officers and men of the Royal Australian Navy, and of the Naval Establishments, on their devotion to duty and the excellent service rendered to the Empire, and have every confidence that this high standard of efficiency will be maintained.

2. It has been specially gratifying to all in Australia to hear the good opinion expressed of Australians in the Fleet by those under whom they have served. (N. 15/6111.)

FREE RAILWAY TICKETS.

N.O. 64

1915.

1. The various State Governments have agreed that one free return railway pass per annum be granted to Officers and Men of Seagoing ships of the Royal Australian Navy to proceed to their homes when on leave during the period of the war.

2. These passes will be—

Officers	..	..	..	1st class.
Others	..	..	..	2nd class.

3. The following instructions are to be strictly observed:—

(a) On arrival at a port where railway facilities exist, the Commanding Officer is authorized, when giving shore leave, to issue a railway warrant in the customary form to such officers and men who desire to visit their homes. *These warrants are to be indorsed in red ink, "Free—Royal Australian Navy Shore Leave,"* and, on presentation at a railway booking office, the authorities will issue a "free" return railway ticket in exchange for the warrant.

- (b) Commanding Officers are to issue these warrants to officers and men on only one occasion during a visit to a port, *i.e.*, if a ship should remain in port for any extended period, an officer or man is not entitled to a "free" passage to his home for more than one visit.
- (c) When ships are about to give leave, railway authorities should be informed of the approximate numbers of men who will require free passes, and be requested to provide the necessary accommodation. (N. 15/4168.)

N.O. 64

1915,

*continued.***ADVANCEMENT OF WARRANT OFFICER TO RANK OF N.O. 65 MATE OR MATE (E).**

1915.

With reference to paragraph (4) of Navy Order No. 30 of 1915, the words "to pass the examination as laid down in para. (9) of Navy Order No. 28 of 1915" are to be substituted for the words "to pass the examination laid down for Engineer Lieutenant (Junior List), Appendix X., Part V., King's Regulations."

VACANCY FOR EXAMINER—STORES, VICTUALLING, AND N.O. 66 CONTRACTS BRANCH.

1915.

Applications are invited from Naval Staff Clerks qualified for appointment to the position of Examiner in the above Branch of the Naval Administration, Melbourne. Salary (minimum), £310 per annum.

Duties.

Examination of—

- (a) Claims made in connexion with contracts and purchases made under agreement.
- (b) Specifications for foodstuffs, &c., in order to determine whether they comply with Pure Food Acts.
- (c) Cases in which the protection of patent rights or the payment of royalties on patents are involved.
- (d) Articles submitted by tenderers in order to ascertain whether they comply with specifications.

Applications, stating fully qualifications for the position, should be forwarded through the Head of Branch so as to reach the Naval Secretary not later than 30th September, 1915.

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COMMONWEALTH FORCES.

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NAVY OFFICE,

Melbourne, 23rd September, 1915.

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MARRIED ALLOWANCE—TIME PRIOR TO DESERTION. N.O. 67

Until such time as "Run" is removed from a rating's Certificate of Service, time served prior to desertion is forfeited for purpose of computing service for payment of married allowance. **1915.**

BUTCHERS—BADGE OF RATING. N.O. 68

Butchers, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class, will continue to wear a silver star as the badge of their rating. **1915.**

RATING, ETC., OF MEN TRAINED AS SPARE NUMBERS FOR NON-SUBSTANTIVE RATINGS. N.O. 69**1915.**

It has been decided to apply the provisions of Admiralty Weekly Order No. 954 of 18th June, 1915, to the Royal Australian Navy.

Commanding Officers are thereby authorized to grant acting rating to a limited number of those men who have been trained in Ships as spare numbers for certain non-substantive ratings. (N. 15/5301.)

FORMS.**N.O. 70**

The following forms have been adopted for use in the Royal Australian Navy. **1915.**

A first supply of the undermentioned forms will be made by the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, without demand:—

A.S. 560A (Outside)	} Envelopes for Confidential Documents. D.S. 15/94.
A.S. 560B (Inside)—	

Supplies of the following forms may be obtained by demand on the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, in the usual way:—

A.S. 251.—Gangway Wine &c., Book for Wines, Spirits, &c. &c. D.S. 15/955.

A.S. 340B.—List of Repairs required. D.S. 14/498.

A.S. 354.—Report of State of Machinery. D.S. 15/1027.

A.S. 435.—Passing Certificate, Engineer-Lieutenant, and Sub-Lieutenant. D.S. 15/841.

A.S. 548.—Work Book for Navigating Officers. D.S. 15/1011.

A.S. 578.—Label for Men's Baggage. D.S. 15/1059.

A.S. 591.—Complement of H.M.A. Ships (Special Demand). D.S. 15/841.

N.O. 70**1915,***continued.*

A.S. 1236.—Certificate of Examination for Chief Sick Berth Steward. D.S. 15/841.

A.S. 1237.—Certificate of Examination for Ratings of Steward, Second S.B. Steward, and Sick Berth Attendant. D.S. 15/973.

A.S. 1307.—Certificate of Damage or Loss sustained while coaling H.M.A. Ships. D.S. 15/1028.

The following forms have been revised.

A first supply of the undermentioned forms will be made by the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, without demand. Previous editions are to be treated as obsolete:—

A.S. 49.—Certificate Authorizing Payment of Allowances credited in the Ledger. D.S. 15/926.

A.S. 507.—Quarterly Return of all Ratings, &c., recommended for advancement. D.S. 13/295.

A supply of the undermentioned forms may be obtained by demand on the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, in the usual way:—

A.S. 162.—Monthly Return of Vacancies in Complement. D.S. 15/1059.

A.S. 166, z.—Monthly Return of State and Condition. D.S. 15/1015.

A.S. 1330, z.—(Outside) Account of Receipt and Disposal of Secret and Confidential Books, &c. D.S. 15/1010.

The present form, A.S. 1097, z, "List of Messages sent through Wireless Telegraphy Shore Stations," will be issued as demanded until such time as present stock is exhausted, when a revised edition will be available for supply. Shore Establishments, District Naval Officers, &c., will be supplied on demand on the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, with the revised edition forthwith. (D.S. 15/690.)

N.O. 71**1915.**

PROMOTION WHILST SERVING IN THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY ON LOAN FROM THE ROYAL NAVY.

Where an Officer, Petty Officer, or Man serving in the Royal Australian Navy on loan from the Royal Navy is promoted by the Admiralty, and is appointed forthwith to a ship of the Royal Navy, promotion in the Royal Australian Navy will not be made. Pay and allowances, in such cases, will be continued at the Royal Australian Navy rates for the rank or rating held prior to Admiralty promotion until final discharge from the Royal Australian Navy. Pay and allowances of the higher rank or rating at Admiralty rates will commence from the day following discharge from the Royal Australian Navy, and not from date of promotion, and no allowance will be made on account of any difference between Royal Australian Navy rates for the lower rank or rating and the Admiralty rate for the higher rank or rating for the period between the date of promotion and date of discharge from the Royal Australian Navy.

N.O. 71**1915,***continued.*

2. In cases where Admiralty promotion does not involve immediate return to the Royal Navy, but an Officer remains in the Royal Australian Navy with the intention of completing his engagement with the Commonwealth, he will be promoted in the Royal Australian Navy with his proper seniority, and will receive pay and allowances in the higher rank as from the date he is re-appointed to one of H.M.A. Ships in his new rank. In similar circumstances, Petty Officers and Men will receive pay and allowances of their new rating as from the date of their advancement. (N. 14/6108.)



COMMONWEALTH FORCES.

NAVY ORDERS,
1915.

NAVY OFFICE,

Melbourne, 11th October, 1915.

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By direction of the Naval Board,

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FORMS.

N.O. 72

With reference to Navy Order No. 28 of 1914, approving of the use in the Royal Australian Navy of Form A.S. 49—certificate authorising payment of allowances credited on the ledger—this form is to be used for all special allowances credited on the ledger for which no other form is provided, such as Store Allowances, Difference of Mess Subscription, &c.

1915.

This form should accompany into office the enclosures to the quarterly ledger. (F. 29/7/32.)

TRAINING OF R.N.R. (IMPERIAL) OFFICERS ON BOARD H.M.A. SHIPS. N.O. 73

1915.

The following is to be added as paragraph 5 of Navy Order No. 126/1913:—

5. With reference to Articles 94, 160, and 162, R.N.R. Regulations (Officers), R.N.R. Officers should be informed that they will have no claim on Commonwealth funds on account of death or injury while performing their periodical training in H.M.A. Ships. The Admiralty undertakes this liability. (14/2846.)

MEDICAL STORES.

SCALE OF MEDICINES, ETC., FOR SERVICE AFLOAT.

N.O. 74

The quantity of Potass. Citras shown in column 2 of Navy Order No. 91/1914 should read $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. instead of $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. (N. 14/233.)

1915.

STEAMSHIP CONCESSION RATES.

N.O. 75

The undermentioned steam-ship companies have agreed to grant to officers and men of the Permanent Naval Forces travelling *on duty* from Western Australia to the Eastern States a concession at the rate of twenty (20) per cent. off first, second, and third class fares:—

1915.

Huddart Parker Limited.
Australian Steamships Limited.
Adelaide Steamship Company Limited.
Australasian United Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.
McIlwraith, McEacharn's Line Pty. Ltd.
Melbourne Steamship Company Limited.

Passage Orders drawn on the above companies are to be indorsed in red with the words "Entitled to reduction of 20%." (N. 15/6505.)

N.O. 76 NOTATIONS ON SHIPS' LEDGERS.

1915. Attention is drawn to Admiralty Weekly Orders Nos. 1037 and 1038 regarding Notations on Ships' Ledgers. These instructions should be carefully followed by Accountant Officers. (N. 15/7333.)

N.O. 77 TRAINING OF R.N.L. IMPERIAL OFFICERS ON BOARD H.M.A. SHIPS

The following is to be added as paragraph 2 of Navy Order No. 124/1915:—

2. With reference to Articles 24, 100, and 102, H.M.A. Regulations (Officers)—H.M.A. Officers should be informed that they will have no claim on Government funds on account of death or injury while performing their periodical training in H.M.A. Ships. The Admiralty understands this liability. (14/2418)

MEDICAL STORES

Scale of Maintenance, Part, for Seaver's Account. The quantity of Stores shown in column 3 of Navy Order No. 12/1915 should read 1/2 instead of 1/4 or 1/2. (14/2420)

N.O. 78 STEAMSHIP CONCESSION RATES

The undersigned steamship companies have agreed to grant to officers and crew of the Transport Naval Force travelling on duty from Western Australia to the Eastern States a concession at the rate of twenty (20) per cent of first second and third class fares:—

- Holland-Strait Line
- Australian Steamship Limited
- A. & S. Steamship Company Limited
- Australian United Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.
- Mellor's, McEwen's, Lane Pty. Ltd.
- Melbourne Steamship Company Limited

Particulars drawn on the above companies are to be included in the monthly statement of reduction of

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NAVY OFFICE,

Melbourne, 6th November, 1915.

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OFFICERS' STEWARDS AND COOKS—CAP BADGES. N.O. 77

- 1915.**
1. Chief Officers' Stewards or Cooks, Officers' Stewards or Cooks, and Boy Servants are to wear the Cap Badges authorized for ratings wearing Classes I. and III. uniform.
 2. Officers' Stewards and Cooks, 1st Class, of over five years' service as such, are to be allowed to wear the Cap Badge authorized for ratings wearing Class I. uniform.
 3. Navy Order No. 50 of 1914 is hereby cancelled.—(N.15/6420.)

PASSAGES BY SEA. N.O. 78

1915.
With reference to Financial and Allowance Regulations 77 (5) (a) and 77 (6) (c), all passages by mercantile vessels are in future to be provided on the following scale:—

Rank or Rating.	Class of Accommodation.
Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers, and Subordinate Officers ...	1st Class.
Chief Petty Officers ...	2nd Class.
Petty Officers and other Ratings ...	3rd Class.

2. In cases where good third class accommodation is not available, Commanding Officers may approve of a higher class being provided; but such approval must, in every case, be stated on the voucher on which payment is made.

3. Persons employed on the Administrative and Instructional Staff, or connected therewith, classified in Grades I. to III. inclusive, of Financial and Allowance Regulation 51 (1) (a), are to be provided with third class accommodation when travelling by sea.

Financial and Allowance Regulations will be amended accordingly.—(N.15/7562.)

PRICES OF SEAMEN'S CLOTHING FOR PETTY OFFICERS, MEN, AND BOYS. N.O. 79**1915.**

Official Memorandum of 1st September, 1915, is to be amended as follows:—

1. *Insert*—Boots, Sea ... pair £1 11s. 6d.
Stokehold... pair 7s. 2d.

2. With reference to the items, Overcoats (Seamen's), and Overcoats (C.P.O.'s), on pages 8 and 9, a footnote should be inserted reading, "Obtained from Home Victualling Yards," attention being directed to this by a double asterisk shown against each item.

(D.S. 15/1326.)

N.O. 80 **HOSPITAL TREATMENT OF MEMBERS OF**
1915. **PERMANENT NAVAL FORCES.**

With reference to Navy Order No. 83 of 1913, in connexion with the treatment of members of the Permanent Naval Forces (Sea-Going) in hospitals ashore, the Sydney Hospital is to be included in the list of hospitals at which Naval patients may be treated.

Scale of Charges:—

Officers	...	...	£4	4	0	per week.
Men	...	...	£1	10	0	per week.

(N.15/7744.)



COMMONWEALTH FORCES.

NAVY ORDERS,
1915.

NAVY OFFICE,

Melbourne, 26th November, 1915.

The following Orders are promulgated for the information and guidance of the Commonwealth Naval Forces.

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N.O. 79 **PRICES OF SEAMEN'S CLOTHING FOR PETTY OFFICERS,**
1915. **MEM. AND BOYS.**

Official Memorandum of 1st September, 1915, is to be amended as follows:—

1. Tarses—Boots, Sea	... pair £1 1s. 6d.
Stocks—Boots	... pair 7s. 6d.

2. With reference to the items Overseas (Seamen's), and Overseas (C.P.O.'s) on pages 2 and 3, a footnote should be inserted reading "Obtained from Home Veterinary Yard" attention being directed to this by a double asterisk.

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TARRED CORDAGE.**N.O. 81**

Tarred Cordage will in future only be issued for Ratlines, Buoy-ropes, Bolt-ropes for Sails, Awnings and Windsails, Life-boat Falls, and all standing rigging not of wire.

Navy Order No. 30 of 1914, so far as it relates to any of the above items, is to be considered cancelled.

(D.S.15/1381.)

FIRED CARTRIDGE CASES.**N.O. 82**

With reference to the instructions contained in Navy Order No. 2 of 1912, the quarterly return of fired cartridge cases in store need not now be rendered by the District Naval Officers in the various States, nor by the Commanding Officer, Naval Depôt, Williamstown.

1915.

2. All fired Q.F. and 1-inch electric cartridge cases are to be returned to the Naval Ordnance Depôt, Sydney.

3. Small Arm and Machine Gun fired cases are to be disposed of locally, periodical sales being held by the D.N.O.'s in all States except Sydney and Melbourne, where the cases will be returned to the Naval Ordnance Depôt, Sydney, and Williamstown Depôt, respectively, for inclusion in the local auction sales.

4. Navy Order No. 2 of 1912 is hereby cancelled.

(N.15/7984.)

ADDENDA TO GUNNERY DRILL BOOK (BOOK II).**N.O. 83**

The above publication will shortly be available for issue to H.M.A. Ships and Establishments. A first supply of same will be made by the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, without demand, in accordance with the Established Allowance for Books of Reference.

1915.

(D.S.15/1389.)

RETURN OF REGISTER NUMBERS OF GUN MOUNTINGS AND TORPEDO TUBES.**N.O. 84****1915.**

Commanding officers of ships are to render to the Naval Secretary a return showing the description and register numbers of gun mountings and torpedo tubes on board their respective ships.

(N.15/7801.)

N.O. 85

NAVAL DISCIPLINE ACT.

1915. A further revised edition of the Naval Discipline Act (Consolidated) has been printed, and is available for supply to all H.M.A. Ships and Establishments. A first supply will be made by the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, without demand.

Previous editions should be treated as obsolete.

(D.S.15/1510.)

N.O. 86

ADVANCEMENT OF WARRANT OFFICERS TO MATE OR MATE (E).

1915.

The following addition is to be made to Navy Order No. 30 of 1915:—

Clause (1) add—These Officers will be first appointed on probation as Acting Mates or Acting Mates (E) for 12 months. During the probationary period the Captain of each Ship in which the Officer serves is to furnish to the Naval Board a special report, on the following occasions, stating whether or not the Officer is considered in all respects suitable for confirmation in rank:—

- (a) On supersession of Captain.
- (b) On the Officer being discharged to another Ship.
- (c) On termination of the 12 months' probationary period.

Should the Captain not consider him suitable in any respect for confirmation full particulars are to be given in the report.

At the end of the probationary period the Officer will either be confirmed as mate or revert to his rank as Warrant Officer.

(N.15/8590.)

N.O. 87

H.M.A.S. "HUON" AND H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE."

1915.

In order to avoid any inconvenience owing to there being a Torpedo Boat Destroyer belonging to the Royal Navy named *Derwent*, it has been decided to change the name of H.M.A.S. *Derwent*, and this vessel will in future be known by her new name, H.M.A.S. *Huon*.

(N.15/8381.)

The new light cruiser about to be laid down at Cockatoo Island will be known as H.M.A.S. *Adelaide*.

VACANCY FOR ACCOUNTANT—COMMONWEALTH NAVAL DOCKYARD, COCKATOO ISLAND, SYDNEY.

1915.

Applications are invited from persons employed in the Commonwealth Naval Service qualified for appointment as Accountant at the Commonwealth Naval Dockyard, Sydney.

Applicants must be qualified accountants, with a special knowledge of the system of cost accounts.

Salary £310 to £400 per annum.

Applications, stating fully qualifications for the position, should be forwarded through the Head of Branch so as to reach the Naval Secretary not later than 15th December, 1915.

(N.15/8634.)

SENIORITY IN THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY OF OFFICERS ENTERED FROM THE RETIRED LIST OF THE ROYAL NAVY.

1915.

The question of the seniority to be granted to Officers entered in the Royal Australian Navy from the Retired List of the Royal Navy has been under consideration, and it has been decided that, in order to comply with the Naval Agreement of 1911 between the Imperial and Commonwealth Governments, such Officers shall hold in the Royal Australian Navy the rank and seniority in that rank last held by them on the Active List of the Royal Navy, except that where a step or steps in rank on the Retired List has or have been granted by virtue of and in strict seniority, such rank and seniority shall be granted instead of the rank and seniority last held on the Active List, subject to the condition that Captains retired from that rank, if advanced to retired Flag rank, shall in no case take command over an Officer who has retired from the Active List of Flag Officers.

2. The above rule will not affect the rate of pay of the Officers concerned, which will be according to the actual period of service on the Active List, whether in the Royal Navy or Royal Australian Navy, and Officers will not be entitled to the periodical increments until they have completed the periods required on the Active List.

3. Entries in Commonwealth Navy List will be amended accordingly.

(N.15/8533.)

SPECIAL ALLOWANCE ON ACCOUNT OF A DEPENDENT MOTHER. N.O. 90
1915.

Payment of an allowance of 1s. per diem to Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers, and other ratings of the Royal Australian Navy, who are in receipt of sea-going rates of pay, has been approved as from 1st June, 1915, and during the currency of the war, under the following conditions:—

- (a) Mother to be solely dependent on her son's earnings for support.
- (b) Mother to be resident in Australia.
- (c) Allowance not to be paid to a rating unless he declares a monthly allotment in favour of his mother of at least £2 10s. per month.
- (d) Allowance not to be drawn when lodging allowance is paid.
- (e) Allowance not to be paid when married allowance is drawn.

AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENT.

I. Ratings eligible to receive the allowance under the conditions laid down in this Navy Order should make application through their Commanding Officer to the Naval Secretary on Form 1299y in duplicate.

II. The mother of an applicant for this allowance will be required to sign a statutory declaration before a justice of the peace or commissioner for declarations that she is solely dependent on her son for support, &c.

III. Commanding Officers before forwarding the application should satisfy themselves, as far as practicable, that the statements contained on the above form are correct.

IV. The necessary authority for payment will be issued by the Naval Secretary, and, on receipt, payment is to be made accordingly. After notation by the Accountant Officer, the authority is to be attached to the rating's Certificate of Service.

V. The Naval Board may stop or withhold payment of this allowance when considered desirable, at any time.

[N.15/7396.]

See N.O. 30/1916
" " 34/1916

MARRIED ALLOWANCE.

N.O. 91
1915.

With reference to Financial and Allowance Regulation 43 (V.), the following amendment will shortly be promulgated:—

MARRIED ALLOWANCE.

Reg. 43 (V.)

After the conditions numbered (1) and (2), under which married allowance is payable to widowers, add the following:—

3. Widowers, under five years' man's service, with two or more children, shall receive from 1st June, 1915, and

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during the currency of the war, the full allowance of 1s. per diem, payable under similar conditions to married ratings.

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continued.

(4) Widowers, under five years' man's service, with one child only, shall be paid from 1st June, 1915, and during the currency of the war, half (6d. per diem) the authorized allowance payable under similar conditions to married ratings.

[N.15/7396.]

N.O. 92

MARRIED ALLOWANCE.

1915.

In continuation of Navy Order 68 of 1913, the following extension of the married allowance is approved:—

1. To all married sea-going Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers, and other ratings with less than five years' man's service, an allowance of 1s. per diem as from 1st June, 1915, and during the currency of the war, under the following conditions:—

(a) Wife to be resident in Australia.

(b) Allowance not to be paid to a rating unless he declares a monthly allotment in favour of his wife of at least £2 10s. per month.

(c) Allowance not to be drawn when lodging allowance is drawn, nor when the man is provided with married quarters.

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N.O. 93

FORMS.

1915.

The following forms have been adopted for use in the Royal Australian Navy:—

First supply of the following, when available, will be made by the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, without demand:—

A.S. 1299y.—“Application for Special Allowance on Account of Dependent Mother.” D.S.15/1683.

Supply of the following may be obtained by demand on the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown:—

A.S. 128.—“Guard Book for Supplies.” D.S.15/1321.

A.S. 129.—“Guard Book for Returns.” D.S.15/1321.

A.S. 150.—“Report of Survey on, and Receipt for, Cabin Furniture.” D.S.15/1111.

A.S. 230.—“Report of Trial of Coal and Patent or Liquid Fuel.” D.S.15/1119.

[Navy Orders 93 and 94 of 1915.]

A.S. 249.—“Captain's Request and Alteration Book.” N.O. 93
D.S.15/1566.

A.S. 325.—“Wireless Telegraphy Signal Log.” 1915,
D.S.15/1529. continued.

A.S. 543.—“Acknowledgment of Orders and Letters Received.” D.S.15/1119.

A.S. 553.—“Night Order Book.” D.S.15/1286.

A.S. 1130.—“Award and Restoration of Good Conduct Badges, &c.” 13/8085.

A.S. 1421.—“Guard Book of Supplies.” D.S.15/1321.

A.S. 1422.—“Guard Book of Returns.” D.S.15/1321.

The undermentioned forms have been revised:—

Supply of the following will be made by the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, on demand:—

A.S. 10.—“Extra pay for Work in Double Bottoms, &c.” D.S.15/1109.

A first supply of the following will be made by the Naval Store Officer, Williamstown, when available, without demand. Previous editions are to be treated as obsolete:—

A.S. 1031z.—“Statement of Account on Final Discharge from Royal Australian Navy.”
D.S.15/1109.

Until such time as stocks are exhausted, the undermentioned “S” forms will be issued in lieu of the existing “A.S.” forms:—

S. 184.—“Return of Men and Boys (except Marines) serving on Home Ships—45 folios.”

S. 184a.—“Return of Men and Boys (except Marines) serving on Home Ships—20 folios.”
D.S.15/1470.

S. 271.—“Warrant for Punishment.” D.S.15/1452.

S. 459.—“Certificate of Service, Seamen.”

S. 1243.—“Copy of Certificate of Service, Seamen.”

S. 1245.—“Gunnery and Torpedo History Sheet.”

S. 1246.—“Signal History Sheet.”

S. 1246a.—“Stoker History Sheet.” D.S.15/1470.

COMMISSIONING OF H.M.A.S. “GAYUNDAH.”

N.O. 94

H.M.A.S. *Gayundah* was commissioned at Sydney on 9th November, 1915, as tender to H.M.A.S. *Tingira*.

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N.O. 95 SIGNAL LETTERS H.M.A.S. "HUON" AND "PROTECTOR."

1915. The signal letters "G.V.R.J." have been assigned to H.M.A.S. *Huon* (late *Derwent*) in lieu of "G.V.R.G." previously allotted, and this alteration will be published in the October Quarterly Supplement to *Signal Letters of British Ships*.

2. The signal letters "S.K.L.Q." allotted to H.M.A.S. *Protector* in 1903 have been deleted from pages 48 and 92 of *Signal Letters of British Ships*, and the information will be published in the above mentioned supplement.

[N.15/5397.]

N.O. 96 CORRESPONDENCE.

1915. The attention of Commanding Officers and all concerned is drawn to Navy Orders 98/1912 and 1/1913.

2. In all official communications forwarded to the Naval Secretary, every paragraph is to be numbered.

N.O. 97 COMMODORE-IN-CHARGE, H.M.A. NAVAL ESTABLISHMENTS, SYDNEY.

1915. Captain Charles F. Henderson, R.N., has been appointed as Commodore 2nd Class in Charge of H.M.A. Naval Establishments, Sydney, to date 1st December, 1915. (A.15/125.)



COMMONWEALTH FORCES.

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1915.**

NAVY OFFICE,
Melbourne, 31st December, 1915.

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MARRIED ALLOWANCE.**N.O. 98**

With reference to Navy Orders Nos. 68 and 99 of 1913, **1915.**
relative to Married Allowance, the following amendment is
made:—

After the words "Man's service to count from the date of
reaching the age of eighteen . . . service in the Royal
Navy to count" *add* "Time served up to a limit of two
years in R.N. or R.A.N. Ships as a member of the R.N.R.
or R.A.N.R. (sea-going) is also to count."

[N.15/9057.]

COMMISSIONING OF H.M.A.S. "HUON."**N.O. 99**

H.M.A.S. *Huon* was commissioned at Sydney, on 14th **1915.**
December, 1915, as tender to H.M.A.S. *Penguin*

[N.15/9343.]

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ADJUSTMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF DESERTERS.**N.O. 100**

The ledger accounts of deserters from the Royal Australian
Navy are to be adjusted to include credits of pay, both
active and deferred, and clothing gratuity for the actual date
of desertion, notwithstanding that desertion may have
occurred in the fore or afternoon of that day.

The method of adjusting the victualling is to be continued
as heretofore, fixed by the time of desertion, *i.e.*, before or
after noon, *vide King's Regulations and Admiralty Instruc-*
tions, Art. 1684.

The date of desertion as shown on the quarterly ledger
must, in all cases, coincide with that inserted on page 2 of
the Certificate of Service.

[N.15/2588.]

HOSPITAL TREATMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT NAVAL FORCES (SEA-GOING).

In connexion with the statement giving particulars of the institutions to which Naval patients requiring hospital treatment should be sent, and of the scale of charges, issued in accordance with Navy Order 83/1913, the following list is amended to date, and supersedes all previous statements issued, with the exception of the scale of fees for surgical operations promulgated in Navy Order 1 of 1915. Future amendments to this list will be made by Navy Order.

STATEMENT SHOWING PARTICULARS AND TERMS OF TREATMENT AVAILABLE FOR NAVAL PATIENTS (ALL STATES).

State and Place.	Name of Hospital.	Cost of Treatment.		If can Accommodate Venereal Cases.	Remarks.	
		Officers and Men.	Rate.			
<i>New South Wales.</i>						
Sydney	Sydney	} Officers	£4 4s. per week	No	Venereal cases may be treated as out-patients.	
	Royal Prince Alfred		Men .. £1 10s. per week			
Little Bay	St. Vincent's	} Men	£2 2s. " "	Yes		
	Government, Coast		£1 10s. per week			
Newcastle	General	Officers	10s. per diem ..	Yes		
Wentworth	General	Men ..	3s. per diem ..	Yes		
		Men ..	3s. per diem ..	No		
<i>Victoria.</i>						
Melbourne	Melbourne	} Men	£2 2s. per week ..	No	Can accommodate few serious cases. Can accommodate from six to twelve cases. No lock ward provided.	
"	Alfred					
"	St. Vincent's					
"	Homoeopathic					
"	Convalescent Aid Society, Cheltenham	Men ..	3s. per diem	Yes		
Williamstown	General	Men ..	£2 2s. per week ..	Yes		
"	Naval Depot	Men ..	"	Yes		
Geelong	Infirmery and Benevolent Asylum	Men ..	£2 2s. per week ..	No		
Portland	Portland Cottage	Men ..	£2 2s. per week ..	No		
"	" Kia Ora," Private	Officers	12s. per diem ..	No		
Port Fairy	General	Men ..	£2 2s. per week	No		
<i>Queensland.</i>						
Brisbane	General	Men ..	4s. 3d. per diem	Yes	In exceptional cases only.	
Maryborough	General	Men ..	3s. per diem ..	..	
"	St. Mary's Private	Officers	£3 3s. per week	..		
Rockhampton	General	Officers	9s. per diem	Minimum charge, £3 3s. Minimum charge, £1 11s. 6d.	
"	Surgeon Voss's Private	Men ..	4s. 6d. per diem	No		
Cairns	General or Infectious Diseases	Officers	£3 3s. per week	Yes		
		Officers	10s. 6d. per diem, or £3 3s. per week			
Townsville	General	Men ..	4s. per diem ..	Yes		
		Officers	9s. per diem			
Bundaberg	General	Men ..	3s. per diem ..	Yes		
		Officers	7s. 6d. per diem			
Thursday Island	Torres Strait	Men ..	£1 5s. per week	..		
Adelaide	General	Men ..	9s. per diem	Yes	Venereal patients may be treated as out-patients. Subject to tent accommodation being supplied by Navy Department.	
		Officers	£3 3s. per week			
Port Adelaide	Private	Officers	£3 3s. per week	..		
Wallaroo	} General	} Men	£1 1s. per week ..	Yes		
Lincoln						
Port Augusta						
Port Pirie						
Mount Gambier .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
<i>Western Australia.</i>						
Perth	General	Men ..	£2 2s. per week ..	No		
Fremantle	General	Men ..	£2 2s. per week ..	No		
		Officers	£3 3s. per week			
"	Grosvenor Hospital, Beaconsfield	Men ..	£2 2s. per week	Yes		
		Officers	£3 3s. per week			
"	Mandurah-road, Private	Men ..	£2 2s. per week ..	Yes		
		Men ..	£2 2s. per week ..			
Albany	General	Men ..	£2 2s. per week ..	Yes		
"	Private	Officers	£4 4s. per week	..		
<i>Tasmania.</i>						
Launceston	General	Officers	9s. per diem	Yes		
Hobart	General	Men ..	4s. 6d. per diem			
		Officers	12s. per diem	Yes		
Men ..	3s. per diem ..					

NOTE.—Superior accommodation for Officers is approved at the Hospitals as shown above. At places where superior approved accommodation for Officers is not available, Commanding Officers may make the most suitable arrangements possible, either at Public or Private Hospitals. Accounts for hospital accommodation, surgical operations approved under Navy Order 1/1915, and medical stores are to be charged to the current year's Vote in the Estimates for "Medical Services" in 1915-16, Div. 67, Subdiv. 1, Item 1.

See N.O. 41/1916

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