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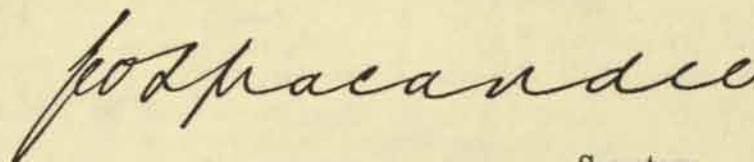
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The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
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1.

ISSUE OF NAVY ORDERS.

The last issue of Navy Orders for 1942 was No. 462.

2.

MENTAL DISORDER—CERTIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF R.A.N. SUFFERING FROM.

With reference to regulation 47 of the National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—"Members of the Forces suffering from Mental Disorder" (*vide* Navy Order 408 of 1942), the Director of Naval Medical Services has authorized Naval Medical Officers at present holding the following appointments to act on his behalf:—

Principal Medical Officer, Naval Hospital, Sydney, New South Wales.

Senior Medical Officer, Flinders Naval Depot, Victoria.

Senior Medical Officer, H.H.A.S. *Moreton*.

Senior Medical Officer, H.M.A.S. *Leeuwin*.

District Naval Medical Officer, South Australia.

District Naval Medical Officer, Tasmania.

2. This authority is a personal delegation, and remains in force only so long as the officer to whom it is issued continues to hold the particular appointment indicated above which he is at present holding. Upon relief, a successor will be appointed personally.

3. In the event of its being considered that a member of the Forces requires institutional treatment for a mental condition as specified in regulation 47 of the National Security (Supplementary) Regulations, action is to be taken to refer the case to one of the medical officers empowered under that regulation, for the requisite certification and authority for admission to an institution established for the treatment of mental disorders.

(527/211/1788.)

3.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION: PROMULGATION TO PERSONNEL.

With reference to Article 29, C.B. Form U. 2D (1941), the attention of Commanding Officers and Naval Officers-in-Charge is drawn to the importance of making available without delay to personnel concerned all information of a technical nature promulgated in the form of C.B.'s, O.U.'s, B.R.'s, documents, letters or messages, and intended for guidance in the efficient maintenance of armament material and equipment.

(571/201/3703.)

4.

TRAINING OF ENGINE ROOM RATINGS.

With reference to Navy Order 118 of 1941, paragraph 6, the need for more intensive training and the granting of certificates, where merited, to Engine Room ratings is again stressed, owing to the urgent demand for higher ratings to enable new commitments to be properly manned.

2. For the information of all concerned, the following certificates are required and regulations governing examinations for Engine Room ratings are included:—

(a) For (M) ratings—

(1) Engine Room Artificer. Motor Watchkeeping Certificate (A.F.O. 110/41 and Navy Order 109 of 1941).

(2) Leading Stoker. Pass for Stoker Petty Officer (M) (Navy Orders 215 of 1940 and 147 of 1942).

(3) Stokers. Auxiliary Watchkeeping Certificate (M).

(b) For General Service Ratings—

(1) Engine Room Artificer. Stokehold Watchkeeping Certificate. Engine Room Watchkeeping Certificate. In Charge of Engines Certificate.

(2) Leading Stoker. Pass for Stoker Petty Officer (Navy Orders 215 of 1940 and 147 of 1942).

(3) Stokers. Auxiliary Watchkeeping Certificate.

(349/29/59.)

5.

PERSONNEL SENTENCED TO DETENTION.

With reference to Navy Order 421 of 1942, the following additional Military Detention Barracks are to be added to the list set out in paragraph 3:—

Detention Barrack, Fremantle, Western Australia Lines of Communication Area.

Detention Barrack, Grovely, Queensland Lines of Communication Area.

Detention Barrack, Brock's Creek, Northern Territory Lines of Communication Area.

(452/201/1073.)

6.

PARAVANE TOWING ROPES—DEFENSIVELY EQUIPPED MERCHANT SHIPS.

In view of the recent increase in losses of paravanes from Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships, many of which are due to failure of towing ropes, the attention of D.E.M.S. Officers is drawn to Admiralty Fleet Order 4006/42, and to the necessity for inspection of towing ropes and the records of hours in use.

2. The approximate remaining life of towing ropes should be estimated by the method promulgated in the above quoted Admiralty Fleet Order and due regard given to replacement in the case of vessels about to proceed on long voyages on which frequent and continued running is normally to be expected.

3. In all cases of doubt, new towing ropes should be supplied and fitted.

(660/201/622.)

7.

20 M.M. OERLIKON TRAINING SAFETY RAIL.

Instances have recently occurred where Oerlikon safety training rails have been so positioned as to seriously decrease arcs of fire of these guns. Care should be taken to ensure that these rails give maximum arcs of fire around ship's structure. In the case of rising trunnion mountings the rails must be checked at all heights of trunnions.

(490/212/758.)

8.

GRATUITOUS REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS' MESS TRAPS AND SEAMEN'S MESS UTENSILS.

Attention is drawn to the provision of C.O.R. Article 495 regarding the necessity of obtaining the approval of the Naval Board before gratuitous replacement is effected of china, earthenware and glass, broken in exceptional circumstances.

2. Although authority exists for immediate replacement to be effected where necessary, and the question of recovery suspended pending Board decision, breakages of this nature must be reported as soon as possible after they occur and the circumstances surrounding the losses fully stated. The report is not to be deferred until the rendition of the relevant account to Navy Office.

(530/201/481.)

9.

RENOVATION OF GOLD LACE AND OTHER ARTICLES MADE OF GOLD BULLION.

It is notified for information that it is practicable to renovate tarnished gold lace and other articles made of gold bullion, e.g., cap badges and Commanders' cap peaks.

2. Several methods of renovation are possible, depending on the degree of tarnish to be removed, whether or not the braid is mounted on fabric, or whether the braid is new or worn.

3. In the case of tarnished braid, &c., experiments have shown that the tarnish is movable by brushing with sodium bicarbonate mixed to a paste with water and applied with a stiff brush. This method does not damage fabric in any way, and the excess chemical can be readily washed away by brushing with water. Substances insoluble in water should not be used, as, once brushed into the braid and fabric, they are extremely difficult to remove.

4. A second method of renovation is by a solution of sodium cyanide, but this should be only used by a qualified person, as more care is required, because, if left on too long, it may remove gold from the braid by actual solution, and, in addition, cause damage to the fabric. It is also very poisonous, but when used by an expert officer it may be found to be the best chemical to use if the corrosion and tarnish have penetrated deeply.

5. After either of the foregoing treatments, the surface of the articles may be protected by the application of a thin film of clear nitro-cellulose lacquer.

(494/203/510.)

10.

MESS GEAR—DISCONTINUANCE OF CERTAIN ARTICLES.

The provisions of Admiralty Fleet Order 3693/42, regarding the discontinuance of supply of certain items of mess gear, are to apply in the Royal Australian Navy, and no further issues of the items in paragraph 1 thereof will be made when present stocks are exhausted.

(530/201/449.)

11.

SYDNEY COMMAND.

With reference to Navy Orders 182 and 232 of 1942, the following changes in Ships' names operate from 1st January, 1943:—

<i>Designation.</i>	<i>Changed from.</i>	<i>To.</i>
Balmoral Naval Depot	.. <i>Penguin II.</i>	<i>Penguin.</i>
Naval Base Headquarters	.. <i>Penguin</i>	<i>Kuttabul.</i>

2. The list hereunder shows the attachment of naval personnel to the three Depots in the Sydney Command. It is intended that where discharges from one establishment to another are involved, e.g., Port Kembla from *Rushcutter* to *Penguin* (Balmoral Naval Depot), they take place as mutually convenient to the establishments concerned.

Kuttabul—

Ship's Complement.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naval Secretariat, Naval Staff, and Staff of Naval Base Headquarters.
Dockyard Staff (Naval).
Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships—Equipment Staff.
Naval Control Service, Sydney.
Sea Transport Office.
Passive Defence Office.
Staff Office (Reserves).
Port Dental Officer (Temporarily).
Degaussing Staff.
Detention Quarters.
Overseas Miscellaneous (e.g., Personnel at Vila, Noumea, *Mercur*, *Taiping*).
Naval Dockyard Police.

Penguin—

Ship's Complement.
Tenders to *Penguin*.
Accounts of Independent Commands.
Extended Defences.
Examination Service.
Signal Stations.
Port Kembla.
Boom Service.
Convoy Staff and Pool.
Signal Training Centre.
Railway Transport Office.
Hydrographic Branch.
Harman W/T Station.
Target and Diving Parties.

Rushcutter—

Ship's Complement.
Tenders to *Rushcutter*.
Gunnery Training Centre.
A/S School.
R.D.F. School (including South Head).
Fairmiles—School and Base.
Mining Parties.
Canonbury Naval Hospital and Prince of Wales Hospital.
Randwick (Naval Wing), (Medical Officers, staff, and patients).

(404/201/573.)

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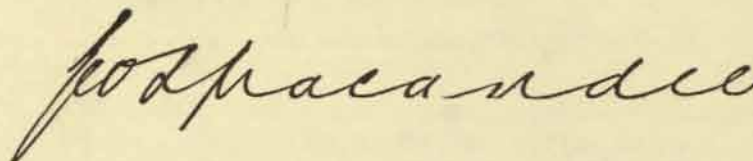
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Commonwealth Navy Orders.

Navy Office, Melbourne,
12th January, 1943.

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12.

HONOURS AND AWARDS TO R.A.N. PERSONNEL.

With reference to Navy Order 329 of 1942, the following additional Honours and Awards have been made to personnel of the Royal Australian Navy:—

1. *For gallantry, skill and seamanship in a brilliant action against strong enemy forces.*

BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Lieutenant-Commander A. S. Storey, D.S.C., R.A.N., H.M.S. *Cleopatra*.

MENTION IN DESPACHES.

Lieutenant D. E. Burnley, R.A.N.V.R., H.M.S. *Zulu*.

2. *For bravery and endurance when H.M.A.S. Hobart was taking convoys across the China and Java seas in the face of sustained enemy attacks.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Surgeon Commander L. Lockwood, M.V.O., R.A.N.
Mr. S. W. G. Heithersay, Warrant Mechanician, R.A.N.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Chief Petty Officer Cook (S) R. A. Blain, 13014.
Sick Berth Petty Officer M. A. Howden, 13765.
Able Seaman J. Hastings, 21358.

MENTION IN DESPACHES.

Captain H. L. Howden, C.B.E., R.A.N.
Commander J. K. Walton, R.A.N.
Commander (E) A. D. Cairns, R.A.N.
Lieutenant W. K. Tapp, R.A.N.
Chief Petty Officer R. W. Stafford, 10758.
Chief Engine Room Artificer F. Fitzjohn, 10357.
Chief Stoker L. W. Dennett, 6814.
Chief Electrical Artificer H. Hutchings, 16319.
Petty Officer A. C. Davie, 11716.
Leading Stoker (Ty.) A. G. Schulz, 21750.

3. *For bravery, skill and sustained devotion to duty in action against the enemy.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Lieutenant-Commander L. Gellatly, R.A.N., H.M.S. *Welshman*.

4. *For extraordinary heroism in action in the South-West Pacific area.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (AMERICAN).

Paymaster Lieutenant D. C. Macfarlan, R.A.N.V.R.
Lieutenant (proby.) W. J. Read, R.A.N.V.R.
Sub-Lieutenant (proby.) F. A. Rhoades, R.A.N.V.R.
Petty Officer P. E. Mason, B./V.135.

5. *For courage and devotion to duty during an air raid on Darwin.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Able Seaman C. D. Scott, 22164, H.M.A.S. *Koala*.

MENTION IN DESPACHES (POSTHUMOUS).

Leading Cook (O) F. B. Emms, 18984, H.M.A.S. *Kara Kara*.

MENTION IN DESPACHES.

Commander L. E. Tozer, R.A.N., H.M.A.S. *Melville*.

Lieutenant-Commander C. F. Symonds, R.A.N. (E.L.),
H.M.A.S. *Southern Cross*.

Temporary Lieutenant N. M. Muzzell, R.A.N.R. (S), H.M.A.S.
Gunbar.

6. *For brave conduct when his ship was attacked by a Japanese aircraft.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Petty Officer J. C. Burgess, 18855, H.M.A.S. *Wollongong*.

7. *For bravery when H.M.A.S. Swan was attacked by enemy aircraft.*

MENTION IN DESPACHES.

Mr. W. Weinberg, Commissioned Engineer, R.A.N.

Chief Petty Officer M. J. Bennett, 10629.

Acting Chief Engine Room Artificer G. K. Woodward, 20442.

Leading Sick Berth Attendant C. E. Marden, 21701.

Leading Steward W. S. Dearson, S/3591.

Able Seaman L. H. Kerr, 24315.

Stoker W. F. Harrison, W/1540.

8. *For good services when a merchantman was attacked by enemy aircraft.*

MENTION IN DESPACHES.

Able Seaman A. Cole, S/3820, T.S.S. *Canberra*.

9. *For enterprise and coolness in action against E boats and armed trawlers off the Dutch coast.*

MENTION IN DESPACHES.

Lieutenant G. P. B. Boissard, R.A.N.V.R.

10. *For skill and resource when H.M.A.S. Deloraine was in action against enemy submarines.*

TO BE A COMPANION OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Lieutenant-Commander D. A. Menlove, R.A.N.R. (S).

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Lieutenant B. J. Harvey, R.A.N.V.R.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Leading Seaman F. J. Savage, 20940.

Acting Able Seaman C. J. Taite, S/4591.

MENTION IN DESPACHES.

Temporary Engineer Lieutenant K. A. Graham, R.A.N.R. (S).

Acting Chief Engine Room Artificer W. D. Ctereteko, 20815.

Stoker Petty Officer A. B. Crisp, 20496.

Stoker C. J. Rogan, S/5067.

Able Seaman H. W. P. O'Neill, 19062.

(432/208/2098.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

13.

BURIALS, GRAVES REGISTRATION, IDENTIFICATION OF BODIES AND BURIAL OF ENEMY DEAD.

The following amendments are to be made to Navy Order 411 of 1942:—

Paragraph 8.—Delete and substitute—

“The practice of permitting next-of-kin, relations or other persons to arrange for the disposition of the remains of members of the Services who die on Service in Australia or its territories is suspended during the period of the war. With reference to N.F.R. & I. Article 12 (6) (b) railway warrants for relatives are restricted to journeys not exceeding 200 miles.”

Paragraphs 13 and 14.—Delete and substitute—

“13. The identity of enemy dead should be established either by means of identity discs, pay book, private documents or distinguishing marks found on the body.

14. An inventory of articles removed from the body should be prepared, and, where possible, arrangements should be made for a member of the Intelligence Staff to examine these articles, which should then be forwarded to the Prisoners of War Information Bureau, 14 Marlton-crescent, St. Kilda, S.2, Victoria, by registered post.

15. Report of burial of enemy dead is to be rendered on Form A.S. 1121, which should be clearly marked as being a report on ‘enemy dead.’ The return should be prepared in triplicate, two copies being forwarded to Navy Office and one direct to the Staff Officer Graves Registration in the L. of C. Area in which the burial takes place. Report of burial will be forwarded to Prisoners of War Information Bureau by Navy Office.

16. The recording and marking of graves of enemy dead should be carried out as laid down in paragraph 12.”

2. Existing paragraph 15 to be renumbered 17.

(446/201/680.)

14.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS—CONCESSION FARES ON SUBURBAN LINES AND TO AND FROM CERTAIN COUNTRY STATIONS—NAVAL AUXILIARY PATROL.

With reference to Navy Order 362 of 1942, the Victorian Railways Commissioners have agreed to extend the concessions on Victorian Railways to mobilised members of the Naval Auxiliary Patrol when travelling in uniform,

2. In order that the concession for single or return tickets on suburban and country lines may be limited to those entitled under the extension of the concessions, it will be necessary for personnel of the Naval Auxiliary Patrol to be in possession of and display to the booking clerk a certificate signed by the Commanding Officer. First supply of these certificates will be made to those concerned from Navy Office as soon as they become available, additional supplies being obtained from the Railway Department.

3. Personnel of the Naval Auxiliary Patrol who desire to obtain periodical tickets should present Form P and F 168*, *vide* paragraph 3 of Navy Order 362 of 1942.

(632/202/858.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

15.

FLEXIBLE SHAFTING FOR BOILER TUBE CLEANING APPARATUS.

Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining supplies of flexible shafting required in connexion with boiler tube cleaning apparatus used in H.M.A. Ships.

2. The attention of all concerned is drawn, therefore, to the necessity for exercising the greatest possible care in preventing damage to this shafting.

(524/203/1396.)

16.

DETONATORS—PERCUSSION WATERTIGHT MARK VI. AND MARK VI.A.

All detonators, percussion, watertight Mark VI. and Mark VI.A.N. of local manufacture issued prior to and including Lot 17 M.E. 11/38 are to be withdrawn from service.

2. All ships are, therefore, to land detonators, percussion, watertight of the lot numbers concerned at the nearest Naval Armament Depot at the next opportunity, and to draw a similar quantity of detonators, percussion, watertight of a later lot in replacement.

(666/206/1171.)

17.

BOMB DISPOSAL SQUADS—SPECIAL BADGE.

It has been approved for R.A.N. ratings qualified in R.M.S. and B.S. to wear the bomb disposal squad badge, pattern 290, supplies of which are available from Royal Edward Victualling Yard, Sydney, on demand.

2. The conditions regarding the wearing of the badge, *vide* paragraphs 1 and 2 of A.F.O. 4127/41, are to apply.

3. An initial gratuitous issue of two badges is authorized.
4. The price for repayment issues will be notified at an early date. Purchase from other than official sources is prohibited.
5. Initial issues of badges to personnel and subsequent withdrawals of same are to be recorded in the "Remarks" column of the Ship's ledger.

(416/201/893.)

18.

MISAPPROPRIATION OF GOVERNMENT STORES—REPORTS TO CIVIL POLICE.

In all instances where loss of Government stores may be attributable to theft, particulars of the loss are to be reported to the Police Authorities.

(C.O.R. Article 417 (4).)

(612/254/302.)

19.

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the under-mentioned publications have been distributed:—

O.U.5409/1941.—"Rate Book for Naval Stores."

(571/203/2407.)

O.U.5437/1941.—"Handbook of Gunnery Organization."

(571/203/2273.)

B.R.120(3)/42 (Bound Copy).—"War Vessels Identification Book—Italy."

(A.F.O.1840/42.)

(571/203/1482.)

B.R.266/41 (late O.U.5371).—"Operating Signals used by the Navy, Army and Air Force."

(A.F.O.401/42.)

(571/202/1595.)

Eyeshooting Film.—"Pamphlet on Instruction in Eyeshooting, 1942."

(571/202/1617.)

Journal of the Royal Naval Medical Services—January and April, 1942.

(571/201/3668.)

Form S.1 (March, 1941).—Established List of Printed Forms of Issue to H.M. Ships and Vessels.

(480/202/4239.)

2. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the Royal Australian Navy:—

A.S.545Z.—Will Form—Envelope.

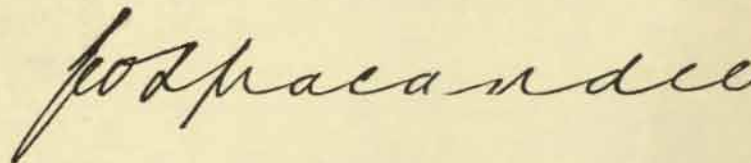
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20.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NAVAL ARMAMENT STORE ACCOUNTING AT CERTAIN SHORE ESTABLISHMENTS.

This Order has been issued separately to those concerned.

(612/204/1200.)

21.

NAVAL BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION—BUSINESS MEMBER.

Robert Henry Nesbitt, Esq., has been appointed Business Member of the Naval Board as from 1st January, 1943, *vice* H. G. Brain, Esq., O.B.E.

(406/201/537.)

22.

EXERCISE OF POWERS OF ARREST UNDER THE NATIONAL SECURITY ACT 1939-1940.

In connexion with section 13 of the *National Security Act 1939-1940* which provides, *inter alia*, that any Constable or Commonwealth officer (which includes any member of the Defence Force) may arrest without warrant any person suspected of having committed or being about to commit an offence against that Act or any regulation made under it, attention is drawn to the fact that any person exercising such powers of arrest must observe the provisions set out in regulation 85 of the National Security (Supplementary) Regulations, Statutory Rules 1942, No. 315, which are as follows:—

“85. Where any person who is suspected of having committed an offence, or of being about to commit an offence, against the *National Security Act 1939-1940*, is arrested under section 13 of that Act, the person effecting the arrest shall, within one hour after effecting the arrest (or, if the nearest telegraph office is not then open for business, within one hour after that telegraph office becomes open for business) telegraph to the Solicitor-General, Canberra, a report setting out—

- (a) the fact of the arrest, including the name, address, and occupation of the person arrested;
- (b) particulars of the suspected offence; and
- (c) the grounds of the suspicion.”

(403/201/149.)

23.

CONTROL OF PHOTOGRAPHY—CAMERAS—USE IN NORTHERN TERRITORY AND OTHER ADVANCED BASES.

For Security reasons, the possession of privately owned cameras by the Naval personnel serving in Shore Establishments in the Northern Territory, New Guinea, and Thursday Island areas is no longer permitted.

2. Cameras owned by personnel in H.M.A. Ships visiting those areas are to be impounded by Commanding Officers of ships while operating in those waters.

3. The Naval Officer-in-Charge in each of the areas affected is to select and authorize one officer or rating to take photographs for official records. All such negatives are to be forwarded to Navy Office for processing and disposal as necessary.

4. Good “still” photographs are preferable to cinematograph films.

5. Reimbursement for expenses incurred in the purchase of films should be made in accordance with A.C.B. 108, Section IX., paragraph 4.

(560/201/892.)

24.

DRAFTING CATEGORIES AND PERSONNEL FOUND MEDICALLY UNFIT.

With reference to Navy Order 412 of 1942, the following words are to be added to paragraph 1 (X) after the word Fremantle—“on the recommendation of a Medical Board of Survey”.

(502/201/458.)

25.

A.M.S. VESSELS FITTED WITH L.L. SWEEPING EQUIPMENT—PROTECTION OF L.L. SWEEP SWITCHBOARDS.

It has been found that L.L. Sweep switchboards suffer damage in the form of excessive corrosion of contacts and meters due to condensation of vapour in the engine room and salt water spray blowing through the engine room door on the starboard side.

2. An item is to be included in the next defect list to cover the fitting of a permanent canvas screen over the top of the switchboard and one over the front of the switchboard, which is capable of being rolled up when the switchgear is in use. Arrangements have been made to fit these screens to vessels under construction.

(603/267/1320.)

26.

CORDITE LANDING.

All cartridges containing cordite S.C.T. and S.C. Lot No. R.N.C. 3074 R, C 1/43, on board H.M.A. Ships are to be landed before 31st January, 1943.

2. At Depots, any cartridges or bulk cordite of the above sub-lot so received, together with any in store, required for trials, experiments, or gunnery school firings, may be retained for a further period of six months from due date for withdrawal.

(471/202/1220.)

27

ISSUING PRICES OF KHAKI TROPICAL CLOTHING.

The following issuing prices of khaki tropical clothing stocked at Royal Edward Victualling Yard, Sydney, are to be brought into operation as from 1st February, 1943:—

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Shirts, Officers, short sleeves	7	3 ea.
Shirts, Officers, long sleeves	8	3 ea.
Shorts, Officers	10	6 pr.
Covers, cap, Officers	1	0 ea.
Covers, helmet, Officers	1	9 ea.
Covers, cap, ratings, for classes I. and III.	1	3 ea.
Covers, cap, ratings, for class II.	1	0 ea.
Covers, helmet, ratings	1	7 ea.
Shirts, tropical, for classes I. and III.	6	10 ea.
Singlets, tropical	4	11 ea.
Shorts, ratings	7	5 pr.
Stockings	1	11 pr.
Shirts, with collar and shoulder straps, short sleeves	6	8 ea.
Shirts, with collar and shoulder straps, long sleeves	7	6 ea.
Trousers, fly, long	11	6 pr.

2. Demanding Officers are to ensure that demands set forth clearly the type of article required.

3. The necessary notation is to be made in the "Official Memorandum—Prices of Clothing, &c., Maintained for Issue on Repayment to Ships Companies."

(434/201/161.)

28.

DUTY FREE ARTICLES FOR H.M.A. SEAGOING SHIPS.

It would appear that many ships are not aware of the provisions of Navy Order 165 of 1941, which entitles H.M.A. Ships to obtain the items listed in C.O.R. Article 447 "under bond".

2. This concession is applicable to all H.M.A. Seagoing Ships other than those engaged on duties which permit of their return to port each day.

(612/250/120.)

29.

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the under-mentioned publications have been distributed:—

O.U.5420.—"Rate Book 1942—Victualling and Royal Marine Stores."

(A.F.O. 3296/42.)
(571/203/2136.)

O.U.5542(1).—Addendum No. 1—"Pamphlet on the P.A.C."
(A.F.O. 3829/42.)
(571/203/2267.)

Errata and Addendum No. 9 to O.U.6092(A).—"Proportion Book of Naval Armament Stores."

(571/203/2203.)

B.R.233/1942.—"Drill for 12-pdr. 12-cwt. Gun on H.A./L.A. Marks VIII.* and IX. Mountings."

(A.F.O. 3450/42.)
(571/202/1577.)

B.R.256/1942.—"Handbook and Drill for the 6-pdr. Hotchkiss Gun on H.A./L.A. Mark VI. Mounting."

(A.F.O. 1841/42.)
(571/202/1443.)

B.R.284.—"Preliminary Pamphlet for 2-pdr. Q.F. Mark XIV. Gun."

(A.F.O. 1607/42.)
(571/202/1524.)

Errata No. 10 to B.R.359.—"Establishment of Naval Stores for Electrical and Torpedo Purposes."

Errata No. 10 to Form D.128D.—"List of Particulars for Electrical and Torpedo Purposes."

(A.F.O. 2191/42.)
(571/202/1588.)

A.B.R.408/1942.—"Book of Prayers and Hymns."

(571/202/1420.)

B.R.618.—“The Standard Ballistic Atmosphere, January, 1942.”
(A.F.O. 2574/42.)
(571/202/1566.)

B.R.625.—“Ordnance Board Ballistic Tables, 1940, Part I. The Air Resistance Functions of the Standard Projectile. 5/10. C.R.H. Cylindrical Base.”

B.R.625A.—“Ordnance Board Ballistic Tables, 1940, Part II. Air Resistance Tables for the Standard Projectile. 5/10. C.R.H. Cylindrical Base. The Primary Ballistic Functions.”
(A.F.O. 2816/42.)
(571/202/1568.)

U.S. Ordnance Pamphlet No. 875.—“Browning Machine Gun—Head Space and Timing Adjustments.”
(571/201/3345.)

2. The under-mentioned forms have been introduced for use in the Royal Australian Navy in lieu of the corresponding Admiralty forms. Supplies will be issued, on demand, by the Naval Store Officer, Sydney, when stocks of the existing forms are exhausted:—

A.S.599.—Pack Cover.
(480/202/4255.)

A.S.1170.—Search for Submarine Reported at a Distance.
(480/202/4253.)

3. The under-mentioned Admiralty form has been adopted for use in the Royal Australian Navy. Stock will be held by the Superintendent of the R.A.N. Torpedo Factory, Neutral Bay:—

O.415.—History Sheet for Torpedo, 21 inch, U.S.A. Mod.
(480/201/2990.)

4. The under-mentioned Admiralty form has been adopted for use in the Royal Australian Navy. First supply will be issued without demand:—

T.225.—Store Transport “.....” Report of Proceedings.
(480/201/3004.)

5. The rendition of the under-mentioned form is discontinued. Application for enrolment in R.A.N.V.R. (N.A.P.) should be made on Form R.A.N.R.6 (Ratings) or R.A.N.R.8A (Officers):—

N.A.P.1.—Enrolment Form.
(480/201/2994.)

6. The under-mentioned form has been superseded by Form D.E.M.S.4A—“Quarterly Report.” Supplies will be issued, on demand, by the Naval Store Officer, Sydney, when stock of the existing form is exhausted:—

D.E.M.S.4.—Quarterly Report.

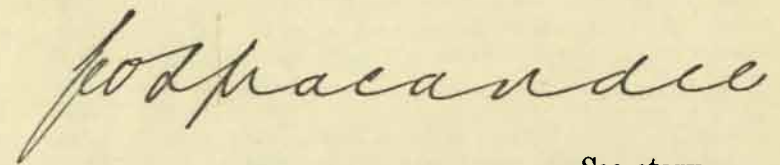
FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

Commonwealth Navy Orders.

Navy Office, Melbourne,
26th January, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
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W.R.A.N.S.—REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS.

These Regulations are to be posted on the Notice Boards in Establishments where W.R.A.N.S. are employed, and it is the duty of responsible W.R.A.N.S. Officers or senior W.R.A.N.S. ratings to ensure that W.R.A.N.S. ratings in their units are conversant with them and that any new orders are brought to their notice.

1. *Observance and Enforcement of Regulations.*—Every W.R.A.N.S. Officer shall make herself acquainted with and shall duly observe, obey, and, so far as she is able, enforce the due execution of the regulations and instructions governing the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service and all other regulations, orders, and instructions relating thereto that may be issued by a superior officer or by the Naval Board or with their authority.

Any relevant new orders concerning the ship's company are to be brought to the notice of W.R.A.N.S. ratings by the responsible W.R.A.N.S. Officer or senior W.R.A.N.S. rating, and copies are to be displayed in some accessible place for at least a week. When such orders affect particular duties, care is to be taken to ensure that the ratings are thoroughly instructed as to their contents.

2. *Conduct to be Observed.*—Every person in the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service is to conduct herself with the utmost respect to her superior officer and with strict obedience to his or her orders; she is at all times to discharge every part of her duty with zeal and alacrity and to strive to promote the interest of the Naval Service.

Every member will on all occasions endeavour to uphold the honour of the W.R.A.N.S., and by the good order and regularity of her conduct prove herself to be worthy of the Service to which she belongs. She will remember that persons in uniform are always conspicuous, and that members of the W.R.A.N.S. must avoid any behaviour which, even if not undesirable in itself, may cause adverse criticism of the Service.

Members of the W.R.A.N.S. in uniform are not to indulge in noisy or rowdy behaviour in public. They must in every way consider the comfort and convenience of the public and help the local authorities in maintaining good order.

W.R.A.N.S. ratings must not loiter about the men's quarters, workshops, or parade grounds. Ratings moving from one part of a Naval Establishment to another should do so in a smart and dignified manner.

No members of the W.R.A.N.S. shall engage in any money-lending, or betting business, nor shall they act as agents in a Naval Establishment for any commercial undertaking.

It is the duty of all members of the W.R.A.N.S. to return punctually from their leave, and offences of absence without leave are punishable by deductions from pay in addition to other punishments.

3. *Uniform.*—The officers and ratings of the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service shall wear such uniforms as the Naval Board shall from time to time direct.

The prescribed patterns are to be strictly adhered to. Jewellery (with the exception of wedding, engagement, and signet rings), furs, hand-bags, umbrellas, scent, and coloured finger nails are forbidden when uniform is worn. Stockings are not to be transparent. Make-up, if used, is to be discreet. Hair must be neat and must be above the collar.

4. *Occasions for Wearing Uniform.*—Officers and ratings must wear uniform within the Port on all occasions except on twenty-four hours leave or more, or when going to or from or when taking part in recreational sporting activities, or when at home.

Plain clothes are not to be worn when proceeding on leave from, or returning to, Service Establishments.

Officers and ratings accommodated in official quarters will only be allowed to have such plain clothes as can be contained in a suit-case.

5. *Marks of Respect.*—W.R.A.N.S. Officers are to be addressed by junior W.R.A.N.S. Officers and ratings as "Madam."

Within the W.R.A.N.S. salutes are to be given as in the Royal Navy (K.R. & A.I., Articles 151-154) except that hats will not be removed. During the playing of the National Anthem indoors, members of the W.R.A.N.S. will stand to attention without saluting.

Naval salutes as a matter of discipline are to be exchanged as in the Royal Navy (K.R. & A.I., Articles 151-154).

6. *Senior Ratings.*—W.R.A.N.S. Officers are to make every effort to keep Chief Wrens and P.O. Wrens distinct from the lower ratings, and to instil in them a proper sense of their status and responsibilities. They are to be made to feel that confidence is reposed in them, and are to be treated with the consideration which is due to the positions of trust which they hold.

The prefix "Chief Wren" or "Petty Officer Wren" is to be used by all ranks when addressing, or speaking of, women holding those ratings.

Chief and Petty Officer Wrens should work at all times for the well-being and efficiency of the Service as a whole. They should set an example of loyalty and discipline; and must obey the orders of their superiors with the same cheerfulness and alacrity with which they expect to be obeyed by their inferiors. Officers look particularly to their higher ratings for loyal support in maintaining the efficiency and traditions of the Service. Junior ratings look to them for direction and assistance.

Leading ratings are to be made to feel that confidence is reposed in them, and are to be treated with the consideration which is due to the positions of trust they hold.

7. *Presents.*—Members of the W.R.A.N.S. are not to accept presents in respect of acts performed in their official capacity, from any private source, unless the permission of the Naval Board has previously been obtained. Nor shall they allow themselves to be complimented by presents or by collective expressions of opinion from Officers or ratings.

8. *Civil Power.*—Officers and ratings of the W.R.A.N.S. are amenable to the law of the land to the same extent as other citizens, and are to afford every facility and assistance to the Civil Power whenever they are required to do so.

Every arrest of an Officer or rating by the Civil Power is to be reported immediately by the Commanding Officer of the Establishment to the Naval Board.

When a member of the W.R.A.N.S. appears in a Civil Court for an offence against the law, the Commanding Officer will take steps to ensure the presence of a W.R.A.N.S. Officer if possible, and/or if desirable, of a Naval Officer from the Establishment to which the accused belongs, or upon the books of which she is borne, to watch the trial, and if called upon by the Court, to testify to her character and antecedents.

9. *Political Activities.*—No member of the W.R.A.N.S. is permitted to take any active part in the affairs of any political organization or party, either by acting as a member of a candidate's election committee, or by speaking in public or publishing or distributing literature in furtherance of the political purposes of any such organization or party or in any other manner. Any form of political activity in Naval Establishments is prohibited.

10. *Representation of Complaints.*—If any rank or rating thinks herself aggrieved, she will represent her case to the W.R.A.N.S. Officer. Any appeal against the decision of the W.R.A.N.S. Officer will be made through her to the Commanding Officer of the Establishment. (In any Establishment to which a W.R.A.N.S. Officer is not appointed, the rating should, in the first instance, represent her case to the Commanding Officer of the Establishment.) Any further appeal should be made through the latter to his superior officer.

A final appeal lies to the Naval Board.

Except as laid down above, no member of the W.R.A.N.S. shall make remarks or pass criticisms on the conduct or orders of her superiors which may tend to bring them into contempt; and no officer shall say or do anything which, if heard or seen by or reported to those under her, might discourage them or render them dissatisfied with their condition or with the service on which they are or may be employed.

Meetings are not to be held by the members of the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service for the purpose of expressing an opinion upon the acts of an officer, or of recommending her to take a particular course of action; nor are memorials to be drawn up to the same effect; and no meetings, except those called together by, or under the authority of the W.R.A.N.S. Officer, or of the Commanding Officer, who will be responsible for so doing, will be recognized.

It is an offence against discipline to seek redress or to ventilate a grievance by any other means than those thus authorized; for example, it is an offence to solicit the influence of persons in positions of authority, or to write to newspapers or other periodicals on such matters.

11. *Publications, Lectures, &c., Relating to Naval Service.*—All members of the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service are forbidden to write for publication, or to publish or cause to be published, either directly or indirectly, any matter or information relating to the Naval Service unless the permission of the Naval Board has been first obtained.

They are further forbidden to deliver any lectures or read any paper at a public meeting, or to broadcast, on any subject connected with the Naval Service, unless a copy of such lecture or paper has been previously submitted to the Naval Board and permission granted.

12. *Communications with other Services.*—No member of the W.R.A.N.S. is to enter into direct communication with any Service or Department of the State or with any subordinate officer of such Service or Department at home or abroad, on subjects connected with the Naval Service or with her particular duties or present or future employment, unless authorized to do so by the Regulations of the Service or superior authority; but all communications on such matters are to be made through the proper channels to the Naval Board, in order that such steps may be taken therein as may be necessary.

13. *Official Documents.*—Official reports, correspondence, and documents of whatever description, whether confidential or not, are the property of the Crown, and their contents are not to be disclosed without special authority to any person not officially entitled to receive them.

14. *Confidential Information.*—It is an offence against the Crimes Act for a person, whether still belonging to any Service of the Crown or not, to divulge any confidential information unless authorized by the Naval Board to do so. When instruction is given in confidential matters, members of the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service should be reminded of this and warned that the provisions of the Crimes Act will still apply to them after they have left the Service.

In wartime, the following information in particular must always be regarded as secret:—

- (1) The nature of the employment of H.M. Ships.
- (2) All movements or projected movements of H.M. Ships or of ships of the Merchant Navy.
- (3) The nature of the work carried on in Naval Establishments.
- (4) Information concerning drafts or movements of naval personnel and all movements of troops, &c.
- (5) The location of all Naval Establishments or Bases.

15. *Concealment of Disease.*—The concealment of disease is a serious offence. Any form of ill health is to be reported immediately either to the Naval Sick Bay or to the responsible W.R.A.N.S. Officer.

16. *Marriage with Aliens.*—It is not necessary to ask for permission to marry with an alien, but any officer or rating W.R.A.N.S. who has married a man of alien birth or nationality is to report the fact immediately through the proper channels to the Naval Board, stating the man's present nationality and his nationality at birth.

17. *Divine Service.*—In so far as possible, the orders regarding Divine Service for the Royal Australian Navy will apply to W.R.A.N.S.

The instructions laid down in K.R. & A.I., Article 494, are to be observed by all Officers and ratings of the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service living in official quarters or approved lodgings where circumstances permit. Those belonging to the Protestant Denominations who are serving in Establishments where a Chaplain is borne are generally expected to attend the service held in the Establishment.

Officers and ratings of other than Protestant Denominations are to have full liberty to absent themselves from these services, and are to be afforded every opportunity for attending the service of their Denominations.

Organized Church Parties are to be arranged wherever possible.

A nominal list of Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, and other Denominations is to be kept in every Establishment, and will be open at any time to the inspection of the respective Chaplain or Officiating Minister.

Non-Protestants are to be fallen out before prayers.

When a member of the W.R.A.N.S. is seriously sick the appropriate Chaplain is to be notified.

18. *Service Certificates*.—The assessments of character on Service Certificates, Form W.R.A.N.S. 2 of W.R.A.N.S. ratings are to be read to them annually in accordance with the procedure laid down for naval ratings (K.R. & A.I., Article 605, Clause 11).

19. *Conduct Sheets*.—A Conduct Sheet is to be prepared on enrolment for each rating, *vide* K.R. & A.I., Article 603.

The Conduct Sheet is to be regarded as confidential. ENTRIES SHOULD INCLUDE:—

- (a) Particulars of all leave, advancement, disrating, &c.
- (b) Offences and punishments.

It is to form a continuous record of leave, offences, punishments, &c., so as to afford the data upon which the record of her character is founded, and to guide the Commanding Officer (and the W.R.A.N.S. Officer, if any) in awarding punishments and making assessments on the Service Certificate.

On a rating's transfer to another Establishment, the entries on the Conduct Sheet relating to her Service up to that date are to be signed and dated by the W.R.A.N.S. Officer, if any, and Commanding Officer, and the document is to accompany the Certificate of Service to the Establishment to which she is drafted.

Where a rating deserts, her character and efficiency are to be assessed on her Conduct Sheet up to and inclusive of the date when her absence began.

Conduct Sheets are to be retained in use as long as practicable. When it is necessary to start a new sheet, this is to be attached to the former one, but K.R. & A.I., Article 603 (3), Clause 1, as amended by A.F.O. 2701/42, is to apply.

20. *Mess and Wine Debts*.—The individual wine bills of Second and Third Officers, W.R.A.N.S. are never to exceed £2 for each complete calendar month.

All mess and wine bills are to be settled monthly by each member.

Any pay or other allowances payable to a W.R.A.N.S. Officer are liable to be abated in order to meet mess debts or other liabilities in respect of her mess.

21. *Losses and Improper Expenditure*.—Officers and ratings of the W.R.A.N.S. are held liable to make good the whole or part value of Government property that may be lost or damaged as the result of negligence on their part.

22. *Interest in Contracts and Purchases*.—No member of the W.R.A.N.S. is permitted to have any pecuniary interest or personal advantage in any Naval Broad contract, or in the purchase of provisions or stores of any kind for the use of His Majesty's Service, unless the extent of her interest has been fully disclosed and Naval Board approval given for the contract or purchase to proceed notwithstanding such interest.

23. *Movements on Leave*.—All W.R.A.N.S. personnel on leave are to keep their Commanding Officers informed of their movements in case the exigencies of the Service should require their recall by telegram or letter.

(NOTE.—Regulations and Instructions concerning the subjects shown below are at present under consideration, and will be promulgated as early as practicable:—

- (i) Appointment, Training, and Promotion of Officers (W.R.A.N.S.).
- (ii) Engagement, Service, and Discharge of Ratings (W.R.A.N.S.).
- (iii) Examination and Advancement of Ratings (W.R.A.N.S.)
- (iv) Disciplinary Code and Punishments.
- (v) Uniform Clothing.
- (vi) Medical and Dental.

(432/224/251.)

31.

MAINTENANCE OF GUN ARMAMENT MATERIAL IN SMALL SHIPS.

With reference to Confidential Admiralty Fleet Order 595/41, paragraph B, instances may occur where seamen (Q.O's or otherwise), responsible for the maintenance of gun armament material in small ships, have received insufficient instruction in the particular weapons carried in the ship.

2. In such cases, Commanding Officers should arrange with the Naval Officer-in-Charge of any base where an Ordnance Artificer is borne, for the necessary instructions to be given to the ratings concerned as soon as possible.

(629/203/1770.)

32.

FORM D.E.M.S. 16—LOCAL RENDERING FOR PARAVANE LOSSES DUE TO FAILURE OF TOWING ROPES.

With reference to Commonwealth Navy Order 6 of 1943, Form D.E.M.S. 16, report of endurance of paravane towing ropes, duly completed in all respects is to accompany the History Sheets of all paravanes reported lost from D.E.M.S. on Commonwealth Register when the loss is clearly due to failure of the towing rope.

2. D.E.M.S. Officers are to obtain the necessary information for the completion of the form from the master of the ship concerned.

(660/201/625.)

33.

DEPTH CHARGE PISTOLS MK. VIII*-VIII. DISTINGUISHING MARKINGS**

Commonwealth Navy Order 456 of 1942, paragraph 1, is amended by deleting description of marking and substituting:—

“A one inch wide colour band of dark red rapid drying paint, specification D.O.T.M. 2017.”

(471/205/1660.)

34.

DEPTH CHARGE PISTOL HISTORY SHEETS—DISPOSAL.

In view of the issue of Navy Orders 282 and 303 of 1942, Navy Order 212 of 1941 is cancelled.

(471/205/1661.)

35.

PATTERN 1900A BINOCULARS.

It has been found that “impressed” binoculars which are accounted for as “like” pattern 1900A binoculars are generally unsuitable for fitting in pattern 378 signalling lanterns and in pattern 12951 air look-out sights.

2. All Admiralty pattern 1900A binoculars available in the Royal Australian Navy are therefore to be reserved, as far as possible, for use with the above-mentioned items and other similar special services, and any of these binoculars held in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments in excess of such requirements are to be replaced by “like” pattern 1900A binoculars.

3. H.M.A. Ships and Establishments are to furnish to the Naval Store Officer, Sydney, particulars of the Admiralty pattern 1900A binoculars available for return to store, to enable arrangements to be made for their replacement by suitable binoculars obtained by impressment.

(670/202/1011.)

36.

NAVAL AUXILIARY PATROL—LOAN ISSUE OF BLUETTE COMBINATION SUITS.

Naval Officer-in-Charge may authorize a loan issue of bluetie combination suits to N.A.P. *mobilized* personnel (one suit per Officer or man) required to perform duties necessitating the use of overalls.

(434/214/452.)

37.

BLUE OVERALL TROUSERS—ALTERNATIVE TYPES.

With reference to Navy Order 87 of 1941 notifying the adoption of an alternative type of blue overall trousers, viz., fitted with beackets for wear with belt, the restriction regarding issues to new entries is withdrawn.

2. Navy Order 249 of 1942 refers.

(434/214/320.)

38.

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the under-mentioned publications have been distributed. Further supplies of B.R.611 and B.R.626 are being obtained to complete distribution:—

O.U.5341.—“Japan—Block Sketch Cards of War Vessels”
(Revised Cards, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11 and 15. New Cards, 9A,
9B, 10A, 10B, 11A and 19A).

(A.F.O.2319/42.)
(571/203/1746.)

O.U.5527.—“Handbook for the A.M.C. Fire Control Table,
1940.”

(A.F.O.3676/40.)
(571/203/2189.)

O.U.6326.—“Syllabuses for the Specialized Training Section
V. of Naval Flying Personnel.”

(A.F.O.5090/42.)
(571/203/2359.)

Supplements, May, 1941–July, 1942, to O.U.6353 and O.U.6353A.

—“British and Foreign Merchant and Fishing Vessels respectively sunk or damaged by the Enemy from outbreak of War.”

(A.F.O.’s 4215/41, 5342/41, 508/42, 1846/42,
3457/42, 4566/42.)
(571/203/2121.)

B.R.270/41 (late O.U.5441).—“Maintenance of Torpedo Tubes
in Submarines with Low Pressure Firing Gear.”

(A.F.O.185/42.)
(571/202/1484.)

Errata Nos. 1 and 2 to B.R.321.—“Establishment of Naval Stores for Engineering Purposes.”

(A.F.O. 4029/40.)

Errata No. 11 to Form D.127B.—“List of Particulars.”

(A.F.O.2323/41.)

(571/202/1532.)

B.R.347/42.—“Establishment of Naval Stores for H.M. Trawlers and Corvettes (“Flower” Class).”

(A.F.O.4937/42.)

(571/202/1492.)

B.R.611.—“Handbook for the 4-in. U.S. 50 Calibre Mark IX. Gun on the 4-in. U.S. Mark XII, XII*, and XII** Mountings, 1942.”

(A.F.O.4210/42.)

(571/202/1603.)

B.R.626.—Drill for 4-in. Mark XVI.* Q.F., S.A. Guns on H.A. Twin, Mark XIX., mounting, 1942.”

(A.F.O.4066/42.)

(571/202/1607.)

B.R.637.—“Merchant Ships’ Signal Book, Vol. 1 (Revised Edition).

(A.F.O. 4685/42.)

(1866/2/11.)

Journal of the Royal Naval Medical Services—July, 1942.

(571/201/3668.)

2. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the R.A.N. in lieu of the corresponding Admiralty form. Supplies will be issued, on demand, when stock of the existing form is exhausted.

A.D.408.—“Report of Steam Trial of Ships—Preliminary or Full.”

(480/201/3015.)

3. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the R.A.N. in lieu of the corresponding Admiralty form. Supplies will be issued, without demand, by the Naval Store Officer, Sydney, in accordance with A.F.O.959/42.

A.S.1515.—“Report of Attack by Enemy Aircraft.”

(A.F.O.959/42.)

(480/202/3872.)

39.

CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLY OF RATINGS’ MADE-TO-MEASURE UNIFORMS BY PRIVATE OUTFITTERS AT MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.

The contracts for ratings’ made-to-measure uniforms, *vide* Navy Order 106 of 1941 as amplified by Navy Orders 270 of 1941 and 286 of 1942 have been extended for the period ending 28th February, 1943.

2. The prices in respect of the Sydney contract have been increased as shown below with effect as from 1st January, 1943. The Melbourne contract prices remain unaltered:—

	£	s.	d.
Jackets, double-breasted, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons, C.P.O.	2	16	3
Jackets, double-breasted, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons, P.O.	2	14	9
Jackets, double-breasted, diagonal serge, with horn buttons	2	11	5
Waistcoat, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons	0	13	9
Waistcoat, diagonal serge, with horn buttons	0	12	0
Trousers, diagonal serge, with fly	1	3	3
Jacket, single-breasted, seamen’s serge, with gilt buttons, C.P.O.	2	12	4
Jacket, single-breasted, seamen’s serge, with gilt buttons, P.O.	2	10	10
Jacket, single-breasted, seamen’s serge, with horn buttons	2	7	6
Waistcoat, seamen’s serge, with gilt buttons	0	13	3
Waistcoat, seamen’s serge, with horn buttons	0	11	6
Trousers, seamen’s serge, with fly	1	1	8
Tunics, drill, with gilt buttons, C.P.O.	1	10	7
Tunics, drill, with gilt buttons, P.O.	1	9	5
Tunics, drill, with horn buttons	1	6	8
Tunics, drill, without buttons, C.P.O.	1	6	5
Tunics, drill, without buttons, other ratings	1	6	5
Trousers, white drill, fly	0	14	0
Jumpers, seamen’s serge	0	19	6
Trousers, seamen’s serge, with fall	1	0	6
Jumpers, drill	0	14	10
Trousers, drill, with fall	0	16	0
Jumpers, duck	0	14	6
Trousers, duck, with fall	1	2	0
Overcoats, blue cloth, with gilt buttons (no increase)	4	4	9
Overcoats, blue cloth, with horn buttons (no increase)	4	0	0

3. Ratings who purchased uniforms under the Contract since the date from which the increased rates apply and who paid cash will not be affected by the increased prices.

4. Ratings paying accounts for uniforms ordered since 1st January, 1943, under the Allotment System will be charged at the increased prices. The increased prices will also apply to uniforms supplied to H.M.A. Ships and Establishments against Official Orders.

5. Naval Board Signal 0947Z of 16/1/43 refers.

(434/216/50.)

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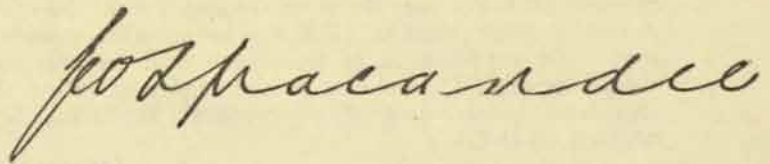
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40.

R.D.F. PERSONNEL—CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

The following amendments are to be made to Navy Order 183 of 1942:—

Paragraph 3 (d)—Able Seaman (R.D.F.) to Leading Seaman (R.D.F.).—Delete present sub-paragraph (ii) and insert:—

“Satisfactory completion of re-qualifying course at R.D.F. School. Candidates for this course will be selected from Acting Leading Seamen (R.D.F.) and will be withdrawn for the course as convenient. Failure to pass relevant examination on completion of the course will involve reversion to Able Seaman (R.D.F.)”

Add new sub-paragraph (iv)—

“Subject to being granted a certificate from a qualified R.D.F. Officer that he is efficient professionally, and that he is fully conversant with the R.D.F. organization of the ship and squadron or flotilla, &c., in which he is serving, an Able Seaman (R.D.F.) may be recommended for advancement to Acting Leading Seaman (R.D.F.) in accordance with (iii) above. On confirmation in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (ii), seniority in the confirmed rating will be ante-dated to the date of advancement to Acting Leading Seaman (R.D.F.)”

(463/210/18.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

41.

DEATHS—INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED WHERE PERSONNEL DIE FROM DISEASE OR INJURY.

Delay has been occasioned in some cases in settling claims for pensions made by dependants of deceased members, due to insufficient information being given in the telegram or message reporting death.

2. Eligibility for a pension in certain cases is determined according to whether death is due to an injury or disease which was attributable to or aggravated by the conditions of the Naval service of the deceased member. A pension is not payable in respect of death—

(i) due to the default or wilful act of the member;

(ii) arising from intentionally self-inflicted injuries;

(iii) arising from or from any occurrence happening during the commission of any breach of discipline by the member—
(vide Navy Order 304 of 1942, para. 3 (c)).

3. The Repatriation Commission is unable to proceed with claims for pensions made by widows and other dependants until it is furnished with full information of the circumstances surrounding the death in accordance with paragraph 2, and it is important, therefore, that telegrams or messages should contain this information, where necessary.

4. It is essential that the date of death be clearly stated in every case.

(446/201/732.)

42.

MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT OF SMALL SHIPS.

Attention is drawn to the provisions of Engineering Manual Article 1.

2. Clause 5, second paragraph, of this article places the responsibility (under the Captain) on the Engineer Officer for the maintenance of gun mountings (not guns) and electrical equipment in ships in which no Gunnery or Torpedo Officer is borne.

3. It is the direction of the Naval Board that in H.M.A. Ships in which a Gunnery or Torpedo Officer is not borne, but an Armament Officer is borne, the Armament Officer is to be responsible for the maintenance of the gun mountings, but the Engineer Officer is to be responsible for the maintenance of the electrical equipment.

4. In H.M.A. Ships in which no Gunnery, Torpedo, or Armament Officer is borne, the Executive Officer, who is responsible for the operation of the guns and mountings, is to be responsible for the maintenance of gun mountings and should apply to the Engineer Officer if necessary for technical advice and assistance on mechanical defects. The Engineer Officer is to be responsible for the maintenance of the electrical equipment.

5. In order that the Engineer Officer may discharge this responsibility, it is necessary that the ratings trained in electrical work shall be subject to his direction when engaged on maintenance duties, and they should be made available to the Engineer Officer when required for electrical maintenance work.

6. In H.M.A. Ships in which no Shipwright Officer is borne, the Engineer Officer (under the Captain) is to be responsible for the maintenance of the hull and hull equipment, and artisan ratings shall be subject to his direction when engaged on maintenance work on these parts of the ship, and they should be made available to the Engineer Officer when required for such maintenance work.

7. At repair bases similar principles shall apply, and if a Gunnery, Torpedo, Armament or D.E.M.S. Maintenance Office, or Shipwright Officer is not borne the respective technical ratings (of the Base Staff) are to be turned over to the Base Engineer Officer for maintenance duties, and are to work under his direction when so engaged.

(603/247/1600.)

43.

BOXES, COMPLETE TOOLS AND SPARE PARTS. MARKS IV. AND IV. PISTOLS—BOXES, COMPLETE TESTING SETS, MARKS IV. AND IV.** PISTOLS.**

In view of the withdrawal of type D depth charges from service, Boxes, complete tools and spare parts, Marks IV. and IV.** pistols, and Boxes, complete testing sets, Marks IV. and IV.** pistols, together with re-cockers Mark I. and clamps bench, are to be withdrawn and returned to the nearest R.A.N. Armament Depot as soon as possible.

(471/205/1663.)

44.
FAIRMILES H.D.M.L's. AND AIR SEA RESCUE BOATS—SUPPLY
OF MEDICAL STORES.

A First-Aid Outfit and Medicine Chest has been prepared for the use of Fairmiles, H.D.M.L's. and Air Sea Rescue Boats. The equipment is packed in a three-ply container, strengthened with steel, and available for issue as a unit, together with simple instructions for the use of the various components. Copies of Scale of Stores (Scale E) and First-Aid Instructions have been forwarded to all Naval Officers-in-Charge.

2. Supply of the First-Aid Chest (complete) with instructions should be demanded from Medical and Dental Store Officer, Royal Edward Yard, Pyrmont, Sydney, to be available on commissioning, and the box and contents are to be taken on charge and accounted for on Form A.S.1099.

3. Stores for replenishment are to be demanded through the parent ship or depot.

4. Steps should be taken by the Naval Officer-in-Charge to whom these vessels are attached, or by whom commissioning is arranged, to ensure that all personnel receive a short course of instruction from the nearest available Naval medical officer on elementary first aid, with particular reference to the contents of the First-Aid Outfit.

(612/213/2333.)

45.
OFFICERS' CAP BADGES.

Metal cap badges, similar in design to the embroidered badge, have been adopted in the Royal Australian Navy for the period of the war, and supplies are available at Royal Edward Victualling Yard, Sydney, for issue on demand to H.M.A. Ships and Establishments.

2. On receipt of supplies, issue of the embroidered badge is to be restricted to officers of Commander's rank and above.

3. The issuing price of the metal badges is 4s. each.

4. Pending further instructions, the issue of badges is to be restricted to complete to 2 No. badges for each officer.

(416/201/933.)

46.
REPORTS OF SURVEY ON PROVISIONS AND OTHER
VICTUALLING STORES.

Attention is drawn to the necessity of compliance with the instructions contained in C.O.R. Article 439 regarding the preparation and prompt rendition of Reports of Survey (Form A.S.330).

2. It is essential that these returns be completed and forwarded to the Director of Victualling, Navy Office, as early as possible.

(612/243/716.)

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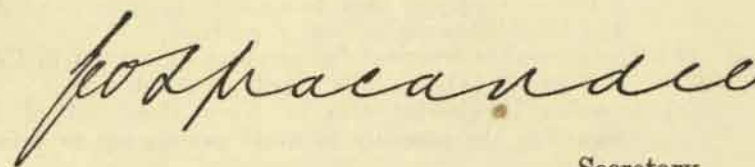
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47

COMPULSORY MAKING OF WILLS.

The Naval Board have decided, as a temporary war measure, that the making of Wills is to be compulsory for all Officers, Petty Officers, and Men serving in the Royal Australian Navy who are in receipt of sea-going rates of pay. (Members of the Royal Navy serving in the Royal Australian Navy on Exchange Service are not affected.) The requirements of C.O.R. Article 175 in this regard are amended accordingly.

2. Commanding Officers should take necessary steps to ensure that Wills are made by all members as early as practicable.

3. Where any member has already made a Will, a new one is not required unless it is desired to vary the terms by the substitution of another Will or the member subsequently marries.

4. *Preparation of Wills*—

(a) Wills are to be prepared on Form A.S. 545 and, when completed, enclosed in envelope A.S. 545Z. Distribution of a further supply of these forms is being made to all Ships and Establishments without requisition.

(b) The general instructions for preparation, set out in C.O.R. Article 175 (4), are to be closely observed.

(c) Attention is directed also to Navy Order 95 of 1942 regarding the necessity to avoid perforating or defacing a Will.

5. *Custody*.—The attention of all members is to be directed to the advisability of their Wills being deposited at Navy Office for safe custody. Any member who wishes to adopt other means of safe custody should report to his Commanding Officer the place of custody of his Will.

6. *Notation on Service Certificate*.—A notation "Will made" and date of Will is to be made on the Certificate of Service of each rating under the words "Religious Denomination" on the first page.

7. Separate nominal lists (names in alphabetical order) covering the names of all members borne should be forwarded to Navy Office showing, under headings Name, Rank, or Rating and Official Number—

(a) Members whose Wills are being despatched to Navy Office for safe custody;

(b) Members whose Wills have already been made and lodged in Navy Office;

(c) Members whose Wills have been made and lodged elsewhere, showing place of custody.

(453/205/1462.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

48

TRAINING OF YOUNG SEAMAN RATINGS IN H.M.A. SHIPS.

Having regard to the large number of Seaman Ratings required under the present building programme, it is essential that every effort should be made in seagoing ships to train young ratings. In Flinders Naval Depot an intensive New Entry Course is carried out before Ordinary Seamen are drafted to sea, but it is necessary that the training be continued at sea. For this purpose an officer should be detailed in each ship to be specifically responsible for training.

2. In order to provide for training classes, while at the time permitting all quarters to be manned, junior ratings additional to complement will be drafted whenever available, so far as accommodation permits.

3. Where Petty Officers and/or Leading Seamen are not available as instructors for training classes, ambitious young Able Seamen should be made use of as instructors for junior ratings.

4. Ships are at liberty to communicate direct with the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, on all matters appertaining to drafting and training and should not hesitate to do so when the occasion arises.

(349/1/2781.)

49

CONVOY SIGNAL RATINGS.

With reference to Navy Order 69 of 1942, the following is the table of percentages and time gained referred to in paragraph 3 Note (iii):—

<i>Percentage.</i>	<i>Time gained.</i>
97 and over	6 months.
96·5 and over but under 97	5½ months.
96 and over, but under 96·5	5 months.
95·5 and over, but under 96	4½ months.
95 and over, but under 95·5	4 months.
94·5 and over, but under 95	3½ months.
94 and over, but under 94·5	3 months.
93·5 and over, but under 94	2½ months.
93 and over, but under 93·5	2 months.
92·5 and over, but under 93	1½ months.
92 and over, but under 92·5	1 month.
91·5 and over, but under 92	½ month.
Under 91·5	Nil.

(349/16/276.)

50

TRAVEL CONCESSIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES FOR MEMBERS OF THE FORCES.

The Government of New South Wales have intimated that the following concessions will be granted in that State to members of the Forces:—

TRAVEL CONCESSIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE DEFENCE FORCES RETURNING FROM THE WAR.

1. *Travel by members of the Australian Defence Forces returning from Active Service when on leave prior to discharge:*

(a) Free first-class return rail ticket for one specific country journey within the State to be granted on application at any time during the period of leave, members to travel in uniform, and passes to be restricted to purely intra-State travel.

(b) Suburban tramway and omnibus passes to be granted for the duration of leave; also rail pass between the City and home station for men resident in a railway suburb.

2. *Travel by members of the Australian Defence Forces brought back from Active Service in combat zone, when on furlough:*

Suburban tramway and omnibus passes to be granted for the duration of the furlough; also a rail pass between the City and the home station for men resident in a railway suburb.

3. *Suburban travel to and from Hospitals and Convalescent Homes by sick and injured members of the Australian Defence Forces:*

Prior to discharge from the Forces:

Inpatients granted leave from Military Hospitals and Convalescent Homes to be granted railway and/or tramway and omnibus monthly passes between the institution and their homes, or in the cases of those who do not reside in the Metropolitan Area, between the Institution and the City; a similar concession to operate in the Newcastle district.

Outpatients attending Military Hospitals or Convalescent Homes not less than twice a month for treatment, to be given railway and/or tramway and omnibus passes between the Institution and the place of residence.

After discharge from the Forces:

Members attending Military Hospitals at least four times a month for outpatient treatment to be given railway and/or tramway and omnibus passes between the Hospital and the place of residence.

Provided that members at present enjoying this concession by virtue of either one or two visits a month to Randwick Military Hospital may continue to receive passes on that basis. Where, however, a member who holds, or held a pass on that basis relinquishes or has relinquished it for a period of three months or more and then applies for renewal, he shall be entitled to a new pass only if required to attend hospital for outpatient treatment at least four times a month.

4. *Suburban Travel from Hospitals and Convalescent Homes by sick and injured members of the Imperial and Allied Forces:*

These men to be treated similarly to members of the Australian Defence Forces.

5. *Travel by ex-members of the Australian Defence Forces incapacitated prior to Active Service, whilst in the Forces, and receiving War Pensions:*

These men to be eligible for the same concessions as have already been approved by the former State Government for ex-members of the Forces who have returned from Active Service (paragraph 6).

6. *Travel Concessions approved for permanently incapacitated Members of the Forces (After Discharge):*

(i) *Members resident in Sydney Metropolitan or Newcastle Areas.*

(a) Members with incapacity due to heart affection (entitling them to 100 per cent. pension), amputation of limb, pulmonary tuberculosis, or loss of one eye or sight thereof:

Free rail and/or tramway and omnibus passes between home and place of employment.

(b) Members incapacitated through other disabilities certified by a State Government Medical Officer as seriously affecting powers of locomotion:

Free rail and/or tramway and omnibus passes between home and place of employment.

(c) Members on pensions of 75 per cent. or over, with incapacity seriously affecting powers of locomotion (without examination by a State Government Medical Officer):

Ninety per cent. rebate on tax on motor vehicle owned by the member and used for his own transport, in addition to free rail and/or tramway and omnibus passes between home and place of employment, if desired.

Also free passes over Sydney Harbour Bridge and Peats and Stockton Ferries for these members, and cars owned by them if required to use the bridge or ferries at least once a week to attend hospital or for business.

(d) *Outpatients of Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick:*

Railway and/or tramway and omnibus passes between home and hospital, if attending at least twice monthly.

(ii) *Members resident in the country.*

(a) Members with incapacity which would entitle them to free travel if they were resident in the City:

First-class travel on payment of second-class fare, plus free sleeping berth if journey over 150 miles.

Free tramway and omnibus and/or rail passes while staying in Sydney.

Ninety per cent. rebate on tax on motor vehicle owned by the member and used for his own transport.

(b) *T.B. Members resident on the Mountains:*

Yearly rail passes between Central and home station, holder to pay difference between fare to Penrith and fare to destination (from Central); or

Free pass once a month to Sydney.

(iii) *Blinded Members.*

All lines gold life passes available on trains, trams, and omnibuses for self and guide.

(632/202/910.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

51

ESCAPES FROM ENEMY TERRITORY.

Unless authorized by the Naval Board, Naval personnel are forbidden to publish in any form whatever, or to communicate, either directly or indirectly, to the press or radio, any account of the escape of any person whatsoever from enemy or enemy-occupied territory, or of the experiences of such person prior to repatriation.

2. Experience has shown that publicity of this nature furnishes valuable information to the enemy and will jeopardize future escapes from such territories.

(430/201/99.)

52

NAVAL HOSPITAL—DARWIN.

The Naval portion of Kahlin Hospital, Darwin, is in future to be known as the Naval Hospital, Darwin.

2. This hospital is to be under the general administration of the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin, and under the control of the Senior Medical Officer of H.M.A.S. "Melville."

(527/201/707.)

53

HOSPITAL CLAIMS—NEWCASTLE.

With reference to Naval Account Regulations and Instructions, Article 73 (1), claims received in future in respect of maintenance and treatment of Naval personnel in hospitals in the Newcastle area, will be dealt with and settled by H.M.A.S. "Maitland" in lieu of H.M.A.S. "Penguin."

2. To enable claims to be checked, a return showing personnel discharged to and from hospital is to be rendered monthly to the Accountant Officer, H.M.A.S. "Maitland."—Naval Account Regulations and Instructions (Article 73 (2) and (3).) (401/216/1643.)

54

THE PARALLEL RUNNING OF STEAM DRIVEN GENERATORS IN A.M.S. VESSELS.

A case has occurred in an A.M.S. vessel where it was reported that the steam-driven generators would not run in parallel. On investigation it was found that the polarity of one machine had been reversed due to incorrect operation of the main switch board. The Diesel generator starting battery was left "On charge" while the machine with reversed polarity was running, thus destroying the battery.

2. Every care is to be taken by officers and ratings concerned to prevent similar occurrences of this nature. (603/282/473.)

55

CARTRIDGES Q.F. 2 PDR. H.V. MARK VIII. GUN H.E. MARK XL. FILLED GLASCOED 8/41 AND 9/41—RESTRICTED.

Any cartridge Q.F. 2 pdr. H.V. Mark VIII. gun H.E. Mark XL. filled Glascoed 8/41 and 9/41 on board ships are to be landed at the nearest Naval Armament Depot.

2. Stocks of such cartridges are restricted for issue until further notice in consequence of a premature on board one of H.N.M. Ships. (490/208/589.)

56

GUNS MACHINE .303-INCH SHOULDER SHOOTING LEWIS.

In H.M.A. Ships where Lewis guns have been stripped by ship's staff for use as shoulder shooting A.A. weapons, demands may be forwarded to Armament Supply Officer, Sydney, for muzzle compensators for use in accordance with A.F.O. 1265/42. (490/212/633.)

57

LABELLING AND MARKING OF KITBAGS, HAMMOCKS, CHESTS AND SUITCASES.

Attention is drawn to the provisions of A.F.O. 3100/42 regarding the labelling and marking of kitbags, hammocks, chests and suitcases. The Admiralty Fleet Order is set forth below and the instructions contained therein are to be strictly observed:—

"A.F.O. 3100/1942.—*Kitbags, Hammocks, Chests and Suitcases—Labelling and Marking.*

Kitbags, hammocks, chests and suitcases accompanying ratings travelling by rail frequently go astray and much difficulty is experienced in recovering them.

2. Care should be taken that a label is attached to each article prior to departure and when the official label (S.578) is used, it should be properly completed and the name of the Port Division should be written in full in the space provided for the purpose: the name of the railway station to which the rating is proceeding—not the name of the ship—should be shown under the heading "destination." If plain labels are used, the rating's name, Port Division (in full) and official number, and the railway station to which he is proceeding, should be written on the label.

3. In order to facilitate the restoration of articles from which the labels have become detached, all kitbags, hammocks, chests and suitcases should be permanently marked with the rating's Port Division, and, if the existing resources of the ship or establishment permit, with his official number, as well as with his name. This will enable the Railway Companies to send any unlabelled article to the appropriate Depot (or seek instructions from the Depot as to its disposal) and enable the Depot to determine its correct disposal with the minimum of delay."

(516/201/552.)

58

LOAN ISSUE OF BROWN DUNGAREE COMBINATION SUITS TO OFFICERS.

An initial loan issue of one brown dungaree combination suit is authorized for R.D.F. Officers—fitting out—and Rendering Mines Safe and Bomb Safety Officers.

2. Requirements are to be obtained from Royal Edward Victualling Yard, Sydney, to the scale of measurements set forth in Navy Order 180 of 1942.

(434/214/441.)

(434/201/3306.)

59

BLANKETS FOR LOAN ISSUE—PRICE FOR LOSSES BY NEGLECT.

The following item is to be added to the "Official Memorandum Prices of Clothing, &c., maintained for Issue on Repayment to Ships' Companies":—

Blankets, Grey, each 17s. 4d.

2. The price shown is promulgated to cover charges for losses by neglect, &c.

(612/235/779.)

60

MODIFICATION OF RATINGS' KITS.

During the period of the war the following items of compulsory kit are not to be issued to new entries:—

Sun Helmets and Cases.

White Canvas Shoes.

White Socks.

White Duck Jumpers.

Waistcoats.

White Cotton Gloves.

Bathing V's.

2. Repayment issues of the above items, also the following optional kit items are not to be made:—

Leather Gaiters.
Blue and White Striped Shirts and Collars.
Cap and Ditty Boxes.
Duck Bags.
Rubber Sea Boots.
Oilskin Coats.

3. Sun helmets and cases may be issued on loan to ratings where necessary.

4. Pending further instructions ratings who have been issued with the compulsory kit articles enumerated in paragraph 1 of this Navy Order are to retain the articles as part of compulsory kit.

(516/201/531.)

61

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the under-mentioned publications have been distributed. Further supplies of B.R. 762 are being obtained to complete distribution:—

B.R.34.—Ministry of War Transport Notices, Nos. M.178 and M.195.

(A.F.O. 398/42.)
(571/202/1486.)

B.R.127 (late O.U.6392).—Photographic Views of British and Foreign Warships.

(A.F.O. 503/1942.)
(571/202/1487.)

B.R.141/42.—R.M. Clothing Appointments Issuing Prices, &c.

(571/202/1638.)

B.R.143/42.—The Treatment of Battle Casualties Afloat.

(571/202/1301.)

B.R.317 (2).—Mining Drill Book. Preparation of Soluble Plug Fittings.

B.R.317 (14).—Preparation of the Mark XV. Mine Assembly. Nos. 33 and 34, 1942.

(571/202/1628.)

B.R.317 (15).—Preparation of the Mark XVI. Mine Assembly Nos. 5 and 6.

B.R.317 (16).—Preparation of the Flooder Units.

(A.F.O. 5090/42.)
(571/202/1628.)

B.R.762/1941.—Jane's Fighting Ships.

(571/202/1624.)

R.A.A.F. Diagrams—

250 M.1.—Japanese Aircraft Identification.

250 M.2.—British and Australian Aircraft Identification.

250 M.3.—American Aircraft Identification.

251.—Aircraft National Markings.

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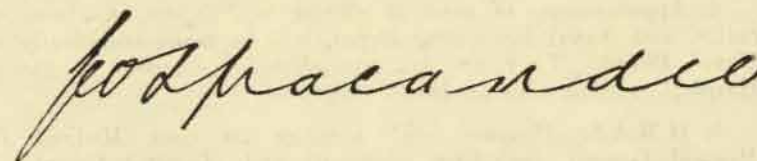
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62.

MEDICAL ORGANIZATION IN SYDNEY.

The Senior Medical Officer in the Sydney area will in future hold appointment as "The Principal Medical Officer of the Naval Hospital, Sydney," and as Medical Staff Officer to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Sydney. His duties will include responsibility for the administration and equipment of Canonbury Hospital and Naval Wing, Randwick, and as Medical Officer to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Sydney, general supervision and inspection of all Naval Medical Establishments in Sydney.

2. The Senior Medical Officer of H.M.A.S. *Penguin* will be appointed as Senior Medical Officer, *Penguin*, and will be responsible for the administration and medical equipment of that Establishment.

3. The appointment of medical officers for duties in the Naval Hospital will in future be "For duty at Naval Hospitals, Sydney." They will be employed at the discretion of the Principal Medical Officer, Naval Hospital, Sydney.

4. Appointments of medical officers to *Penguin*, *Kuttabul*, *Rush-cutter*, and Naval Recruiting Depot, will be made specifically by the Naval Board. They are not available for transfer to the Naval Hospital without Naval Board approval.

5. H.M.A.S. *Penguin* will arrange its own Medical Guard. Medical Guards, including South Dockyard and Hospital Guards, which may be required on the south side of Sydney Harbour, will be shared by the various Establishments as arranged by the Principal Medical Officer of the Naval Hospital, Sydney.

(559/214/2162.)

63.

EMPLOYMENT AND HOURS OF WORK FOR SKILLED TRADESMEN.

In view of the shortage of man power and the difficulty of obtaining skilled tradesmen, it is imperative in the national interest that the establishment of skilled tradesmen of all classes be kept to the minimum necessary for essential work, and that highly skilled tradesmen, as far as practicable, be employed on work commensurate with their ability. Highly skilled men should be relieved of less skilled work by partly trained men and all should be usefully employed to the limit of their productive capacity.

2. Naval Officers-in-Charge are to take such action as may be necessary to cause these principles to be observed. In general, a working week of 44 hours for all daymen is to be considered the minimum, and a working week of 56 hours a normal working week if the work in hand requires it.

3. The 56-hour week limit does not, of course, apply to local emergencies, but is considered to be the limit for sustained productive effort.

(535/203/136.)

64.

CANDIDATES FOR EXAMINATION FOR HIGHER RATING IN THE SICK BERTH BRANCH.

Examinations for advancement in the Sick Berth Branch are held twice a year, in May and November, and numbers (and *not* names) of candidates sitting for (a) S.B.C.P.O. and (b) S.B.P.O. and L.S.B.A. are to be reported to Navy Office not later than the 15th March or 15th September. *Nil* returns are to be rendered.

2. Should doubt exist as to whether this report will be received in Navy office by the dates indicated above, the numbers of such candidates are to be signalled.

3. The professional papers will be set and marked by the Director of Naval Medical Services. The oral and practical examination is to be carried out as soon as possible after the completion of the written examination, and the marks obtained recorded on Form A.S. 1236 or A.S. 1237.

4. Each candidate will be allotted an examination number, which is to be shown on his worked papers in lieu of his name. The examination numbers should also be shown on Form A.S. 1236 or A.S. 1237, as well as the rating's name, in order that when the written papers have been corrected, each rating's name will be available in Navy office for the final results to be published without delay.

5. These arrangements will not apply to the examination of Probationary Sick Berth Attendants.

6. Navy Order 164 of 1936 is hereby cancelled.

(465/207/952.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

65.

RATINGS RECOMMENDED FOR SERVICE IN D.E.M. SHIPS.

It has come to notice that a number of ratings have recently been recommended for D.E.M.S. Service, whose conduct sheets (A.S. 239A) and Divisional Officers Report (A.S. 264) indicate they are most unsuitable for this type of service.

2. The attention of Commanding Officers is drawn to the necessity of recommending for D.E.M.S. Service, ratings whose conduct and work will be satisfactory without close supervision, and those recommended should be reliable men of "V.G." character and of efficiency not below satisfactory.

(432/205/5633.)

66.

MESS GEAR—DISCONTINUANCE OF CERTAIN ITEMS.

The provisions of Admiralty Fleet Order 5468/42 regarding the discontinuance of supply of certain items of Mess Gear are to apply in the Royal Australian Navy, and no further issues of the items included therein will be made when present stocks are exhausted.

(530/201/449.)

67.

LOSS OF GAS CYLINDER—REPORTS.

Oxygen Gas Cylinder Regd. No. 456 and Acetylene Gas Cylinder Regd. No. 12407, which are the property of Commonwealth Oxygen and Acetylene Pty. Ltd., were issued for use at Garden Island, but cannot be located.

2. These cylinders may have been inadvertently left on board an H.M.A. Ship undergoing repair or refit, &c., and subsequently put ashore. All ships and establishments are therefore to institute a search for the missing cylinders and advice is to be forwarded direct to the Naval Store Officer, Sydney, within one month, as to whether either of them have been located, or as to any information available as to their disposal.

(612/234/1467.)

68.

RUBBER SEA BOOTS—SHORTAGE.

The provisions of A.F.O. 3291 of 1942 are to be applied in the Royal Australian Navy.

(434/214/465.)

69.

NAVAL STORES—REDUCTIONS IN ESTABLISHMENT ALLOWANCES.

With reference to A.F.O. 4181/42, a similar position in regard to supplies of Naval Stores exists in the R.A.N. Many of the articles in use in H.M.A. Ships are obtainable only from overseas sources, whilst raw material for a large number of items manufactured in Australia must also be obtained from abroad. The provisions of the Order are therefore to be complied with in the R.A.N.

2. In this connexion, attention is also drawn to the necessity for careful scrutiny by responsible officers of all demands for Naval Stores, to ensure that only items necessary for the maintenance of war efficiency are demanded. Whilst the maintenance of adequate stocks of permanent and consumable stores in H.M.A. Ships is most important, there is a danger under present conditions that accumulation of excessive stocks in any ship will result in other ships being short of necessary equipment and stores.

3. Action taken on reports furnished in accordance with paragraph 3 of A.F.O. 481/42 is to be reported to the Naval Board through the appropriate Administrative Authorities.

4. Practical suggestions in regard to simplification of design, &c., should be forwarded to the Naval Board, a copy of each report being despatched to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Sydney.

(612/201/3095.)

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Navy Office Melbourne,
23rd February, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board.

Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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70.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS—COASTAL CRAFT.

Attention is drawn to A.F.O. 5570/42, the instructions in which are to be strictly observed.

(475/201/178.)

71.

EDUCATIONAL TEST I., DECEMBER, 1942—RESULTS.

The following ratings passed Educational Test I., held on 8th December, 1942:—

Name.	Rating.	O.N.	Where Serving at Time of Examination.
Abraham, Roy G.	Telegraphist	B/2505	Adelaide
Ashley, Ronald B.	Ordinary Seaman	P.M/4374	"
Mason, Joseph B.	Able Seaman	24432	"
Muskett, Ian L.	Ordinary Seaman	H/2047	"
Neale, William	"	S/5427	"
Andrews, Colin L.	Stoker	W/1674	Arunta
Fendley, Keith A.	"	S/6029	"
Gullan, Alec.	Able Seaman	P.M/3615	"
Lawson, Malcolm J.	Stoker	P.A.2459	"
Lewis, Vivian E.	Ordinary Seaman	P.A/2427	"
Olsson, Calvin M.	Able Seaman	P.A/1767	"
Trescothick, Kenneth A.	Ordinary Seaman	S/6763	Australia
Montgomery, Arthur J.	"	F/3929	Bungaree
Stirton, Doyle L.	"	S/6274	"
Young, Kenneth	Ordinary Seaman, 2nd Class	H/1947	"
Balhorn, Sydney G.	Ordinary Seaman	P.M/5074	Cerberus
Barnes, Cecil G.	Stoker, 2nd Class	B/3902	"
Barnes, Edward C.	"	B/3902	"
Bates, Mark E.	"	B/3994	"
Bennett, John A.	"	P.A/3176	"
Bickart, David J.	Ordinary Seaman	P.M/5024	"
Bidgood, Lindsay C.	Stoker, 2nd Class	W/2500	"
Bourke, Patrick J.	"	W/2535	"
Burford, Ross G.	"	P.A/3105	"
Cairns, Malcolm D.	"	W/2577	"
Davis, John K.	"	P.M/5086	"
Drummond, John	"	F/4506	"
Figgins, Keith F.	"	F/4579	"
Fleming, Stanley W.	"	F/3965	"
Forrest, Norman C.	"	S/7037	"
Gale, Alan G.	"	W/2385	"
Gardiner, Frank	"	S/7244	"
Gebhardt, Donald C.	Stoker, 3rd Class	P.A/2801	"
Gonsalves, Allan A.	Stoker, 2nd Class	W/2539	"
Graham, Alan W.	"	B/4059	"
Grant, Peter	"	W/2452	"
Hansen, Harold M.	"	B/3831	"
Hollywood, Eric	"	B/4163	"
Hopton, Archie W.	"	W/2536	"
Imhoff, Henry J.	"	B/4091	"
James, George H. A.	"	W/2557	"
Johnsen, Frederick C.	"	S/7462	"
Jones, Graham H.	"	B/4046	"
Keating, Geoffrey G.	"	B/4036	"
Kennedy, Kenneth G.	"	B/4037	"
Kett, Jack S. F.	"	W/2487	"
Lattin, Benjamin W.	"	W/2259	"
Lewis, Allan McD.	"	S/7308	"

EDUCATIONAL TEST I., DECEMBER, 1942—RESULTS—continued.

Name.	Rating.	O.N.	Where Serving at Time of Examination.
Lloyd, Ronald A.	Stoker, 2nd Class	W/2538	Cerberus
Lovegrove, Alfred W.	"	W/2579	"
Miller, Keith V.	"	P.A/3019	"
Milne, Jack	"	F/4538	"
Mohr, Robert F.	Stoker, 3rd Class	P.A/3271	"
MacPherson, Desmond J.	Stoker, 2nd Class	W/2521	"
Nitschke, Walker M.	"	P.A/3207	"
Paskin, Thomas R.	"	S/6958	"
Pederson, Laurence C.	"	W/2484	"
Pinch, Frank E.	"	B/3862	"
Rixon, Robert J.	"	S/7284	"
Roach, Kevin H.	"	B/3991	"
Ross, William H.	"	S/7304	"
Rowe, John P.	"	W/2483	"
Sharp, Leonard G.	"	P.A/3172	"
Simmonds, Albert N.	"	S/7309	"
Stenzel, Kenneth J.	"	B/3966	"
Stewart, William D.	"	P.M/5090	"
Thompson, Laurence G.	"	W/2421	"
Turner, Lionel H.	"	W/2529	"
Wilding, Harry K.	"	W/2531	"
Brommeyer, James	Ordinary Seaman	P.M/4200	Melville
Wellington, Ronald	Supply Assistant	P.A/2934	Moresby
A'Vard, Charles D.	Able Seaman	F/3518	Orara
Burger, Thomas P.	Ordinary Seaman	B/3933	"
Byrne, Kevin	Steward	B/2561	"
Faulkner, Irvine G.	Able Seaman	24168	"
Howard, Alexander H.	Leading Stoker	W/1489	"
Irvine, William J.	Stoker	W/1987	"
Chapple, Peter E.	A/Able Seaman	F/3565	Platypus
Thomas, Mervyn A.	Ordinary Seaman	P.A/2530	"
McGregor, Laurence R.	"	S/5764	Torrens
Tyrril, Kevin P.	Able Seaman	B/2313	"
Dodson, Thomas	Wireman	24687	Townsville
Geddes, Douglas J. G.	Able Seaman	23803	"
Brown, David T.	Ordinary Seaman	P.M/4111	Vendetta
Day, Walter E.	"	P.M/4078	"
Hacking, John W.	"	B/3515	"
Hayes, Roderick J.	"	P.M/4453	"
Walker, John N.	"	P.A/2556	"
Blackford, Eric F.	Stoker, 2nd Class	S/6060	Warrego
Nock, John R.	Ordinary Seaman	B/3455	"
Taylor, Lloyd W.	Supply Assistant	P.M/4467	"
Worley, George O.	Ordinary Seaman	F/4149	"

The following qualified educationally for Acting Leading Stoker:—

Grounds, William A. R.	Stoker, 2nd Class	S/6807	Australia
Reid, Edgar C.	Stoker	W/1850	"
Baggs, Keith T.	Stoker, 2nd Class	W/2530	Cerberus
Barry, Walter W.	"	S/7314	"
Binns, William	"	P.A/3024	"
Burdekin, Kevin J.	"	S/7214	"
Colless, Cyril	"	B/4019	"
Drummond, Alan E.	"	B/3825	"
George, Harry	"	S/7225	"
Grose, Eric A.	"	P.A/3047	"
Harrison, Robert J.	"	F/4626	"
Hicks, Gordon K.	"	W/2481	"
Hildebrandt, Ian W.	"	P.M/5346	"
Hillman, Alfred E.	"	S/7466	"

EDUCATIONAL TEST I., DECEMBER, 1942—RESULTS—*continued.*

Name.	Rating.	O.N.	Where Serving at Time of Examination.
Johnston, Charlton F. ..	Stoker, 3rd Class ..	F/4623	<i>Cerberus</i>
Kavanagh, James P. ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	S/7203	"
Kelly, Desmond B. ..	" ..	P.A/3257	"
Kinsman, William C. ..	" ..	S/7230	"
Murtagh, James G. ..	Stoker, 3rd Class ..	S/7132	"
McFall, Desmond I. ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	W/2503	"
Nelson, Francis M. ..	" ..	W/2479	"
Parkhill, Edward J. ..	" ..	W/2546	"
Robertson, Walter H. ..	" ..	W/2498	"
Robinson, Joseph T. ..	" ..	F/4534	"
Smallmon, Keith T. W. ..	" ..	S/6987	"
Smith, Jack A. M. ..	" ..	F/4536	"
Spark, William A. ..	" ..	W/2542	"
Stoddart, Kenneth V. ..	" ..	B/4095	"
Thaler, William O. ..	" ..	B/4135	"
Underhill, Joseph D. ..	" ..	P.A/3129	"
Walsh, John R. ..	" ..	B/4064	"
Fry, John C. ..	Stoker ..	S/4639	<i>Torrens</i>
Melville, Basil J. M. ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	P.A/2784	"
Colyer-Barrett, Trevor E. ..	Stoker ..	H/1691	<i>Vendetta</i>
Halson, William M. ..	" ..	W/1989	"

(465/205/658.)

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72.

ORDNANCE ARTIFICER (O)—FOR DUTIES IN CONNECTION WITH REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS—INTRODUCTION OF RATING.

It has been decided to introduce the new rating of Ordnance Artificer (O) comprising qualified members of the optical profession for employment in the maintenance and repair of Naval optical instruments.

2. These men are to be entered from shore or transferred from serving ratings and are to be engaged under an "hostilities only" engagement as Ordnance Artificer (O) 5th Class. On the completion of their period of training, *vide* paragraph 4 hereunder, Ordnance Artificer (O) 5th Class will be rated Acting Ordnance Artificer (O) 4th Class.

3. Ordnance Artificers (O) are not trained or qualified for general duties but are given a special course in the maintenance of Naval optical instruments supplied for gunnery purposes and their duties should therefore be confined to work of this type.

4. The qualifying course of 8 weeks which should be undertaken at Garden Island covers the following duties:—

- (i) Stripping, cleaning, adjustment of, and minor repairs to—
binoculars, gun sights, telescopes, small optical instruments, and short based range finders that can be accommodated in the workshops provided.
- (ii) Examination of long based range finders and the stripping and cleaning of such parts as can be removed while range finder is on board.

5. The minimum age for entry is 21 years. Applications for transfer from present serving ratings should be made to the Naval Board.

6. Acting Ordnance Artificers (O) 4th Class will be eligible for confirmation after 6 months' actual employment in the professional capacity if found satisfactory and recommended.

7. Ordnance Artificers (O) 4th Class will be advanced to Ordnance Artificer (O) 3rd Class after 12 months' actual employment in the confirmed rate, under the same conditions as in paragraph 6, if recommended and considered in all respects suitable.

8. Rates of pay are to be as laid down for Artificer Branches (N.F.R. and I. Article 35).

9. Arrangements will be made for the supply of Collimators and for the provision of suitable workshops.

Ordnance Artificers (O) will be required to supply their own stripping tools and to make any special tools necessary.

10. Ordnance Artificers (O) have been drafted to Flinders Naval Depot (and for duty in *Lonsdale*) and to H.M.A.S. *Leeuwin*. Application for work of the above nature to be undertaken by Ordnance Artificers (O) should be made to Naval Officers-in-Charge concerned.

(432/222/485.)

73.

NAVAL ARMAMENT STORE ACCOUNTS OF AUXILIARY VESSELS.

Naval Armament Store Accounts of Auxiliary Vessels are to be produced at Inspections and the report should include a remark as to their condition.

2. At all Ports where a Base Gunnery Officer is borne, the latter is to examine the Naval Armament Store Accounts of Auxiliary Vessels once every quarter. The date of this examination is to be noted in the Store Account.

3. Where no Base Gunnery Officer is borne, this duty is to be carried out by the officer appointed for Armament Store Accounting duties at the Base.

(612/204/1240.)

74.

CARTRIDGES SIGNAL 1" RED OF M.E. 1942 MANUFACTURE : TO BE LANDED.

During a temporary shortage of Naval type cartridges signal 1" red, Army Type Mk. XI. T. cartridges of M.E. 1942 manufacture (lot 78 of 3/1942 and lot 112 of 5/1942) were issued to a few of H.M.A. Ships and depots. These cartridges differ from Naval type cartridges signal 1" red in that the rim of the case is not milled.

2. Stocks of Naval type cartridges are now available and any Army type cartridges held on board H.M.A. Ships or by Naval Officers-in-Charge, are to be returned to the nearest Naval Armament Depot and replacements drawn in lieu.

3. R.A.N. Armament Depots are to report quantities received to Navy Office.

(471/208/800.)

75.

DEPTH CHARGES—PRECAUTIONS IN HOT CLIMATES.

In view of the increasing number of depth charges being rendered unserviceable due to burst charge cases, attention is directed to O.U. 5485, para. 45, as amended by Admiralty Fleet Order P. 834/41, viz. :—

“In hot climates depth charges should be shielded from the direct rays of the sun as much as practicable by canvas screens or other suitable means to obviate the possibility of fracture of the welding due to abnormal expansion of the explosive charge.”

(471/205/1671.)

76.

PARAVANES : LOSSES BY MERCHANT VESSELS—ACTION BY D.E.M.S. STAFF OFFICERS.

With reference to Admiralty Merchant Shipping Instructions 284/42, paragraph 3, on all occasions when losses of paravanes are reported by merchant vessels, D.E.M.S. Officers are to see that the relevant history sheets are completed in all respects by the master of the vessel concerned.

2. Although the revised history sheet now being issued with certain paravanes supplied by Admiralty does not contain a record of running, this information is still required and should be obtained when necessary from the D.E.M.S. Defect Book (D.E.M.S. 15A) and attached to the history sheet.

3. Attention is directed to Commonwealth Navy Order 32 of 1943.

(660/201/630.)

77.

GRANT FOR TROPICAL KIT.

With reference to Navy Order 347 of 1941, the Naval Board have approved of the special grant of £5 referred to in Navy Order 334 of 1942 being also paid to Officers of the Permanent Naval Forces (Auxiliary Services), R.A.N.R.(S), R.A.N.R., and R.A.N.V.R., towards the cost of providing the necessary tropical outfit, with effect as from 2nd December, 1941. Payment of the allowance may be authorized by Commanding Officers in the same manner and under the same conditions as for R.A.N. (Seagoing) Officers set forth in the abovequoted Navy Order.

2. On the subject of eligibility of Officers generally for the payment of the grant for tropical outfit, it is notified for general information that—

(a) Officers appointed prior to 2nd December, 1941, and still serving on that date, are not eligible to be paid the grant in respect of any tropical outfit purchased prior to 2nd December, 1941.

(b) Officers appointed prior to or after 2nd December, 1941, who purchased any tropical outfit—(whether in replacement of old tropical uniform purchased prior to 2nd December, 1941, or not)—on or after that date, are eligible to be paid the grant, subject to the production of a certificate by the Commanding Officer that tropical outfit was required to be provided in their kits on or after 2nd December, 1941.

(407/212/436.)
(434/215/995.)

78.

SHORTS, TROPICAL, KHAKI—ADDITIONAL SIZES.

It is notified that four additional sizes of ratings' shorts, tropical, khaki, as set out hereunder, have been added to the scale of measurements for this garment :—

Size.	Side Seam.	Leg Seam.	Waist.	Thigh.	Bottom.
16	27	12	40	32	26
17	27	12	42	32	26
18	27	12	44	32	26
19	27	12	46	32	27

(Measurements of garment.)

(434/210/164.)

79.

SPECIAL TROPICAL CLOTHING FOR NAVAL AUXILIARY PATROL PERSONNEL.

Personnel of the Naval Auxiliary Patrol proceeding from Australian Waters to Northern Operational Areas may be supplied with the following special items of tropical clothing for use in those areas :—

2 No. shirts, khaki, long sleeves	} To be issued gratuitously.
2 prs. trousers, khaki, long	..	..	..
2 No. covers, cap, khaki	} To be issued on loan.
1 No. mosquito net	..	..	..
1 No. mosquito veil	..	..	..
1 No. sun helmet	..	..	..
2 No. covers, khaki, for sun helmets	..	..	..

2. Issues are to be recorded on Service Certificates, and care taken to ensure that issues are not duplicated.

(434/201/3322.)

80.

HYGIENIC HANDLING AND PROPER COOKING OF FOOD.

During the course of recent inspections it has been noted that in quite a number of instances sufficient attention is not being given to the hygienic handling and storage of foodstuffs. A warning is therefore issued, in the general interest, that unless scrupulous cleanliness and care are maintained in this regard there is always the serious possibility of an outbreak of illness, particularly in any warm climate. Commanding Officers are to regard any slackness on the part of the responsible officer or rating in regard to proper care of food as a disciplinary offence.

2. Attention is also drawn to the necessity for the proper cooking of foods, particularly meats of all kinds. There are certain diseases such as Trichinosis and Swine Measles (Cysticercosis) in pig meat, the minute larvae of which are unrecognisable by ordinary meat inspection. Proper cooking of the flesh, however, is a safeguard against danger.

3. The Naval Board recognise that in far-flung stations some difficulties may be experienced in the cooking of food, but it is pointed out that it is better to suffer some inconvenience in cooking rather than to run the risk of illness as a result of insufficient cooking.

(612/237/158.)

81.

EARTHENWARE PLATES.

Dinner plates and soup plates for all ratings' messes are to be transferred to common headings and accounted for under "Earthenware for C.P.O's, P.O's and Seamen's Messes" as Plates Dinner, Patt. 83, and Plates Soup, Patt. 86, respectively.

(530/201/488.)

82.

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the undermentioned publications have been distributed. Further supplies of B.R. 613 are being obtained to complete distribution:—

Errata No. 1 to O.U. 5409—"Rate Book for Naval Stores."

(A.F.O. 3944/42.)
(571/203/2414.)

B.R. 150B—"Naval Manual of Aircraft Recognition."

(A.F.O. 3043/42.)
(571/202/1646.)

B.R. 157 (3)—"Addendum No. 3 to Naval Electrical Pocket Book."

(A.F.O. 2189/42.)
(571/202/1357.)

B.R. 276—"Instructions for Flying Admiralty Kites and Balloons."

(A.F.O. 700/42.)
(571/202/1573.)

B.R. 280/42—"Handbook and Drill for the French 75 m.m. Gun, 1897 Model on the 1916 (Affut de Bord) Mounting."

(A.F.O. 1071/42.)
(571/202/1522.)

B.R. 285/42—"Notes on the 8 m.m. Hotchkiss Machine Gun, French Model."

(A.F.O. 1073/42.)
(571/202/1525.)

B.R. 288/42—"Drill for the Smith 3-in. Smooth Bore Lightweight Gun, Mark I."

(A.F.O.'s 1070 and 1309/42.)
(571/202/1514.)

B.R. 317 (3)—"Preparation of the Marks XV. and XVII. Mines, Assembly Nos. 1-32."

B.R. 317 (4)—"Preparation of the Mark XIX. Mine."

B.R. 317 (5)—"Preparation of the Mark XIX. S. Mine, Assembly Nos. 1 and 3."

B.R. 317 (6)—"Preparation of the Mark XX* Mine."

B.R. 317 (7)—"Preparation of the Marks XXII. and XXII.* Mines."

B.R. 317 (8)—"Preparation of the Mark XXVII. Mine Assembly Nos. 1 and 2."

B.R. 317 (9)—"Preparation of the Marks XV. and XVII.* Sinkers."

B.R. 317 (10)—"Preparation of the Marks XVII.*** and XVII.**** Sinkers."

B.R. 317 (11)—"Preparation of the Mark XIX Sinker."

B.R. 317 (12)—"Preparation of the Mark XX. Sinker."

B.R. 317 (13)—"Preparation of the Mark XXII. Sinker."

(A.F.O. 5090/42.)
(571/202/1628.)

B.R. 362/42—"Establishment of Naval Stores for Tugs attached to H.M. Dockyards, Reprint."

(A.F.O. 3576/42.)
(571/202/1647.)

B.R. 613—"Instructions for the use of the Dial Recording Camera, Mark III."

(A.F.O. 4566/42.)
(571/202/1632.)

Form O.U. 2 A/42—"O.U. Catalogue—List of Current Books issued 'For Official use only'."

(A.F.O. 4566/42.)
(571/203/2138.)

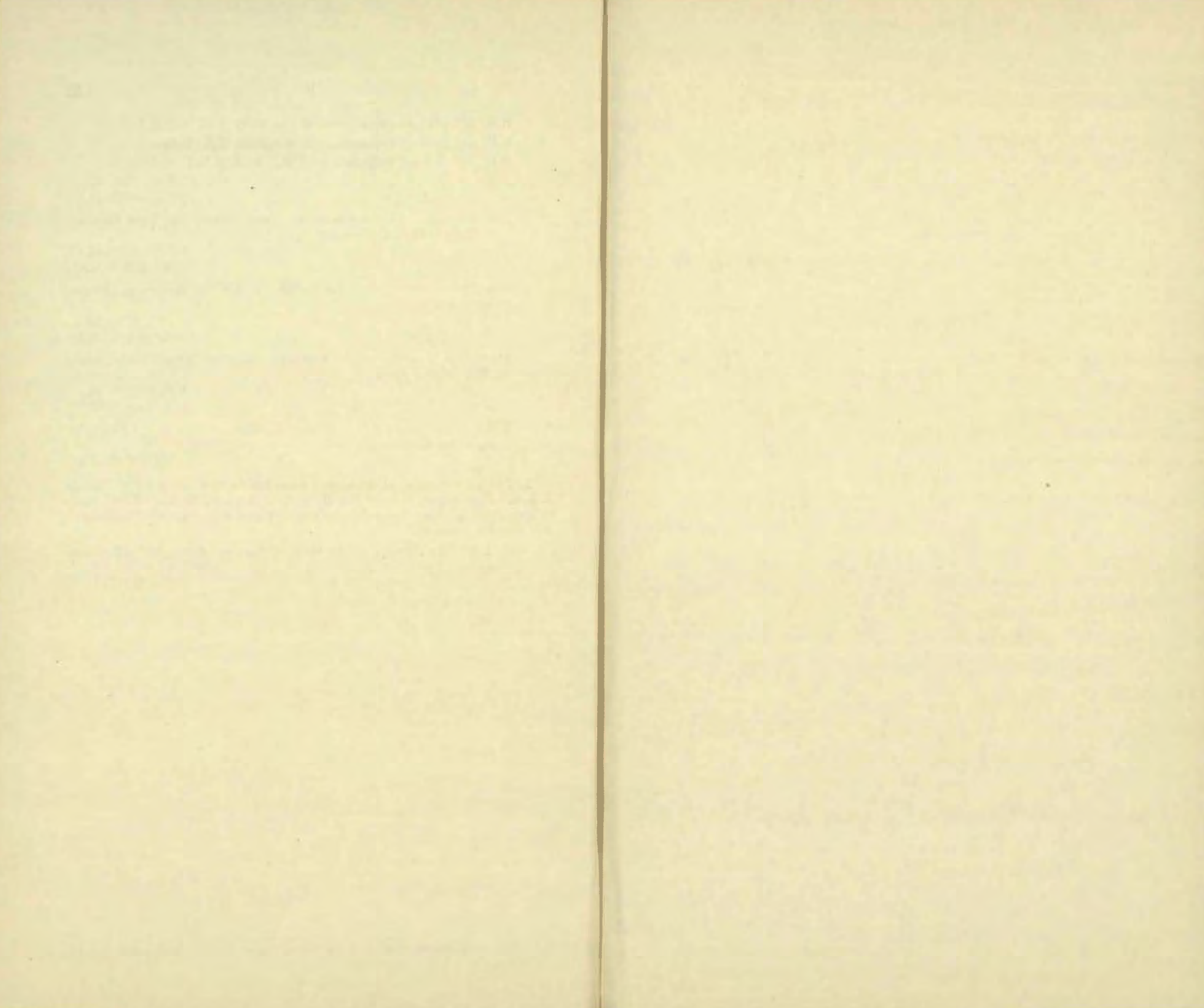
A.R.P. Memorandum No. 15 (3rd Edition)—"Care and Custody of Equipment."

(571/201/3677.)

2. The undermentioned Admiralty form has been adopted for use in the R.A.N. First supply will be issued, without demand, by the Naval Store Officer, Sydney, when the existing Convoy Form M, "Master's Certificate" will become obsolete.

S. 1542 (Established July, 1942)—"Convoy Form M." (Questionnaire).

(480/201/2913.)



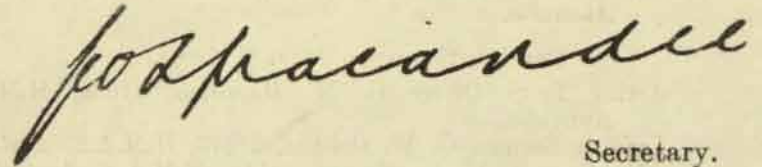
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By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
Establishments, and others concerned.*

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HONOURS AND AWARDS TO R.A.N. PERSONNEL.

With reference to Navy Order 12 of 1943, the following additional Honours and Awards have been made to personnel of the Royal Australian Navy:—

1. *For great gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty:—*

THE GEORGE CROSS.

Lieutenant J. S. Mould, G.M., R.A.N.V.R.

2. *For distinguished services in the Pacific:—*

TO BE A COMPANION OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Captain H. B. Farncomb, M.V.O., R.A.N., H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Commander G. G. O. Gatacre, D.S.C., R.A.N., H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Acting Commander J. F. Rayment, R.A.N., H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Acting Petty Officer G. M. Hamilton, 17066, H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

Leading Seaman C. W. Bellette, 18873, H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

Able Seaman R. F. Martin, 22142, H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

Able Seaman R. W. Howlett, 22947, H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

Able Seaman A. H. L. Taylor, F/2453, H.M.A.S. *Hobart.*

Able Seaman B. T. Marshall, H/1055, H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

Able Seaman L. G. Hansen, B/2345, H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Commander W. H. Harrington, D.S.O., R.A.N., H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

Commander (E) E. B. Vallance, R.A.N., H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

Lieutenant-Commander R. J. Hodge, R.A.N., H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

Mr. C. St. C. Williams, Warrant Engineer, R.A.N.(E.L.), H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist A. Brydie, 14610, H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

Chief Yeoman of Signals, F. McKenzie, 10867, H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

Petty Officer S. A. F. Harris, 19433, H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

Engine Room Artificer 2nd Class J. H. Edmonds, 19840, H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

Leading Steward F. C. T. Clarke, 16017, H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

Able Seaman H. W. Alexander, PM/2858, H.M.A.S. *Australia.*

3. *For distinguished services in the South-west Pacific Area:—*

THE BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL (MILITARY).

Sick Berth Petty Officer P. A. McKenzie, S/520, H.M.A.S. *Melville.*

Sick Berth Attendant D. E. Shelley, 21947, H.M.A.S. *Warrnambool.*

4. *For bravery in H.M. motor launches in the withdrawal from Tobruk:—*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Able Seaman R. E. Baber, S/4190.

Able Seaman N. J. Johnston, PM/3322.

5. *For great bravery and devotion to duty when H.M.S. Repulse was sunk by Japanese aircraft:—*

MENTION IN DESPATCHES (POSTHUMOUS).

Midshipman R. I. Davies, R.A.N.

6. *For gallantry, daring, and skill in the combined attack on Dieppe:—*

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Lieutenant T. M. Foggett, R.A.N.V.R.

7. *For good services and devotion to duty in the Far East:—*

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Temporary Lieutenant T. Christy, R.A.N.R.(S.), H.M.A.S. *Burnie.*

8. *For Bravery when H.M.A.S. Australia was attacked by Japanese aircraft:—*

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Captain H. B. Farncomb, M.V.O., R.A.N.

Commander G. C. Oldham, R.A.N.

Able Seaman L. J. Tunney, B/2678.

9. *For bravery in an air raid on Darwin:—*

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Leading Seaman E. M. Ericsson, 19650, H.M.A.S. *Platypus.*

10. *For bravery in the Far East:—*

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Sub-Lieutenant M. H. Henderson, R.A.N.V.R.

11.

KNIGHT COMMANDER IN THE ORDER OF ORANJE-NASSAU.

(Awarded by the Queen of the Netherlands.)

Captain J. A. Collins, C.B., R.A.N.

Commander V. E. Kennedy, R.A.N.

12. *New Year Honours List*:—

C.B.E.

Acting Paymaster Captain C. A. Parker, O.B.E., R.A.N.

O.B.E.

Acting Commander N. K. Calder, R.A.N., H.M.A.S. *Bungaree*.

M.B.E.

Lieutenant-Commander F. W. Bayldon, R.A.N.R., H.M.A.S. *Lonsdale*.Lieutenant (E) A. E. Edwards, R.A.N., H.M.A.S. *Australia*.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Lieutenant T. W. Lewis, R.A.N.V.R., H.M.S. *Kingston Olivine*.

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Lieutenant-Commander (E) R. G. Parker, R.A.N., H.M.A.S. *Nestor*.Lieutenant G. Lanning, R.A.N.V.R., H.M.S. *Alisma*.Chief Engine Room Artificer A. H. Greer, 1409, H.M.A.S. *Nestor*.Leading Seaman F. W. Holmes, S/2433, D.E.M.S. *Dominion Monarch*.

(432/208/2098.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

84.

OVERSEAS AIR TRANSPORTATION.

All applications for overseas air transportation (personnel and freight) are to be made to Navy Office, where necessary action will be taken to secure the requisite accommodation and/or space.

(415/201/1878.)

85.

SUPPLY OF LIQUID HUMAN SERUM.

Supplies of Liquid Human Serum are available on very short call at Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Perth. In addition, emergency supplies can be obtained at Port Moresby, Milne Bay, Townsville, and Cairns, on application to the local Army Medical authority.

(612/213/2285.)

86.

MACHINERY OF A.M.S. VESSELS—NECESSITY FOR PURITY OF FEED WATER.

The condition of the machinery of several A.M.S. Vessels has indicated that insufficient attention is being paid to maintaining in these vessels the highest practicable purity of the feed water, and the requisite degree of alkalinity of the boiler water.

2. It is vitally important that impurities be prevented from entering the feed water, and that the water be kept slightly alkaline by the addition of the minimum quantity of milk of lime that will give the necessary alkalinity.

3. In water tube boilers a very slight increase in salinity will cause serious pitting, and lead to priming with detriment to machinery.

4. The use of even a small excess of lime will also quickly cause trouble with machinery.

5. As far as practicable, Engineer Officers of Ships and Base Engineer Officers are to follow carefully the principles laid down in Engineering Manual, Articles 211 and 212, and A.F.O. 909/42, and are to take every opportunity to check the whole feed water system, including condensers and feed tanks, for the purpose of detecting and checking leakage or contamination at the earliest possible opportunity.

(603/267/1355.)

87.

L.L. MINESWEEPERS—VENNER TIME SWITCH.

The attention of Commanding Officer of H.M.A. Ships fitted with LL Sweeps is drawn to paragraph 116 of M/S Maintenance Memoranda regarding modification to Venner Time Switch.

2. Ships concerned are instructed to raise an Alteration and Addition item in respect of this work, which is to be carried out at first opportunity, and completion reports forwarded.

(603/267/1350.)

88.

LOAN ISSUE OF ROPE-SOLED SHOES FOR H.M.A. MOTOR PATROL BOATS AND NAVAL AUXILIARY PATROL BOATS.

Rope-soled shoes are, in future, to be used in lieu of gymnastic shoes authorized for loan issue in H.M.A. Motor Patrol Boats, *vide* Navy Order 272 of 1941.

2. The loan issue of rope-soled shoes (1 pair per man) is also approved for *mobilized* personnel of the R.A.N.V.R. (Naval Auxiliary Patrol) *actually serving afloat*. Issues are to be recorded on Service Certificates and care taken that issues are not duplicated.

(420/201/1005.)

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
DATE: 1944

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of the results of the investigation conducted by the Army Security Agency into the activities of the subject named above.

The investigation has revealed that the subject has been active in the dissemination of information concerning the activities of the Army and the Government.

It is recommended that the subject be placed under continued surveillance to prevent further dissemination of information.

The investigation has also revealed that the subject has been in contact with certain individuals who are known to be active in the dissemination of information concerning the activities of the Army and the Government.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
DATE: 1944

The attention of the Secretary of the Army is directed to the fact that the subject named above has been active in the dissemination of information concerning the activities of the Army and the Government.

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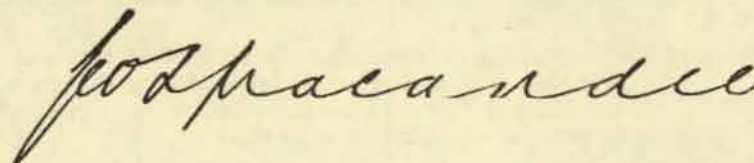
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Commonwealth Navy Orders.

Navy Office, Melbourne,
9th March, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
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ORDERS MADE UNDER NATIONAL SECURITY REGULATIONS.

The following are promulgated for information:—

(*Commonwealth Gazette* No. 37, dated 17th February, 1943.)

(i) ORDER UNDER REGULATION 55 OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

Whereas by regulation 55 of the National Security (General) Regulations, it is provided that the Minister of State for the Army may by order authorize, subject to any restrictions and conditions imposed by the order, the use of any land specified therein for naval, military, or air force purposes, during the period specified in the order; and any such order may, so far as appears to that Minister to be necessary or expedient for the purposes thereof, provide—

- (a) for entitling persons using any land in pursuance of the order to do such acts in relation to the land as are specified in the order; and
- (b) for prohibiting or restricting the exercise of rights of way over that land, and of other rights relating thereto, which are enjoyed by any person, whether by virtue of an interest in that land or otherwise:

And whereas by Instrument of Delegation dated the eighteenth day of September, 1942, made in pursuance of section 17 of the *National Security Act 1939-40* (which delegation was published in the *Gazette* on the thirtieth day of September, 1942, and is still continuing and of full force and effect), the Minister of State for the Army delegated to me the powers conferred on him by regulation 55 of the National Security (General) Regulations:

Now therefore I, Guy Charles Cecil Royle, Chief of the Naval Staff, acting in pursuance of the said regulation and instrument of delegation, do hereby order as follows:—

1. I hereby authorize the use of the land described in the Schedule to this Order for naval training and manoeuvres, including gunnery and musketry practice, during the period commencing on the twentieth day of February, 1943, and ending on the day on which this Order shall be withdrawn.

2. During the period specified in the preceding paragraph of this Order, no person shall enter or be in the said land except with the permission, in writing, of the Commanding Officer, *H.M.A.S. Assault*, and then only for such purposes as may be specified in the permit.

THE SCHEDULE.

All that area of land (including land covered with water) in and adjacent to Port Stephens, in the State of New South Wales, situated between 152 deg. 10 min. E. and 152 deg. 12 min. E. longitude. and 32 deg. 40 min. 45 sec. S. and 32 deg. 42 min. S. latitude.

Dated this tenth day of February, 1943.

G. C. C. ROYLE,
Chief of the Naval Staff.

(*Commonwealth Gazette* No. 45, dated 26th February, 1943.)

(ii) NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

REGISTRATION OF SMALL VESSELS ORDER.

Whereas by paragraph 10 of the Defence Impressment Order, it is provided that the Naval Board, the Military Board, the Air Board, or any officer thereto, authorized by any of those Boards may, by Order, require the possessors of any animals or things to register them in the manner and at the time and place specified in the Order:

Now therefore I, Guy Charles Cecil Royle, Chief of the Naval Staff, an officer thereto authorized by the Naval Board, in pursuance of paragraph 10 of the said Order, do hereby order as follows:—

Citation.

1. This Order may be cited as the Registration of Small Vessels Order.

Statements to be Furnished by Possessors of Small Vessels.

2. Every person who at the date of this Order has in his possession, whether on his own behalf or on behalf of any other person, any vessel of not less than 15 feet nor more than 50 feet in length not ordinarily propelled by oars (including punts and barges) shall furnish to the officer specified in the First Schedule to this Order in the State in which he resides, on or before the thirty-first day of March, 1943, a statement relating to such vessel in the form specified in the Second Schedule to this Order.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

OFFICERS TO WHOM STATEMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED.

Victoria.—The Director of Navigation, 35 Wills-street, Melbourne.

New South Wales.—The Deputy Director of Navigation, Customs House, Sydney, N.S.W.

Queensland.—The Deputy Director of Navigation, Adelaide-street, Brisbane, Queensland.

South Australia.—The Deputy Director of Navigation, 29 North-parade, Port Adelaide.

Western Australia.—The Deputy Director of Navigation, 18 High-street, Fremantle.

Tasmania.—The Deputy Director of Navigation, Customs House, Hobart.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. REGISTRATION OF SMALL VESSELS ORDER.

STATEMENT BY POSSESSOR OF SMALL VESSEL.

Name of vessel	Type
Where built	When built
Builder's name	
Name and address of owner	
Name and address of person controlling vessel (if not owner)	
Port of registry and official number (if registered)	
Nature of vessel's present employment	
Crew needed to handle	
Amount for which insured (if any)	

Dimensions, Type of Hull. &c.

Length over all Beam
 Maximum draft when loaded Decking
(partial or complete)
 Class of hull (clinker, carvel, or diagonal built)
 Bottom (metal or painted)

Motive Power.

Number of engines Engine maker's name, and type
 B.H.P. of each engine Number of cylinders of each engine
 Reputed speed in knots Full speed Cruising speed
 If auxiliary, can vessel be navigated with sail alone?

Fuel.

Full tank capacity gallons. State whether petrol, kerosene, or Diesel oil
 Hourly consumption in gallons, or part of gallon, under normal weather conditions at cruising speed

Water Capacity.

Fresh water tanks Capacity gallons.
 Place where vessel may be inspected

I hereby declare that the vessel described above was in my possession on the day of, 1943, and that the information set out above is true and correct.

Dated this day of, 1943.
(Signature)

Dated this fifteenth day of February, 1943.

GUY ROYLE,
 Chief of the Naval Staff.

90.

DRAFTING CATEGORIES.

As it appears that certain differences of opinion have arisen in regard to the various categories promulgated in Navy Order 412 of 1942, the following amplifications are made in relation to categories (D), (E), (X), and (Y).

2. Categories (D) and (E): Personnel in these categories are temporarily or permanently unfit for service in sea-going ships. They are fit for duty in all shore establishments, whether in the tropics or not, and are also fit for duty in harbour craft unless specifically stated to be unfit for this duty.

3. Categories (X) and (Y): Personnel in these categories are permanently or temporarily unfit for service in sea-going ships or in shore establishments and depot ships north of Brisbane and Fremantle. They are fit for duty in shore establishments south of and including Brisbane and Fremantle, or in harbour craft in the same area unless specifically stated to be unfit for such duty.

4. The term 'harbour craft' does not cover local defence vessels which have to keep at sea for any appreciable time.

(502/201/551.)

91.

EXAMINATION OF SICK BERTH STAFF—NOVEMBER, 1942—RESULTS.

The results obtained by candidates who passed in the examination for advancement in the Sick Berth Branch, held on 24th November, 1942, are as given hereunder:—

Examination Number.	Nautic.	Present Rating.	O.N.	Percentage of Marks obtained at Examination.			Approximate Average Percentage for (a) Written, and (b) Oral and Practical.	Where Serving at Time of Examination.
				Paper No. 1.	Paper No. 2.	Written Average Percentage.			Oral and Practical.
28	Korby, M. (see note * below)	A/S.B.P.O.	21108	78	84	81	75	Cerberus
39	Roucher, S. H.	S.B.P.O.	20422	70	81	75.5	79	"
27	Godwin, K.	L.S.B.A.	12472	70	70	70	83	Lonadale
50	Rimington, B. T.	"	PM.20336	66	64	65	75	Platypus
54	Dargan, F. P.	"	S.3206	71	70	70	83	Penguin
58	Sanderson, J. A.	"	S.2611	78	72	75	65	Hobart
77	Phillips, B. G.	"	S.2777	80	78	79	74	Metville
83	Spalding, A. J.	"	21569	80	72	76	76.5	Geradillon
14	Reilly, M.	S.B.A.	17940	79	85	82	70	Lacewis
16	Hayden, T. J.	"	24152	60	59	59.5	61	Cerberus
21	Holding, G. E.	"	PM.2150	59	63	61	80	"
22	Russell, R. T.	"	PM.2096	69	67	68	74	"
23	Kelly, V. J.	"	PM.2112	54	67	60.5	69	"
34	Thomas, A. E.	"	S.6371	72	67	69.5	72	"
25	Whitehead, A. G.	"	PM.2154	60	63	61.5	69	"
26	Ackeroyd, D. M.	"	PM.4201	68	56	62	72	Rushcutter
57	House, W. R.	"	S.5874	65	73	69	65	Hobart
78	Joselin, E. R.	"	PM.17	62	71	66.5	60	"
79	Furniss, A. J.	"	S.4630	67	68	62.5	58	"
80	Cope, E. J.	"	PA.2065	57	63	60	66	Magnetic (Thursday Island)
82	Collier, A. J.	"	PM.2102	51	64	57.5	67	Metville

* Candidate not eligible by service to sit for examination until 1st October, 1943. Pass approved to date from routine examination to be held in November, 1943.
 2. The marks obtained by candidates who failed have been communicated to the Commanding Officer of the ship or establishment in which the rating was serving at time of the examination.
 3. Papers from overseas vessels have, in some cases, not yet been received. If any examination papers should be forthcoming later, the results thereof will be published as soon as practicable.
 4. The 24th November, 1942, is to be regarded as the basic date for the passing of this examination.
 5. The original copies of Forms A.S.1236 and A.S.1237 have been completed and forwarded to the ships and establishments concerned. Duplicate copies have been forwarded to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot. The necessary notation should be made on the Service Certificates of candidates.

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

(405/207/952.)

EXAMINATION OF ENGINE ROOM RATINGS.

The following results of the examination of Engine Room Ratings, held in August, 1942, are promulgated for the information of all concerned.

O.N.	Name	Present Rating.	Application Received from--	Result.
<i>E.R.A. for C.E.R.A.</i>				
<i>Mechanician I. for Chief Mechanician.</i>				
22627	McPherson, C. E.	E.R.A. 3	Australia	Pass Sat. 66.6%
18504	Loveridge, A. N.	Mech. I.	Australia	Pass Sat. 65%
W. 199	Scott, W. H.	E.R.A. 2	Platypus	Pass Sat. 56%
23201	Packer, M. G.	E.R.A. 3	Stuart	Pass Sat. 63.3%
W. 1029	Taylor, J. W.	E.R.A. 4	Stuart	Pass Supr. 73.6%
16956	Wheeler, A. W.	Mech. I.	Goulburn	Pass Sat. 65.6%
F. 2886	Westlake, F. M.	E.R.A. 4	Manoora	Pass Sat. 60.6%
20502	Sloan, D.	E.R.A. 2	Brisbane (Tamworth)	Pass Sat. 63%
S. 1400	Crank, G. P.	E.R.A. 2	Penguin	Pass Sat. 61.3%
21048	Silva, J. R.	E.R.A. 3	Platypus	Pass Sat. 62%
W. 633	Hazeldene, W.	E.R.A. 2	Castlemaine	Pass Sat. 61%
6259	Hoft, A. W.	E.R.A. 2	Deloraine	Pass Sat. 59%
23303	Thomas, A. C.	E.R.A. 3	Penguin	Pass Sat. 60%
S. 3377	Garnsworthy, F.	E.R.A. 3	Rockhampton	Pass Sat. 63.6%
<i>E.R.A. A/4th Class for Confirmation.</i>				
<i>Mechanician II. for Mechanician I.</i>				
19996	Hayes, M. J.	Mech. II.	Canberra	Pass Exceptional
23612	Sheridan, R. J.	E.R.A. 4th	Hobart	Pass Sat.
H. 1679	Armstrong, J. E.	"	Hobart	Pass Sat.
P. A2316	John, T. N.	"	Adelaide	Pass Sat.
PM. 3862	Butler, J. A.	"	Adelaide	Pass Sat.
H. 1625	Pearson, V.	"	Westralia	Pass Exceptional
PM. 3279	Price, C. C.	"	Katoomba	Pass Supr.
F. 3837	Fletcher, H. A.	"	Bungaree	Pass Supr.
PM. 3143	Wells, J. C.	"	Orara	Pass Supr.
F. 3623	Schenberg, M.	"	Orara	Pass Supr.
24901	Cunningham, T. W. J.	"	Geelong	Pass Exceptional
PA. 2228	Thomson, D. S.	"	Marrawah	Pass Sat.
24345	Dowse, A. W.	"	Marrawah	Pass Sat.
S. 5980	Gibson, S. C.	"	Leeuwin	Pass Sat.
F. 3508	Reynolds, C. R. A.	"	Whyalla	Pass Exceptional
PM. 2378	Wylie, R. G.	"	Huon (Coombar)	Pass Sat.
PM. 3778	Johnstone, H. R.	"	Penguin	Pass Sat.
S. 5298	Chandler, W. G.	"	Ballarat	Pass Sat.
PM. 3222	Porter, C. F.	"	Ballarat	Pass Sat.
F. 3688	Cousins, D. O.	"	Hobart	Pass Sat.
S. 6014	Rech, G. L.	"	Katoomba	Pass Supr.

O.N.	Name.	Present Rating.	Application Received from--	Result.
<i>Stoker Petty Officer for Chief Stoker.</i>				
21152	Gunton, W. J. H.	S.P.O.	Australia	Pass Sat.
19322	Browne, J. D.	"	Australia	Pass Supr.
19211	Broad, W.	"	Hobart	Pass Sat.
19216	Greenshields, R. J.	"	Hobart	Pass Sat.
19346	Kerr, C. H.	"	Hobart	Pass Sat.
19827	Dyke, M. G.	"	Hobart	Pass Sat.
20136	Molyneux, W.	"	Hobart	Pass Supr.
19803	Clarkin, C.	"	Hobart	Pass Sat.
19177	Fulton, W. G.	"	Adelaide	Pass Sat.
18141	Coles, W. F. McC.	"	Cerberus	Pass Supr.
19833	Baird, N. H.	"	Platypus	Pass Supr.
18581	Welch, R. H.	"	Stuart	Pass Supr.
17870	Davenport, F.	"	Voyager	Pass Exceptional
19698	Riley, J. L.	"	Voyager	Pass Exceptional
19486	Merchant, M. G.	"	Goulburn	Pass Supr.
20413	Gassner, J. C.	"	Goulburn	Pass Supr.
19806	Tomlinson, L. G.	"	Bombo	Pass Supr.
11819	Genge, W. E.	"	Doomba	Pass Sat.
11216	Roper, F. T.	"	Patterson	Pass Sat.
17288	Burge, H. S.	"	Leeuwin	Pass Sat.
17523	Stephens, G. P.	"	Warrego	Pass Sat.
20563	Bennett, J. H.	"	Warrego	Pass Sat.
18140	Ward, L. I.	"	Mildura	Pass Supr.
6719	Britnell, E. L.	"	Moresby	Pass Sat.
19812	Dobson, E. M. T.	"	Moresby	Pass Exceptional
19272	Provis, J. R.	"	Moresby	Pass Supr.
11581	Thompson, D. D.	"	Moresby	Pass Sat.

2. A number of Examination Papers and Results of Oral Examinations have not yet been received. The results of outstanding examinations will be promulgated as early as possible.

3. The necessary notation should be made on Forms A.S.1233g and 1246a.

4. Forms A.S.442 for successful and unsuccessful candidates have been forwarded to Ships and Establishments concerned for signature by the candidates. The original is to be retained by the candidate and the duplicate forwarded to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot.

(465/207/1173.)

93.

DISCHARGE FROM R.A.N. ON ACCOUNT OF PHYSICAL UNFITNESS FOR SERVICE.

Members of the Naval Forces are to be brought forward for Medical Survey, with a view to invaliding—

(a) When they are no longer, at the time, in need of further active treatment as in-patients and are capable of—

- (i) resuming their pre-enlistment occupation; or
- (ii) following some other occupation; or

(iii) being trained for some skilled occupation;

or

(b) When they are, whether in need of further active medical treatment or not, unlikely within a reasonable period to improve sufficiently for employment in the general labour market;

or

(c) When the treatment in a Service Hospital in Australia has totalled six months. (In special cases the Medical Board of Survey may recommend an extension of the period of treatment in a Service Hospital, but the maximum period of treatment in a Service Hospital in Australia shall not exceed twelve months. Recommendation should, as a rule, be confined to cases where the member is likely to be able to return to duty within a reasonable period, which should be stated in the Report of Survey.)

2. Arrangements are to be made for the attendance of a medical officer of the Repatriation Commission at invaliding surveys and the reason for recommending discharge or further treatment should be clearly stated on form A.M. 252Z. Such surveys should be held at convenient periods, but not less frequently than once a month if cases are awaiting decision.

With regard to Navy Order 280 of 1942, wherein it is laid down that Survey of cases should be held after a period of 151 days' continuous treatment, where a reasonable probability of ultimate fitness for return to duty exists, it will not be necessary for the Repatriation Commission to be represented at such Surveys.

3. The opinion of the Medical Officer of the Repatriation Department, as to the eligibility of the member for war pension, should be noted at the foot of page 4 of form A.M. 252Z.

4. Discharge from the R.A.N. will take place, as a rule, on a date 30 days from the date on which all papers relating to the case are forwarded to the Repatriation Commission from Navy Office. If the case is not one for reference to the Repatriation Commission, discharge will take place 30 days after the date of survey. These periods may be taken as convalescent leave, and the dates for discharge will be notified from Navy Office, when approval for discharge is being communicated. In special cases (e.g., where a member is being invalided after a short period of service on account of a pre-existing disability which was not disclosed at medical examination prior to entry) discharge will take place in accordance with Article 200 of Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions—i.e., 14 days beyond date of survey.

Should any change take place in the medical condition of a member during the period of 30 days, necessitating further medical treatment beyond that period, Navy Office approval should be sought for an extension until the member again reaches the stage for discharge as stated in paragraph 1.

5. Pulmonary Tuberculosis cases, who are eligible for treatment by the Repatriation Department, may be transferred from a Service Hospital to a Repatriation Institution as soon as practicable, but discharge from the Service will be governed by paragraph 1.

For the information of Medical Officers, the following are the requirements necessary to establish a diagnosis of Pulmonary Tuberculosis:—

(i) The tubercle bacillus to be found on at least two occasions in sputum which has been expectorated in the presence of a medical officer or nursing sister or responsible Sick Berth rating, or in the gastric contents or pleural fluid; or

(ii) The diagnosis to be agreed upon by a medical representative of the Repatriation Commission, who should be afforded the opportunity of seeing the case, attending the Board or examining the clinical records before the Board is held.

6. Amputation cases will be retained in the R.A.N. on pay until an artificial limb has been supplied and the member has been instructed in its use (where supply of a limb is the liability of the Commonwealth). These cases and cases of blindness may be considered as special in terms of paragraph 1 (a).

7. The Navy Department will remain responsible for any out-patient treatment necessary until the member is discharged. Thereafter the responsibility is that of the Repatriation Department (if the case is accepted as a liability of that Department) or of the member.

8. Before any member who is an inmate of a Service Hospital, and who does not become a Repatriation responsibility, is discharged, arrangements are to be made for the continuation of any necessary treatment in a civil hospital as an in-patient or an out-patient, according to the requirements of the case. The cost of such treatment is not a liability of the Commonwealth.

(527/211/1824.)

94.

SUBMISSIONS TO NAVAL BOARD BY TENDERS.

There is a growing tendency for H.M.A. Ships, which are Tenders, to submit for Naval Board consideration various store accounting and other similar matters that can usually be settled by the parent ship, and are the direct concern of the parent ship.

2. The supervision of accounting for all stores and other matters relating to Tenders is the direct responsibility of the parent ship, and any information required in this regard is invariably to be sought from the Commanding Officer of the parent ship, who will, when considered necessary, submit for Naval Board consideration.

(612/211/3047.)

95.

BADGES FOR W.R.A.N.S. RATINGS.

W.R.A.N.S. ratings are to wear the normal type Service badges where applicable. Ratings for which there are no corresponding Service badges are to wear the badges shown hereunder:—

Motor Transport Drivers—Patt. 617 (red), 617A (blue).

Telephonists—Patt. 615 (red), 629 (blue).

All other ratings—Patt. 616 (red), 630 (blue).

(416/201/917.)

96.

BADGES—CONTROLLED AND OBSERVATION MINING RATINGS.

Supplies of badges for Controlled and Observation Mining Ratings may be obtained by demand on Royal Edward Victualling Yard, Sydney.

2. Issues are to be made on repayment.

(416/201/915.)

97.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TORPEDO NON-SUBSTANTIVE RATES.

The following notes are promulgated for the guidance of Commanding Officers when forwarding recommendations on Form A.S. 1303 for Torpedo Non-Substantive Rates:—

(a) Recommendation for Seaman Torpedoman.

- (i) Ability to be at least "Satisfactory."
- (ii) The rating must be one who can be trusted to work well and carry out the job satisfactorily without supervision.
- (iii) The rating's general conduct must be satisfactory. A man who is constantly in the report for minor offences is not likely to make a good torpedoman and may have applied for the course with the idea of avoiding supervision in the future.
- (iv) The marks obtained during the New Entry Course should be considered. A rating with 65 per cent. or less will have little chance of qualifying.

(b) Recommendations for L.T.O.

- (i) Complete trustworthiness and ability to work without supervision are essential qualifications.
- (ii) Except in the case of outstanding men, a period of at least a year at sea is necessary for an S.T. to gain sufficient experience to make a useful L.T.O. after qualifying.

2. Attention is drawn to K.R. and A.L., Article 429, concerning the correct procedure for dealing with unsatisfactory discharge of non-substantive duties.

(349/25/385.)

98.

DETONATORS NO. 25, MARK I.—WITHDRAWAL OF.

In consequence of failures which have occurred with Detonators No. 25, Mark I., they are to be replaced by Detonators No. 25, Mark II. (filled A.S.A/C.E.), when the latter become available.

2. Demands for replacements should be forwarded to the nearest Naval Armament Depot, and on receipt of supplies Detonators No. 25, Mark I., are to be returned.

(471/201/1290.)

99.

DEMANDS FOR REPLENISHMENTS OF NAVAL STORES.

It is observed that, in numerous cases, Demands A.S. 134D for Naval Stores for replenishments of stocks are being received by the various Naval Store Depots incorrectly prepared in respect of columns 5 and 6, i.e., particulars of previous expenditure and the stock remaining on board.

2. The attention of all concerned is drawn to the necessity for including this information on all occasions of replenishment, and the appropriate columns of form A.S. 134D should, therefore, be completed in future, in accordance with Article 14 (3) of the Naval Storekeeping Manual B.R.4.

(612/236/7475.)

100.

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the under-mentioned publications have been distributed. Further supplies of B.R.142, B.R.291, B.R.316, B.R.622, B.R.623, B.R.624, B.R.628, and "American Monoplanes with the R.A.F." are being obtained to complete distribution:—

B.R.12.—National War Formulary, 1941.

(A.F.O. 5584/41.)
(571/202/1481.)

Addenda Nos. 1 and 2 to B.R.115.—Merchant Ships Identification.

(A.F.O. 4935/42.)
(571/202/1562.)

B.R.142.—The Prevention of "Hospital Infection" of Wounds.
Medical Research Council War Memorandum No. 6.

(A.F.O. 5512/41.)
(571/202/1477.)

B.R.149.—Methods of Artificial Respiration to be used in War-Time according to the cause of Asphyxia—Physiological Basis of their Choice.

(A.F.O. 703/42.)
(571/202/1496.)

B.R.236.—Turret Gun Drill for 14-in. B.L. Mark VII. Guns on Twin Mark II. and Quadruple Mark III. Mountings, 1942.

(A.F.O. 4817/42.)
(571/202/1633.)

B.R.291 (supersedes O.U.5416/32).—Tables Showing Particulars in Regard to Naval Ordnance, 1942.

(A.F.O. 2573/42.)
(571/202/1571.)

B.R.315 (late C.B.1553).—History of British Minesweeping in the War.

(571/202/1650.)

B.R.316 (late C.B.1572).—Cables—Memorandum on the Protection of British Submarine Cables and on the Destruction of an Enemy's Cable—September, 1920.

(571/202/1651.)

B.R.317 (17).—Preparation of the Mark I. Obstructor Unit. Assembly Nos. 1 and 2, 1942.

(571/202/1628.)

Errata No. 1 to B.R.371.—Establishment of Naval Stores for Boom Working Vessels.

(A.F.O. 4688/42.)

(571/202/1428.)

B.R.617 (late C.B.4012/40).—Catapult Aircraft. Pamphlet on Handling and Recovery. June, 1940.

(571/202/1652.)

B.R.622 (late C.B.1920).—Pamphlet on Paravanes S, Marks I. and I.* and T.S.D.S.

(A.F.O. 3453/42.)

(571/202/1608.)

B.R.623.—Paravane Protection against Moored Mines.

(A.F.O. 3453/42.)

(571/202/1609.)

B.R.624.—Handbook, Drill and Maintenance Regulations for U.S.A. Torpedo Tubes in Motor Launches.

(A.F.O. 3453/42.)

(571/202/1606.)

B.R.628.—Drill for the 3-in. U.S. 50-Calibre Mark X. Gun on the 3-in. U.S. Mark XI., XI.*, and XI.** Mountings, 1942.

(A.F.O. 4564/42.)

(571/202/1629.)

B.R.898.—Pamphlet "Advice to Medical Officers in Ships on Psychiatric Cases and Casualties." Reprint.

(A.F.O. 2448/42.)

(571/202/1560.)

British Aeroplanes.—Sheets A1, A2, B1, B3, and E1.

(571/201/3544.)

Aircraft Identification.—"American Monoplanes with the R.A.F."

(571/201/3724.)

A.P.1976 (late C.B.4016A).—Performance Tables of Foreign Service Aircraft.

(571/201/3731.)

Errata No. 5 to Form S.1098.—Alphabetical List of Consumable Naval Stores.

(A.F.O. 5106/41.)

(480/202/4156.)

2. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the R.A.N. in lieu of the corresponding Admiralty form. Supplies will be issued, on demand, when stock of the existing form is exhausted:—

A.S.387.—Table of Deviations.

(480/202/4180.)

3. The under-mentioned form has been revised. Supplies will be issued, on demand, when stock of the existing form is exhausted:—

A.S.1251.—Certificate of Losses of Victualling Stores.

(480/202/4267.)

The first part of the book is devoted to a general
 introduction to the subject of the history of the
 world. It is divided into three parts: the first
 part deals with the prehistoric period, the second
 with the ancient world, and the third with the
 modern world. The second part of the book is
 devoted to a detailed study of the history of the
 world from the beginning of the Christian era to
 the present day. It is divided into three parts: the
 first part deals with the Middle Ages, the second
 with the Renaissance and the Reformation, and the
 third with the modern world. The third part of
 the book is devoted to a study of the history of
 the world from the beginning of the Christian era
 to the present day. It is divided into three parts:

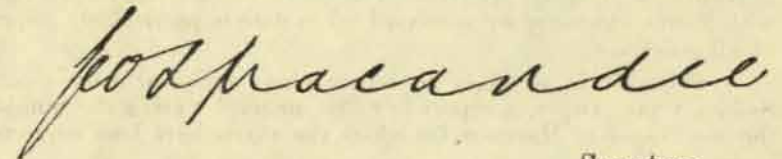
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Commonwealth Navy Orders.

Navy Office, Melbourne,
16th March, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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101.

CORRECTION OF ADMIRALTY CHARTS IN H.M.A. SHIPS.

It has come to the notice of the Naval Board that instances are still occurring of irregularities and omissions in the correction of charts carried in H.M.A. Ships.

2. The instructions contained in King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, Articles 1198 and 1199, Consolidated Orders and Regulations, Article 355, the Hydrographic Publication H.51, "Handbook on the Supply and Correction of Admiralty Charts, Sailing Directions, etc.", and the front page of all weekly editions of Notices to Mariners issued by the Department of the Navy are to be strictly complied with.

3. It is essential that all Navigational Charts are corrected as soon as Notices to Mariners are received on board. The danger of navigating with charts which are not corrected up to date is particularly impressed on all concerned.

4. When it is necessary to return chart folios or loose charts to Sydney Chart Depot, a report is to be included stating the number of the last Notice to Mariners for which the charts have been corrected.

5. In view of the present shortage of Admiralty charts and the difficulty in obtaining them from the United Kingdom, Commanding Officers are to ensure that charts are treated with the utmost care and that, when new outfits of charts are received, the old outfits are returned to the Sydney Chart Depot without delay.

(453/203/1389.)

102.

H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER"—ORGANIZATION.

It is notified for information that, in addition to the general depot, H.M.A.S. *Rushcutter* comprises the following:—

A/S School.
R.D.F. School.
Fairmile School.

2. Each School has an Officer-in-Charge, who is known as O.C.A.S., O.C. R.D.F., and O.C.F.S., respectively.

3. All correspondence and signals for all sections should be continued to be addressed to the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. *Rushcutter*, who is responsible generally for the efficiency of all Departments within H.M.A.S. *Rushcutter*.

4. Navy Order 449 of 1942 is hereby cancelled.

(549/201/94.)

103.

TEMPORARY COMMISSIONS—SELECTION OF RATINGS FROM THE LOWER DECK.

The following arrangements for the selection and training of R.A.N.R. ratings for Temporary Commissions in the Naval Reserve have been approved.

(i) EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONS.*Seaman Branch.*

1. As soon as possible after mobilization, a Divisional History Sheet (Form A.S. 264) is to be prepared in respect of each recruit. On this, notations are to be made of any special qualifications, educational or otherwise, indicating possible suitability at a later stage for Commissioned Rank.

2. On passing out of the New Entry Course, potential candidates will be brought before an Interviewing Board, and, if selected, will be appropriated direct to the Officers' Training School.

3. Seagoing experience for these candidates will be provided to a certain extent through the Officers' Training Course in the Training Tender attached to Flinders Naval Depot.

4. In view of the shortness of the course which it is possible to give in war time, candidates must be of superior standard of education and the qualities to be looked for are character and personality.

5. At the time of selection for the Officers' Training Course, a Medical examination is to be carried out to make sure that ratings concerned are up to the standard for Executive Officers, including vision and colour vision (see Navy Order 285 of 1941). Form A.R. 6 is to be used for this purpose.

6. Although every endeavour is made to select potential officers on completion of the New Entry Course, it is still competent for Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships and Establishments to commence a C.W. Form I for any rating they consider has the qualities for making a potential officer. On commencement of C.W. Form I, a Form C.W. IA should immediately be prepared, the original being retained with C.W. Form I and the duplicate forwarded to Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot. Ratings for whom a Form C.W. IA has been forwarded will be drafted to Flinders Naval Depot as soon as practicable thereafter, where they will appear before a Selection Board. The purpose of the Selection Board is to see that general level is maintained in the recommended candidates, and to ensure, as far as possible, that they will be able to complete satisfactorily the Officers' Training Course.

7. Before commencing the Officers' Training Course, ratings concerned are to undergo a further medical examination.

8. The Officers' Training Course is of 9 weeks' duration and candidates who successfully complete the course and are recommended by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, will be promoted to Midshipman (on Probation) R.A.N.R., if under 20 years of age, or to Acting Sub-Lieutenant (on Probation) R.A.N.R., if 20 years and over.

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9. Officers promoted from the Officers' Training Course and selected for A/S Branch, Fairmiles or H.D.M.L.'s will be appointed to H.M.A.S. *Rushcutter* for the A/S Course; those selected for training in Combined Operations will be appointed to H.M.A.S. *Assault*. Those not selected as above will be allocated for general service and will be retained in the Officers' Training School for a further two months.

10. The normal age limit for commencement of C.W. Form I is 25 years, but in special cases candidates up to 30 years of age may be recommended. It has been found that the average age of candidates recommended for the Officers' Training School is very young, and, as it is considered desirable for a proportion of the older age group to achieve commissioned rank, Commanding Officers should have no hesitation in starting C.W. Form I for personnel between 25 and 30 who are considered likely to make good officers.

11. If recommended by Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, unsuccessful candidates will be regarded as fully qualified by examination for Leading Seaman.

12. Applications for the Officers' Training Course are not to be entertained from ratings other than those of the Seaman or Communications Branches, unless the applicant is considered to possess outstanding qualities required for an Executive Officer.

Communications Branch.

13. C.B. ratings are regarded as eligible for selection for the Officers' Training Course equally with Seaman ratings.

14. C.B. ratings under training at Flinders Naval Depot, who are considered suitable candidates for Commissioned Rank, are to be invited to transfer to the Seaman Branch; they will not be given the option of reversion to the Communications Branch later in the event of failure, ultimately, to gain promotion.

15. C.B. ratings serving at sea who are considered as suitable candidates for Commissioned Rank and have not qualified for Trained Operator are to be invited to transfer to the Seaman Branch; on transfer they are to commence training as Ordinary Seaman at sea pending their draft to Depot for the Officers' Training Course. They will not be given the option of reversion to the Communications Branch in the event of failure to gain promotion.

16. C.B. ratings serving at sea or on shore, who are considered suitable candidates and have qualified for Trained Operator or above, may retain their Communications Branch rating or transfer to the Seaman Branch, as they prefer.

17. Ratings, who elect to remain in the Communications Branch and who are not recommended for promotion on completion of the Officers' Training Course, are to be sent to sea in a cruiser and given an opportunity to qualify for higher non-substantive rating after one month's additional sea service.

18. The procedure as regards the Accountant Branch is very similar to that laid down for the Seaman Branch.

19. Writers, Supply ratings, Cooks and Stewards will be eligible and may be recommended if they possess the necessary educational and other qualifications. A Cook or Steward, if selected for the course, will be transferred to the Writer or Supply Branch and will not revert to his original rating in the event of failure to obtain promotion.

20. The course carried out in Flinders Naval Depot will be approximately 3 months, comprising:—

- 1 month—Ship's office work.
- 1 month—Captain's office work.
- 1 month—Stores and victualling.

A candidate who, as a result of actual experience or otherwise, has attained the required standard in one or more of the sections of the course may, if he so desires, apply to be examined in such section or sections without taking the course; thus, if successful, qualifying for promotion so much the earlier. But failure in such cases will be regarded as final and the candidate will immediately be withdrawn from the course.

21. Accountant Branch ratings recommended will be promoted to Paymaster Midshipman (on Probation) R.A.N.R., if under 20 years of age, or Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant (on Probation) R.A.N.R., if 20 years and over.

22. The normal age limit for commencement of C.W. Form I is 25 years, but in special cases candidates up to 35 years of age may be recommended.

23. Navy Orders 148 and 228 of 1941 and 2 of 1942 are cancelled.

(432/203/1092.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

The pass results obtained by candidates in subjects taken by them in the Higher Educational Test held between the 20th and 23rd October, 1942, are as given hereunder. Included in these results are the pass marks obtained by each candidate at previous examinations where such marks are higher than those obtained at the October, 1942, examination.

Name.	Rating.	Official No.	Where serving at the time of Examination.	Papers.									Remarks.
				I.	II.	III.	IV.	VII.	VIIA.	VIII.	IX.		
				(General Knowledge)	(English History)	(Geography)	(Navigation)	(Practical in the nautics)	(Maths. for A/Pty. Sub. Lt)	(Mechanics)	(Magnetism and Electricity)		
Boyle, Edward H.	Petty Officer	H/1823	<i>Arunta</i>					86		78			
Durham, Neil		19064	"	57	63			94					
Lister, James D.	Ord. Sea., 2nd Class	PA/2745	"					96		83	96		
Wardell, John R.	Petty Officer	18900	"	63 (ss)	61			96					
Power, Albert C. H.	Supply P.O.	19783	Boom Depot, Fremantle	78								Qualified for Warrant Rank	
Ballhorn, Sydney G.	Ord. Seaman	PM/5074	<i>Cerberus</i>	61									
Barlow, Edward J.	Chief E.R.A.	20806	"	64		55 (rr)		64 (rr)		55		Qualified for Warrant Rank. Awarded H.E. Certificate, 2nd Class	
Bayly, John L.	Ord. Seaman	F/4466	"					77					
Bickart, Louis D. J.		PM/5024	"	67				95					
Bradshaw, William E.	Stoker P.O. (Ty.)	20532	"					98					
Byrne, James J. J.	Ord. Sea., 2nd Class	PM/5020	"	58				70					
Chapman, Edward T.	A/E.A., 4th Class	S/6470	"	75	63	77		69			70	Awarded H.E. Certificate, 2nd Class	
Fessey, Edgar J.	Ldg. Writer	23322	"	79 (qq)	83 (qq)	78 (rr)			68			Qualified for Warrant Rank. Awarded H.E. Certificate, 2nd Class	
Gray, Jack A.	A/E.A., 4th Class	B/3467	"			57		68			98		
Hall, Gerald K.	Stoker P.O. (Ty.)	20626	"					93					
Monger, Raulston N.	A/O.A., 4th Class	PM/4818	"	80		78		70		90	100	Awarded H.E. Certificate, 1st Class	
McIntosh, Charles I.	Stoker P.O. (Ty.)	20536	"			66		83 (ss)					
Porteous, Andrew W.		20685	"					86					
Smith, Colin J.	A/E.R.A., 4th Class	W/1336	"					75		70			
Sweeney, Raymond J.	A/O.A., 4th Class	S/6261	"	77	68	70		90		67		Awarded H.E. Certificate, 2nd Class	
Symonds, Leonard	Stoker P.O.	20535	"					83					
White, Reginald I.	A/E.R.A., 4th Class	PM/2281						80					
Petersen, Kenneth V.	A/Ldg. Seaman	PA/1792	<i>Goulburn</i>	79 (pp)		68 (pp)	62	61 (pp)				Awarded H.E. Certificate, 2nd Class	
Goddard, George J.	Mech., 2nd Class	19934	<i>Hobart</i>			67 (ss)		83 (rr)		92	78 (qq)	Awarded H.E. Certificate, 2nd Class	
White, Harry M.		20675						84		78			
Scott, Keith R.	Stoker	24924	<i>Ipswich</i>	75									
Stone, David G.	Supply Asst.	PM/3367							70				
Bryant, Conolly W. P.	Shpt., 4th Class	24655	<i>Melville</i>	75 (ss)		82 (ss)		71 (rr)		61		Qualified for Warrant Rank. Awarded H.E. Certificate, 2nd Class	
Martin, Thomas C.	Able Seaman	S/V. 14	<i>Penguin II.</i>	82		56		63		96		Awarded H.E. Certificate, 2nd Class	
Salway, Allan	Supply P.O.	19782		68									
Ward, Frank E.	Bandsman	23689					59	97					
Jennings, Arthur G.	A/E.R.A., 4th Class	F/4203	<i>Pirie</i>					70		83			
Poole, Charles H.	Chief E.R.A.	20814						75					
Ashton, Oriel I.	A Petty Officer	21966	<i>Platypus</i>	60	59								
Edgar, Lancel C.	Yeo. of Sigs.	PM/1972		79	77	80		77				Awarded H.E. Certificate, 1st Class	
Fredericks, Francis J.	Stoker	S/5553				58							
Hornidge, Albert E.	E.R.A., 4th Class	PM/4187	<i>Southern Cross</i>			56		76					
Braithwaite, Tom S.		24570	<i>Stuart</i>					78					
Murray, Frederick M.	Yeo. of Sigs.	20100		70			80 (mm)						
Fisher, Alan M.	Supply Asst.	PM/3275	<i>Torrens</i>	67					78				
Reece, Phillip R.	Writer	PA. 2152							56				
Rodda, Septimus	P.O. Cook	20675	<i>Warrego</i>	61		55						Qualified for Warrant Rank	
Caird, Alfred B.	C.P.O. Writer	20761	R.A.N. Base, Kilindini	82		68						Qualified for Warrant Rank	
Kay, Leslie E.	P.O. Writer	21578		66		70						Qualified for Warrant Rank	

(mm) Marks obtained at March, 1939, examination.

(pp) Marks obtained at October, 1940, examination.

(qq) Marks obtained at April, 1941, examination.

(rr) Marks obtained at October, 1941, examination.

(ss) Marks obtained at April, 1942, examination.

Maximum marks in each subject—100.

75 per cent. of total marks is considered a first-class pass.

55 per cent. of total marks is considered a second-class pass.

2. The marks obtained by candidates in subjects in which they did not pass are not shown above. Should any candidate desire to be informed of these marks, he should make application to the Commanding Officer of the ship or establishment in which he is serving, who has been supplied with a statement of the full results obtained at the examination. Notation of the award of Higher Educational Certificates and Qualified for Warrant Rank (Q.W.R.) should be made on the service certificates of the ratings concerned.

(465/204/662.)

'This Order will be reprinted for posting on notice boards.'

105.

COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH—ADVANCEMENT.

The Naval Board has had under consideration the amelioration of the conditions of advancement of Ordinary Signalmen and Ordinary Telegraphists. It has been decided that, in addition to the provisions of Navy Order 62 of 1942, advancement to Acting Signalman or Acting Telegraphist may be made under the following conditions:—

- (a) *R.A.N.R. Communications Branch ratings who completed fifteen months' mobilized service prior to 1st November, 1941.*

These ratings, at the discretion of their Commanding Officers and subject to being not less than 18½ years of age, may be rated and paid as Acting Signalman or Acting Telegraphist as from 1st November, 1941. They will be eligible for confirmation in rating on passing professionally, but any time gained in accordance with the scale laid down in Navy Order 62 of 1942 will not entitle them to be ante-dated beyond 1st November, 1941.

If a rating who has been advanced to Acting Signalman or Acting Telegraphist, under the above conditions, fails to qualify for confirmation in rating after having undergone a training course in H.M.A. Signal School, his date of confirmation will be post-dated from 1st November, 1941, by one month for the first failure and two months for each succeeding failure, and recovery of any consequential over-payments will be effected. No post-dating of confirmation will occur, however, in the cases of ratings who fail to pass professionally for Signalman or Telegraphist without having first undergone the training courses in H.M.A. Signal School.

- (b) *Communications Branch ratings of the R.A.N. or R.A.N.R. who have completed or may complete fifteen months' mobilized service on or subsequent to 1st November, 1941.*

These ratings, at the discretion of their Commanding Officers and subject to being not less than 18½ years of age, may be rated and paid as Acting Signalmen or Acting Telegraphists as at the date of completion of fifteen months' mobilized service.

The provisions of Navy Order 62 of 1942, regarding confirmation in rating and variation of basic date on account of failure in professional examinations, will apply to these ratings, but no variation in basic date will be made for failure to qualify for Signalman or Telegraphist in the cases of ratings who have not undergone the training courses in H.M.A. Signal School.

2. The confirmation in rating of a R.A.N. Signalman or Telegraphist who entered the R.A.N. prior to 1st November, 1941, may be effected under the conditions prescribed in C.O.R. Article 188 or Navy Order 62 of 1942, whichever is the more advantageous to the rating.

3. Signalmen and Telegraphists confirmed as such under the provisions of Navy Order 62 of 1942 are not to be ante-dated beyond 1st November, 1941, or date of attaining 18½ years of age.

4. This authority is to be quoted on all Forms A.S.161 rendered in respect of advancements to Acting Signalman or Acting Telegraphist under the above conditions.

(349/16/242.)

106.

FORM A.S.23—SAFEGUARDING OF PERSONAL MONEY.

With reference to Naval Account Regulations and Instructions, Article 44, every facility should be given to personnel by Accountant Officers to enable them to safeguard their personal money.

2. Arrangements have been made for early issue of a Circular for posting on notice boards indicating the various methods which are available for this purpose.

3. The Circular will be issued by the Naval Store Officer, Garden Island, without demand.

(A.F.O. 4092/41.)
(480/202/4008.)

107.

AWARDS FOR REPORTING MINES WASHED ASHORE.

With reference to Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 245, rewards to natives are in future to be paid "in kind" in lieu of cash, up to a maximum value of £1, the actual amount being left to the discretion of the Naval Officer-in-Charge.

2. The procedure laid down in Navy Order 448 of 1942, paragraph 29, is still to be followed and the donating of the reward remains subject to Naval Board approval.

3. Accountant Officers issuing the stores are to quote this Navy Order and the letter giving Naval Board approval for making the reward as the authority for each issue. The issue of stores should be made to a person such as a Coastwatcher or Missionary in the area to which the native belongs, to enable an acquittance for the stores to be obtained from the person through whom the issue was made.

4. A certificate should be obtained in due course that the stores were actually issued to the native who was responsible for the discovery of the mine, and such certificate should be forwarded as an enclosure to Store Account concerned in support of the credit entry made.

(533/201/349.)

108.

"KNOCK FOR KNOCK" AGREEMENTS—NAVY VEHICLES.

"Knock for Knock" Agreements affecting Commonwealth-owned or controlled vehicles have been concluded between the Commonwealth and insurance companies as well as various public bodies, in accordance with schedules appended below.

2. The effect of these agreements in relation to the Department of the Navy is that, where a Naval vehicle is involved in an accident with a vehicle insured with one of the insurers, or owned by one of the self-insured bodies listed in the schedules, each party will bear its own expenses of repairing its vehicles regardless of legal liability. The agreements with the companies listed in Schedule "B" below also include provision for a mutual sharing of certain incidental property damage repair costs. Claims for personal injuries are not affected, except that the Commonwealth may call upon any company listed in Part I. of Schedule "B" to contribute a limited sum towards the medical expenses of a person insured with it who makes a claim against the Commonwealth for personal injuries.

3. Copies of the agreements made between the Commonwealth and the companies and bodies named in the schedules hereto have been forwarded to all concerned. As the terms applicable under each agreement vary, these agreements should be perused carefully and the dates on which they commenced to operate, noted.

4. Attention is drawn to the fact that claims are usually made by the person concerned without disclosing the name of the insurance company. In future, therefore, the following procedure will be adopted:—

(a) The driver of the Navy vehicle will inquire of the other party concerned the name of his insurance company and will include this information in his report.

(b) If the other party refuses to disclose such information, the driver of the Navy vehicle will record such refusal in his report.

5. If at any time it is ascertained that the other vehicle or property damaged is insured with one of the companies named in Part I. of Schedule "B" below, notice will immediately be given to the State Secretary of the Fire and Accident Underwriters' Association, in accordance with clause 7 of the form of agreement operating with those companies. Where the insurer is found to be the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales, or the Tasmanian Government Insurance Office, a similar type of notice will be sent to the Government Insurance Office concerned. This action will be the responsibility of the Naval Officer-in-Charge or other officer concerned.

6. In every case where a claim arising out of an accident involving a Naval vehicle is made against the Department of the Navy, inquiry will be made before the claim is paid as to whether the claimant is insured, and with what company, and the following provisions will apply to settlement of any such claims:—

(a) If it appears that the claim is not one to which a "knock for knock" agreement applies, the claim will be dealt with in the usual way. If it is found necessary to settle the claim, it will be made an express condition of settlement with the other party that the damage in respect of which payment is claimed is not covered by any "knock for knock" agreement between the Commonwealth or the Department of the Navy and other person, corporation, or body. This condition will be incorporated in the agreement or release to be signed by the claimant,

(b) If the other party is insured with one of the insurers or is one of the self-insuring bodies named in the schedule hereto—

(i) Insofar as the claim relates to damage to the other party's vehicle, it will not be paid.

(ii) Insofar as the claim relates to damage to property other than the vehicle insured, consideration will be given to the terms of the agreement with the company concerned before payment is made, as the agreements with the companies listed in Parts I. and II. of Schedule "B" below contain varying provisions concerning mutual sharing of certain property damage expenses.

(iii) Insofar as the claim relates to personal injuries, by the terms of the agreements with the companies listed in Part I. of Schedule "B," contributions towards medical expenses may be claimed from the company concerned. The amount of the contribution will depend upon the terms of the relevant policy.

7. Similarly, claims for damage to Naval vehicles will not be pursued against bodies or companies which produce evidence that a "knock for knock" agreement applies to the accident which is the subject of the claim.

8. The "knock for knock" principle will also apply inter-departmentally. Therefore, when damage to Commonwealth property (including vehicles) arises from an accident in which no outside person or authority is involved, each Commonwealth Department will now bear the cost of repairing the damage to its own property, irrespective of the responsibility for the accident.

SCHEDULE "A".

Public Bodies.

Commissioner for Road Transport and Tramways, New South Wales.
Government Insurance Office of New South Wales.
Hobart City Council.
Launceston City Council.
Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners.
South Australian Railway Commissioners.
State Government of South Australia.
State Government of Tasmania.
Tasmanian Government Insurance Office.

Insurance Companies.

Automobile Fire and General Insurance Company of Australia Limited.
Ajax Insurance Company Limited.
British Medical Insurance Company of Victoria Limited.
Bennie S. Cohen (N.S.W.) Proprietary Limited.
Harvey Trinder (Victoria) Proprietary Limited.
Harvey Trinder (Australia) Limited.
Medical and Dental Insurance Limited.
National Employers' Mutual General Insurance Association Limited.
N.R.M.A. Insurance Limited.
Security and General Insurance Company Limited.
Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce Insurance Company Limited.

SCHEDULE "B"—PART I.

Insurance companies being members of the Fire and Accident Underwriters' Association, as follows:—

Alliance.	Licenses and General.
Amalgamated.	Liverpool and London and Globe.
Assurance and Thrift.	Liverpool Marine.
Atlas.	London.
Australasian.	London Guarantee.
Australian Alliance.	London and Lancashire.
Australian Amicable.	London and Provincial.
Australian General.	Manchester.
Australian Mutual Fire.	Manufacturers Mutual.
A.N.A.	Master Builders.
Australian Provincial.	Mercantile Mutual.
Bankers and Traders.	Mutual of Tasmania.
Batavia.	National of New Zealand.
Bombay.	National Union.
British America.	New Zealand.
British Crown.	New Zealand Accident.
British Equitable.	North British and Mercantile.
British General.	North Queensland Accident.
British Traders.	Northern.
Caledonian.	Norwich and London.
Central.	Norwich Union.
Century.	Ocean.
Chamber of Manufactures.	Pacific.
Church of England Insurance.	Palantine.
City Mutual.	Patriotic.
Club Motor Agency.	Pearl.
Colonial Mutual.	Phoenix.
Commercial of Australia.	Provincial.
Commercial Union.	Prudential.
Commonwealth.	Queensland.
Co-operative.	Real Australia.
Cornhill.	Royal.
Derwent and Tamar.	Royal Exchange.
Eagle Star.	Samarang.
Equitable Probate.	Scottish.
Employers Liability.	Scottish Union and National.
English.	Sea.
Economic.	South British.
Farmers and Citizens.	Southern.
Farmers and Graziers.	Southern Star.
Farmers and Settlers.	Southern Union.
Federal Mutual.	State.
Fire and Accident.	Sun.
General Accident.	Tasmania.
Government Insurance Fund of Western Australia.	Triton.
Gresham.	Union.
Guardian.	Union of Canton.
Guildhall.	United.
Halifax.	Victoria.
Hartford.	Victoria General.
Imperial.	Victoria Wheatgrowers.
I.O.A.	Western.
Java.	Western Australian.
Lancashire.	Westralian Farmers.
Law Union and Rock.	World Auxiliary.
Legal.	Yorkshire.

PART II.

Transport and General Insurance Company Limited.

(511/201/187.)

109.

RADIO FITTED IN REQUISITIONED NAVAL CRAFT, ETC.

In cases where radio sets are fitted in Motor Patrol Boats they may be retained on board for entertainment purposes, provided that the personnel serving in these vessels fully understand that any maintenance costs will not be borne by the Naval Board.

2. It is also notified for general information that maintenance in Shore Establishments of radio sets which are obtained from Comforts Funds, Mess Funds, etc., is the responsibility of the officers and ratings concerned.

(612/246/2271.)

110.

FORM A.S. 288A "ANNUAL DIVING RETURN"—RENDITION OF.

The rendition of Form A.S. 288A "Annual Diving Return" has been discontinued in the Royal Australian Navy for the duration of hostilities.

(A.F.O. 4453/40.)
(480/202/4041.)

111.

REQUISITIONED VESSELS—NAVAL STORE ACCOUNTING.

Several instances have been brought to notice recently where Naval Store Accounts had not been raised in certain H.M.A. Auxiliary Vessels until a considerable time after the dates of their requisitioning for Naval Service.

2. The attention of all Naval Officers-in-Charge and others concerned is drawn to the necessity for the preparation of Naval Store Accounts for Requisitioned Vessels as soon as possible after agreed inventories have been prepared and the stores properly classified as either permanent or consumable.

3. Relevant Naval Store Accounts for these ships should be raised and maintained in accordance with the under-mentioned instructions, copies of which have already been promulgated:—

<i>Instructions.</i>	<i>Applicable to.</i>
(a) Accounting Instructions for H.M.A. Motor Patrol Boats.	Motor Patrol Boats, N.A.P., and similar craft.
(b) Instructions As To Supply Accounting, etc., for Naval Stores in Merchant Ships Commissioned for Naval Service.	All requisitioned craft other than Motor Patrol Boats, etc. (see (a) above) and Armed Merchant Cruisers, Depot Ships, Repair Ships, and other larger vessels.

(612/212/2789.)

112.

**ROYAL SOUTH YARRA LAWN TENNIS CLUB, MELBOURNE—
HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR OFFICERS.**

The President and Committee of the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club, Melbourne, have extended the privilege of honorary membership to officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Australian Navy during the period the ships in which they are serving are present in port.

2. Both grass and *en tout cas* courts are available and also a squash court.

3. Those desiring meals at the Club should communicate with the Steward by 'phoning Windsor 2556.

(462/201/2246.)

113.

A.M.S. VESSELS—ARMAMENT.

It has been approved to allow A.M.S. Vessels serving on the Australia Station one Bren gun with field mount for platoon work. The allowance of web equipment for rifles is also to be increased to musketry order, but existing stocks may not permit of immediate supply of all the additional items required.

2. Bren guns required will be distributed to administering authorities ashore as soon as possible and these should be supplied to the vessels concerned, with the necessary ammunition from local stocks (2,000 ball and 500 tracer in chargers) at first opportunity.

3. The necessary amendment of warrants will be issued by the Armament Supply Officer, Sydney.

4. Ships' Demands to complete should be forwarded to the administering authority on receipt of amendment to the Warrant of Naval Armament Stores.

(603/280/882.)

114.

**CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLY OF RATINGS' MADE-TO-MEASURE
UNIFORMS BY PRIVATE OUTFITTERS AT MELBOURNE
AND SYDNEY.**

New contracts have been arranged in Melbourne and Sydney with the previous contractors for the supply of ratings' made-to-measure uniforms for the period 1st March, 1943, to 28th February, 1944. The contracts have been arranged for the convenience of ratings who wish to purchase made-to-measure garments.

2. The names and addresses of the contractors are:—

Melbourne.—Messrs. David Lack, Finlay's Buildings, corner Little Lonsdale and Elizabeth streets.

Sydney.—Messrs. David Jones Ltd., Marlborough-street, Surry Hills.

3. The prices for the supply of uniforms are as follows:—

	Melbourne Contract.			Sydney Contract.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jacket, double breasted, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons, C.P.O.	2	13	6	2	15	7
Jacket, double breasted, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons, P.O.	2	11	6	2	15	3
Jacket, double breasted, diagonal serge, with horn buttons	2	8	6	2	14	3
Waistcoat, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons	0	15	6	0	12	3
Waistcoat, diagonal serge, with horn buttons	0	13	9	0	11	6
Trousers, diagonal serge, with fly	1	4	3	1	6	0
Jacket, single breasted, seamen's serge, with gilt buttons, C.P.O.	2	8	0	2	12	7
Jacket, single breasted, seamen's serge, with gilt buttons, P.O.	2	7	6	2	12	3
Jacket, single breasted, seamen's serge, with horn buttons	2	4	6	2	11	6
Waistcoat, seamen's serge, with gilt buttons	0	15	0	0	12	3
Waistcoat, seamen's serge, with horn buttons	0	12	9	0	11	6
Trousers, seamen's serge, with fly	1	2	9	1	5	9
Tunics, drill, with gilt buttons, C.P.O.	1	5	0	1	12	6
Tunics, drill, with gilt buttons, P.O.	1	4	0	1	11	9
Tunics, drill, with horn buttons	1	2	6	1	11	7
Tunics, drill, without buttons, C.P.O.	1	3	9	1	11	3
Tunics, drill, without buttons, other ratings	1	3	0	1	11	3
Trousers, white drill, fly	0	17	0	0	18	0
Jumpers, seamen's serge	1	6	0	1	3	6
Trousers, seamen's serge, with fall	1	4	3	1	5	0
Jumpers, drill	1	0	6	0	15	6
Trousers, drill, with fall	0	18	3	1	0	9
Overcoats, blue cloth, with gilt buttons	3	18	9	4	15	9
Overcoats, blue cloth, with horn buttons	3	17	3	4	10	9

4. The conditions of the contract remain the same and are as follows:—

- (a) When ordering garments the rating must present to the contractor an official intimation, signed by the Accountant Officer, stating the rating's name, official number, rating and Ship or Establishment in which serving, and details of the garments authorized to be obtained.
- (b) The ratings may declare an allotment in favour of the contractor to pay for garments ordered or may pay cash whichever is desired.
- (c) The rating shall sign the Order Book of the contractor when placing order and shall state in writing in what manner he intends to pay for garments ordered. He shall make an initial payment of at least five shillings.

- (d) The garments ordered shall be made by the contractor to the measurement of the rating and shall be tried on at the contractor's premises at least once in the "basted" or unfinished condition and again in the finished state.
- (e) The garments shall be made to the complete satisfaction of the rating but shall conform to Service requirements and specifications held by the contractor.
- (f) Completion of garments shall be effected within at least fourteen days from date of measurement of the rating or as otherwise arranged by mutual consent between the rating and the contractor, the delivery period to be subject to the rating attending for "try on" on the date specified by the contractor.
- (g) Delivery of garments shall be taken at the contractor's premises or otherwise at the rating's expense.

5. The conditions regarding the ordering of uniforms against official orders are set forth in Navy Order 106 of 1941.

(434/216/86.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

115.

CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF RATINGS' MADE-TO-MEASURE UNIFORMS BY PRIVATE OUTFITTERS AT HOBART.

A contract for the supply of ratings' made-to-measure uniforms has been arranged with Messrs. Garretts Pty. Ltd., 102 Bathurst-street, Hobart, Tasmania, for the convenience of ratings who desire to purchase made-to-measure uniforms.

2. The conditions of the contract are as follows:—

- (a) When ordering garments, the ratings must present to the contractor an official intimation signed by the Accountant Officer stating the rating's name, official number, rating and Ship or Establishment in which serving.
- (b) The ratings may declare an Allotment in favour of the contractor to pay for garments ordered or may pay cash, whichever is desired.
- (c) The rating shall sign the Order Book of the contractor when placing order and shall state in writing in what manner he intends to pay for garments ordered. He shall make an initial payment of at least five shillings (5s.).
- (d) The garments ordered shall be made by the contractor to the measurement of the rating and shall be tried on at the contractor's premises at least once in the "basted" or unfinished condition and again in the finished state.
- (e) The garment shall be made to the complete satisfaction of the rating, but shall conform to Service requirements and specifications held by the contractor.

- (f) Completion of garments shall be effected within at least fourteen days from date of measurement of the rating or as otherwise arranged by mutual consent between the rating and the contractor, the delivery period to be subject to the rating attending for "try on" on the date specified by the contractor.
- (g) Delivery of garments shall be taken at the contractor's premises or otherwise at the rating's expense.

3. The contract price for the garments are set forth below and are inclusive of the cost of all materials.

Prices.

	£	s.	d.
Jacket, double-breasted, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons, C.P.O.	2	12	6
Jacket, double-breasted, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons, P.O.	2	12	6
Jacket, double-breasted, diagonal serge, with black horn buttons for other ratings	2	11	0
Waistcoat, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons	0	17	6
Waistcoat, diagonal serge, with black horn buttons	0	17	6
Trousers, diagonal serge, with fly	1	7	6
Jacket, single-breasted, seamen's serge, with gilt buttons for C.P.O.	2	11	6
Jacket, single-breasted, seamen's serge, with gilt buttons for P.O.	2	11	6
Jacket, single-breasted, seamen's serge, with black horn buttons for other ratings	2	10	0
Waistcoat, seamen's serge, with gilt buttons	0	17	6
Waistcoat, seamen's serge, with black horn buttons	0	17	6
Trousers, seamen's serge, with fly	1	7	0
Tunics, white drill, with gilt buttons for C.P.O.	1	1	3
Tunics, white drill, with white horn buttons for other ratings	1	1	0
Tunics, white drill, without buttons for C.P.O.	1	0	6
Tunics, white drill, without buttons for P.O. and other ratings	1	0	6
Trousers, white drill, with fly	0	17	6
Jumpers, seamen's serge	1	5	0
Trousers, seamen's serge, with fall	1	2	6
Jumpers, drill	0	18	6
Trousers, drill, with fall	0	18	0
Overcoats, with gilt buttons for C.P.O. and P.O.	4	9	6
Overcoats, with horn buttons for other ratings	4	9	0

4. In addition to the supply of personal requirements of made-to-measure garments, the contract provides for the supply of garments against official orders in circumstances where this may be necessary. In these circumstances the following conditions shall apply:—

- (a) Orders shall be placed by Accountant Officers on Treasury Form 21 accompanied by properly completed self-measurement form (if ratings are unable to attend for measurement) and form N.A. 4.

- (b) Garments shall be completed within fourteen days of receipt by the contractor of the official order and delivered by parcel post to the address shown thereon, postal charges being to the account of the Ship or Establishment concerned.
- (c) Unsatisfactory garments supplied against official orders shall be returned to the contractor to be altered to the complete satisfaction of the Ordering Officer, at the contractor's expense, including forwarding charges each way.

(434/216/86.)

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116.

CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF RATINGS' MADE-TO-MEASURE UNIFORMS BY PRIVATE OUTFITTERS AT PERTH.

A contract for the supply of ratings' made-to-measure uniforms has been arranged with Messrs. National Clothing Co. (1939) Ltd., 40 King-street, Perth, for the convenience of ratings who desire to purchase made-to-measure uniforms.

2. The conditions of the contract are as follows:—

- (a) When ordering garments, the ratings must present to the contractor an official intimation signed by the Accountant Officer, stating the rating's name, official number, rating and ship or establishment in which serving.
- (b) All garments ordered are to be paid for in cash. *Payments under the Allotment System will not be accepted by the contractor.*
- (c) The garments ordered shall be made by the contractor to the measurement of the rating and shall be tried on at the contractor's premises at least once in the "basted" or unfinished condition and again in the finished state.
- (d) The garment shall be made to the complete satisfaction of the rating *but shall conform to Service requirements and specifications held by the contractor.*
- (e) Completion of garments shall be effected within at least fourteen days from date of measurement of the rating or as otherwise arranged by mutual consent between the rating and the contractor, the delivery period to be subject to the rating attending for "try on" on the date specified by the contractor.
- (f) Delivery of garments shall be taken at the contractor's premises or otherwise at the rating's expense.

3. The contract price for the garments are set forth below and are inclusive of the cost of all materials.

Prices.

	£	s.	d.
Jacket, double-breasted, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons, C.P.O.	3	10	0
Jacket, double-breasted, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons, P.O.	3	9	0
Jacket, double-breasted, diagonal serge, with black horn buttons, for other ratings	3	7	0
Waistcoat, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons	1	3	0
Waistcoat, diagonal serge, with black horn buttons	1	2	6
Trousers, diagonal serge, with fly	1	10	0
Jacket, single-breasted, seamen's serge, with gilt buttons for C.P.O.	3	2	0
Jacket, single-breasted, seamen's serge, with gilt buttons for P.O.	3	1	0
Jacket, single-breasted, seamen's serge, with black horn buttons for other ratings	2	19	0
Waistcoat, seamen's serge, with gilt buttons	1	2	0
Waistcoat, seamen's serge, with black horn buttons	1	1	6
Trousers, seamen's serge, with fly	1	8	6
Tunics, white drill, with gilt buttons for C.P.O.	1	7	0
Tunics, white drill, with gilt buttons for P.O.	1	5	9
Tunics, white drill, with white horn buttons for other ratings	1	5	6
Tunics, white drill, without buttons for C.P.O.	1	5	0
Tunics, white drill, without buttons for P.O. and other ratings	1	5	0
Trousers, white drill, with fly	1	2	6
Jumpers, seamen's serge	1	14	0
Trousers, seamen's serge, with fall	1	10	0
Jumpers, drill	1	7	0
Trousers, drill, with fall	1	4	0
Overcoats, with gilt buttons, for C.P.O. and P.O.	4	15	0
Overcoats, with horn buttons for other ratings	4	13	0

4. In addition to the supply of personal requirements of made-to-measure garments, the contract provides for the supply of garments against official orders in circumstances where this may be necessary. In these cases the following conditions shall apply:—

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- (b) Garments shall be completed within fourteen days of receipt by the contractor of the official order and delivered by parcel post to the address shown thereon, postal charges being to the account of the Ship or Establishment concerned.
- (c) Unsatisfactory garments supplied against official orders shall be returned to the contractor to be altered to the complete satisfaction of the Ordering Officer, at the contractor's expense, including forwarding charges each way.

(434/216/86.)

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117.

ROPE SOLED SHOES.

With reference to Navy Order 374 of 1942, owing to the necessity for the conservation of rubber, rope-soled shoes are in future to be used in lieu of rubber-soled shoes in the gunnery and engineering departments of H.M.A. Ships.

(420/201/1031.)

118.

CLOTHES RATIONING—DISCHARGED NAVAL PERSONNEL.

With reference to Navy Orders 409 and 461 of 1942, the Certificate of Discharge issued on final discharge from H.M.A. Service is to indicate the date of entry into H.M.A. Naval Service of the member concerned.

(350/201/28.)

119.

CORRIGENDUM.

Navy Order 69 of 1943 is amended as follows:—

For A.F.O. quoted in paragraph 3 as "481/42," read "4181/42."

(612/201/3095.)

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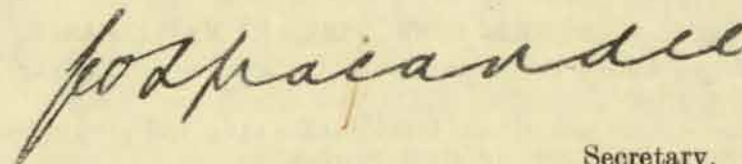
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Navy Office, Melbourne.

23rd March, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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120.

ASSESSMENT OF EFFICIENCY.

It has been observed that there is too high a percentage of "Superior" assessments being given in comparison with those of "Satisfactory" and "Moderate," and this is particularly noticeable in certain Branches.

2. Commanding Officers should bear in mind the importance of avoiding the tendency to assess efficiency higher than "Satisfactory" unless the rating concerned possesses outstanding qualities.

3. It is not considered desirable that ratings, who have been continuously assessed as "Superior" over a period of years, should be given a lower assessment merely to reduce the excessively high percentage of "Superior" assessments, but the attention of all concerned is directed to the provisions of K.R. & A.I., Article 607.

(349/21/276.)

121.

20 M.M. OERLIKON GUNS—CARE AND MAINTENANCE.

A case has recently occurred of an Oerlikon gun failing to fire due to short recoil.

2. On examination it was found that the buffer springs were heavily clogged by a dark brown gritty material.

3. Further investigation showed that this substance was a mixture of rust and grease.

4. Attention is drawn to the necessity of keeping clean and well oiled the buffer spring assembly and also the barrel spring. Particular attention is drawn to the possibility of dirt, corrosion, or lack of lubrication impeding full movement and operation of parts such as buffer springs and barrel spring, thereby causing stoppages.

5. All moving parts should be cleaned and oiled thoroughly—

- (a) as soon as possible after firing;
- (b) if the gun gets wet;
- (c) if the gun gets dirty; and
- (d) if there is any reason to expect corrosion to start.

(490/212/809.)

122.

O.Q.F. 4-INCH XVI*.

Cases have recently occurred of hard extraction in the above guns with consequent damage to breech mechanism parts.

2. Attention is drawn to C.A.F.O. 2270/39 in this respect.

3. Whereas it is realized all rounds cannot be greased in a prolonged action, great care and attention should be paid to—

- (a) keeping the gun chamber scrupulously clean and free from rust;
- (b) lightly greasing the rear end of the chamber with colloidal graphite grease, grade Z.E.

(490/203/1010.)

123.

GUNS, MACHINE, OERLIKON 20 M.M.: TOOL, LOADING MAGAZINE: INTRODUCTION.

A tool for loading magazines of guns, machine, Oerlikon 20 m.m., has been introduced in the R.A.N., and will be allowed to H.M.A. Ships and D.F.M. Ships in the proportion of one per gun.

2. Use of the tool, loading magazine, has the following advantages over hand loading:—

- (a) prevention of overloading (i.e., pushing rounds too far into the mouth of the magazine during insertion);
- (b) elimination of the considerable effort required to press the rounds home by thumb pressure.

3. Bulk manufacture has been arranged and ships should demand requirements from Naval Armament Depots.

4. Amendments of warrants will be issued.

(514/201/2260.)

124.

DEPTH CHARGE PISTOLS MKS. VII-IX. LOCKING SCREWS.

With reference to O.U.5485, plate 12, instances having occurred of the countersunk locking screw in the registers of depth adjusters of D.C. pistols Mks. VII-IX. working loose, due to vibration, a cheese headed screw seated on a shake-proof washer has been introduced in pistols of new manufacture.

2. It is not intended to modify all existing pistols to take the new screw and washer, but the following precaution should be taken to prevent the countersunk locking screw working loose, *vide* A.F.O. 2262/40:—

"Apply a film of 'Durofix' over the head of the locking screw and on the cone of the register, but NOT on the threads."

3. A local substitute for "Durofix" under the proprietary name of "Tarzan-Grip" is available and may be demanded from R.A.N. Armament Depot, Spectacle Island, and R.A.N. Mine Depot, Swan Island, by ships concerned.

4. Depth charge pistols Mks. VII-IX. fitted with countersunk locking screws should be examined to ensure that the *pointer* of the depth adjuster key will NOT pass over the register. Any pistols in H.M.A. ships which do not comply should be exchanged at the first opportunity.

5. With reference to A.F.O. 3645/40, paragraph 4, arrangements are being made to include a supply of—

Screws, locking, St. No. 6141 2 No.
Washers, shake-proof, Type 19 O.B.A. St. No. 6191 . . . 12 No.

in chests, tools, and spare parts, Marks VII-XIII.* pistols issued in future, and demands to complete such chests already held by ships and bases should be passed to the nearest Naval Armament Depot to be met as soon as possible after receipt from manufacture.

6. Paragraph 4 above does not apply to pistol D.C. (M) type B* where the design provides for all round movement of safety key.

(471/205/1714.)

125.

PRESERVATION OF TOOLS.

There is an acute shortage of all descriptions of hand tools, especially those which are not manufactured locally and have to be imported. The attention of all concerned is therefore drawn to the urgent necessity for the preservation of these items to enable the longest possible life to be obtained therefrom. Care should be taken to ensure that tools are used only for the purposes for which they are supplied, and the application of an oily rag after use will prevent the rusting up of working parts.

2. Replacements of tools worn out are to be made under the conditions set out in the Naval Storekeeping Manual B.R.4, Article 33, paragraph 2, and Officers-in-Charge of Naval Stores are to take steps to ensure that approximately equal quantities of broken or worn out articles are received when replacement issues are made.

(524/214/882.)

126.

FORMS A.S.98 AND A.S.98a—REVISION OF.

Forms A.S.98 and A.S.98a—"Kit Lists For Men Dressed As Seamen" and "Men Not Dressed As Seamen" respectively—have been revised and supplies of the new forms are to be demanded from the Naval Store Officer, Sydney. On receipt of the revised forms, the forms at present in use are to be withdrawn from use.

(480/202/4124.)

127.

UNIFORM—CUFF LACING WORN BY LIEUTENANT-COMMANDERS R.A.N.R. AND R.A.N.V.R.

The provisions of A.F.O. 3744/42 have been adopted for the cuff lacing worn by Lieutenant-Commanders R.A.N.R. and R.A.N.V.R.

(434/203/175.)

128.

WARRANTED PROVISIONS.

With reference to C.O.R. Article 409, it is advised that difficulty is being experienced in obtaining the full warranty periods previously allowed for certain items of provisions. The reduced warranty periods applicable will be clearly shown on all supply notes.

(668/201/2591.)

129.

NAVAL STORES—METHOD OF MARKING PACKAGES.

With reference to Admiralty Fleet Order 577/42, the method followed in the Royal Australian Navy for distinguishing packages intended for a ship or specific purpose is to place underneath the storehouseman's package number the identification number of the ship or service concerned. This procedure has been found satisfactory and will be continued.

(612/201/5138.)

130.

ECONOMY IN THE USE OF STATIONERY, ETC.

With reference to Navy Order 390 of 1942, blotting paper of size 11¼" x 4¾" is to be supplied for use in H.M.A. Ships and Naval Establishments and the issue of blotting paper for pads 22½" x 17½" is to be discontinued.

2. Blotting pads will no longer be supplied. Pads at present in use are not to be refilled but turned over so that the under side will face upwards. Pieces of strawboard of suitable size may be issued or any other means adopted which will lead to conservation in the use of blotting paper.

3. It is also important that nibs be used sparingly as present stocks throughout the Commonwealth are very limited and it is doubtful whether supplies will last until further shipments are received from overseas.

4. Nibs are not made in Australia, so it is necessary that when in use they may be made to last longer than is the usual practice. The careful removal of the corrosive matter from the nib, by washing in water from time to time, will assist in this direction.

5. Officers should also be instructed that when a nib is replaced in a pen, the old nib should not be thrown away but should be cleaned and kept in case a definite shortage takes place.

6. Navy Orders 220 of 1940, 294 of 1941, and 390 of 1942 refer.

(544/202/893.)

131.

CUSTODY OF NAVAL STORES.

A case has recently been brought to notice where, during the course of refit of an H.M.A. Ship, the commanding officer was apparently dissatisfied with the stowage of the ship's stores in accommodation over which he had no control, but nevertheless, failed to make an official protest or alternatively ask for receipts for the stores so accommodated.

2. Officers concerned should therefore bear in mind that, when locked up lay-apart stowage is not available for ship's stores which are necessarily placed in a general store, it is the responsibility of the ship to obtain from the officer-in-charge of the store, a receipt for all items placed therein, and similarly for the latter officer to obtain a receipt when the stores are subsequently removed by the ship.

(612/234/1367.)

132.

FLOUR.

In view of the shortage of jute and hessian, it has been found necessary to alter the standard packs of bagged flour, viz., 150 lb. and 50 lb., in jute and hessian bags, respectively.

2. On the exhaustion of present stocks, future supplies of flour from Victualling Yards will be made in 50 lb. calico type bags.

(668/207/205.)

133.

HYGIENIC HANDLING AND PROPER COOKING OF FOOD.

Navy Order 80 of 1943—"Hygienic Handling and Proper Cooking of Food"—is being reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.

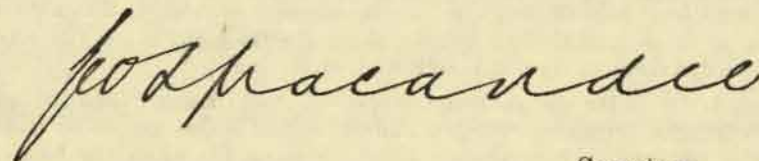
(612/237/158.)

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Navy Office, Melbourne.
30th March, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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PERSONNEL TRAVELLING TO OR FROM DARWIN OR WESTERN AUSTRALIA BY OVERLAND ROUTE—ISSUE OF MESS GEAR.

It is necessary for all personnel, including officers, travelling by rail or road to or from Darwin or Western Australia to carry with them a knife, fork, spoon, plate, and cup for their personal use *en route*.

2. The mess gear is to be issued to the individual on loan at Adelaide, Darwin, or Fremantle, at the commencement of the journey, and is to be returned on arrival at destination. The issue and collection of mess gear will be effected by the Transport Officers attached to the staffs of the Naval Officers-in-Charge at these centres. Covering supply vouchers, supported by signatures of the recipients, are to be prepared by the issuing establishment to cover the transfer to the receiving establishment.

3. Ships or establishments despatching personnel, who will require to be provided with messing gear for use on these routes, are to ensure that adequate notice of requirements is communicated to the establishment from which issues are to be made. Similarly, adequate notice is to be communicated by the issuing establishment to the receiving establishment to facilitate collection on arrival.

4. In order to conserve stocks of earthenware, and to prevent breakages, Army pattern tin pannikins and plates are to be issued for this purpose. Requirements are to be obtained from the local Army authorities, except in Fremantle, where supplies can be obtained from H.M.A. Victualling Yard. If this cannot be arranged, they are to be obtained by local purchase through the District Contract Board. If undue delay is likely to occur in obtaining requirements from either the Army authorities or through the District Contract Board, demands are to be lodged with the nearest Victualling Yard.

5. Navy Order 219 of 1942 is hereby cancelled.

(530/201/480.)

135.

FORM A.S. 542—ROUTE ORDER AND TRAVELLING EXPENSE CLAIM.

Form A.S. 542—Route Order and Travelling Expense Claim—based on the lines of R.N. Form S.542, has been instituted for use in the Royal Australian Navy.

2. A Route Order (Form A.S. 542) should invariably be issued to officers and men *before* the journey is commenced and should be signed by the officer authorizing the journey. Any officer who is on leave within an appointment and receives a fresh appointment whilst on leave should be furnished with a Route Order by his last ship or establishment.

3. The nature of the duty should always be stated in sufficient detail to show clearly whether the expense is a proper public charge and any travelling expenses should be reclaimed on the same form. Such claim should be rendered as soon as possible after the completion of the duty (Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 149, clause 1).

4. Hours of departure and of arrival on a journey should always be inserted on the claim to enable the travelling allowance payable to be correctly computed.

5. Where a member is without funds to meet expenses *en route* (except in cases provided for under Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 149, clause 12) an advance of *pay* not in excess of the amount of travelling allowance to which he would normally be entitled may be given, and necessary charge made against the member's ledger account, thus obviating delays in settlement of travelling expense claims, which otherwise occur frequently due to non-receipt of transfer lists, &c.

6. When a draft is travelling, Form A.S. 542, supplemented by a list of the names of the ratings, should be issued to the officer or rating in charge of the draft. A.S. 542 should show details of the arrangements made for provision of meals, &c., *en route*, for the information of the accountant officer of the ship or depot to which the draft is proceeding.

7. The requisite amendment to Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions Article 149, clause 13, will be promulgated in due course.

8. Form A.S. 542 has been designed for use as a payment voucher in the Monthly Cash Account, and where several payments are involved should be scheduled on Form A.S. 27.

9. First supply of Form A.S. 542 will be made by the N.S.O., Sydney, without demand.

(480/202/4195.)

136.

WIREMAN—ADVANCEMENT.

It has been decided to divide the Wireman Branch into three separate categories, viz.:—Wireman (L), Wireman (M/S), and Wireman (C.M.S.), and to introduce the rating of Petty Officer Wireman in all three categories.

2. The new rating, i.e., either (L) or (M/S), of present serving Wireman and Leading Wireman, is to be allocated by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, and communicated by him to the Director of Navy Accounts and ships concerned, and this Navy Order is to be quoted as authority for amending rating on Certificate of Service and other documents.

The seniority of these ratings as (L) or (M/S) is to be their original seniority as Wireman and Leading Wireman.

3. Conditions of entry and service are as follows:—

4. Entry is to be under a R.A.N. (H.O.) engagement for two years or the period of hostilities and six months thereafter, whichever is the longer.

5. Age on entry is to be between the ages of 18 and 35 years.

6. Rates of pay are as laid down in Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions for rating up to Leading Wireman. Rates of pay applicable to Petty Officer Wireman will be promulgated shortly.

7. A Wireman shall have the relative rating of Able Seaman, a Leading Wireman that of Leading Seaman, and a Petty Officer Wireman that of Petty Officer. They will be eligible for the award of Good Conduct Badges and for the allowances (excluding non-substantive allowances) payable to their relative rating in the Permanent Naval Forces (Seagoing).

8. Candidates for Wireman (L) will be required to pass the following trade test, which will be carried out at Garden Island or Flinders Naval Depot. Candidates from centres other than Sydney or Melbourne are to undergo a preliminary trade test consisting of (i), (ii), and (v) below, before despatch to Flinders Naval Depot for final trade test and entry.

- (i) With a blowlamp, tin various soldering bits which are badly oxidized, using resin flux only.
- (ii) Make a junction in a single strand lead-encased cable and seal the junction with insulating tape and lead sleeving.
- (iii) Join up a multicore cable to terminal boards, &c., to operate suitable lamps. (Numbers of cores to be obliterated; shorts, earths, and breaks to be put on terminal boards and fittings.)
- (iv) Mark out and make a guard to protect a small number of cables entering deck tubes.
- (v) Wire up one switch, looping-in base and one lamp, with lead-encased cable, drilling and tapping the bulkhead for the cable run.

(The estimated time required to complete all five jobs is six hours.)

On successful completion of trade test, Wiremen are to undergo a seven weeks' course at Flinders Naval Depot consisting of elementary disciplinary training, practical wiring, and naval electric practice.

9. Candidates for Wireman (C.M.S.) will be selected from suitable volunteers from Wireman (L) or from volunteers who fail to pass the trade test for Electrical Artificers. The selection will be made by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot. The training will be carried out at Flinders Naval Depot, and will consist of at least three weeks' technical course and two weeks' workshop practice. Candidates selected from volunteers who fail to pass the trade test for Electrical Artificers will also be required to undergo the seven weeks' course referred to in paragraph 8.

10. Candidates for Wireman (M/S) will be selected from candidates who are completing the course for Wireman (L). They will be given an additional two weeks' instruction on minesweeping equipment at Flinders Naval Depot.

11. Advancement to Leading Rates and above will be contingent on receipt of recommendation for advancement on Form A.S. 507, on vacancies in Fleet Numbers, and in accordance with the following conditions of advancement. Such advancements will be authorized by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot.

12. *Wireman (L) to Leading Wireman (L):*

- (a) Six months' service as Wireman (L).
- (b) Recommendation for, and successful completion of course for L.T.O. (E), which will be carried out at Torpedo School, Flinders Naval Depot.

NOTES.—(i) Wiremen (L) to be withdrawn for course will be selected from those recommended on Form A.S. 507.

(ii) Existing Leading Wiremen (L) are to be classed Leading Wireman (L) (N.Q.) and will be withdrawn for course in Torpedo School. Failure to qualify in the L.T.O. (E) course will involve reversion to Wireman (L).

13. *Leading Wireman (L) to Petty Officer Wireman (L):*

- (a) Six months' service as Leading Wireman (L) and/or Leading Wireman (L) (N.Q.).
- (b) Recommendation for, and successful completion of course for L.T.O. (L.P.) and one week's disciplinary course, which will be carried out at Torpedo School, Flinders Naval Depot.

NOTES.—Leading Wiremen (L) to be withdrawn for course will be selected from those recommended on Form A.S. 507.

(ii) Leading Wiremen (L) (N.Q.) who qualify for Leading Wireman (L) in the Torpedo School may be placed on course for Petty Officer Wireman (L) without further sea experience, if considered suitable and recommended by Torpedo School.

14. *Wireman (M/S) to Leading Wireman (M/S):*

- (a) Six months' service as Wireman (M/S).
- (b) Award of Certificate of professional competency by a qualified Torpedo Officer, or, if one is not available, by the Senior Officer of the Flotilla, P.M.S.O., or Base Electrical Officer.
- (c) Successful completion of one week's course at Torpedo School, Flinders Naval Depot, on recent developments in M/S equipment.

NOTES.—(i) Wiremen (M/S) to be withdrawn for course will be selected from those recommended on Form A.S. 507.

(ii) Ratings who have already been advanced to Leading Wireman (M/S) will retain their Leading Rate and will not be required to undergo a course.

15. *Leading Wireman (M/S) to Petty Officer Wireman (M/S):*

- (a) Six months' service as Leading Wireman (M/S).
- (b) Successful completion of course of one week's disciplinary and one week's Advanced Electrical Training, which will be carried out at the Torpedo School, Flinders Naval Depot.

NOTE.—The names of Leading Wiremen (M/S) recommended for Petty Officer Wireman (M/S) are to be forwarded to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, as the ratings become qualified by service, and the following documents are to be enclosed with the recommendations:—

Form A.S. 264—Divisional Officers' form written up specially for the examination and signed by the Commanding Officer.

Form A.S. 1245B—Torpedo History Sheet—Pages 2 and 4 being brought up to date and signed by the Base Electrical Maintenance Officer.

16. *Wireman (C.M.S.) to Leading Wireman (C.M.S.):*

- (a) Six months' service at a C.M. or O.M. Station, C.M. Base or Base Ship, or on board a Mining Tender.
- (b) Recommendation by Commanding Officer of Base or Base Ship, a Mining Tender, or by the Officer in Charge of the Station, and confirmed by the Naval Officer-in-Charge of the Port.

17. *Leading Wireman (C.M.S.) to Petty Officer Wireman (C.M.S.):*

(a) Six months' service as a Leading Wireman (C.M.S.) at a C.M. or O.M. Station, C.M. Base or Base Ship, or on board a Mining Tender.

(b) Recommendation for, and successful completion of course which will be carried out at Torpedo School, Flinders Naval Depot. This course will consist of—

Disciplinary course	..	..	1 week.
Recent developments	..	..	1 week.
Practical experience as Instructor	..	..	2 weeks.

18. No advancement to Petty Officer Wireman is to be made prior to the date of this Order.

19. Navy Orders 133 of 1941 and 206 of 1941 are cancelled and a cross reference to this Order is to be made against Navy Order 217 of 1942.

(568/202/755.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

137.

REDIRECTION OF MAILS.

It has been observed that, in certain cases, mails for personnel who have left a ship or establishment are redirected to the ship or establishment to which they were transferred, notwithstanding that, in the meantime, further transfers may have taken place.

2. Unless, therefore, it is definitely known that the addressee is still serving in a ship or establishment to which he was transferred, such mail should be forwarded to Navy Office for check of present address and redirection as necessary.

(443/201/1171.)

138.

DRAWING AND PAINTING SCHOOLS, VICTORIA.

The Trustees of the Public Library, Museum, and National Gallery of Victoria have decided to give free tuition to suitable members of the Naval Forces in their drawing and painting schools, but the students will be required to meet the cost of materials, which range from 2s. to 5s. (approximately) per week.

2. It is not possible to conduct correspondence courses in these subjects, consequently students will be required to attend the schools and will be permitted to attend the classes during their leisure moments when the schools are open.

The present hours are (Monday to Friday)—

Drawing school from 1000 to 1700, and from 1900 to 2130.

Painting school from 1000 to 1630.

Painting school from 1900 to 2100 (drawing from life in drawing school).

3. The Trustees have also decided that, provided the students have attended during a reasonable period, they shall be eligible to compete for the prizes offered by the Trustees, subject to compliance with the conditions.

4. Provided that suitable arrangements can be made, certain members of the schools are prepared to help disabled men by giving lessons in convenient places outside the schools.

5. Personnel, male or female, desirous of taking advantage of this offer, should communicate with Mr. Wheeler, Head of the Schools, or Mr. Pitt, the Chief Librarian and Secretary, at the Public Library, Melbourne, C.1.

(600/201/2330.)

139.

SPECIAL UNIFORM GRANT TO OFFICERS TRAVELLING WITH A MINIMUM OF BAGGAGE.

The provisions of A.F.O. 106/42 have been adopted in the Royal Australian Navy with effect from 20th April, 1942.

2. Each payment is to be reported to the Director of Navy Accounts, Navy Office, Melbourne, at the time when it is made.

(407/212/485.)

140.

INSURANCE OF CANTEEN AND MESS STOCKS.

With reference to Navy Order 165 of 1940, it is notified that insurance of canteen and mess stocks of H.M.A. Ships against war risks can now be arranged with certain insurance companies in Australia at rates approximating those charged by the War Risks Insurance Office, London.

(511/201/215.)

141.

MARKING OF CARTRIDGES WITH SUB-LOT XJ.

R.A.F.A.'s and Auxiliary A/S and M/S Vessels.

A report in accordance with paragraph 3 of Navy Order 316 of 1942 is to be forwarded to Navy Office as early as practicable by Commanding Officers of R.A.F.A.'s and Auxiliary A/S and M/S Vessels, stating whether the markings of cartridges and packages on board with the sub-lot XJ has been completed.

2. The report is to include full description (including original lot number) and quantity of the cartridges concerned.

(471/202/1313.)

142.

STIRRUP PUMPS—CARE OF RUBBER HOSE.

Attention is directed to the following notes extracted from A.F.O. 2458/42 on the care of rubber hose for stirrup pumps, and also stirrup pumps.

(a) All stirrup pumps are to be used with water at least once a fortnight. After use the pumps and hose are to be pumped out and drained. The hose is not to be left loose, but is to be coiled up and attached to the pump.

On no account is anything but plain water to be used.

(b) Rubber hose deteriorates if kept in a warm place or in a strong light. Stirrup pumps are therefore to be kept as far as reasonably practicable for their effective use in a cool dark place.

2. Much difficulty is being experienced locally in obtaining supplies of rubber goods, and it is desired that every care be taken of rubber hose supplied so that its life may be prolonged as much as possible.

3. Stirrup pumps are also to be used fortnightly as indicated to ensure as far as possible their serviceability when required.

(449/203/306.)

143.

MOSQUITO NETS.

A special type of mosquito net, dyed green, made of fine mesh, capable of preventing the ingress of sandflies and other types of tropical insects, has been designed for use on decks of H.M.A. Ships based on or operating from parts where sandflies and other insect pests abound.

2. The nets are obtainable from Royal Edward Victualling Yard, Sydney, on demand.

3. The authorized allowance is three nets for each anti-aircraft gun and three nets for Bridge Duties Watchkeepers.

(612/232/77.)

144.

INDIA RUBBER WASHERS FOR HOSE COUPLINGS—USE OF CORRECT PATTERNS.

Demands received from ships for India rubber washers for standard two-piece hose couplings (Nunan and Stove type) appear to indicate that incorrect washers are being used in these couplings.

2. Standard Admiralty Pattern Couplings are issued to all H.M.A. Ships, and particulars of the various washers required are shown hereunder. Demands for washers for these fittings should be prepared accordingly:—

For No. 1 Coupling Pattern 4060 use Pattern 1220 I.R. Washer.

For No. 2 Coupling Pattern 4061 use Pattern 1121 I.R. Washer.

For No. 3 Coupling Pattern 4062 use Pattern 1222 I.R. Washer.

For No. 3 Coupling Pattern 4062 use Pattern 1222A I.R. Washer.
(modified)

For No. 4 Coupling Pattern 4063 use Pattern 1223 I.R. Washer.
Branch Pipe Pattern 1520—No. 2 size use Pattern 1221 I.R. Washer.

Branch Pipe Pattern 1521—No. 3 size use Pattern 1222A I.R. Washer.

Branch Pipe Fyrex use Pattern 1222A I.R. Washer.

Branch Pipe Oilfyre use Pattern 1222A I.R. Washer.

(612/229/178.)

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Promotion to the Acting rank of Lieutenant-Commander under the provisions of A.F.O. 4240/42 has been adopted for all Reserve Officers, including those at present employed from the Retired List of Reserve Officers and Temporary Lieutenants (E), Royal Australian Navy.

2. Reports upon all Officers who are qualified by age and service under this A.F.O. are to be rendered on Form S.206 to reach Navy Office by 15th February and 15th August.

(432/25/5567.)

146.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES AT SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE TECHNICAL COLLEGES.

With reference to Navy Order 315 of 1941, it has been decided that the conditions, under which Army and Air Force personnel are permitted to undertake correspondence courses at Sydney and Melbourne Technical Colleges, are to be made applicable to the Royal Australian Navy.

2. The details of the scheme have not yet been finalized, but full particulars will be promulgated as early as possible.

(600/201/2094.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

147.

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES.

Photographs of the various Islands in the South-West Pacific Area are required for Intelligence purposes.

2. An indication of the type of photographs is:—

Important landmarks, beaches, jetties, quays, piers, docks and slipways, harbors, roads, bridges, power stations, and oil installations.

3. Personnel possessing such photographs are requested to forward them, through their Commanding Officers, to the Director of Naval Intelligence, Navy Office, Melbourne. If desired, photographs will be returned after copying.

(560/201/971.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

148.

SHORT RANGE A.A. WEAPONS: EYESHOOTING SIGHTS.

The method of using Eyeshooting Sights has now been standardized for all short-range A.A. weapons, and the backsight is to be used as a "Bead" backsight.

2. Sights which have been adjusted in accordance with C.A.F.O. 2199/40, paragraph 3 (e), should be modified to the correct base length for use as a "Bead" Sight, and apertures of backsights should be

modified suitably to enable the crosswires to be used as a bead. In ships where it is not practicable to carry out these modifications, requisition should be made for assistance by Base Staffs or Dockyards at the earliest opportunity.

3. Attention is drawn to B.R. 254, Eyeshooting Pocket Book, Chapter III., paragraphs 52-54.

4. Rubber Eyepieces are no longer required for this type of sight and should be returned to store.

(612/209/183.)

149.

DEPTH CHARGE PISTOL HISTORY SHEETS AND KEYS. DEPTH ADJUSTER—DISPOSAL.

With reference to O.U. 5485, paragraph 65, as amended by A.F.O. P.834/41, history sheets, completed in all respects, and depth adjuster keys of all depth charge pistols expended on the Australia Station by H.M.A. Ships are to be disposed of at the first opportunity as indicated below:—

	Disposal of History Sheet.	Disposal of Depth Adjuster Key
(a) D.C. Pistols, expended in action or for practice, which have functioned correctly	Forwarded to Director of Ordnance, Torpedoes and Mines, Navy Office	Return in Pistol Box to nearest Naval Armament Depot
(b) D.C. Pistols jettisoned, lost overboard or otherwise expended	To accompany report of circumstances of expenditure rendered to the administrative authority	Return in Pistol Box to nearest Naval Armament Depot
(c) D.C. Pistols expended in depth charges which have failed	To accompany report of failure rendered to the administrative authority (<i>vide</i> O.U. 5485, paragraph 64)	To accompany report of failure rendered to the administrative authority (see note)

NOTE.—Depth adjuster keys are not required at Navy Office and after being sighted by the Administrative authority should be returned to the nearest Naval Armament Depot.

The report rendered by the Administrative authority should state that the depth adjuster key has been sighted.

2. Commonwealth Navy Orders 282 and 303 of 1942 are cancelled.

(471/205/1715.)

150.

CASES, CARTRIDGE—REPAIR OF.

Cases, cartridge (Clarkson cases), landed at outports in a repairable condition are to be forwarded to the Armament Supply Officer, R.A.N. Armament Depot, Spectacle Island, Sydney, for repair as soon as possible.

(408/207/2126.)

151.

BATTLE DRESS.

Battle dress comprising one khaki collarless shirt, Army type, pattern 889A, with long sleeves, and one pair khaki trousers is authorized for wear by personnel of H.M.A. Seagoing Ships. The cutting of sleeves is to be a disciplinary offence. The garments are not to be used for other than battle dress.

2. A gratuitous issue of one set to each Officer and man, including new entries other than personnel permanently engaged on Shore Service, is approved. Issues are to be noted on Service Certificates.

3. Pending receipt of supplies of khaki trousers, white trousers are to be used in lieu, and the issue on entry to Class II. ratings of one pair of white duck trousers is to be continued to meet the situation until supplies of the khaki trousers are available. On receipt of supplies of khaki trousers, issues of white duck trousers are to be suspended.

4. Care is to be taken in laundering the shirts which are of worsted material specially designed for use in northern waters.

5. Navy Circ. 0200Z/11/2/43 refers.

(516/201/531.)

152.

**MESS UTENSILS FOR C.P.O'S., P.O'S., AND MEN'S MESSES—
REPLACEMENT ALLOWANCES FOR 1942-43.**

With reference to C.O.R. Article 489 and Navy Order 358 of 1941, the annual amount to which free replacements of consumable items in the scale of mess utensils laid down in A.F.O. 94/42, will be allowed for C.P.O's., P.O's., and Seamen in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments for the year commencing 1st July, 1942, are as follows:—

(a) Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers .. 7s. 7d. per head.

(b) All other ratings 6s. 7d. per head.

2. The articles drawn against these allowances are to be valued at the Victualling Rate Book prices for 1942-43 with the exception of earthenware mugs which are to be valued at the rate shown in Navy Order 358 of 1941, viz., 6d. each. Seamen's dinner plates, formerly Patt. 86B, are now accounted for as plates Patt. 83, in accordance with Navy Order 81 of 1943, and are to be valued accordingly.

(530/202/444.)

153

CANTEEN STORES FOR H.M.A. SHIPS.

In order to assist in securing the secrecy of the movements of H.M.A. Ships, orders for canteen stores, including stores under bond, which are required to be forwarded to a ship at a port other than that at which the supplier is located, are not to give any indication of the port to which they are to be forwarded.

2. Orders placed in such circumstances are to provide for delivery to a Victualling Yard, and the Victualling Store Officer advised of the details. The Victualling Store Officer will arrange for the onward transmission of the stores, or will hold them for collection by the ship

as convenient, and will pay any incidental expenses in respect of freight, wharfage, or handling charges. Details of such charges will be communicated by the Victualling Store Officer to the ship, which is to ensure that the amount is repaid at the first opportunity.

3. Vouchers for payment of such incidental expenses should be endorsed as indicated in Naval Account Regulations and Instructions, Article 226, clause (4).

(612/250/205.)

154.

INSPECTION OF FOODSTUFFS AND COOKING ARRANGEMENTS.

The attention of all Medical Officers is drawn to the fact that their duties include the inspection of foodstuffs used in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments, *vide* K.R. and A.L., Article 1392, clause 2.

2. In view of the necessity of taking all precautions to ensure that all food provided in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments is satisfactory in all respects and the difficulties being experienced in some areas in obtaining food, it is necessary, especially at the present time, for Medical Officers to render all help possible to Accountant Officers, in the inspection of food materials and by paying routine visits to the Ship's Galleys in order to see that hygienic conditions are maintained both with regard to personnel and food being cooked and served. They are to collaborate with the Accountant Officer regarding menus with the object of assisting from a medical aspect, paying particular attention to the Vitamin Constituents of these foodstuffs, as this is one aspect of the question in which the advice of a competent Medical Officer should be of considerable assistance to the Accountant Officer.

(437/201/614.)

155.

JOURNAL "SALT" AND "CURRENT AFFAIRS BULLETIN."

A limited number of copies of the Army Educational Services' Journal "Salt" and booklets entitled "Current Affairs Bulletin" have been made available to the R.A.N.

2. These will be distributed fortnightly by Navy Office to all Ships and Establishments.

(571/201/3774.)

156.

**FORM A.S. 1048—DAILY ABSTRACT OF CLOTHING ISSUED ON
REPAYMENT.**

As an economy measure, the procedure of preparing Form A.S. 1048 in duplicate, as laid down in C.O.R. Article 481, clause 6, is to be discontinued. One copy only of this form is to be prepared and retained in the Victualling Office for reference.

2. In order that the maximum use of this form may be obtained, pending reprint, additional horizontal lines may be ruled as necessary to permit of further issues being recorded thereon.

3. In view of this amended procedure, special attention is directed to the instruction on Form A.S. 107, as follows:—

“The quantities shown on Form A.S. 1048 should, before an official receipt is issued, be checked into Form A.S. 107 by the officer authorized to collect public moneys, each line of this form being initialled as evidence of such check.”

In addition, Form A.S. 107 is to be endorsed by the officer who issues the official receipt for the moneys, thus—

“£ brought to account O.R..... / /43.”

4. C.O.R. 481, clause 14, is modified accordingly.

(544/202/897)

157.

CORRIGENDUM.

Navy Order 103 of 1943.—Insert above paragraph 18 the headings:—

“(ii) Accountant Commissions *Account Branch.*”

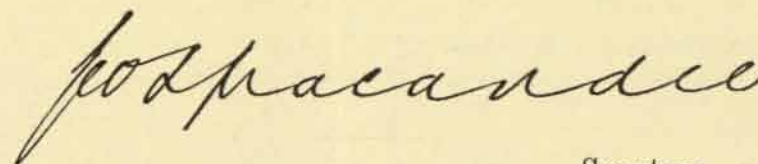
(432/203/1092.)

*FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.***Commonwealth Navy Orders.**

Navy Office, Melbourne,
13th April, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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158.

CARRIAGE OF SHALE OR COLLIERY REFUSE AS BALLAST IN SHIPS CARRYING EXPLOSIVES.

In ships carrying explosives, shale or colliery refuse should not be used for ballast, as either is liable to spontaneous combustion, especially in moist conditions.

(603/201/983.)

159.

D.E.M.S. PERSONNEL—LIABILITY FOR PAY, ETC.

It has been decided that liability for R.A.N. personnel serving in D.E.M. Ships on the British Register be accepted by the Commonwealth of Australia.

2. Paragraph 4 of Navy Order 306 of 1941 and paragraph 3 (c) of Navy Order 307 of 1941 are cancelled accordingly.

3. Necessary adjustments will be effected in Navy Office in respect of Transfer Accounts already forwarded.

(438/204/289.)

160.

RADIO SETS FITTED IN REQUISITIONED NAVAL CRAFT, ETC.

With reference to Navy Order 109 of 1943, attention is drawn to Notice to Mariners 127 of 1940.

2. All radio sets fitted in any craft employed on Naval duties must comply with the provisions of this Notice to Mariners.

(612/246/2271.)

161.

CONSULTING ORAL SPECIALIST TO THE R.A.N.

During the absence of Professor A. J. Arnott of the United Dental Hospital, Chalmers-street, Sydney, on military duties, Dr. Haddon Kemp, of the same institution, has been appointed Consulting Oral Specialist to the R.A.N. in Sydney.

2. The procedure laid down in C.O.R., Art. 552, is to be followed in securing approval for the use of his services. Requisition form is to be made out in the name of the United Dental Hospital, Chalmers-street, Sydney.

(527/201/727.)

162.

DEPTH CHARGES WITH SPLIT CHARGE CASES: REPORTS REQUIRED.

With reference to Navy Order 75 of 1943, whenever depth charges with split charge cases are dumped, the report rendered in accordance with O.U.5485, paragraph 17, as amended by Admiralty Fleet Order P.834/41 is to include details of source of supply and date of receipt.

(471/205/1671.)

163.

R.M.S.—REPORTS ON FORM S.1516.

With reference to Navy Order 448 of 1942, paragraph 26, in all cases where mines with hydrostats are recovered, the depth setting of the hydrostat is to be included in the written report, if it can be obtained.

2. This information is to be inserted under 3 (f) of the report on form S.1516. For authorities not holding forms S.1516, B.R. 732/40, Instructions for the Disposal of Mines Washed or Brought Ashore, Appendix I., amended by Admiralty Fleet Order "P" series 585/41 refers.

(549/201/100.)

164.

MINES RENDERED SAFE BY R.M.S. PARTIES—DISPOSAL.

The provisions of A.F.O. 6233/42 do not apply to the Royal Australian Navy. In the event of British mines being washed ashore and rendered safe, mine shells which can economically be removed are to be recovered and retained pending the receipt of disposal instructions from the Naval Board.

2. Enemy mine shells, unless of unknown type, i.e. mines other than German Y* and Japanese mines similar to German U type, are not required and may be disposed of locally to Civil Authorities if so desired. Attention is drawn, however, to paragraphs 36 and 38 of Navy Order 448 of 1942.

(549/201/100.)

165.

SERVICE CANTEENS.

The following details of a chit system which has proved very satisfactory in operation in a service canteen in one of H.M.A. Ships, and which would appear to be suitable for ships and establishments conducting similar canteens, are promulgated for information.

2. No money is accepted over the canteen counter for goods nor is any credit allowed except to messes for mess stocks. Chits made up in books of vouchers to a total value of 5s., and serially numbered to permit of easy identification, are sold by the Accountant Officer and the Canteen Manager. The cost of the printing of the books of vouchers is borne by the canteen.

3. A rating drafted out of the ship may cash any vouchers remaining in his possession with the Accountant Officer (as Hon. Treasurer of the Canteen Committee).

4. The advantages which this system has over the cash payment method may be briefly summarized as under:—

(a) Moneys are received in advance by the Ship's Canteen Committee from the Ship's Company, thus eliminating the necessity for the Committee requiring credit transactions with firms ashore.

(b) Cash transactions within the ship are simplified and safeguarded.

- (c) When operating for extended periods away from a base, a well-controlled system of canteen credit can be brought into operation by the use of these books.
- (d) Ratings are prevented from leaving the ship in debt to the canteen.
- (e) Personnel are given the security of investing their surplus cash on board in canteen books, which, being serially numbered, are of no value to other than the purchaser.
- (f) The sale of excise-free tobacco to unauthorized persons can be much more carefully controlled when the ship is in dockyard hands.

(427/201/732.)

166.

**OFFICERS' MESS TRAPS—REPLACEMENT ALLOWANCES
APPLICABLE FOR 1942-43.**

With reference to C.O.R. Article 488 and Navy Order 357 of 1941, the amounts to which free replacements may be made during the year ending 30th June, 1943, of articles in the consumable sections of the scales shown in A.F.O. 94/42 and of articles in the permanent sections of those scales which are marked with an asterisk are:—

<i>Mess.</i>	<i>In stationary ships and shore establishments.</i>		<i>In sea- going ships.</i>	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Flag Officer	—		25	0 0
Commodore or Captain	14	0 0	17	0 0
Flag Captain, Commander or Lieutenant-Commander in Com- mand	9	0 0	10	5 0
<i>Ward Room—</i>				
Mess of one Officer	2	19 6	3	11 0
Mess of two Officers	5	10 0	6	12 0
For every Officer permanently borne in excess of two	0	16 6	1	5 6
<i>Gun Room—</i>				
Mess of one Officer	2	17 0	3	8 0
For every Officer permanently borne in excess of one	0	14 6	1	2 0
<i>Warrant Officers—</i>				
Mess of one Officer	3	5 6	3	18 6
For every Officer permanently borne in excess of one	0	11 6	0	18 0

All consumable stores drawn against these allowances are to be valued at the Victualling Rate Book Prices for 1942-43.

Where officers are borne supernumerary to complement for training, &c., the replacement allowances for such officers are to be calculated on the basis of the average daily numbers borne during each quarter.

When calculating replacement allowances, officers on permanent lodging and provision allowances are to be excluded.

(407/201/839.)

167.

**CONDITION OF STORES AND EQUIPMENT RETURNED TO
VICTUALLING YARDS.**

The attention of Commanding Officers is again drawn to the fact that the condition of many items of victualling stores returned to Victualling Yards indicates that they have been rendered unserviceable, other than by fair wear and tear. This applies particularly to mess and galley gear.

2. Table linen and bedding is often in a deplorable condition, being torn, stained and dirty. Watchcoats are torn and stained with oil and paint, while rancid and putrid foodstuffs are often found adhering to mess and galley gear.

3. As indicated in Navy Order 125 of 1942, there is now the greatest difficulty in procuring supplies of stores and equipment, so it is imperative in the interests of all personnel that every care be taken to obtain the longest possible service from every article.

4. Where return to Victualling Yards is rendered absolutely necessary through the articles becoming no longer serviceable on account of normal wear and tear, all the returns are to be packed in such a manner that damage in transit will be reduced to a minimum. So far as mess and galley gear are concerned, it is specially to be noted that these articles are to be cleaned before return, so that on receipt at a Yard, the articles may be reconditioned, where possible, for further Service use.

(530/201/426.)

168.

**SPECIAL CLOTHING FOR MOSQUITO AND SANDFLY
INFESTED AREAS.**

It has come to the notice of the Naval Board that some Naval personnel located in areas north of Brisbane are still not provided with proper clothing protection against mosquitoes and sandflies. The special clothing provided for this purpose comprises:—

Mosquito nets for erection over sleeping quarters.

Mosquito nets for erection on decks, *vide* Navy Order 143 of 1943.

Mosquito veils for wear on helmets.

Bush nets—a type of small one-man tent for use in the field, *vide* Navy Order 193 of 1942.

Long-sleeved khaki shirts and long khaki trousers, *vide* Navy Order 151 of 1943.

2. It is to be noted that *all* Naval personnel who operate in areas where they are subject to mosquito and sandfly bites are to be in possession of the following items:—

1 Mosquito net.	} to be issued on loan and recovered when drafted from area.
1 Mosquito veil.	
3 Long-sleeved khaki shirts.	
3 Pairs long khaki trousers.	

They are also to be provided with bush nets where necessary.

3. Commanding Officers and Naval Officers-in-Charge in the areas referred to are to ensure that stocks of the various articles mentioned are maintained and are to satisfy themselves that all their personnel are provided with the articles.

4. Requirements are to be demanded from Royal Edward Victualling Yard, Sydney.

(434/210/170.)

169.

SUPPLY OF OFFICERS' UNIFORMS.

The prices for the supply of Naval Officers' uniforms under the Agreement referred to in Navy Order 436 of 1942 have been revised, operative from 1st March, 1943. The revised prices are shown in the Appendix.

2. It will be observed that provision is made for the supply of Naval Chaplains' uniforms.

3. The following Outfitters have agreed to continue to operate under the Agreement:—

Melbourne—

Messrs. Myer Emporium Ltd., Bourke-street.
Messrs. Snows Mens Wear Ltd., Flinders-street.
Messrs. Leviathan Ltd., cr. Swanston and Bourke streets.
Messrs. Ince Bros., 166 Swanston-street.

Sydney—

Messrs. Anthony Hordern and Sons Ltd., Brickfield Hill.
Messrs. Vereys Ltd., King-street.
Messrs. Freeman Pty. Ltd., Smith and Mackey streets.

Adelaide—

The Myer Emporium (S.A.) Ltd., Adelaide.

Hobart—

Messrs. J. Bidencope and Sons Pty. Ltd., Murray-street.

Perth—

Mr. G. E. Truscott, cr. Hay and William streets.

Brisbane—

Messrs. Rothwells Outfitting Ltd., Edward-street.

4. All Officers mobilized for service are to be furnished with this information.

APPENDIX.

(A) PRICE LIST OF R.A.N. OFFICERS' UNIFORMS MADE UP BY PRIVATE OUTFITTERS.

(i) *Jackets, Waistcoats, and Trousers, Using Cloth for Officers' Uniforms.*

Rank.	Undress Jacket.	Mess Jacket.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Warrant Officer	4 18 6	4 5 9
Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank	5 3 9	4 11 0
Midshipman	4 3 9	3 10 9
Midshipman (E) and Paymaster-Midshipman	4 7 9	3 15 0
Sub-Lieutenant	5 3 9	4 11 0
Engineer Sub-Lieutenant and all other Officers of equivalent rank, with distinctive cloth between lace	5 6 0	4 13 3
Lieutenant	5 9 9	4 17 0
Engineer Lieutenant, &c.	5 12 6	4 19 9
Lieutenant-Commander	5 14 3	5 1 6
Engineer Lieutenant-Commander, &c.	5 17 0	5 4 3
Commander	5 17 0	5 4 3
Engineer Commander, &c.	5 19 0	5 6 0
Captain	6 3 0	5 10 0
Engineer Captain, &c.	6 5 9	5 13 0

All Officers—

	£ s. d.
Mess Waistcoat	1 15 0
Waistcoat	1 4 3
Trousers, lace for all ranks below Commodore, 1st Class	5 14 6
Trousers, plain	1 13 0

(ii) *Jackets, Waistcoats, and Trousers, Using Lightweight Blue Serge.*

Rank.	Undress Jacket.
	£ s. d.
Warrant Officer	4 11 6
Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank	4 16 6
Midshipman	3 16 6
Midshipman (E) and Paymaster-Midshipman	4 0 9
Sub-Lieutenant	4 16 6
Engineer Sub-Lieutenant and all other Officers of equivalent rank, with distinctive cloth between lace	4 19 0
Lieutenant	5 2 9
Engineer Lieutenant, &c.	5 5 6
Lieutenant-Commander	5 7 0
Engineer Lieutenant-Commander, &c.	5 10 0
Commander	5 10 0
Engineer Commander, &c.	5 11 9
Captain	5 15 9
Engineer Captain, &c.	5 18 9

All Officers—

	£ s. d.
Waistcoat	1 2 6
Trousers	1 7 6

(iii) *Jackets, Waistcoats, and Trousers, Using Diagonal Serge.*

Rank.	Undress Jacket.
	£ s. d.
Warrant Officer	4 7 6
Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank	4 12 9
Midshipman	3 12 9
Midshipman (E) and Paymaster Midshipman	3 16 3
Sub-Lieutenant	4 12 9
Engineer Sub-Lieutenant and all other Officers of equivalent rank, with distinctive cloth between lace	4 15 0
Lieutenant	4 18 9
Engineer Lieutenant, &c.	5 1 6
Lieutenant-Commander	5 3 3
Engineer Lieutenant-Commander, &c.	5 6 0
Commander	5 6 0
Engineer Commander, &c.	5 8 0
Captain	5 12 0
Engineer Captain, &c.	5 14 9
<i>All Officers—</i>	£ s. d.
Waistcoat	1 1 0
Trousers	1 4 6

(iv) *Shoulder Straps, Greatcoats, White Mess Jackets, White Tunics and Trousers.*

Rank.	Shoulder Straps, Blue Beaver Cloth.	Greatcoat, Blue Beaver Cloth (with Shoulder Straps).
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Warrant Officer	0 13 11	7 1 9
Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank	0 16 11	7 4 9
Midshipman		6 11 0
Midshipman (E) and Paymaster Midshipman	0 7 0	6 15 3
Sub-Lieutenant	0 17 0	7 4 9
Engineer Sub-Lieutenant and all other Officers of equivalent rank, with distinctive cloth between lace	0 18 0	7 6 0
Lieutenant	1 2 9	7 10 6
Engineer Lieutenant, &c.	1 4 3	7 12 0
Lieutenant-Commander	1 9 0	7 17 0
Engineer Lieutenant-Commander, &c.	1 10 6	7 18 6
Commander	1 15 9	8 3 6
Engineer Commander, &c.	1 17 0	8 5 0
Captain	2 2 9	8 10 9
Engineer Captain, &c.	2 4 3	8 12 3
<i>All Officers—</i>	£ s. d.	
Mess Jacket, white drill with buttons	1 8 3	
“ “ “ without buttons	1 4 6	
Mess Waistcoat, white marcella with buttons	1 13 0	
“ “ “ without buttons	1 11 6	
Tunic white drill, with buttons	1 4 3	
“ “ “ without buttons	1 1 0	
Trousers, white drill	0 19 9	

(v) *Widths of Gold Lace.*

R.A.N. Warrant Officer	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
Half Strips for Lieutenant-Commander	$\frac{1}{2}$ "
All other Officers	$\frac{3}{16}$ "
(Midshipmen, Midshipmen (E) and Paymaster Midshipmen—No Lace)	

(B) PRICE LIST OF R.A.N.R.(S.), R.A.N.R. AND R.A.N.V.R. OFFICERS' UNIFORMS MADE UP BY PRIVATE OUTFITTERS.

(i) *Jackets, Using Cloth for Officers' Uniform and Non-metallic Gold Lace.*

Rank.	Undress Jacket.	
	R.A.N.R. (S).	R.A.N.R. and R.A.N.V.R.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Midshipman	4 3 9	4 3 9
Warrant Officer	5 0 9	4 12 3
Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank	5 0 9	4 12 3
Sub-Lieutenant	5 0 9	4 12 3
Engineer Sub-Lieutenant and all other Officers of equivalent rank, with distinctive cloth between lace	5 4 3	4 15 9
Lieutenant	5 6 6	4 16 6
Engineer-Lieutenant, &c.	5 10 6	4 19 6
Lieutenant-Commander	5 10 6	4 19 6
Engineer Lieutenant-Commander, &c.	5 12 0	5 2 6
Commander	5 12 0	5 2 6
Engineer Commander, &c.	5 15 0	5 5 0
Captain	5 18 0	5 5 6
Engineer Captain, &c.	6 1 6	5 8 6

(ii) *Jackets, Waistcoats, and Trousers, Using Lightweight Serge and Non-metallic Gold Lace.*

Rank.	Undress Jacket.	
	R.A.N.R. (S).	R.A.N.R. and R.A.N.V.R.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Warrant Officer	4 13 6	4 5 0
Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank	4 13 6	4 5 0
Midshipman	3 16 6	3 16 6
Sub-Lieutenant	4 13 6	4 5 0
Engineer Sub-Lieutenant and all other Officers of equivalent rank, with distinctive cloth between lace	4 17 0	4 8 6
Lieutenant	4 19 3	4 9 3
Engineer Lieutenant, &c.	5 3 3	4 12 3
Lieutenant-Commander	5 3 3	4 12 3
Engineer Lieutenant-Commander, &c.	5 5 0	4 15 0
Commander	5 5 0	4 15 0
Engineer Commander, &c.	5 8 0	4 18 0
Captain	5 10 9	4 18 3
Engineer Captain, &c.	5 14 3	5 1 3

All Officers—

Waistcoat	£ s. d.
Trousers	1 2 6
	1 7 6

(iii) *Jackets, Waistcoats, and Trousers, Using Diagonal Serge and Non-metallic Gold Lace.*

Rank.	Undress Jacket.	
	R.A.N.R. (S).	R.A.N.R. and R.A.N.V.R.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Warrant Officer	4 9 9	4 1 0
Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank	4 9 9	4 1 0
Midshipman	3 12 9	3 12 9
Sub-Lieutenant	4 9 9	4 1 0
Engineer Sub-Lieutenant and all other officers of equivalent rank, with distinctive cloth between lace	4 13 3	4 4 9
Lieutenant	4 15 6	4 5 6
Engineer Lieutenant, &c.	4 19 6	4 8 3
Lieutenant-Commander	4 19 6	4 8 3
Engineer Lieutenant-Commander, &c.	5 1 0	4 11 3
Commander	5 1 0	4 11 3
Engineer Commander, &c.	5 4 0	4 14 0
Captain	5 7 0	4 14 6
Engineer Captain, &c.	5 10 3	4 16 9
<i>All Officers—</i>		£ s. d.
Waistcoat		1 1 0
Trousers		1 4 6

(iv) *Shoulder Straps, Greatcoats, Tunics, Waistcoats, and Trousers.*

Rank.	Shoulder Straps, Cloth, Blue No. 3, and Non-metallic Gold Lace.		Greatcoat, Cloth, Blue No. 3, with Shoulder Straps, and Non-metallic Gold Lace.	
	R.A.N.R. (S).	R.A.N.R. and R.A.N.V.R.	R.A.N.R. (S.)	R.A.N.R. and R.A.N.V.R.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Midshipman			5 13 0	5 13 0
Warrant Officer	0 14 6	0 13 3	6 4 6	6 3 0
Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank	0 14 6	0 13 3	6 4 6	6 3 0
Sub-Lieutenant	0 14 6	0 13 3	6 4 6	6 3 0
Engineer Sub-Lieutenant and all other Officers of equivalent rank with distinctive cloth between lace	0 16 0	0 14 3	6 6 0	6 4 3
Lieutenant	1 0 0	0 17 9	6 10 0	6 7 9
Engineer Lieutenant, &c.	1 1 9	0 19 6	6 11 9	6 9 6
Lieutenant-Commander	1 5 9	1 2 9	6 15 9	6 12 9
Engineer Lieut.-Commander, &c.	1 7 3	1 4 6	6 17 3	6 14 6
Commander	1 11 3	1 7 6	7 1 3	6 17 6
Engineer Commander, &c.	1 12 9	1 9 0	7 2 9	6 19 0
Captain	1 16 9	1 12 6	7 6 9	7 2 6
Engineer Captain, &c.	1 18 3	1 13 9	7 8 0	7 3 9
<i>All Officers—</i>				£ s. d.
Tunic, white drill, with buttons				1 4 3
" " " without buttons				1 1 0
Waistcoat, cloth for Officers' uniforms				1 4 3
Trousers, cloth for Officers' uniforms				1 13 0
" white drill				0 19 9

(v) *Widths of Non-metallic Gold Lace.*

R.A.N.R. (S)	Warrant Officers	1/8"
	Half Stripe for Lieut.-Commanders	1/8"
	All other officers	1/4"
	Midshipmen	No lace
R.A.N.R. and R.A.N.V.R.	Warrant Officers	1/8"
	Half Stripe for Lieut.-Commanders	1/8"
	All other officers	1/4"

(C) PRICE LIST OF NAVAL CHAPLAINS' UNIFORMS MADE UP BY PRIVATE OUTFITTERS.

Item.	Cloth for Officers' Uniforms.	Serge, Light-weight.	Serge, Diagonal.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Undress Jacket (Ranking stripes not worn)	4 3 9	3 16 6	3 12 9
Trousers	1 13 0	1 7 6	1 4 6
			£ s. d.
TUNICS OR COATS—made of white drill (including plain detachable shoulder straps made of cloth for Officers' uniforms)			1 9 6
TROUSERS—white drill			0 19 9
SHOULDER STRAPS—plain			0 7 0

(434/215/1039)

170.

KHAKI TROPICAL CLOTHING—ADDITIONAL SUPPLY TO RATINGS SERVING IN NORTHERN AREAS.

Ratings attached to Shore Establishments and Ships attached to or based on Shore Establishments in localities north of Brisbane and Geraldton, and including these localities, are to maintain three sets of khaki tropical clothing instead of the normal two sets at present included in the compulsory Kit.

2. An additional gratuitous issue of one set of khaki tropical clothing comprising 1 pair tropical shorts, 1 tropical shirt or singlet and 1 pair khaki stockings is approved to all ratings concerned.

3. Ratings drafted to the localities referred to are to be issued gratuitously with the garments involved *before* departure from any Southern Depot. The issues are to be endorsed on Service Certificates and care taken that the gratuitous issue is not duplicated.

4. A loan issue of 3 pairs of long khaki trousers and 3 No. long-sleeved khaki shirts may be made to ratings when operating in sandfly or mosquito infested areas.

5. Sun helmets with khaki covers may also be issued on loan to ratings not in possession of sun helmets.

(434/210/168.)

171.

TROPICAL CLOTHING.

White tropical clothing (tropical shorts, tropical shirts or singlets and stockings) are replaced in the Royal Australian Navy by khaki.

2. Khaki cap covers have been adopted for wear with tropical clothing and a gratuitous issue of 2 No. covers to each rating has been authorized. Care is to be taken that only one gratuitous issue is made.

3. Khaki covers for sun helmets may be issued on loan.

4. Instructions regarding Officers' khaki uniform are contained in Navy Order 460 of 1942.

5. Navy circ. 0636Z/2/10/42 refers.

(434/210/151.)

172.

MODIFICATION OF RATINGS' KITS.

The following amendments are to be made to Navy Order 60 of 1943:—

(a) Insert the words "or Pullovers" after the word "Waist-coats" in paragraph 1.

(b) Insert the words "other than pullovers" in paragraph 2, first line, after the word "items".

(c) Add the item "Sou'westers" to the list of articles set forth in paragraph 2.

(516/201/531.)

173.

CONDEMNATION OF CHOCOLATE.

It has been reported that a quantity of chocolate was recently condemned on board one of H.M.A. Ships and was thrown overboard.

2. Where condemnations of this item occur, the condemned chocolate is invariably to be returned to the nearest Victualling Yard for examination and not disposed of otherwise.

(668/216/394.)

174.

EMBOSSING OF CANS FOR MEAT PACKS.

In future, Service requirements of canned meats will be supplied in tins embossed with an A.A.S. monogram, instead of the usual D▲D brand which is embossed on service canned foods.

(668/201/26.)

175.

DEHYDRATED VEGETABLES.

Stocks of dehydrated vegetables will in future be maintained at all Victualling Yards and by the following Naval Officers-in-Charge for H.M.A. Ships and Establishments:—

Cairns
Townsville
Darwin
Port Moresby.

Stocks are at present confined to dehydrated potatoes and onions, but carrots, cabbage, parsnips and beetroot will be available at a later date.

2. Demands are to be regulated to ensure that sufficient stocks are available in each ship and establishment to meet requirements for a period of 3 months on the basis of an average of three issues per week.

(668/215/500.)

176.

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the under-mentioned publications have been distributed:—

1.

Addendum No. 1 to B.R. 161.—"R.N. Handbook of Small Arms Courses for H.M. Fleet 1939."

(A.F.O. 5090/42.)
(571/202/1388.)

B.R. 261/41.—"Pamphlet for the 20 mm. Breda Anti-Aircraft and Anti-Tank Machine Gun, 1941."

(A.F.O. 4550/41.)
(571/202/1463.)

B.R. 268 (7).—"Electrical Manual Vol. II. Low Power Supply."

(A.F.O. 3451/42.)
(571/202/1504.)

Errata No. 3 to B.R. 321.—"Establishment of Naval Stores for Engineering Purposes."

Errata No. 12 to Form 127B.—"List of Particulars."

(A.F.O. 4335/42.)
(571/202/1532.)

Errata No. 8 to B.R. 323 and Form D.128 I.—"Establishment of Naval Stores for Gunnery Purposes and List of Particulars."

(A.F.O. 4211/42.)
(571/202/1416.)

Errata No. 6 to B.R. 358 and Form D.254 D.—"Establishment of Naval Stores for Executive Purposes and List of Particulars."

(A.F.O. 4461/42.)
(571/202/1503.)

Errata No. 11 to B.R. 359 and Form D.128 D.—“ Establishment of Naval Stores for Electrical and Torpedo Purposes and List of Particulars.”

(A.F.O. 4336/42.)
(571/202/1588.)

Errata No. 10 to B.R. 368 and Form D.129.—“ Establishment of Naval Stores for Sloops, Corvettes (‘ Kittiwake,’ &c. Types) &c., and list of Particulars.”

(A.F.O. 4563/42.)
(571/202/1548.)

B.R. 631.—“ Warships at a Glance.”

(A.F.O. 3712/42.)
(571/202/1594.)

“ Schedule of Tests for Cordite, 1940.”

(Referred to in Article 96 of O.U. 5378/40.)
(571/203/2373.)

2. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the R.A.N. in lieu of the corresponding Admiralty Form. Supplies will be issued, on demand, when stock of the existing form is exhausted.

A.O. 53.—“ Warrant of Naval Armament and Torpedo Explosives and Depth Charge Stores.”

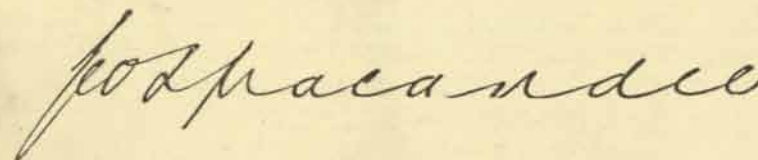
(480/202/3060.)

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**Commonwealth Navy Orders.**

Navy Office, Melbourne,
20th April, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
Establishments, and others concerned.*

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177.

H.M.A. SHORE ESTABLISHMENTS—NAME SHIPS.

In order to comply fully with the provisions of the Naval Discipline Act, the Naval Board has decided that the long-established practice shall be retained whereby Shore Establishments are named as H.M.A. Ships. Accordingly, the craft enumerated below are to be regarded as the "Name ships" of the respective Shore Establishments:—

Motor Boat *Otter*—H.M.A.S. *Kuttabul*
 Motor Boat *Rooana*—H.M.A.S. *Penguin*
 Patrol Boat *Milga*—H.M.A.S. *Moreton*
 Motor Boat No. 168—H.M.A.S. *Rushcutter*
 Motor Boat *Kooronga*—H.M.A.S. *Cerberus*
 Motor Boat No. 312—H.M.A.S. *Huon*
 Motor Boat No. 179—H.M.A.S. *Leeuwin*
 Motor Boat No. 310—H.M.A.S. *Torrens*
 Motor Boat No. 172—H.M.A.S. *Lonsdale*
 Motor Vessel *Pagrus*—H.M.A.S. *Magnetic*
 Launch *Moonglo*—H.M.A.S. *Maitland*
 Motor Boat No. 196—H.M.A.S. *Melville*
 Motor Boat *Siesta*—H.M.A.S. *Assault*
 Examination Vessel *Bareto*—H.M.A.S. *Basilisk*,

and are to be renamed accordingly.

(404/201/557.)

178.

CONFIDENTIAL ADMIRALTY FLEET ORDERS AND ADMIRALTY FLEET ORDERS.

With further reference to Navy Order 3 of 1943, instances have occurred where the Commanding Officers of small craft, Fairmiles and H.D.M.L's, etc., are unaware of the existence of Confidential Admiralty Fleet Orders and Admiralty Fleet Orders dealing with the maintenance of the armament fitted in the craft under their command.

2. Administrative Authorities are to ensure that the information contained in Confidential Admiralty Fleet Orders and Admiralty Fleet Orders is made available to the above craft at every opportunity.

(571/201/3703.)

179.

PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION FOR HIGHER RATING—DATE OF PASSING.

Attention is drawn to Navy Order 124 of 1940, which states that, as a war-time arrangement, the date of passing of all professional examinations for higher rating, except those held on fixed dates, is to be the date of application for the examination which a candidate subsequently passes.

2. Forms A.S.161 received at Flinders Naval Depot indicate that the date of application is often disregarded when assessing date of passing, resulting in a possibility of difference in dates recorded at Flinders Naval Depot from passing certificates and those recorded on Service Certificates.

(465/201/583.)

180.

HIGHER FIRE CONTROL—PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCE.

With reference to A.F.O. 3351/1942, two grades of higher fire control allowance have been adopted in the Royal Australian Navy, and payment of the higher rate of 6d. per diem is to take effect as from the 1st January, 1943.

2. The total number of these allowances authorized by complement for each ship is to be divided between the grades as follows:—

Total allowed.			H.G.		L.G.
6	..	..	3	..	3
4	..	..	2	..	2
3	..	..	1	..	2
2	..	..	1	..	1
1	..	..	—	..	1

3. The necessary amendment to Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions will be promulgated in due course.

(407/201/937.)

181.

CARTRIDGES, S.A. .455" BALL REVOLVER—MK. II. CARTRIDGES TO BE REPLACED BY MK. VI.

With reference to Admiralty Fleet Order 4742/42, supplies of cartridges S.A. .455" ball revolver Mk. VI. are now available for replacement of outfits of Mk. II. cartridges. All outfits of Mk. II. cartridges on board H.M.A. Ships and Auxiliary Vessels and held by Shore Establishments are to be replaced at the first opportunity by Mark VI. ammunition.

2. Mark II. cartridges are to be used for practice ashore only, and Naval Officers-in-Charge are informed that only Mark II. ammunition should be issued for this purpose. Future demands for .455" revolver ammunition rendered by Naval Officers-in-Charge ashore should state the purpose for which required, i.e., for practice or to replenish outfits.

3. Naval Officers-in-Charge and Depots are to distinguish between the two marks of cartridges in the weekly stock reports rendered in accordance with Navy Order 190 of 1942.

(408/206/1266.)

182.

CARRIERS, AMMUNITION, QUADRUPLE, AND CARRIERS. SHELL. QUADRUPLE—TRANSFER TO GUNMOUNTING DEPARTMENT.

As from the date of this Order, all types of carriers, ammunition, quadruple, and carriers, shell quadruple, are to be transferred from the Naval Armament Store Account to the Gunners' List of Portable Fittings.

2. Stocks in Naval Armament Depots are to be transferred to the nearest Gunmounting Depot, except at Maribyrnong, where they are to be retained.

3. A.F.O. 5658/42 refers.

(490/201/1746.)

183.

12 PDR. GUN MOUNTINGS.

An instance has occurred where the manufacturers have failed to fit the Instruction Plate "Filling of Recoil Cylinder."

2. Ships having 12 pdr. mountings where this plate has not been fitted are to demand them from the Engineer Manager, Garden Island Dockyard, Sydney, and on receipt they are to be fitted by a Base Staff O.A. at the earliest opportunity.

(490/210/329.)

184.

GUN MOUNTING HOLDING-DOWN BOLTS.

Instances have recently occurred where the holding down bolts of gun mountings fitted in H.M.A. ships and D.E.M.S. have been incorrectly fitted, in that the nut was uppermost and the bolt head under the deck plating.

2. The attention of all concerned is drawn to the fact that all holding down bolts should be fitted with the bolt head uppermost, and the nut under the deck plating in order to—

(a) ensure a watertight joint, and

(b) prevent the rusting up of the bolt thread and nut.

3. Steps should be taken as opportunity offers to replace holding down bolts already fitted in the incorrect manner.

(490/201/1747.)

185.

GUNS, MACHINE, 0.303" BREN MARK I.—SPRINGS, RETURN, MARK II.

With reference to A.F.O. 5523/42, all Guns, Machine, 0.303" Bren, Mark I., of Australian manufacture, are at present fitted with Springs, Return, Mark I.

2. The new pattern Mark II. springs are not yet in production, and date of supply is uncertain. A further Navy Order will be promulgated when supplies become available.

(612/203/2592.)

186.

EXCESSIVE TEMPERATURES OF R.U. AMMUNITION.

Cases have recently occurred where the maximum temperature of R.U. ammunition has reached 122°F.

2. Attention is called to Naval Magazine and Explosives Regulations, Article 131, in this respect. Care should be taken to avoid high temperatures by the fitting of wooden scotchmans on the R.U. lockers or by covering with wetted canvas or coir matting.

(408/201/1980.)

187.

RENDERING MINES AND BOMBS SAFE—ORGANIZATION ROUND THE AUSTRALIAN COAST.

Navy Order 448 of 1942, paragraph 19 (c) is to be amended by inserting after—

"Bomb and Mine Disposal Instructions for Ships"

the letters and figures—

"—A.C.B. 228."

(Amendment No. 1 to Navy Order 448 of 1942.)

(549/201/100.)

188.

RETURN OF STORES TO VICTUALLING YARDS.

Attention is drawn to the instructions contained in A.F.O. 5588/42 regarding the return of victualling stores to Victualling Yards and Depots.

2. The relative R.A.N. instructions on this subject are contained in C.O.R. Article 508 and Sydney Port Order No. 132, and these instructions and the instructions contained in A.F.O. 5588/42 are to be complied with so far as present conditions permit.

(612/248/1169.)

189.

UNIFORM AND CLOTHING SUPPLIES.

The attention of all concerned is again drawn to the fact that it is not possible, under present conditions, to continue to supply uniform and clothing to pre-war standard or quality. Supplies are, furthermore, becoming increasingly difficult to procure.

2. Everything possible is being done to ensure the least inconvenience to H.M.A. Ships, but it must be recognized that delays and other disabilities are unavoidable.

3. The utmost efforts are to be made to conserve supplies, and repayment issues are to be restricted to the absolute minimum for Service use.

4. Particular care is to be taken in the safe custody and maintenance in good order and condition of loan clothing.

5. Navy Order 121 of 1942 refers.

(434/201/3374.)

190.

NAVAL DOCKYARD POLICE—SUMMER UNIFORM—ISSUE OF CHEVRONS.

With reference to Navy Order 404 of 1942, a gratuitous issue of chevrons to non-commissioned Officers of the Naval Dockyard Police for use on the summer uniform is approved.

(434/210/155.)

191.

BLUE CAPS FOR RATINGS.

White caps or cap covers are not worn by officers and men on shore in the United Kingdom or on board H.M. Ships in Home Waters during the war, *vide* A.F.O. 1307/1940.

2. Ratings proceeding to the United Kingdom are therefore to be issued gratuitously with a blue cap.

3. If proceeding independently, supply is to be made before departure.

4. Requirements for Ships' Companies and Drafts are normally to be obtained from the most suitable Storing Yard *en route* or on arrival in the United Kingdom, advance information being given to the Yard to permit of arrangements being made for supply.

(494/203/526.)

192.

SUN HELMETS AND KHAKI COVERS.

In view of the decision to issue sun helmets and khaki covers on loan in lieu of gratuitous issue, demands for these items held by the Victualling Store Officer, Sydney, are being cancelled. Any requirements on the loan issue basis are to be re-demanded.

(434/210/161.)

193.

CANVAS HOSE GAITERS TO PREVENT CHAFING.

Attention is drawn to A.F.O. 2792/42, which is quoted hereunder:—

“To prolong the life of canvas hoses in use in H.M. Ships and Fleet Auxiliaries, gaiters consisting of short lengths of old canvas hose, approximately 12 inches in length and fitted with eyelets for lacing, are to be used—

(1) For protection of hoses in positions where they may be subjected to heavy wear and tear, e.g., where passing through watertight doors or over hatch coamings.

(2) To reinforce hoses where they have become chafed.

2. The gaiters are to be made by ships' staffs from old canvas hose. New canvas is not to be used for this purpose. In the event of old hose not being available on board, application should be made to the ship's storing yard for the quantity required.

3. Attention is also drawn to the hose darning sets provided for the repair of small holes.”

Gaiters are to be used accordingly in H.M.A. Ships with a view to prolonging the life of Canvas Hose as much as possible.

(612/229/179.)

194.

SUPPLY OF FRESH PROVISIONS AT MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.—CONTRACTS FOR.

Appended are details of contracts arranged for the supply of R.A.N. requirements of fresh provisions at Melbourne and Sydney, during the periods shown:—

*AT MELBOURNE.**Fish, Fresh or Frozen.*

Period.—1st April, 1943, to 30th September, 1943.

Contractor.—David Hyland and Sons Pty. Ltd., 456 Flinders-lane, Melbourne. (Phone M 2331.)

Rates.—Schnapper, 11d. per lb.

Bream, 11d. per lb.

Flathead, 11d. per lb.

Smoked Perch, 1s. 6d. per lb.

Smoked Flake, 1s. 7d. per lb.

Smoked Blue Cod, 1s. 7d. per lb.

Smoked Barracouta, 1s. 2½d. per lb.

Rabbits.

Period.—1st April, 1943, to 30th June, 1943.

Contractor.—David Hyland and Sons Pty. Ltd., 456 Flinders-lane, Melbourne. (Phone M 2331.)

Rate.—52s. 6d. per cwt.

Butter.

Period.—1st January, 1943, to 31st December, 1943.

Contractor.—Gippsland and Northern Co-op. Co. Ltd., 492 Flinders-lane, Melbourne. (Phone M 3141.)

Rate.—Butter, in prints, cost of boxes to be included, “Sunny South” Brand, market rates for bulk, plus ½d. per lb. for prints, less 1½ per cent. 3s. 6d. per doz. to be allowed on all butter boxes returned in good order and condition.

Cheese.

Period.—1st January, 1943, to 31st December, 1943.

Contractor.—Gippsland and Northern Co-operative Co. Ltd., 492 Flinders-lane, Melbourne. (Phone M 3141.)

Rates.—Cheese, semi-matured, large, at market rates for new cheese, plus 1d. per lb. for semi-matured.

Cheese, semi-matured, small (loaf), at market rates for new cheese, plus 1d. per lb. for semi-matured.

Cheese, choice, matured, large, at market rates for new cheese, plus 1½d. per lb. for matured.

Cheese, choice, matured, mellow, small (loaf), at market rates for new cheese, plus 1½d. per lb. for matured.

The brands of cheese to be supplied are “Sunny South,” “Loorana,” “Maffco,” and “Broadmeadows.”

The rates quoted include delivery f.o.r., Melbourne, or f.o.b., Port Melbourne. Cartage to Williamstown extra at cost.

Bacon.

Period.—1st January, 1943, to 31st December, 1943.

Contractor.—Gippsland Co-operative Bacon Curing Co. Ltd., 70 King-street, Melbourne. (Phone MU 2463.)

Rates.—Bacon Sides, "Dandy" brand, market rates, less 1d. per lb. net, 30 days.

Potatoes and Onions.

Period.—1st January, 1943, to 31st March, 1943.

Contractor.—Pirie Bros., 136 Exhibition-street, Melbourne. (Phone Central 4912.)

Rates.—Potatoes, market rates, less 5 per cent.

Onions, market rates, less 1 per cent.

Vegetables (Other).

Period.—1st January, 1943, to 31st March, 1943.

Contractor.—Bailey Bros., Queen's Wharf-road, Melbourne. (Phone MU 3594.)

Rates.—Turnips, white, 1½d. per lb., net.

Turnips, Swede, 2d. per lb., net.

Parsnips, 2d. per lb., net.

Marrows, 1½d. per lb., net.

Pumpkins, 2d. per lb., net.

Cabbage, 2d. per lb., net.

Carrots, 2d. per lb., net.

Radishes, 1s. 6d. per doz. bunches, net.

Spring onions, 1s. 6d. per doz. bunches, net.

Lettuce, 4d. per lb., net.

Beetroot, 2d. per lb., net.

1s. each will be charged for bags supplied with vegetables other than potatoes and onions.

Vegetables, including Potatoes and Onions.

Period.—1st April, 1943, to 30th June, 1943.

Contractor.—Bailey Bros., Queen's Wharf-road, Melbourne. (Phone MU 3594.)

Rates.—Potatoes, 1st Grade, market rates.

Onions, Brown Spanish, market rates.

Turnips, white, 1½d. per lb.

Turnips, Swede, 1½d. per lb.

Parsnips, 1½d. per lb.

Marrows, 1d. per lb.

Pumpkins, 1½d. per lb.

Cabbage, 1½d. per lb.

Carrots, 1½d. per lb.

Radishes, 1s. 3d. per doz. bunches.

Spring onions, 1s. 3d. per doz. bunches.

Lettuce, 3d. per lb.

Beetroot, 1½d. per lb.

Extra for bags supplied with vegetables, other than potatoes and onions, 1s. each.

Eggs.

Period.—1st January, 1943, to 31st December, 1943.

Contractor.—Egg and Egg Pulp Marketing Board of Victoria, 528 Collins-street, Melbourne. (Phone MU 6611.)

Rate.—Eggs, fresh, market rates, net. Cases and fillers, 8s. each, repayable on return of cases and fillers in good order.

Milk, Fresh.

Period.—1st January, 1943, to 30th June, 1943.

Contractor.—H. and K. Griffiths, 104 Douglas-parade, Williamstown. (Phone Wtn. 315.)

Rates.—1s. 7½d. per gallon, net, delivered to Naval Reserve, Williamstown, or on board ships at or away from wharf, Williamstown.

Bread.

Period.—1st December, 1942, to 31st May, 1943.

Contractor.—Northern Bakeries Pty. Ltd., 170 Edward-street, Brunswick, N.11. (Phone FW 5101.)

Rates.—Bread, white, 13s. per 100 lb. net.

Bread, wholemeal, 12s. 9d. per 100 lb. net (made from 50 per cent. wholemeal flour).

Meat.

Period.—1st April, 1943, to 30th September, 1943.

Contractor.—F. Watkins Pty. Ltd., 184 Bourke-street, Melbourne. (Phone Central 9174.)

Rates.—Beef, fores, 6d. per lb.

Beef, hinds, 8d. per lb.

Beef, boned and rolled, 8d. per lb.

Beef, topsides, 9d. per lb.

Beef, thick flanks, 9d. per lb.

Beef, corned briskets, 5½d. per lb.

Beef, corned round, 8½d. per lb.

Beef, minced steak, 8d. per lb.

Veal, 6½d. per lb.

Mutton carcasses, 4½d. per lb.

Mutton chops, 9d. per lb.

Lamb carcasses, 7d. per lb.

Pork sides, 1s. per lb.

Pork chops, 1s. 1d. per lb.

Pork, corned, 1s. per lb.

Sausages, pork, 10d. per lb.

Sausages, mixed, 7½d. per lb.

Sausages, Belgian, 7½d. per lb.

Brawn, 1s. per lb.

Kidneys, ox, 1s. per lb.

Kidneys, sheep, 2s. 6d. per doz.

Sheep's fries, 7d. per lb.

Tripe, ox, 4d. per lb.

Dripping, 5½d. per lb.

Saveloys, 8d. per lb.

Frankfurts, 8d. per lb.

Mutton legs, 6½d. per lb.

Ice, 2s. 6d. per cwt.

Extra for double wrapping ordered, 1s. net.

AT SYDNEY.

Milk and Cream.

Period.—15th January, 1943, to 31st December, 1943.

Contractor.—New South Wales Fresh Food and Ice Co. Ltd., 1 Harbour-street, Sydney.

Rates.—Milk, pasteurized, 1s. 11½d. per gallon, net.

Cream, 15s. per gallon, net.

Meat.

Period.—1st January, 1943, to 31st March, 1943.

Contractor.—Thos. Playfair Pty. Ltd., Argyle-street, Sydney.

Rates.—Beef, fores, 4½d. per lb.

Beef, hinds, 7½d. per lb.

Beef, ribs, boned and rolled, 7½d. per lb.

Beef, topsides, 9d. per lb.

Beef, thick flank, 6d. per lb.

Beef, corned rounds, 9d. per lb.

Beef, minced steak, 6d. per lb.

Veal, 6½d. per lb.

Mutton carcasses, 4½d. per lb.

Mutton chops, excluding neck chops, 7d. per lb.

Lamb carcasses, 7½d. per lb.

Pork sides, 1s. per lb.

Pork chops, 1s. 2d. per lb.

Pork, corned, 11d. per lb.

Sausages, pork, 9½d. per lb.

Sausages, minced meat, 7d. per lb.

Sausages, Belgian, 7d. per lb.

Brawn, 6d. per lb.

Kidneys, ox, 1s. 1d. per lb.

Kidneys, sheep, 2½d. each.

Sheep's fries, 7d. per lb.

Tripe, ox, cooked, 4½d. per lb.

Dripping, 4½d. per lb.

Saveloys, 1s. 1d. per doz.

Frankfurts, 10d. per lb.

Ice, 2s. 6d. per cwt.

Rabbits.

Period.—1st January, 1943, to 31st December, 1943.

Contractor.—John Davis, junior, 13 Hay-street, Sydney. (Phone MA 3028.)

Rates.—Fresh, 1s. 11d. pair, net.

Frozen, 2s. 1d. pair, net.

Fish, Fresh or Frozen.

Period.—1st January, 1943, to 30th June, 1943.

Contractor.—Murrell's, 98 Oxford-street, Sydney.

Rates.—Bream, 2s. per lb., net.

Butter fish, 1s. 8d. per lb., net.

Schnapper, 2s. 6d. per lb., net.

Smoked Blue Cod, 2s. per lb., net.

Whiting, 2s. per lb., net.

Perch, 2s. per lb., net.

Murray Cod, 2s. 6d. per lb., net.

Flathead, 1s. 3d. per lb., net.

Butter.

Period.—1st January, 1943, to 21st January, 1943.

Contractors.—Foley Bros. Pty. Ltd., 355 Sussex-street, Sydney.

Rates.—Market rates, net, delivered.

Butter.

Period.—22nd January, 1943, to 31st December, 1943.

Contractors.—Peters Creameries Pty. Ltd., 140 Grange-street, Redfern. (Phone MX 3321.)

Rates.—Market rates, less 3s. cwt. delivered.

Cheese.

Period.—(a) 1st January, 1943, to 21st January, 1943.

(b) 22nd January, 1943, to 31st December, 1943.

Contractor.—Foley Bros. Pty. Ltd., 355 Sussex-street, Sydney.

Rates.—(a) Market rates, less 1½ per cent. delivered.

(b) Market rates, less 1 per cent. delivered.

Bacon Sides.

Period.—(a) 1st January, 1943, to 21st January, 1943.

(b) 22nd January, 1943, to 31st December, 1943.

Contractor.—Foley Bros. Pty. Ltd., 355 Sussex-street, Sydney.

Rates.—(a) Market rates, less 1½d. per lb. delivered.

(b) Market rates, less 1d. per lb. delivered.

Eggs.

Period.—1st January, 1943, to 31st December, 1943.

Contractor.—Egg Marketing Board, Wattle-crescent, Pyrmont. (Phone MW 2411.)

Rate.—Market rates, less 2 per cent., 30 days. Cases 30 doz. 5s. each; 15 doz. 2s. 6d. each returnable.

(668/201/2612.)

FORM A.S.214—USE DURING HOSTILITIES.

During the period of hostilities, the location of the ship at the top of Form A.S.214 and "Merchant Vessel in which Embarked" column are not to be completed, but otherwise the form should continue to be used as at present.

(480/202/4294.)

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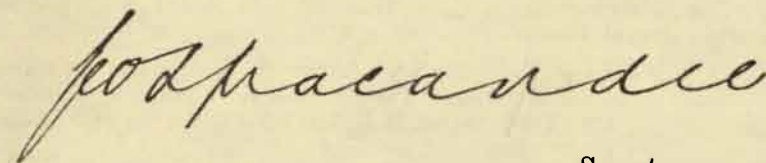
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Navy Office, Melbourne.

27th April, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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196.

ISSUE OF CONFIDENTIAL COMMONWEALTH NAVY ORDERS.

It is intended to issue Confidential Commonwealth Navy Orders on the same lines as the Confidential Admiralty Fleet Orders.

2. The first issue will be dated 29th April, 1943.

3. The instructions regarding the handling and disposal of Confidential Commonwealth Navy Orders, appearing on the first page thereof, are to be carefully observed.

(546/203/329.)

197.

DARWIN NAVAL BASE ORGANIZATION.

The following changes have been made in the Organization of the Darwin Naval Base:—

(a) All Local Defence and Auxiliary Vessels based on Darwin, excepting Boom Vessels, A.M.S. Vessels, and *Wilcannia*, are Tenders to H.M.A.S. *Melville*, for the following purposes:—

Discipline.
Pay.
Personnel.
Victualling.
Naval Stores.

With the exception of the Boom Vessels, all are under the operational control of the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin, who will also deal direct with these vessels respecting engineering, gunnery, electrical, W/T, and similar matters. Correspondence on these subjects should be addressed to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, and, in the case of Local Defence Vessels, a copy should be forwarded to *Melville* for information.

(b) A.M.S. Vessels based at Darwin and *Wilcannia* are independent commands with Pay and Victualling Accounts carried out in *Melville*.

(c) The Boom Defence Depot, together with Boom Working Vessels and Boom Gate Vessels, is a separate entity under the command of the Officer-in-Charge, Boom Defence Service. Pay and Victualling Accounts are carried in H.M.A.S. *Melville*.

(d) The appointment of Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. *Melville* is distinct from Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

(e) Shore Establishments other than the Boom Defence Depot are administered by the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. *Melville*.

2. Navy Order 394 of 1942 is cancelled.

(1937/2/171.)

198.

EXAMINATION OF ENGINE ROOM RATINGS.

With reference to Navy Order 92 of 1943, the results of outstanding examinations are promulgated for information.

O.N.	Name.	Present Rating.	Application Received From.	Result.
E.R.A. FOR C.E.R.A.				
<i>Mechanician I. for Chief Mechanician.</i>				
F. 3234	Roberts, W.	E.R.A. 3	Bungaree	Passed Sat. 66
P.M. 870	McIntosh, J. R.	E.R.A. 2	Rushcutter (Gerard)	Passed Sat. 64
E.R.A. A/4TH CLASS FOR CONFIRMATION.				
<i>Mechanician II. for Mechanician I.</i>				
F. 3529	Thompson, R. W.	E.R.A. A/4th class	Maitland (Narani)	Passed Sat.
P.M. 2872	James, R. E.	" "	Rushcutter (Adele)	Passed Exceptional
S. 5064	Mott, R. A.	" "	Ballarat	Passed Sat.
B. 3160..	Galletly, C. E.	" "	Rockhampton ..	Passed Exceptional
B. 2415..	Spies, L.	" "	Rockhampton ..	Passed Exceptional
<i>Stoker Petty Officer for Chief Stoker.</i>				
19483 ..	Farr, F. . .	S.P.O. ..	Hobart	Passed Supr.
19478 ..	Atkinson, W. F. ..	" ..	Townsville ..	Passed Supr.
9519 ..	Robinson, L. ..	" ..	Manoora ..	Passed Sat.
20166 ..	Young, H. R. ..	" ..	Moresby ..	Passed Supr.
17335 ..	Cretney, W. R. ..	" ..	Rockhampton ..	Passed Sat.
11980 ..	Fisher, W. R. ..	" ..	Lonsdale ..	Passed Sat.
6940 ..	Ewins, R.C.D. ..	" ..	Coolebar ..	Passed Sat.

2. The necessary notation should be made on Forms A.S. 1233c and 1246A.

3. Forms A.S. 442 for successful and unsuccessful candidates have been forwarded to Ships and Establishments concerned for signature by the candidates. The original is to be retained by the candidate and the duplicate forwarded to the Captain Superintendent of Training.
(465/207/1173.)

199.

CONTINUATION OF ALLOTMENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE R.A.N. WHO ARE REPORTED KILLED, MISSING—PRESUMED KILLED, MISSING, OR PRISONERS OF WAR.

The following information in regard to allotments, in the circumstances indicated, is promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:—

1. REPORTED KILLED OR PRESUMED KILLED—

(a) *Dependants*.—Allotment is continued for a period of one month from the date of receipt by the Repatriation Department from Navy Office of full particulars relating to the death of the member, in order that sufficient time will elapse for pension to be determined. Payment of pension is made not later than the date of cessation of allotment.

- (b) *Non-Dependants*.—Allotment is continued for a period of one month from the date of death.
- (c) *Traders*.—Allotment is stopped paid to the pay day preceding the date of death.
- (d) *Assurances*.—An allotment for payment of premium is stopped paid to the pay day preceding date of death.
- (e) *Allotment to member's own bank current account*.—Allotment is regarded as an extension of pay and will be stopped paid to pay day preceding date of death unless it is known that it is for a specific commitment.

2. MISSING.

- (a) *Dependants*.—Allotment is continued until the expiration of one month from the date of official notification that the member is presumed "dead," if such eventually is found to be the case.
- (b) *Non-Dependants*.—Allotment is continued pending inquiries into each case whether dependence exists or whether undue hardship would be caused if stopped. These cases are reviewed periodically. In the event of official presumption of death, the allotment ceases.
- (c) *Traders*.—As for allotment of killed and missing—presumed killed.
- (d) *Assurances*.—Allotment for payment of assurance premium is continued until official presumption of death, if such is found to be the case. Such allotments paid subsequent to the date of death are refunded by the various societies and companies to this Department, and do not form part of the estate.
- (e) *Allotment to member's own bank current account*.—As for allotments of killed and missing members.

3. Allotments in all cases are to be stopped charged in H.M.A. ships' ledgers to the pay day preceding date of casualty, and Forms A.S. 54 forwarded to Navy Office. With the exception of those allotments payable to traders, all payments made subsequent to the date of death are not a charge against the late member's estate.

4. **PRISONER OF WAR**.—Allotment is continued as though still serving unless and until it be proved before a Court of Inquiry that such member was taken through neglect or misconduct on his own part.

5. This Navy Order supersedes circular letter 61169 of the 27th August, 1942.

(556/207/4164.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

200.

PERSONNEL TRAVELLING BY TRAIN—DAMAGE TO RAILWAY PROPERTY AND ACCIDENTS SUSTAINED BY MEMBERS OF THE SERVICES.

It has been brought to the notice of the Naval Board that several instances of damage to automatic staff exchanging apparatus and rolling stock of the railways have occurred as a result of personnel opening carriage doors as trains are passing through stations.

2. There have also been several instances of serious injury sustained by members of the Forces through striking their legs against platform copings and other obstacles adjacent to the railway line, as a result of the practice adopted of sitting at the vestibule end of the carriage with their legs protruding through the doorway.

3. It is desired to impress on all concerned the grave dangers, not only to themselves but to others, attendant on the practices referred to, and Commanding Officers should ensure that all personnel travelling on trains are warned against such practices.

(632/202/946.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

201.

RECORD OF AND REPORTING MOVEMENTS OF PERSONNEL.

The large expansion in numbers of R.A.N. personnel, with resultant effect on signal traffic, has necessitated an alteration in procedure relating to the recording of movements of members of the Seagoing Forces.

2. Hitherto, complete records have been maintained in Navy Office on the information supplied by Ships and Establishments following the procedure laid down in Navy Orders 156 of 1941 and 257 of 1942.

3. The following amended instructions and procedure will take effect from the receipt of Navy Office message, 142200Z of April, 1943:—

- (a) Naval Officers-in-Charge will be responsible that records of movements of personnel maintained locally are kept in such a manner that will enable them to advise Navy Office immediately—should occasion arise—of the location of all members serving under their administrative control, including those borne on vessels whose accounts are carried in the Base Depot. The importance of the strict observance of this procedure cannot too strongly be impressed upon the officers responsible for keeping these records.

Reports to Navy Office of personnel movements by means of Form A.S. 165 are to be continued, but signals in regard thereto are to cease.

- (b) Advice by signal of the entry into or discharge from H.M.A. Ships of all personnel is in future to be limited to cases of personnel serving in H.M.A. Ships overseas or in combatant zones, such as New Guinea area. H.M.A.S. *Basilisk*, however, will continue to make reports by signal. In all other cases Form A.S. 165 (Reports of Daily Movements) will be the source of information for Navy Office. If occasion should arise, however, where report by A.S. 165 is not immediately practicable, personnel changes should then be reported by signal, A.S. 165 following by mail.

- (c) The greatest care is to be taken to ensure that the information on Form A.S. 165 (Report of Daily Movements) is complete and correct in every particular. Where official numbers are not known (and such cases should be rare

in view of the sources of information, e.g., identity disc) the full Christian names of the members concerned are to be shown. This form is to be forwarded daily (as occasion arises) addressed Director of Navy Accounts (Personnel Records), Navy Office, Melbourne—air mail is to be used where such course would expedite delivery. Report by Form A.S. 165 is to be treated as a matter of vital importance.

- (d) In cases in which a ship whose accounts are carried in a Base Depot in Australia proceeds overseas, a nominal list of all officers and men serving in the ship is to be prepared and dispatched by the discharging Depot to Director of Navy Accounts (Personnel Records). All movements of personnel to or from such a ship subsequent to date of departure for overseas service are to be reported by the ship to the Naval Board by signal and Form A.S. 165.

Similar action is to be taken on transfer of pay accounts of a ship from a Base Depot to *Basilik*.

(502/201/314.)

202.

303-IN. BALL AMMUNITION: REPLENISHMENT FROM ARMY STOCKS AT OUTPORTS.

The Naval Board have arranged with the Department of the Army that at ports other than Sydney and Melbourne 303-in. ball ammunition will be supplied from local military stocks to replenish Naval stocks after expenditure in action.

2. Demands should be placed by the Naval Officer-in-Charge on the Commander of the L. of C. Area, and should be limited to occasions when stocks are considerably depleted and the delay in obtaining replenishments from a Naval Armament Depot is unacceptable.

3. Certified copies of Receipt Vouchers taking the ammunition on charge are to be forwarded to the Director of Ordnance, Torpedoes and Mines.

(408/206/1144.)

203.

UNMOBILIZED MEDICAL OFFICERS—PROVISION OF SERVICE UNIFORM.

The Naval Board has decided to approve of reimbursement to unmobilized medical officers required to attend frequently for duty at a Naval Establishment of an amount not exceeding £13 for the essential articles of uniform certified by the Naval Officer-in-Charge as necessary to suit climatic conditions. In the event of an officer being subsequently mobilized for full-time service, the outfit gratuity payable under regulations on first appointment is to be reduced by the amount of any payments made under the authority of this Navy Order.

2. Before payment is made, receipted invoices in each case are to be forwarded for prior approval to the Director of Navy Accounts.

(407/212/470.)

204.

COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF, OR DAMAGE TO, UNIFORM AND CLOTHING ARTICLES—RATINGS.

With reference to Navy Order 60 of 1943, compensation is not payable in respect of loss of, or damage to, the items of uniform and clothing set forth therein, occurring after the date of receipt of this Navy Order. The items referred to are as follow:—

Sun helmets and covers.
White canvas shoes.
White socks.
White duck jumpers.
Waistcoats.
White cotton gloves.
Bathing V's.
Leather gaiters.
Blue and white striped shirts and collars.
Cap and ditty boxes.
Duck bags.
Rubber sea boots.
Oilskin coats.
Sou'westers.

2. Any losses of, or damages to, the above-mentioned articles, claimed for, will be noted at Navy Office for consideration at the cessation of hostilities.

3. Admiralty Fleet Order 3917/41 provides, *inter alia*, for the award of compensation in cash or in kind for all articles of optional kit claimed to have been held at the date of the casualty, to the limits set forth in the authorized kits. When dealing with claims received in respect of the loss of optional items of kit, the ratings concerned should be closely interrogated to confirm that the articles claimed for were actually in their possession.

4. An examination of claims received at Navy Office reveals that in many instances compensation is being erroneously awarded by Commanding Officers in respect of loss of, or damage to, the items set out hereunder, and particulars of the basis of compensation applicable to each item are communicated for information and guidance, viz.:—

Diagonal serge suits.—Compensation is payable as for seamen's serge suits only, *vide* A.F.O. 3916/41, paragraph 2.

Tunics, white drill.—Compensation is payable to provide for completion of kit to 1-No. tunic, drill, with buttons, and remainder without buttons.

Suit-cases.—1-No. small suit-case, only, is allowed in the optional kit of confirmed Petty Officers (Class III.), *vide* Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 46, and compensation is payable accordingly.

Shirt, blue tropical.—The blue tropical shirt referred to in Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 46, Note (c), is applicable to Engine-room Ratings only, and compensation is payable accordingly.

Type.—The value of this item for compensation purposes is 1s. each.

(438/204/491.)

205.

MESS GEAR FOR W.R.A.N.S.—AMENDMENTS TO SCALES.

The amendments promulgated in A.F.O. 6203/42 to the scales of Implements and Cooking Gear for W.R.A.N.S. Officers and Ratings are to apply to W.R.A.N.S. Messes, with the exception that Slices, Cooks, Pattern C.941, and Whisks, Egg, Pattern 305, are to be retained in accordance with Navy Order 285, of 1942.

(530/201/454.)

206.

PROVISIONS—MAINTENANCE OF ADEQUATE STOCKS.

Attention is drawn to A.F.O. 5959/42 regarding the storing of the smaller class of ships with adequate stocks of provisions before proceeding from port.

2. In this connexion, the attention of all concerned is also drawn to C.O.R. Article 421, clause 10.

(668/201/2619.)

207.

SHIPS' LIBRARY BOOKS—SUPPLY TO SMALL SHIPS.

The attention of Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships with complements of 50 or over is drawn to the fact that, under the provisions of Navy Order 80 of 1941, they may be supplied with Ships' Library Books for the use of Ships' Companies.

(664/201/567.)

208.

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the under-mentioned publications have been distributed. Further supplies of B.R. 633(1) and 641 are being obtained in order to complete distribution:—

Errata and Addendum No. 10 to O.U. 6092A.—“Proportion Book of Naval Armament Stores.”

(A.F.O. 5090/42.)

(571/203/2427.)

B.R. 299 and 299A.—“Handbooks of Signalling Equipment.”

(A.F.O. 3575/42.)

(571/202/1687.)

B.R. 614/42.—“Handbook for 3-in. U.S. Calibre Mark XIV. Gun on 3-in. U.S. Marks XIV. and XIV.* Mountings.”

(A.F.O. 4065/42.)

(571/202/1605.)

B.R. 633(1) (late O.U. 6146/34, Parts I, II, and III).—“Instructions for Torpedo Equipment and Torpedo Discharge Trials.”

(A.F.O. 5093/42.)

(571/202/1640.)

B.R. 641/42.—“Handbook and Drill for 0.50-in. Browning (Colt) Gun on Single Colt, Mark VIII., and Twin Colt, Mark IX., Mountings.”

(A.F.O. 5347/42.)

(571/202/1648.)

B.R. 895.—“Kenkyusha's New Japanese English Dictionary.”

B.R. 896.—“Beginner's Dictionary of Japanese Characters, with Common Abbreviations, Variants, and Numerous Compounds.”

B.R. 897.—“A Simplified Grammar of the Japanese Language (Modern Written Style).”

(A.F.O. 1197/42.)

(571/202/1688.)

War Office Pamphlets.—Combined Operations, 1942—

No. 1.—General.

No. 2.—Beach Organization and Maintenance.

No. 3.—Air Aspect of Combined Operations.

No. 4.—Planning of Combined Operations.

No. 6B.—Beach Signal Unit.

No. 8.—Landing Tables and Loading of Craft.

No. 34A.—Combined Operations, R.H.A. and Field Artillery.

(571/201/3686.)

2. The under-mentioned form has been revised. First supplies will be issued, on demand, by the Naval Store Officer, Sydney, when stock of the existing form is exhausted:—

A.S. 1121.—“Report of the Death of an Officer, Man, or Boy.”

(480/202/4339.)

3. The under-mentioned forms have been introduced for use in the R.A.N., in lieu of the corresponding Admiralty forms. First supplies will be issued, on demand, by the Naval Store Officer, Sydney, when stocks of the existing forms are exhausted:—

A.S. 1148(i).—“Report of Failure of Cartridge or Cartridge Case, Hangfire or Failure of a Tube or Primer to Ignite Cartridge, or Misfire of a Tube, Primer or S.A. Cartridge.”

A.S. 1148(i).—“Report of Failure of Shell or Fuse.”

(480/202/4265.)

4. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the R.A.N. Supplies will be issued, on demand, by the Naval Store Officer, Sydney:—

N.A. 3A.—Wages.

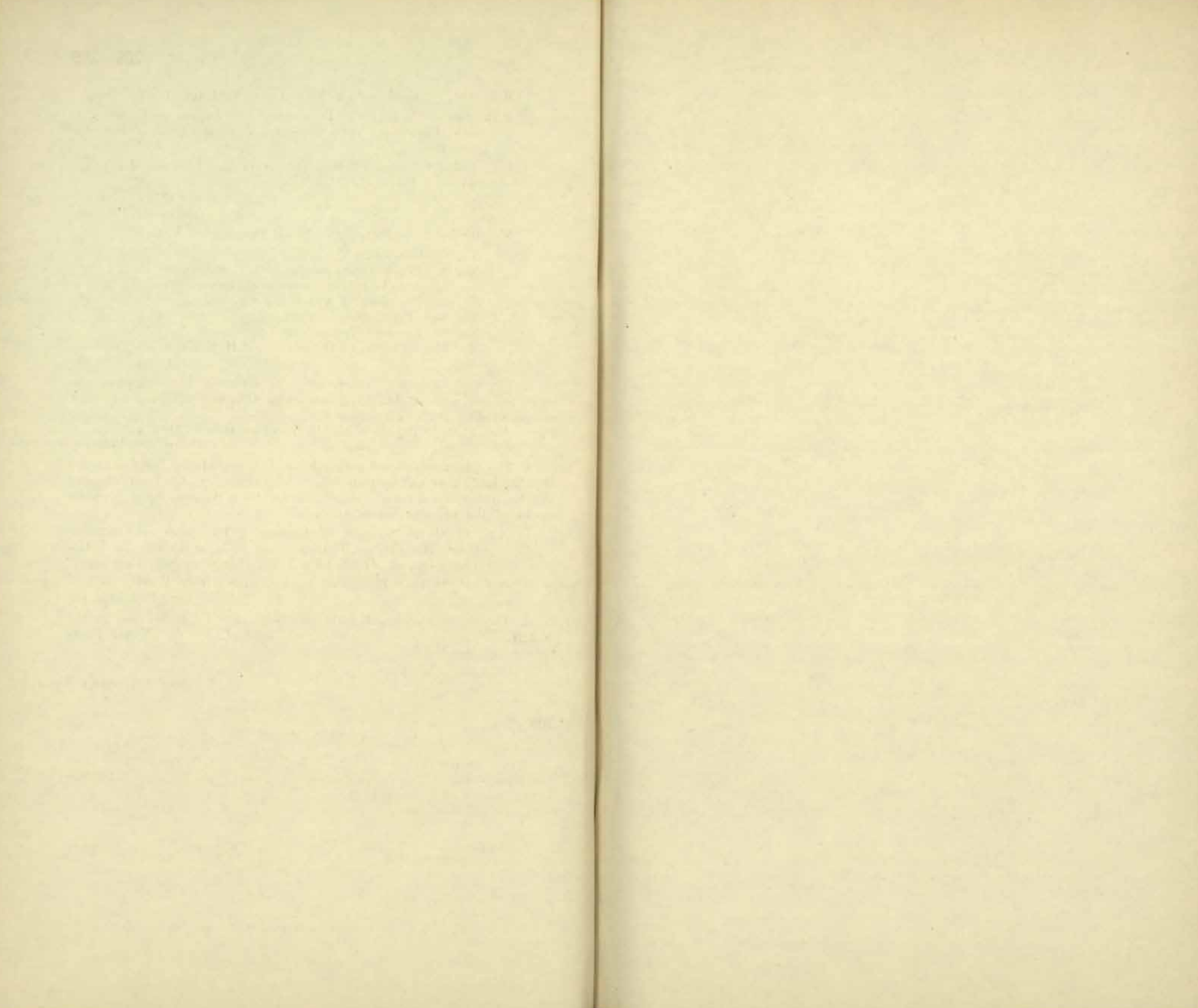
(480/201/3080.)

209.

CORRIGENDUM.

Navy Order 144 of 1943.—“India Rubber Washers for Hose Couplings—Use of Correct Patterns.”—Paragraph 2, alter “Pattern 1121” to read “Pattern 1221.”

(612/229/178.)

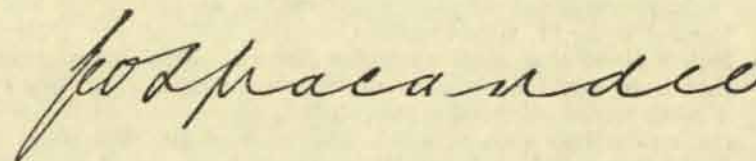


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Secretary.

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**NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS—ORDERS,
AUTHORITY, AND DIRECTION MADE THEREUNDER.**

The following Direction under the Wireless Stations Control Order, the Merchant Ships (Passive Defence) Order, and Authority made thereunder, are promulgated for information.

2. The Defence Impressment Order, incorporating amendments to date, is reprinted and the Defence Impressment Order, promulgated in Navy Order 230 of 1942, is to be regarded as cancelled.

(i) (*Commonwealth Gazette*, No. 84, dated 20th April, 1943.)

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

Direction under the Wireless Stations Control Order.

In pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the Wireless Stations Control Order, I, Guy Charles Cecil Royle, Chief of the Naval Staff, hereby direct that, until otherwise directed, periods of wireless silence, that is to say, the cessation of the transmission of messages by any wireless transmitting apparatus, shall be observed by all Wireless Broadcasting Stations situated within a distance of 100 miles from the coast in the States of New South Wales, Queensland, and Western Australia, and all Broadcasting Stations operating on a power of or exceeding 2 kilowatts situated within 200 miles of the coast in those States, during the period between 11.30 p.m. and 5.30 a.m. in each day.

This Direction shall supersede the Directions issued the third day of March, 1942, and the third day of November, 1942.

Dated this twelfth day of April, 1943.

G. C. C. ROYLE,
Chief of the Naval Staff.

(ii) (*Commonwealth Gazette*, No. 88, dated 27th April, 1943.)

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

The Merchant Ships (Passive Defence) Order.

WHEREAS by Instrument of Delegation dated the fourteenth day of April, 1942, and published in the *Gazette* on the twenty-seventh day of May, 1942, the Minister delegated, *inter alia*, the powers and functions conferred upon him by regulation 47 of the National Security (General) Regulations to every officer who shall at any time during the continuance of such delegation be holding or performing the duties of the office of Chief of the Naval Staff.

Now therefore I, Guy Charles Cecil Royle, Chief of the Naval Staff, acting in pursuance of the powers conferred by the said regulation and delegation, do hereby order as follows:—

Citation.

1. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Ships (Passive Defence) Order.

Definitions.

2. For the purpose of this Order—

(a) a set of decontaminating gear shall consist of—

- 1 shallow tray;
- 2 long-handled scrubbers;
- 2 buckets;
- 2 white-wash brushes;
- 1 gallon of paraffin;
- swabs; and
- sand (for mixing with bleach powder); and

(b) a suit of protective clothing shall consist of—

- 1 pair of rubber gum-boots;
- 1 pair of oil-skin trousers;
- 1 oil-skin jacket;
- 1 oil-skin hood (one only of these need be provided for every two men); and
- 1 pair of oil-skin gloves.

Protection of Ships Against Gas.

3. A ship registered in Australia shall not, except under permission of the Chief of the Naval Staff or an officer thereto authorized in writing by him, proceed to the port of Darwin, or to New Guinea, or to any of the islands in the area north or north-east of Australia, from any port in the Commonwealth, unless the ship is equipped with the number of civilian duty gas masks, suits of protective clothing, and sets of decontaminating gear and the quantity of bleach powder, specified respectively in the second, third, and fourth columns of the table in the Schedule to this Order opposite to the description of the type of ship in the first column of that table.

Stowage of Bleach Powder.

4. Bleach powder shall be stowed in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place away from food-stuffs, living quarters, acids, and turpentine.

THE SCHEDULE.

Type of Ship.	Sets of Decontaminating Gear.	Suits of Protective Clothing and Civilian Duty Gas Masks, Including Spares.	Bleach Powder.
	No.	No.	Wt. (cwt.)
Passenger ships over 12,000 gross tons ..	3	24	10
Passenger ships from 8,000 to 12,000 gross tons ..	2	16	5
Passenger ships from 5,000 to 8,000 gross tons, and cargo ships over 8,000 gross tons ..	2	8	1
Passenger ships from 1,000 to 5,000 gross tons and cargo ships from 1,000 to 8,000 gross tons ..	1	8	1
Ships under 1,000 gross tons and not under 300 gross tons ..	1	3	1

Dated this fourteenth day of April, 1943.

G. C. C. ROYLE,
Chief of the Naval Staff.

(iii) (*Commonwealth Gazette*, No. 88, dated 27th April, 1943.)

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

Authority under the Merchant Ships (Passive Defence) Order.

In pursuance of the provisions of paragraph 3 of the Merchant Ships (Passive Defence) Order, I, Guy Charles Cecil Royle, Chief of the Naval Staff, hereby authorize every person who shall at any time during the continuance of this Authority be holding any of the offices specified hereunder or performing the duties of any of those offices, to exercise the powers under that paragraph in relation to the protection of ships against gas.

LIST OF OFFICES.

Naval Officer-in-Charge at any Port.
Naval Control Service Officer at any Port.

Dated this fourteenth day of April, 1943.

G. C. C. ROYLE,
Chief of the Naval Staff.

(iv) (*Commonwealth Gazette*, No. 111, dated 23rd October, 1939.)

ORDER UNDER THE NATIONAL SECURITY
(GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

DEFENCE IMPRESSMENT ORDER.

I, GEOFFREY AUSTIN STREET, Minister of State for Defence, in exercise of the powers conferred by the National Security (General) Regulations and of all other enabling powers, hereby make the following Order.

Dated this fourteenth day of September, 1939.

G. A. STREET,
Minister of State for Defence.

DEFENCE IMPRESSMENT ORDER.

1. This Order may be cited as the Defence Impressment Order.
2. (1) In this Order, unless the contrary intention appears—
 - “animal or thing” means any animal (including bird), vehicle, aircraft, boat or vessel, or any goods (including growing crops);
 - “Assessment Committee” means an Assessment Committee appointed in pursuance of paragraph 8 of this Order;
 - “Compensation Board” means a Compensation Board appointed in pursuance of regulation 60L of the National Security (General) Regulations;
 - “defence purposes” means Naval, Military, and Air Force purposes, or any of them;

“Formation, &c., Commander” means commander of a cavalry division, an infantry division, or a mixed brigade, District Commandant, or officer commanding the military forces in a Territory of the Commonwealth;

“Purchasing Officer” means any person appointed under this Order to be a purchasing officer;

“the Act” means the *National Security Act 1939*;

“the Air Board” means the Air Board constituted under the *Air Force Act 1923* or, if the Air Board is not in existence, the officer appointed to command the Air Force;

“the Military Board” means the Military Board constituted under the *Defence Act 1903-1939*, or, if the Military Board is not in existence, the officer appointed to command the Military Forces;

“the Minister” means the Minister of State for Defence, the Minister of State for the Navy, the Minister of State for the Army, or the Minister of State for Air;

“the Naval Board” means the Naval Board constituted under the *Naval Defence Act 1910-1934*.

(2) In this Order, unless the contrary intention appears, the word “paragraph” followed by a number shall be read as referring to the paragraph bearing that number in this Order.

3. (1) Any person may be appointed a Purchasing Officer by any of the following persons, that is to say:—

- A member of the Naval Board;
- a member of the Military Board;
- a member of the Air Board;
- the officer commanding His Majesty's Australian Naval Squadron;
- a Director, Assistant Director, or Deputy Director of a Service in the Military Forces;
- an officer, not below the rank of commander, commanding a vessel of the Commonwealth Naval Forces;
- the Senior Naval Officer on shore at any port;
- a District Naval Officer;
- a Formation, &c., Commander; or
- an officer of the Royal Australian Air Force not below the rank of wing commander.

(2) An appointment under this paragraph shall be made in accordance with or to the effect of the form in the Schedule to this Order, and shall be signed by the person making the appointment.

(3) The production by a person of a document purporting to be an appointment of him as a Purchasing Officer in accordance with this paragraph shall, without proof of the signature or of the authority of the person by whom it purports to be signed, be accepted by every possessor of an animal or thing to whom it is produced, as conclusive authority of the person producing it to require the possessor to furnish the animal or thing in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the National Security (General) Regulations, or this Order.

Inserted by
Order dated
26th February
1943.

Officers
authorized to
requisition.

4. (1) A Purchasing Officer may—

- (a) inspect, or authorize by writing under his hand any other person to inspect any animal or thing which, in his opinion, may be required for defence purposes, and may require the possessor thereof to afford reasonable facilities for enabling the inspection to be made at the time and in the manner directed by the Purchasing Officer;
- (b) require the possessor or owner or both of any animal or thing to furnish to him either orally or in writing such particulars thereof as the Purchasing Officer directs; or
- (c) by requisition under his hand require the possessor of any animal or thing to furnish it temporarily or permanently for defence purposes, and to deliver it at a time and place and to a person specified in the requisition or in any subsequent order under the hand of a Purchasing Officer supplementing or varying the requisition:

Provided that—

- (i) delivery of an animal, a horse-drawn vehicle, or a thing which is not self-propelled, shall not be required at a greater distance than ten miles; and
- (ii) delivery of a self-propelled vehicle, machine, boat or vessel, not being an aircraft, shall not be required at a greater distance than two hundred and fifty miles,

from the place where it is at the time the requisition is made.

(2) If the possessor of an animal or thing refuses or neglects to comply with any requirements made of him in pursuance of sub-paragraph 1 (a) of this paragraph in respect of any inspection of the animal or thing, a Purchasing Officer may enter any building or land (if need be by force) to inspect the animal or thing.

5. (1) A receipt signed by a Purchasing Officer, or by a person authorized by a Purchasing Officer to accept delivery, shall be issued to each person who furnishes an animal or thing on requisition under this Order. The receipt shall contain full details (including, as is appropriate, the description, condition, and number or weight) of the animals or things furnished.

(2) An animal or thing shall not be deemed to have been furnished under this Order until delivery has been made in accordance with the requisition or order made under this Order.

6. A person shall not—

- (a) refuse or neglect to afford, in accordance with sub-paragraph 1 (a) of paragraph 4, the facilities therein mentioned;
- (b) refuse or neglect to furnish orally or in writing particulars of any animal or thing when required to do so by a Purchasing Officer; or
- (c) when required by a Purchasing Officer to furnish any animal or thing, refuse or neglect to do so in accordance with the requisition or order of the Purchasing Officer.

7. The basis on which compensation shall be payable in respect of the furnishing of any animal or thing shall be—

- (a) if the animal or thing is furnished temporarily—fair hire having regard to the time and place of its requisition, the time for which it is to be retained, the purposes for which it is to be used, and the locality in which it is to be used; or

(b) if the animal or thing is furnished permanently—fair value at the date of its requisition; and

(c) in either case—reimbursement of such reasonable expenses, if any, as the possessor or owner has incurred or will incur in delivering the animal or thing in accordance with the requisition, and other reasonable expenses necessarily involved in compliance with the requisition:

Provided that if, at the time when any goods are requisitioned, the price or maximum price at which such goods may be sold is fixed by law, the amount of compensation, exclusive of the expenses referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of this paragraph, shall not exceed that price or maximum price, as the case may be.

8. (1) The Minister may appoint Assessment Committees for the purpose of inquiring into and assessing the compensation payable in respect of specified animals or things furnished in pursuance of this Order or in respect of any class of animals or things so furnished or to be furnished.

(2) Each Assessment Committee shall consist of an officer of the Defence Force and one or more other persons competent to assess the value of the animals or things or the class of animals or things required to be furnished:

Provided that Assessment Committees appointed in any area or areas to which the National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations are for the time being applicable may consist solely of officers of the Defence Force.

(3) The Minister shall appoint one of the members of each Committee to be Chairman of the Committee.

8A. (1) When any Purchasing Officer issues a requisition under this Order, he shall, in the requisition, or by notice in writing under his hand sent to the possessor or owner, or both, as the case requires, as soon as reasonably practicable after delivery of the requisition, set out—

- (a) particulars of the compensation which he considers just and reasonable; and
- (b) a statement of the provisions of sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph.

(2) If the compensation assessed by the Purchasing Officer is not acceptable to the possessor or owner (as the case may be), he shall within seven days after receiving particulars thereof or such further time as is allowed by the Purchasing Officer on account of special circumstances, send to the Purchasing Officer a notice to that effect, together with a claim setting out particulars of the compensation to which he considers he is entitled, and the Purchasing Officer shall subject to sub-paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) of this paragraph, forthwith refer the claim to a Compensation Board.

(3) Before referring a claim to a Compensation Board, the Purchasing Officer may first refer the claim to an Assessment Committee, which shall inquire into and assess the compensation payable in respect of the animal or thing, and for that purpose may consider any representations made, either verbally or in writing, by the possessor or owner, as the case may be.

(4) The Chairman of the Assessment Committee shall, as soon as practicable, send to the Purchasing Officer of the animal or thing a notice setting out particulars of the compensation assessed by the Committee.

(5) If the compensation assessed by the Assessment Committee is not in excess of that assessed by the Purchasing Officer under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph, the Purchasing Officer shall forthwith refer the claim to a Compensation Board, but if the compensation assessed by the Assessment Committee is in excess of that so assessed by the Purchasing Officer, the Purchasing Officer, shall, in writing, notify the claimant of the assessment so made by the Assessment Committee and inquire of him whether the assessment of the Assessment Committee is acceptable to him or whether he still requires his claim to be referred to the Compensation Board. If the claimant states that he still requires his claim to be referred to a Compensation Board, the Purchasing Officer shall then forthwith so refer his claim.

(6) In assessing compensation in pursuance of this Order, Purchasing Officers and Assessment Committees shall have regard to paragraph 7 of this Order.

(7) Where compensation assessed in pursuance of this paragraph by a Purchasing Officer or an Assessment Committee is acceptable to the possessor or owner, the Minister may, on behalf of the Commonwealth, enter into an agreement for the payment by the Commonwealth, and the acceptance by the possessor or owner in full settlement of any claim arising out of the requisition, of the compensation so assessed.

(8) Where a claim for compensation is referred to a Compensation Board the claim shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the National Security (General) Regulations.

9. Whenever a Purchasing Officer, by requisition under his hand, requires the possessor of any animal or thing to furnish it in accordance with this Order, and the possessor refuses or neglects so to furnish it, a Purchasing Officer may enter any building or land and seize, if need be by force, the animal or thing required to be furnished, and it may thereupon be used for defence purposes in like manner as if it had been furnished in pursuance of this Order, and the possessor shall be entitled to be recompensed in like manner as if the animal or thing had been duly furnished, but subject to a deduction of the expense (if any) occasioned by the refusal or neglect and seizure.

10. (1) An authority specified in sub-paragraph (3) of this paragraph may, by order in writing served personally, or by post addressed to the possessor at his usual place of business or abode, or published in a newspaper circulating in the locality in which animals or things intended to be affected are, or if there is not a newspaper so circulating, then by exhibition at the post offices in the postal districts to which the order applies, require the possessors thereof to register them in the manner and at the time and place specified in the order.

(2) The possessor of any animal or thing, when required to register it in accordance with an order made in pursuance of sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph, shall so register it.

(3) The Naval Board, the Military Board, the Air Board, and any officer thereto authorized by any of those Boards, shall be authorities for the purpose of sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph.

THE SCHEDULE.

Paragraph 3.

WARRANT OF APPOINTMENT OF PURCHASING OFFICER.

I, (name).....

*.....
in exercise of the power conferred on me by the Defence Impressment Order, hereby appoint (full name).....
(whose signature for the purpose of identification appears hereon) to be a Purchasing Officer under that Order.

Signed at.....this.....day of.....19....

.....
(Specimen signature of Purchasing Officer.)

.....
(Personal signature of person making appointment.)

* Insert as is appropriate—

- A member of the Naval Board.
- A member of the Military Board.
- A member of the Air Board.
- The Officer Commanding His Majesty's Australian Naval Squadron.
- A Director of a Service in the Military Forces.
- An Assistant Director of a Service in the Military Forces.
- A Deputy Director of a Service in the Military Forces.
- An officer, not below the rank of Commander, commanding a vessel of the Commonwealth Naval Forces.
- The Senior Naval Officer on shore at any port.
- A District Naval Officer.
- A Formation, &c., Commander.
- An officer of the Royal Australian Air Force not below the rank of Wing Commander.

211.

HONOURS AND AWARDS TO R.A.N. PERSONNEL.

With reference to Navy Order 83 of 1943, the following additional Honours and Awards have been made to personnel of the Royal Australian Navy:—

1. *For gallantry and devotion to duty when H.M.A.S. Nestor was lost.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Surgeon-Lieutenant S. A. C. Watson, R.A.N.R.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Stoker Petty Officer T. W. Ellston, 14753.

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Mr. F. C. Tregurtha, Warrant Telegraphist, R.A.N.

Petty Officer H. G. Stewart, 20038.

Stoker Petty Officer A. S. Holdsworth, 19848.

Shipwright A. G. Coole, H/1138.

2. *For courage, endurance, and devotion to duty while serving in H.M.A.S. Vendetta in the Far East.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Lieutenant W. G. Whitting, R.A.N.R. (S).
Mr. J. C. Lace, Commissioned Gunner (T), R.A.N.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Chief Petty Officer A. J. Thorne, 16841.
Able Seaman W. McC. Robertson, W/1455.

3. *For bravery when H.M.A.S. Vampire was sunk by Japanese aircraft.*

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Chief Engine Room Artificer A. W. Folley, 20210.
Chief Stoker A. Wrench, 17718.
Petty Officer J. H. Hutchings, 13779.
Able Seaman L. M. Mahoney, PA/1634.

4. *For skill, resolution and coolness during operations in the Solomon Islands.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Surgeon-Commander C. A. Downward, R.A.N., H.M.A.S. Canberra.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Chief Petty Officer Steward J. V. Weatherdon, 4923, H.A.M.S. Canberra.

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Surgeon-Lieutenant D. A. Warden, R.A.N.R., H.M.A.S. Canberra.
Surgeon-Lieutenant K. N. Morris, R.A.N.R., H.M.A.S. Canberra.
Petty Officer Steward T. E. Greenfield, 12594, H.M.A.S. Canberra.
Petty Officer Cook J. Johnson, PM/2515, H.M.A.S. Canberra.
Leading Sick Berth Attendant L. M. Sloman, 16831, H.M.A.S. Canberra.
Able Seaman H. A. L. Hall, 22689, H.M.A.S. Canberra.

5. *For gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty.*

BAR TO THE GEORGE MEDAL.

Lieutenant G. J. Cliff, G.M., R.A.N.V.R.

6. *For gallantry, skill, and resolution in escorting an important convoy to North Russia in the face of relentless attack by enemy aircraft and submarines.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Ordinary Seaman H. S. Cassidy, B/V.51, H.M.S. Scylla.

7. *For bravery in a successful action against Japanese raiders.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Able Seaman B. A. G. Hammond, P.A./1318, M.V. Ondina.

8. *For good service in a defensively equipped merchant ship.*

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Able Seaman J. L. Augustesen, B/2204, D.E.M.S. *Anglomaersk*.
Able Seaman R. Shields, B/1977, D.E.M.S. *Anglomaersk*.

9. *For gallantry and devotion to duty at Singapore.*

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Captain J. A. Collins, C.B., R.A.N.
Commander C. H. Brooks, R.A.N.

10. *For bravery and dauntless resolution when an important convoy was fought through to Malta in the face of relentless attacks by day and night from submarines, aircraft, and surface forces.*

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Lieutenant M. L. Burnlev, R.A.N.V.R., H.M.S. *Icarus*.
Able Seaman S. R. Woodhouse, S/2864, D.E.M.S. *Brisbane Star*.

11. *For bravery and resource during operations in Madagascar.*

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Commander H. M. Burrell, R.A.N., H.M.A.S. *Norman*.

12. *For good service in towing a merchantman to safety.*

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Lieutenant T. H. Arnott, R.A.N.V.R., H.M.S. *Nile*.

13. *For good service in trying to save an aircraft.*

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Lieutenant F. W. Huxham, R.A.N.V.R., H.M.S. *M.L. 1044*.

14. *For good services when H.M.S. Dorsetshire was lost.*

COMMENDATION.

Lieutenant N. Grieve, R.A.N.V.R.

(448/201/1507.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

212.

EXAMINATION FOR THE RANK OF PAYMASTER
LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER, R.A.N.

An examination for the rank of Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander, R.A.N., will be held towards the end of 1943.

2. Officers who are eligible and desire to sit for this examination should forward their applications to reach the Navy Office by the 1st September, 1943.

(465/206/263.)

213.

REHABILITATION OFFICERS—APPOINTMENT AND INSTRUCTIONS.

In order to facilitate the return to civil life of discharged personnel, in so far as it is necessary for them to meet their obligations under the Manpower, Rationing, Electoral, Repatriation and National Security Regulations, as well as to overcome the possibility that personnel, after discharge, may receive the impression of being discarded once they are no longer effective members of a fighting unit, it has been decided that at each of the following Establishments an Officer is to be detailed to act as Rehabilitation Officer:—

H.M.A.S. *Cerberus*.
 H.M.A.S. *Penguin*.
 H.M.A.S. *Rushcutter*.
 H.M.A.S. *Kuttabul*.
 H.M.A.S. *Moreton*.
 H.M.A.S. *Lonsdale*.
 H.M.A.S. *Torrens*.
 H.M.A.S. *Leeuwin*.
 H.M.A.S. *Huon*.
 H.M.A.S. *Magnetic*.

2. It is not considered that the numbers being discharged at present warrant the appointment of additional Officers to complements for this special purpose.

3. The names of Officers selected for this duty are to be reported to Navy Office as early as possible. In making this selection, Commanding Officers are to be guided by the fact that the Officer will need to make and maintain many contacts outside the Service, and to have the confidence of the personnel with whom he will deal.

4. Rehabilitation Officers are to keep a list of personnel discharged from their Establishments with a record of aid given and positions in civil life taken up. A report is to be forwarded to Navy Office monthly, showing numbers placed and unplaced. Forms for record purposes will be provided and distributed in due course.

5. Internal arrangements should be made in each Establishment so that the names of all personnel about to be discharged for whatever cause are known to the Rehabilitation Officer in sufficient time to permit him to take necessary action.

6. The chief Rehabilitation Officer will be the Director of Personal Services at Navy Office.

7. The duties of the Rehabilitation Officer are:—

(a) To arrange for a discharged member to complete his application for:—

- (i) Civilian Identity Card (C.R.I.). This application must be made within seven days of discharge (see paragraph 3 of Navy Order 420 of 1942).
- (ii) Ration Book, which is obtained through the Electoral Office in the district in which the discharged member intends to reside.
- (iii) Enrolment in the Electoral Division in the district in which the discharged member will reside. This must be completed within thirty days of discharge.

- (b) To arrange for the member to receive the issue of ration coupons laid down in Navy Order 461 of 1942.
- (c) To arrange for Repatriation Form No. 2 to be completed (*vide* Navy Orders 22 and 113 of 1941). He should also be prepared to advise on questions relating to pensions (*vide* Navy Order 304 of 1942). He is to act as Liaison Officer with the Repatriation Department in his State and ensure that personnel discharged receive benefits under the Repatriation Act to which they are entitled.
- (d) To see that a rating receives his Service Certificate, or, alternatively, the certificate referred to in Navy Order 409 of 1942. If the Service Certificate is not available at the date of discharge, the Rehabilitation Officer should see that steps are taken for this document to be forwarded to the member as soon as possible. He is to acquaint himself with the Service History and Medical History of personnel discharged in order to act as Liaison Officer with the authorities mentioned in (e) and (f) below.
- (e) To inform personnel of their liability for military service and of the necessity for reporting to the local Area Officer immediately on discharge.
- (f) To inform personnel that they should report to the National Service Officer of their district within seven days of discharge, indicating whether they are returning to previous employment or desire employment. These National Service Officers are a section of the Department of Labour and National Service.
- (g) To make himself familiar with the organization of the R.A.N. Relief Fund, *ex* Naval Men's Association, R.S.S. & A.I.L.A., and other organizations in so far as these organizations can assist discharged personnel.

(629/214/4.)

214.

WARRANT OFFICERS APPOINTED IN LIEU OF THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED ADVANCED GUNNERY COURSE—NON-SPECIALIST ALLOWANCE.

Approval has been given for payment, subject to the conditions of King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, Article 1569, of non-specialist allowance of 1s. 0d. a day to warrant officers and officers promoted therefrom, appointed in lieu of those who have passed the Advanced Gunnery Course.

2. These provisions are to take effect as from 1st July, 1942.

(407/201/869.)

215.

**CLASSES AND EXAMINATION FOR SEAMAN PETTY OFFICERS
AND LEADING SEAMAN.**

The professional examination of Able Seaman for Leading Seaman and Leading Seaman for Petty Officer will be conducted by Boards of Officers. The examination is to be oral.

2. The Board of Examiners for both Petty Officer and Leading Seaman is to consist of:—

- (a) a Commander as President,
- (b) a Navigating Officer,
- (c) two Lieutenant-Commanders or Lieutenants,
- (d) a Commissioned Boatswain or Boatswain, or if neither is available, a Commissioned Gunner or Gunner or a Commissioned Gunner (T) or Gunner (T).

Notes.—(i) In cases where it is not convenient for a Commander to be spared for this duty, a Lieutenant-Commander whose appointment is in Command, or as Executive Officer, may be appointed as President of a Board for Leading Seaman.

(ii) If insufficient Navigating Officers are available, a Lieutenant carrying out the duties of Navigating Officer in a small ship may be appointed to the Board.

(iii) Normally, the President of the Board should not be required to examine candidates in a particular subject. He may, however, do so if he wishes, particularly when any doubt arises as to the suitability of a candidate.

3. The maximum number of candidates to be examined by one Board is to be limited to twelve.

4. In normal circumstances, examinations should be held once every quarter, and as late as may be convenient in the quarter.

5. Under war conditions, it may not be practicable to convene Squadron Boards, and consequently full use should be made of the provisions of K.R. and A.I., Appendix XII., Part 22(A), paragraph 3. During the present emergency, the period of three months laid down in that paragraph between the date of application for examination and the date upon which Ship's Officers may examine candidates may be reduced as necessary at the discretion of the Flag and Commanding Officers.

6. The Officer Commanding H.M.A. Squadron will make the necessary arrangements for the assembly of the quarterly Squadron Board and the attendance of candidates.

7. Ratings in Shore Establishments are to be examined by Boards convened by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, and/or the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Sydney, unless an opportunity arises for them to be examined by a Squadron Board. If a Navigating Officer is not available for these Boards, a Lieutenant-Commander without (N) qualification may be substituted.

8. Candidates in detached ships in Victorian waters should attend the Depot examination, if convenient.

9. Men serving in detached ships, who have been unable to attend either the Squadron or Shore Establishment Boards during the quarter, are to be examined by a similar Board, but consisting of Officers of their own ship. Candidates in ships abroad should be examined by normal Boards.

10. As a wartime measure, professional examination for Leading Seamen may be carried out by Ship's (or Flotilla) Board composed as in paragraph 2, instead of by a Squadron Board.

11. When a rating applies to be examined, his Commanding Officer is to satisfy himself that the candidate possesses the necessary qualities which, with further experience, if necessary, will fit him to make an efficient Petty Officer or Leading Seaman, respectively. Provided that the man is otherwise qualified and that there is a reasonable prospect of his passing the examination, the Commanding Officer will forward his application for examination by the Squadron Board. Should, however, a candidate be considered unsuitable by his Commanding Officer, his application is to be considered null and void.

12. Leading Seamen may pass for Petty Officer at any time after advancement to Acting Leading Seaman and may be recommended for advancement to Leading Seaman, and above, all ratings must qualify the Leading rate including acting time.

13. In order that all ratings may have an equal chance for advancement, certain modifications of the time qualifications for advancement to leading rate have been approved. To be eligible for temporary advancement to Leading Seaman and above, all ratings must qualify by service in accordance with these modified regulations. To qualify for Leading Seaman an Able Seaman must have six months' sea service as an Able Seaman and be recommended from Sea.

14. Pensioners and R.A.F.R. ratings are required to requalify professionally for advancement to Leading Rate and above if more than five years have expired between their last period of service and the date of mobilization.

15. As a wartime arrangement for all professional examinations for higher rating, except those on fixed dates, the date of passing is to be the date of application for examination. This date is to be placed on Form A.S. 441 before forwarding.

16. With a view to providing opportunities for men to prepare themselves for the higher rating, organized classes are to be arranged in Ships and Establishments for men who wish to pass for Leading Seaman and for Petty Officer. A definite syllabus of instruction in each case is to be drawn up. The special course of training should be approximately two months' duration, and the instruction should be given mainly by Officers.

17. Men must be prepared to work up in their own time, but organized instruction is to be given in working hours when feasible. Voluntary instruction in silent hours should be given for an aggregate of three hours a week, the times and periods comprising the voluntary instruction being arranged as convenient in each Ship or Establishment.

18. Commanding Officers are to use their discretion as to the inclusion in the classes during working hours of men who have previously undergone a course in the Ship or Establishment or of men who absent themselves from voluntary instruction during non-working hours.

19. In order to assist Able Seamen to qualify for the higher rating, courses of one month's duration have been instituted at Balmoral Naval Depot. Ships and Establishments are to report to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, at the beginning of each month, the names of those who have been awarded the Helmsman's Certificate and who comply with the conditions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Form A.S. 441, Parts I. and II., respectively. Names of those having a reasonable chance of passing without a course are not to be reported, but are to be dealt with in the usual manner.

20. Care is to be taken that instruction and examination are not confined to the requirements for higher rating in the candidate's own ship.

21. The fact that a man has passed professionally for higher rating will not alone qualify him for advancement. Commanding Officers' recommendations are to be the most important factor in determining a man's suitability for higher rating.

22. When a rating fails in not more than two subjects in Section II. of the examination, and is recommended for re-examination by Ship's Officers, both copies of Form A.S. 441 are to be retained in the ship until the re-examination takes place, and the form then dealt with as for success or failure in the usual way.

23. An Able Seaman who fails in one subject may be re-examined in that subject after one month from date of failure. If failure is in more than one subject, candidates may be re-examined in all subjects after not less than two months.

24. The syllabuses are as follows:—

(A) SYLLABUS FOR EXAMINATION OF LEADING SEAMAN FOR PETTY OFFICER.

SECTION I.—ABILITY TO TAKE CHARGE—ABILITY TO STEER A SHIP—BOAT WORK—PRACTICAL RIGGING.

Ability to Take Charge—

- (a) To take charge of a class in—
- (i) Squad drill;
 - (ii) Physical and recreational training.
- (b) To tell off a party of men for work of the following nature and carry it out:—
- (i) Getting out kedge anchors;
 - (ii) Working derricks;
 - (iii) Handling awnings.

Ability to Steer a Ship—

To be able to steer a ship.

To qualify in this subject, a candidate is required to produce a certificate from the Captain of a sea-going ship that he has carried out the duties of helmsman satisfactorily in that ship. This certificate may be obtained at any time that a future candidate for examination for higher rating is serving in a sea-going ship.

Boat Work—

- (a) Handling of boats under power, sails, and oars.
- (b) Ability to instruct a crew of inexperienced ratings under oars and sail.

- (c) Hoisting, lowering, and securing a seaboard.
- (d) Knowledge of boats' falls, fittings and gear, and duties of coxswain.
- (e) Practical knowledge of temporary repairs by boat's crew to boat's hull, mast, and fittings.

Practical Rigging—

Ability to instruct in and demonstrate practically any of the following:—

- (a) All knots, splices, bends, hitches, and other practical rigging normally taught to Seamen, *vide* Chapter 3 of Seamanship Manual, Volume I.
- (b) Rigging sheers and derricks. To be done practically—with spars (small) in particular—
 - (i) Head lashing.
 - (ii) Passing strop.
 - (iii) Splay and heel tackles.
 - (iv) Lead of topping lift.

N.B.—Knowledge of holdfasts on shore not necessary.
- (c) Repair of canvas gear and elementary sailmaking.

SECTION II.—TECHNICAL ABILITY.

Rigging—

Ability to instruct in any of the following:—

- (a)
 - (i) Types and uses of all hawsers.
 - (ii) How to calculate working and breaking strains of hawsers.
 - (iii) Different types of tackles, their uses, and how to fit them.
 - (iv) Boats' falls and fittings, fitting and reeving, and securing. All fittings on davits.
 - (v) Care and maintenance of all hawsers and blocks.
- (b) Target work. To be confined to a general knowledge of towing arrangements, and setting and furling sails.
- (c) Thorough knowledge of standing and running rigging, as generally fitted in H.M. Ships.

General Duties—

- (a) To be able to instruct men in the duties of helmsman.
- (b) Sufficient knowledge of compass, chart reading, laying off courses, and uniform system of buoyage, to undertake quartermaster's duties and coxswain of drifter and picket boat.
- (c) Practical knowledge of methods of sounding and taking charge of a sounding party.
- (d) Writing up log-book. Reading a barometer.
- (e) To be able to use a Boatswain's call for calls in normal daily use.

Rule of the Road.—Practical knowledge of the regulations for preventing collisions at sea.

Anchor Work—

- (a) A practical working knowledge of working anchors, cables, and capstans under all circumstances.
- (b) A practical knowledge of laying out anchors; weighing anchors from a boat.
- (c) All forms of forecastle work, including "bringing to" and tending wires.
- (d) Duties when in charge of an anchor watch.

Watertight Fittings.—Practical knowledge of—

- (a) Operating of W.T. doors and valves, and their application to fire and collision.
- (b) Elementary shoring and its uses.

Note.—This examination should be carried out by an Executive Officer.

Organization—

- (a) To describe any evolution carried out in candidate's ship, including a general knowledge of paravanes, where fitted.
- (b) General duties of a Petty Officer, e.g.—
 - (i) Captain of a top.
 - (ii) Petty Officer of day.
 - (iii) Regulating, &c.

Signals—

- (a) To be able to interpret any signals in the Boats' Signal Book with the aid of the book.
- (b) Sufficient knowledge of semaphore and Morse lamp to make and read a message at a slow rate (four words per minute).

Note.—A knowledge of the colours of Flags and Pendants is necessary.

(B) SYLLABUS FOR EXAMINATION OF ABLE SEAMAN
FOR LEADING SEAMAN.

SECTION I.—ABILITY TO TAKE CHARGE—ABILITY TO STEER A
SHIP—BOAT WORK—PRACTICAL RIGGING.

Ability to Take Charge—

- (a) To take charge of a class in—
 - (i) Squad drill.
 - (ii) Physical and recreational training.
- (b) To tell off a party of men for work of the following nature, and carry it out:—
 - (i) Working small derricks.
 - (ii) Handling awnings.

Ability to Steer a Ship—

To be able to steer a ship.

To qualify in this subject, a candidate is required to produce a certificate from the Captain of a sea-going ship that he has carried out the duties of helmsman satisfactorily in that ship. This certificate may be obtained at any time that a future candidate for examination for higher rating is serving in a sea-going ship.

Boat Work.—General knowledge of—

- (a) Handling of boats under power, sail, and oars. The examination under sail and oars to be carried out in a whaler.
- (b) Hoisting, lowering, and securing a seaboard for sea.
- (c) Boats' falls, fittings and gear, and duties of coxswain.
- (d) Practical knowledge of temporary repairs to boats' hulls, mast, and fittings.

Practical Rigging.—Thorough knowledge and practical work in—

- (a) Rigging, including splicing in hemp and wire, e.g.—
 - 3½-in. wire—
 - (i) Thimble eye.
 - (ii) Hawser eye.
 - (iii) Strop a 10-in. block with a strand of 3½-in. wire.
 - 3½-in. (or larger) white hemp—
 - (i) Becket.
 - (ii) Long splice.
 - (iii) Cut splice.
- (b) Rigging sheers and derricks (must be done practically with spars (small)). In particular—
 - (i) Head lashing.
 - (ii) Passing strop.
 - (iii) Splay and heel tackles.
 - (iv) Lead of topping lift.

N.B.—Knowledge of holdfasts on shore not necessary.
- (c) Repair of canvas gear and elementary sail making.

SECTION 2.

Rigging—

- (a) Thorough knowledge of—
 - (i) Types and uses of all hawsers.
 - (ii) How to calculate working and breaking strains.
 - (iii) Different kinds of tackles, their uses, and how to fit them.
 - (iv) Boats' falls and fittings. Fitting, reeving, and securing all fittings on davits.
 - (v) Care and maintenance of all hawsers and blocks.
- (b) Target work. To be confined to a general knowledge of towing arrangements, and setting and furling sails.
- (c) Standing and running rigging as generally fitted in H.M. Ships.

General Duties—

- (a) Sufficient knowledge of compass, elementary chart reading, and uniform system of buoyage, to undertake quartermaster's duties and coxswain of a picket boat.
- (b) Practical knowledge of methods of sounding and taking charge of a sounding party.
- (c) Writing up the log book. Reading a barometer.
- (d) Elementary chart reading.
- (e) To be able to use a Boatswain's call for calls in normal daily use.

Rule of the Road.—Practical knowledge of the regulations for preventing collisions at sea, required as coxswain of a boat. (Candidate should be assisted by illustrations and models.)

Anchor Work—

- (a) A practical knowledge of working anchors, cables, and capstans under all circumstances.
- (b) A practical knowledge of laying out anchors; weighing anchors from a boat.
- (c) All forms of forecastle work, including "bringing to" and tending wires.
- (d) Duties when in charge of an anchor watch.

Watertight Fittings.—Practical knowledge of—

- (a) Operating of W.T. Doors and Valves, and their application to fire and collision.
- (b) Elementary shoring and its uses.

Note.—This examination should be carried out by an Executive Officer.

Organization—

- (a) Duties of leading hand of a mess.
- (b) Care and maintenance of decks and paintwork.

Signals—

- (a) To be able to interpret any signal in the Boat's Signal Book with the aid of the book.
- (b) Sufficient knowledge of semaphore and Morse lamp to make or read a message at a slow rate.

Note.—A knowledge of the colours of Flags and Pendants is necessary.

25. Candidates are to be examined in Section I. by the Officers of their own ships. No marks are to be awarded. Candidates are to be "Passed" or "Failed," the award being qualified, e.g., V.G., Good, &c., to indicate the standard reached by each man.

26. Where it is found impracticable to carry out the examination in Boat Work, Commanding Officers are to certify on Forms A.S. 441 that the candidates are proficient in this subject.

27. In Ability to Take Charge and Boat Work, candidates should be judged on their general bearing, the manner in which they set about the tests given to them and in which they give their orders and see them carried out. Technical knowledge is of secondary importance in these two parts of the examination. Attention is drawn to the fact that

an Able Seaman passing for Leading Seaman must not be expected to show that power of command which is expected in a candidate for Petty Officer, and allowance should be made for his cultivating this during his time as Leading Seaman.

28. In Section II., marks are to be awarded in accordance with the following scales:—

		<i>For Petty Officer.</i>	<i>Maximum.</i>	<i>To Pass.</i>
(a)	Rigging .. ..	..	40	20
(b)	Anchor work .. ..	..	50	25
(c)	Rule of the road .. ..	..	30	25
(d)	General duties, including compass, lead, sounding, steering, log, barometer, &c. .. ..	..	60	30
(e)	Organization .. ..	..	40	20
(f)	Signals .. ..	..	30	15
(g)	Watertight fittings .. ..	..	40	20
		<i>For Leading Seaman.</i>	<i>Maximum.</i>	<i>To Pass.</i>
(a)	Rigging .. ..	..	60	30
(b)	Anchor work .. ..	..	60	30
(c)	Rule of the road .. ..	..	30	25
(d)	General duties .. ..	..	40	20
(e)	Duties in part of ship and mess .. ..	..	30	15
(f)	Signals .. ..	..	30	15
(g)	Watertight fittings .. ..	..	30	15

Notes—(a) Questions relating to Rule of the Road are to be of a simple nature designed to ensure that the candidate could be entrusted as Coxswain, with the safe navigation of ship's boats and small craft, such as drifters. A detailed knowledge of more abstruse matters is not required.

(b) The knowledge required of candidates in all subjects is primarily that which they can have reasonably acquired in the type of ship in which they are serving, or, if serving ashore, in which they were last serving. It may be assumed that a man who shows that he is well up in subjects connected with the ship in which he is serving can and will become equally efficient when he is drafted to one of another type.

29. There is no limit to the number of times a candidate for either Petty Officer or Leading Seaman may be re-examined.

30. Care is to be taken to ensure that the examination in Watertight Fittings is included in Section II. of the examination for Leading Seaman.

31. Necessary amendments to Form A.S. 441 are to be made in manuscript.

32. The names of successful candidates are to be forwarded by the Senior Officer assembling the Examination Board, or by the Commanding Officer, as the case may be, to Flinders Naval Depot. Care is to be taken that the date of passing, *vide* paragraph 11, is shown on Form A.S. 441.

33. Navy Orders 56 of 1938, and 8 of 1940, are cancelled.

34. The provisions of Consolidated Orders and Regulations, Article 187, are suspended for the duration of hostilities.

(465/207/1207.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

216.

UNCLAIMED EFFECTS OF PERSONNEL.

It is observed that many enquiries are being made regarding missing effects of personnel, and it has been found on investigation that in many instances the effects are being held at certain Naval Establishments, and that no steps have been taken to arrange for onward transmission to the personnel concerned.

2. In future where effects are received in any of H.M.A. Ships or Establishments and the whereabouts of the ratings are unknown, enquiries should be made from Flinders Naval Depot regarding their possible appropriations so that the effects may be restored to their rightful owners with a minimum of delay.

3. A detailed list of all unclaimed effects of personnel held at the various Naval Establishments is to be forwarded immediately to Navy Office addressed to the Director of Victualling (copy to Captain Superintendent of Training, Flinders Naval Depot). Similar lists should be rendered quarterly on 1st January, 1st April, 1st July, and 1st October, and should be forwarded to Navy Office for promulgation in Navy Orders for the information and guidance of all concerned.

(438/204/248.)

217.

RATES OF TREATMENT IN APPROVED PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

With reference to Navy Orders 50 of 1940, 74 of 1941, and 205 of 1942, the agreements made with the Private Hospitals indicated therein have, with slight variations, been renewed until 29th February, 1944, except in the case of St. Vincent's Private Hospital, Sydney, which hospital, owing to lack of accommodation, is unable to extend the agreement. This Hospital is therefore to be deleted from the list.

2. The variations are shown hereunder:—

State.	Name of Hospital.	Remarks.
South Australia ..	"Wolverton" ..	(a) Private room 16s. 6d. per day, 115s. 6d. per week (b) Two or more in room, 13s. per day, 90s. per week (c) Ward beds, 11s. 6d. per day, 80s. per week
Tasmania, Hobart ..	"St. Johns" ..	(a) Private room, 18s. per day, 126s. per week (b) Two or more in room, 10s. per day, 70s. per week (c) Operating theatre charges:— (i) Major operation, 42s. (ii) Minor operation, 25s.
Hobart	"Stowell" ..	(a) Private room, from 14s. to 20s. per day; from 100s. to 140s. per week (b) Two or more in room, 11s. 6d. per day, 80s. per week

3. The Navy Orders indicated above are to be amended accordingly.

(527/211/1840.)

218.

MEDICAL CHARGES—RATES TO BE PAID FOR SERVICES AFFORDED BY CIVILIAN PRACTITIONERS.

With reference to Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 186, clauses 6 and 7, the following extract from the schedule of charges published in the *Commonwealth Gazette*, No. 230, dated August 26th, 1942, relating to services rendered by a member of the Emergency Medical Service, is to be taken as a guide in determining the reasonable nature of charges made by private practitioners who have rendered services to Naval personnel on occasions where Defence or Repatriation facilities are not available.

2. The charges laid down for professional treatment (as apart from mileage) are to be regarded as the upper limits, and higher charges are not to be accepted as reasonable without Naval Board authority.

3. Charges are as follows:—

(i) (a) Ordinary or uncomplicated cases, at home, hospital, or surgery:—

	At home or hospital.	At surgery.
	s. d.	s. d.
First visit	10 6	7 6
Second and subsequent visits ..	7 6	7 6

(b) Surgical dressings—cost.

(c) Mileage—*vide* Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 178, clause 1.

(ii) Assisting at operations—

	£	s.	d.
Major operation	2	2	0
Minor operation	1	1	0

(iii) Administering anaesthetic—

	£	s.	d.
Major operation	3	3	0
Minor operation	1	1	0

Where a special anaesthetic is given, such special charges as are agreed upon.

(iv) The following charges for specified procedures are total charges (including charges for after attendance, but not previous attendance) in uncomplicated cases:—

	Simple and uncomplicated.
	£ s. d.
(a) Fractures—	
Nasal bones	2 12 6
Metacarpal—one or more	3 3 0
Metatarsal—one or more	4 14 6
Phalanx—one	2 2 0
Phalanx—more than one	3 3 0
Carpal bone—other than navicular	3 3 0
Navicular	5 5 0
Tarsal bone	5 5 0
Os calcis or os talus	10 10 0

(a) Fractures— <i>continued.</i>	Simple and uncomplicated.		
	£	s.	d.
Forearm or leg—			
One bone (shaft)—			
Radius	6	6	0
Ulna	5	5	0
Tibia	9	9	0
Fibula	5	5	0
Two bones (shafts)—			
Forearm	9	9	0
Leg	14	14	0
Colles	7	7	0
Pott's	11	11	0
Femur	21	0	0
Humerus	12	12	0
Clavicle	5	5	0
Scapula	5	5	0
Patella—			
Without operation	5	5	0
Open operation	15	15	0
Mandible	6	6	0
Maxilla	4	4	0
Pelvis	12	12	0
Ribs	2	12	6

(b) Compound Fractures—Charge for compound fractures shall be 25 per cent. more than that for simple fractures.

(c) Fractures requiring open operation shall be 33½ per cent. more than for simple fractures.

(d) Visceral injuries complicating fractures shall be regarded as additional injuries.

(v) (a) Dislocations—

	£	s.	d.
Mandible	2	2	0
Clavicle	6	6	0
Shoulder	5	5	0
Elbow	6	6	0
Wrist	4	4	0
Digit	2	2	0
Hip	12	12	0
Knee	10	10	0
Patella	4	4	0
Ankle	7	7	0
Tarsus	4	4	0

(b) Dislocations requiring open operation or complicated by joint involvements shall be 33½ per cent. more than for simple dislocation.

(vi) Amputations—

	£	s.	d.
Digit—one	4	4	0
two or more	5	5	0
Hand, forearm or arm	10	10	0
Shoulder disarticulation	21	0	0
Foot, leg or knee	15	15	0
Thigh	21	0	0
Hip disarticulation	21	0	0

(vii) Special operations or procedures—

Trephining or resection of part of skull	21	0	0
Laminectomy	21	0	0
Hernia—			
Operation	12	12	0
Double or strangulated single	18	18	0
Paracentesis thoracis	2	2	0
Laparotomy and operations on abdominal viscera	21	0	0
Semilunar cartilage (removal of)	14	14	0
Catherization urethra	1	1	0
Enucleation of eye	10	10	0
Blood transfusion	10	10	0
Suture of tendon—			
One only	5	5	0
Two or more	8	8	0
Suture of nerve trunk—			
One only	7	7	0
Two or more	12	12	0
Tapping hydrocele	1	1	0
Injection of varicose veins or haemorrhoids (per treatment)	1	1	0
Cystoscopy	3	3	0
Circumcision—adults	5	5	0
Tonsillectomy—adults	10	10	0

(viii) Payments for two or more operations performed at the one time are not cumulative. The charge for the main operation shall be paid in full, and, in addition, 50 per cent. of the specified charge shall be payable for each additional operation.

(ix) The charge for the treatment prior to operation and the charge for the operation shall be cumulative.

(x) Total charges include after-treatment but do not include previous attendance or—

(a) the cost of dressings;

(b) mileage;

(c) charges of other Doctors, Assistants, Anaesthetists, Pathologist, Radiologists or other Assistants; or

(d) Masseurs' fees.

(xi) Where the charge is specified for visit or consultation in the surgery, such charge embraces treatment for minor procedures only, such as suturing of small wounds, etc.

- (xii) Fractured skull—
Without operation—visit (as specified for visits under paragraph 3, sub-paragraph (i).
Fractured spine—
Without operation—visit (as specified for visits under paragraph 3, sub-paragraph (i).
- (xiii) Pathology—At the Commonwealth Health Laboratory scale of charges.
- (xiv) In procedures not specified in this paragraph, the charges shall be the same as those for specified cases and procedures of approximately equal magnitude.

(1919/2/21.)

219.

SHIP'S FUNDS.

It has been decided to adopt in R.A.N. the principle of A.F.O. 3927/1939, under which arrangements are made for Ship's Funds to be reserved for benevolent purposes, if so desired, in the event of a casualty resulting in the loss or dispersal of the Ship's Company.

2. The procedure to be observed, so far as R.A.N. is concerned, is as follows:—

- (i) A Commonwealth Savings Bank Account in Australia, preferably Melbourne Branch, to be opened for the Ship's Fund. This account can be opened in any Ship's Agency of the Bank and deposits and withdrawals effected through such Agencies.
- (ii) The Naval Board to be advised of the location and title of the account.
- (iii) A form of authority to be issued to the Bank authorizing the Secretary, Naval Board, to effect withdrawals from the account, a copy of the authority being forwarded to Navy Office for retention. This will be a dormant authority and would be acted upon only when it is not possible for the Canteen Committee to operate on the account.
- (iv) The Naval Board to be advised of the wishes of the Canteen Committee regarding the disposal of any balance in the account in the event of such a casualty.

3. It would not always be practicable for the Naval Board or the Bank to investigate the circumstances of the relatives or friends of men lost, or to distinguish between dependent or other relatives and friends, nor could it be anticipated that it would be practicable for the fund to be administered by a committee of survivors.

4. In all cases, therefore, where it is the intention that in the event of a casualty the balance of the fund should be used for benevolent purposes, the instructions regarding the disposal of the balance in that event should provide for the balance being handed over to the Naval Board for administration.

5. The equal distribution of money among the next-of-kin of men lost is not to be allowed in view of the difficulty of distributing the comparatively small amounts payable to each person in the circumstances under consideration, and of the probable existence of necessitous cases to the relief of which the sum available might more advantageously be devoted.

(427/201/734.)

220.

20 m.m. OERLIKON GUNS—CARE AND MAINTENANCE.

Paragraphs 4 and 5 of Navy Order 121 of 1943, are to be amended to read:—

Paragraph 4.

“Attention is drawn to the necessity of keeping clean and well oiled the buffer spring assembly. The barrel and barrel springs should also be kept well cleaned and should be brushed with “Zebro” grate polish. If “Zebro” is not available, these parts may be cleaned with an oily rag and wiped dry. These parts should not be oiled, as the oil will smoke when the barrel becomes heated by firing, and will interfere with the sighting of the weapon.

Rust is to be removed by steeping parts in cleaning oil for ten minutes, after which they should be thoroughly dried.

Paragraph 5.

All moving parts except the barrel springs should be cleaned and oiled thoroughly—

- (a) as soon as possible after firing;
- (b) if the gun gets wet;
- (c) if the gun gets dirty; and
- (d) if there is any reason to expect corrosion.

The barrel spring should be dealt with as in (4).

(490/212/842.)

221.

AUXILIARY WAR VESSELS: MAGAZINE LOGS.

Officers carrying out examinations of Naval Armament Store Accounts of Auxiliary War Vessels in accordance with Navy Order 73 of 1943 are also to examine Magazine Logs.

(659/203/396.)

222.

**AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF OFFICERS' UNIFORMS—
INCLUSION OF UNIFORMS FOR NURSES AND W.R.A.N.S.
OFFICERS.**

Arrangements have been made with Messrs. Snows Men's Wear Ltd. and Messrs. Leviathan Ltd., of Melbourne, to include the following garments in the Agreement for the supply of Officers' uniforms, *vide* Navy Order 169 of 1943:—

R.A.N. Nursing Service.

	£	s.	d.
Jacket, lightweight serge	3	14	3
Skirt, lightweight serge	1	10	3
Jacket, diagonal serge	3	10	9
Skirt, diagonal serge	1	7	6
Greatcoat, cloth No. 3	6	2	3
Cape, lightweight serge	1	5	9
Cape, cloth No. 3	1	5	9

W.R.A.N.S. Officers.

Jacket, lightweight serge	3	14	3
Skirt, lightweight serge	1	10	3
Jacket, diagonal serge	3	10	9
Skirt, diagonal serge	1	7	6
Greatcoat, cloth No. 3	6	2	3

2. The names of Outfitters in other States, who will agree to make similar provision, will be notified as soon as possible.

(434/215/1039.)

223.

SHIPS' LIBRARY BOOKS—PURCHASE PRICE LIMIT.

With reference to Navy Orders 178 and 196 of 1940, and 80 of 1941, the average purchase price limit in respect of Ships' library books is increased from 4s. to 4s. 9d.

(664/201/625.)

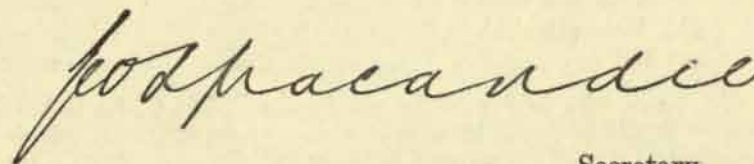
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Commonwealth Navy Orders.

Navy Office, Melbourne,
11th May, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
Establishments, and others concerned.*

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SPECIAL BRANCH, R.A.N.V.R.

The provisions of Admiralty Fleet Orders 523/41, 5368/42, and 5866/42 concerning the Special Branch of the R.N.V.R. have been adopted in principle for application to the R.A.N.V.R.

2. Officers appointed since the outbreak of hostilities for the under-mentioned special duties (unless specially determined otherwise) will be transferred as from 1st January, 1943, to the Special Branch of the R.A.N.V.R. :—

- (a) Controlled and Observation Mining.
- (b) A/S Fixed Defences.
- (c) R.D.F.
- (d) Intelligence.
- (e) Operations.
- (f) Mercantile Movements.
- (g) Code and Cyphering.
- (h) Meteorological.
- (i) Railway and Sea Transport Sections.

3. Officers who held commissions in the R.A.N.R. or R.A.N.V.R. prior to hostilities, and have been employed on duties which do not properly fall within the scope of existing Branches, may submit applications in the usual way for transfer to the Special Branch of the R.A.N.V.R. Each case will be individually considered.

4. The rules for promotion of R.A.N.V.R. Officers up to the rank of Lieutenant are at present under review and will be promulgated later. Promotion to the rank of Acting Lieutenant-Commander will be governed by the provision of Admiralty Fleet Order 4240/42.

(432/203/1297.)

225.

DEFERRED PAY ON TRANSFER TO ANOTHER ARM OF THE SERVICES.

It has been decided that, in future, where a member of the Naval Forces is transferred to another arm of the Defence Forces, e.g., A.I.F., A.M.F., or R.A.A.F., deferred pay will not be paid until date of final discharge from the last Force in which he is serving.

2. The deferred pay at credit will be transferred to the arm of the Services to which the member is transferred.

3. Calculation of interest, including any transferred credit, will be made at the rate applying in the Service to which the member has been transferred or in which he has been re-enlisted.

(556/201/1829.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

226.

R.M.S. PERSONNEL FOR SERVICE AFLOAT.

It has been decided that ratings qualified in Rendering Mines and Bombs Safe shall be borne in all ships on the following scale :—

Tribal class destroyers and larger ships	2 ratings
A.M.S. Sloops and Corvettes	1 rating
<i>Platypus</i>	1 rating
<i>Stuart</i> , "V" Class Destroyer, without increase in existing complement	1 rating

2. These ratings will not complete the full seven weeks R.M.S. and B.S. course given to personnel employed ashore as shown in Navy Order 448 of 1942, but will be given a short course at Flinders Naval Depot with particular emphasis on Japanese mines and bombs. On satisfactory completion of this course, the notification "Q. R.M.S. (S)" is to be made at the foot of page 3 of the Service Certificate to denote qualification as an R.M.S. seagoing rating.

3. Ratings are to re-qualify at intervals not exceeding two years, and advantage should be taken on each occasion of ratings Q. R.M.S. (S) passing through Flinders Naval Depot to give them a "refresher" course provided that a period of six months has elapsed since the date of qualifying or last re-qualifying.

4. No allowance is payable to ratings Q. R.M.S. (S), but ratings satisfactorily completing the course are entitled to wear the badge authorized by A.F.O. 4127/41 and Navy Order 17 of 1943, under the same conditions as R.M.S. and B.S. personnel employed ashore.

5. In order to implement the decision given in paragraph 1 of this Navy Order, volunteers are called for from all branches of the Service, irrespective of the rating held. Commanding Officers are to forward the names and rates of recommended volunteers to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, who will be responsible for the selection and drafting of the necessary personnel.

6. In order to assist Commanding Officers in making their recommendations, the following two points should be noted :—

- (i) Although no previous technical knowledge is necessary, a slight knowledge of elementary electricity and how to handle simple tools is desirable.
- (ii) Reliability and trustworthiness are essential.

(549/201/100.)

227.

SUBSISTENCE OF PERSONS IN CIVIL GAOLS.

1. With reference to Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 242, the Commonwealth has decided to pay, as from 1st July, 1942, an amount of Five shillings per man per diem in respect of maintenance of members of the Defence Services who are prisoners under detention in State gaols for offences against Naval or Military law. This payment is not to be construed as an admission of liability under section 120 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act.

2. Claims rendered at the above rate by the State authorities for the maintenance of Navy personnel serving detention in Civil gaols in consequence of an offence against Naval law may be paid accordingly.

(452/201/1266.)

228.

HIGHER GUNNERY RATINGS—QUALIFICATION AT SEA.

The provisions of A.F.O. 2845/42 concerning the qualification of higher gunnery ratings (C.R.1, A.A.1, and A.A.2) have been adopted in the Royal Australian Navy.

2. It has also been decided that Q.R.1 rates may be granted at sea under similar conditions and paid the non-substantive allowance.

(568/202/878.)

229.

PRIVATE FIREARMS.

Attention is directed to King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, Article 520, and Appendix XXXI., paragraph 9.

2. If circumstances should necessitate the issue of Service ammunition to an officer for use in a private firearm, the provisions of King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, Article 1921, are to be strictly observed.

(412/201/68.)

230.

CARTRIDGES S.A. .303-IN: LAND SERVICE.

A quantity of .303-in. Small Arm Ammunition classified as "Land Service" has been accepted for use in the Royal Australian Navy. This ammunition must not be used from synchronized guns in aircraft, but is otherwise suitable for use in H.M.A. Ships.

2. The types of ammunition involved are—

Cartridges S.A. .303-in. Ball Mk. VII. Land Service only.

Cartridges S.A. .303-in. Tracer G.II. Land Service only.

3. These cartridges can be recognized from the above descriptions which appear on the labels of the boxes.

(408/206/1302.)

231.

NAVAL STORE ACCOUNTS—TRANSFER OF CHARGE BETWEEN STOREKEEPING OFFICERS.

Attention is drawn to the necessity of compliance with the instructions contained in the Naval Storekeeping Manual (B.R.4) Article 123, and the R.A.N. Supplement thereto, paragraph 79, and the "Instructions, as to Supply, Accounting, &c., for Naval Stores in Merchant Vessels Commissioned for Naval Service," paragraph 18, regarding the rendition of copies of Certificate of Transfer of charge between Storekeeping Officers.

2. It is essential that certificates be prepared on change of Accounting Officers and that copies be forwarded to the Director of Naval Stores, Navy Office, as early as possible.

(612/212/2555.)

232.

CHARGES FOR OFFICERS' BLANKETS (NAVAL STORES) LOST BY NEGLECT.

Charges for Officers' Blankets lost by neglect should be based on actual cost price which will be notified in Navy Orders from time to time. The present prices of Naval Store Pattern Blankets are as shown hereunder:—

Pattern T.362 Blankets	..	..	£0 19 6 each
Pattern T.324 Blankets	..	..	£1 2 10 each

2. Navy Order 23 of 1941 is hereby cancelled.

(612/235/444.)

233.

SUPPLY OF OFFICERS' UNIFORMS.

The Agreement for the supply of Officers' Uniforms, *vide* Navy Orders 436 of 1942 and 169 of 1943, was arranged for the purpose of enabling Officers to obtain their requirements of uniform at specified prices, and it is the Naval Board's direction that Officers who utilize the Agreement shall not pay prices in excess of those stipulated, except where additional pockets or extended waistbands are required, in which case a small charge may be made by the Outfitters.

2. Officers who wish to pay higher prices are to make their own arrangements for supply and may, for this purpose, draw their requirements of Service materials and buttons from their Ships and Establishments on repayment. Alternatively the Outfitters' own private stock should be used.

(434/215/1039.)

234.

METAL CAP BADGES FOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS AND PETTY OFFICERS.

Metal cap badges, pattern 48 and pattern 49, similar in design to the embroidered badge, have been adopted in the Royal Australian Navy for the period of the war.

2. The issuing prices of the metal badges are:—

Pattern 48	..	..	2s. 10d. each
Pattern 49	..	..	2s. 0d. each

The necessary addition is to be made to the "Official Memorandum—Prices of Clothing, &c., Maintained for Issue on Repayment to Ships' Companies dated 1st May, 1943."

3. Stocks of the embroidered badges held in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments may be issued to exhaustion at the prevailing prices, viz:—

Pattern 48	..	..	11s. 4d. each
Pattern 49	..	..	9s. 4d. each.

(416/201/933.)

235.

**H.M.A. SHORE ESTABLISHMENTS—PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCE
FOR CHARGE OF NAVAL ARMAMENT STORES.**

The following table contains particulars of allowances approved as a war measure for the charge of and rendering of accounts for Naval Armament Stores in H.M.A. Shore Establishments. Subject to the provisions of King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, Volume II., Appendix VIII., payment in these cases may be made without prior Naval Board authority. The date of commencement of payment in each case is, however, to be furnished by letter to the Director of Navy Accounts, Navy Office, Melbourne.

2. It is emphasized that no payment of the allowance may be made to an officer appointed solely for Storekeeping duties. The fact that an officer who is appointed for Armament Store duties is employed on some occasional duty by direction of the Naval Officer-in-Charge, will not render him eligible for a Store Allowance unless a recommendation for a variation in his appointment is approved by the Naval Board. Officers appointed solely for Naval Armament Store Accounting duties should not be detailed for Watchkeeping or other Depot duties except in an emergency.

3. A revised list of Establishments and the appropriate allowances will issued as necessary from time to time.

Establishment.	Daily Rate of Allowance.	Date from which Allowance is Applicable.
	<i>s. d.</i>	
Melville	1 0	1.7.41
Leeuwin	1 0	1.7.41
Torrens	0 6	1.5.42
Moreton	0 6	1.7.41
Lonsdale	0 6	
Penguin (Balmoral)	0 6	
Rushcutter (Gunnery Instructional Centre)	0 6	1.7.42,
Huon ..	0 6	or date of
Magnetic	0 6	opening
Basilisk	0 6	account
Assault	0 6	whichever
Cairns	0 6	is later.
Thursday Island	0 6	

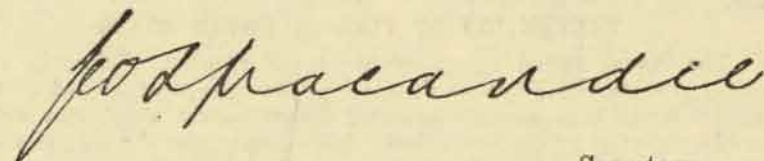
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Navy Office. Melbourne,
18th May, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
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236.

CHANNEL PATROL BOAT "EGERIA"—CHANGE OF NAME.

It is notified for information that the Channel Patrol Boat *Egeria* has been renamed *Tasma*.

(603/246/2783.)

237.

A.M.S. VESSELS—MONTHLY REPORT OF CONSUMPTION OF OIL FUEL.

Commanding Officers of A.M.S. Vessels in their monthly "Report of Proceedings" are to include in the figures given for steaming, distances run, average speed, &c. (at the conclusion of this Report), an average figure for miles per ton of oil fuel. This figure is to be calculated from actual distances steamed and fuel consumed, *excluding manoeuvring*.

(603/267/1369.)

238.

PREVENTION OF FIRE IN MOTOR BOATS.

The Naval Board is concerned at the number of fires in motor boats. Practically all these fires, with the consequent loss of urgently needed boats, equipment, time, and labour, could have been avoided had the necessary care been taken. It cannot be stated too emphatically that, except for enemy action, fires are almost invariably the result of carelessness in fitting, maintaining, or operating boats' equipment.

2. Naval Officers-in-Charge are to cause a thorough and complete investigation to be made without delay by a committee of two or more persons, one of whom is to be a suitable Engineer Officer, into the precautions against fire existing in each boat under their command, including—

- (a) the suitability of the arrangements fitted;
- (b) the adequacy of the instructions issued and posted in the boats for precautions against fire;
- (c) the extent to which these precautions are observed in practice; and
- (d) the adequacy of the personal instruction and supervision given in these important matters by officers and senior ratings to the less experienced members of the boats' crews;

and are to take immediate action to correct any existing defects in arrangements or practice, but the approval of the Naval Board is to be sought before structural alterations, other than minor ones, are undertaken.

3. A brief report of the result of the investigation and action taken is to be forwarded to the Naval Board without delay, and a similar investigation is to be made and a report furnished to Navy Office on each boat on 1st May and 1st November in each year.

4. Fuel pipes, tanks, and compartments should be frequently examined for leaks, and the slightest leak made good immediately. Metal Savealls should be fitted under all fuel cocks, valves, &c., likely to leak.

5. Flame traps are to be fitted under the carburetters and also the back-fire tubes of all petrol motors, both main and auxiliary. Particular attention is to be paid to the ventilation of engine rooms, bearing in mind that petrol gas is heavier than air, and the slightest leak will evaporate and probably fall in the form of an invisible gas to the lowest point in the engine room. Ventilators should, therefore, be carried below the floor, and the floor should be of gratings or perforated plate so that pockets of gas cannot remain. Linings should be stripped from engine rooms for the same reason. In the event of a serious leak of motor spirit due to spillage or from any other source, all machinery is to be stopped if practicable and naked lights are to be extinguished, and the Commanding Officer is to exercise his discretion as to when the boat is sufficiently ventilated to be able to proceed with safety.

6. The electric motors of exhaust fans fitted for ventilating engine rooms should be placed outside the ducts and worked through glands unless the motors are in flashtight casings, and, as far as practicable, all electrical equipment in engine rooms or other places likely to accumulate explosive vapour is to be of flashtight design, or enclosed by fine mesh wire gauze.

7. The position of the galley, or any other source of naked light, is to be studied in relation to the engine room, remembering that immediately a stove is lit a current of cool air will flow towards the flame, and, if it carries an explosive mixture caused by a slight leak in an adjacent engine room or fuel pipe, it may flash back and cause a fire. A bulkhead should invariably be fitted between the engine room and the galley and, if at all practicable, be kept gastight. Particular attention is to be paid to the fuel stoves for cooking purposes. Many of these are of the Primus type, which has proved itself safe over many years, if used with proper care. Stoves must, therefore, stand in a metal saveall, and be secured against upsetting. Any leakage or overflow must be stopped or wiped up immediately. Overfilling and overpumping must be avoided, and pressure must be released *immediately* if liquid instead of vapour issues from the jet. This is generally caused by the latter becoming choked or not having been sufficiently heated before pressure is pumped up. The stove must never be left unattended whilst alight, and pressure must *never* be retained unless the burner is lit and burning properly.

8. The attention of all concerned is drawn to Consolidated Orders and Regulations, Article 309, and Admiralty Fleet Orders 577/41, 4772/41, 2651/42, and 5570/42.

9. The Commanding Officer of each boat is to make himself personally familiar with the instructions contained in this Navy Order and the above-mentioned Article and Admiralty Fleet Orders, and is to ensure that each member of the boat's crew also reads them on first joining, and signs a statement in duplicate that he has read and understood them. One copy of the statement is to be forwarded to the Administrative Authority and the other is to be retained by the Commanding Officer.

(475/201/178.)

242.

SWORDS, NAVAL.

Swords, naval, held by H.M.A. Ships in excess of requirements may be returned to an Armament Depot at the first convenient opportunity.

2. An equivalent number of Frogs, Pattern 1919, should also be landed.

(490/212/843.)

243.

ALTERATION TO JACKETS OF PETTY OFFICERS AND MEN NOT DRESSED AS SEAMEN.

For the remainder of the period of hostilities, stock size and made-to-measure jackets of petty officers and men not dressed as seamen are to be supplied and worn minus cuff buttons. Cuff buttons are to be removed from jackets prior to issue.

2. Jackets held by ratings may continue to be worn fitted with cuff buttons.

3. Reductions in the contract prices for made-to-measure jackets, consequent on the elimination of cuff buttons, will be duly notified.

(434/216/90.)

244.

OFFICERS' CAP BADGES.

Should supplies of the Officers' metal cap badges, referred to in Navy Order 45 of 1943, not be available at any time in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments, repayment issues of the embroidered badges may be made in lieu.

(416/201/933.)

245.

RICE.

The serious position in regard to the supply of rice has necessitated a considerable reduction in the consumption of this item being made by the Services.

2. Consumption of rice in the R.A.N. is to be reduced by 75 per cent. of the present rate of issue, and Accountant Officers are to take appropriate action to ensure that this reduced rate of consumption is not exceeded.

3. The possibility of obtaining supplies of rice substitute is still being investigated.

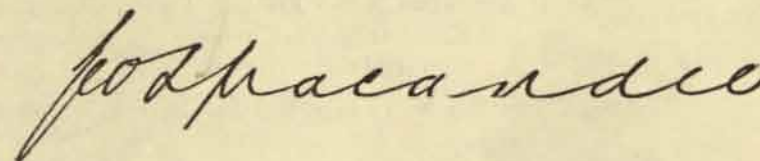
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Secretary.

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246.

PHOTOGRAPHING OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

Except for the purposes of official records, the taking of photographs of prisoners of war is prohibited.

(560/201/994.)

247.

WELFARE COMMITTEES.

The following changes have been made in regard to the Welfare Committees promulgated in Navy Order 90 of 1942:—

Tasmania.—Delete reference to R.S.S.A.I.L.A. and substitute—
Royal Australian Naval Friendly Union,
c/o Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Hobart.

Victoria.—The R.A.N. Family Welfare Bureau is now located at—

Room 17,
4th Floor,
Nicholas Building,
33 Swanston-street,
Melbourne.

(552/201/775.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

248.

DIFFERENCE OF PAY—ELECTRICAL ARTIFICERS. ORDNANCE ARTIFICERS, AND SHIPWRIGHTS.

The provisions of Admiralty Fleet Order 5628/42, concerning difference of pay to electrical artificers, ordnance artificers, air artificers, and shipwrights have been adopted in the Royal Australian Navy as from 24th February, 1943.

(556/226/1801.)

249.

R.A.N. ACCOUNTANT OFFICER KILINDINI—ADDRESS FOR MAILS.

The postal address of the above officer is Kilindini, East Africa.

2. Personnel drafted to the R.A.N. pool at Kilindini should be instructed to have their mails addressed care of the above officer pending their allocation to a ship, when the ship address should be used.

(443/201/1068.)

250.

DISPOSAL OF RATINGS AFTER SENTENCE OF DETENTION OR IMPRISONMENT.

The following is to be added to Navy Order 132 of 1942:—

“2. Where ratings are released from detention *ex* Local Defence Vessels, application should be made to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, for disposal, when consideration will be given to appropriation elsewhere if practicable.”

(520/201/914.)

251.

TRANSFERS FROM ONE BRANCH TO ANOTHER.

Navy Order 291 of 1942 is amended by adding the following paragraph:—

“3. Applications for transfer are to be forwarded to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, who, after adding his recommendations or remarks from a drafting, roster, or training point of view, will transmit them for the consideration of the Naval Board.”

(349/27/319.)

252.

LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES—PROVISION.

Attention is drawn to Admiralty Fleet Order 1220/42, particularly paragraphs 6 and 7, which are quoted hereunder, relative to the provisions of life-saving rafts:—

“6. The approved policy is to provide support, in the form of rafts, for the majority of the ship's complement, leaving boats out of consideration, subject to the possibility of finding satisfactory stowage and due regard being paid to the effect on fighting efficiency and stability. This decision applies to all ships including trawlers, drifters, yachts, and other small craft. Having given consideration to the qualities of the various rafts, ships are to forward, through their Administrative Authorities, a statement as to what supply of each type is required, if this has not already been done. (A.F.O. 2717/40.)

7. Steps are to be taken to ensure that all life floats in H.M. Ships are stowed in positions from which they can be easily launched. The brackets or other supports and the securing arrangements are to be modified to permit of the life floats being withdrawn without preliminary lifting. Lashings are to be of hemp (not wire), and are to be accessible for ready cutting when necessary. When life floats are lowered on falls a toggle release is to be used.”

2. H.M.A. Ships, which have not been completed to full allowance, are to forward demands to complete requirements, if this has not already been done.

3. The following types of life-saving rafts are at present in use in the R.A.N.:—

Flotanets, life-saving capacity 9 men.

Flotanets, life-saving capacity 22 men.

Balsa Rafts (solid type), life-saving capacity 8 men.

Carley Floats, Pattern 20, life-saving capacity 20 men.

Carley Floats, Pattern 23 (for motor launches only), life-saving capacity 10 men.

4. Considerable difficulty is being experienced in providing adequate stocks of Flotanets and Balsa Rafts owing to shortage of essential materials, and until such become available it may not be possible in all cases to supply items actually demanded. Supplies of items demanded or substitutes therefor will, however, be made according to equipment that is available.

5. A report is to be furnished to Navy Office as at 31st May, 1943, by all H.M.A. Ships, through their Administrative Authorities, stating—

(a) Whether complete outfit of life-saving appliances is on board; or

(b) Numbers and types on outstanding demands.

(612/231/282.)

253.

ISSUES, RECEIPTS, AND INSPECTIONS OF GUNS AND GUNMOUNTINGS—DETAILS TO BE TREATED AS “CONFIDENTIAL.”

With reference to Navy Order 432 of 1942, forms and reports referred to therein are still being received at Navy Office under non-confidential cover.

2. The instruction contained in Navy Order 432 of 1942 is to be brought to the notice of all concerned.

(490/201/1704.)

254.

GAS CYLINDERS FOR ENGINEERING AND MEDICAL PURPOSES—MARKING.

Attention is drawn to Admiralty Fleet Order 6206/42 regarding the marking of gas cylinders for engineering and medical purposes.

2. It is desired that any unmarked gas cylinders in H.M.A. Ships, of which the contents cannot be reliably established, be returned to store unopened.

(669/201/989.)

255.

DEMANDS FOR VICTUALLING STORES—ECONOMY IN USE OF FORMS.

It has been the practice for demands on Victualling Yards for fresh provisions to be forwarded in duplicate on forms A.S.1046W. In order to effect economy in the use of these forms, one copy only of the form is to be forwarded in future, in confirmation of signalled requirements. Pending reprint of the form, the headings, original, duplicate, and triplicate, are to be amended, as necessary, and an original only forwarded to the Victualling Yard.

2. Similarly, one copy only of demands on Form A.S.549, for other items of victualling stores, is to be forwarded in future.

3. Strict compliance with the above instructions will result in considerable economy in the use of these forms.

(480/201/1209.)

256.

ACCOUNTING FOR CONSIGNMENTS OF VICTUALLING STORES DELIVERED TO H.M.A. SHIPS IN A DEFICIENT OR DAMAGED CONDITION.

The provisions of Navy Order 363 of 1941 are to apply to H.M.A. Ships which are tenders to Shore Establishments. A copy of form A.D.690 is, however, to be rendered to the Parent Ship.

2. Shore Establishments are to observe the procedure laid down in Consolidated Orders and Regulations, Article 533.

(612/254/218.)

257.

RATINGS' MADE-TO-MEASURE UNIFORMS—CONTRACT AT ADELAIDE.

A contract for the supply of ratings' made-to-measure uniforms has been arranged with Messrs. Coultas and Sons, Synagogue-place, off Rundle-street, Adelaide, South Australia, for the convenience of ratings who desire to purchase made-to-measure uniforms.

2. The conditions of the contract are as follow:—

(a) When ordering garments, the ratings must present to the contractor an official intimation signed by the accountant officer stating the rating's name, official number, rating, and ship or establishment in which serving, and the description and quantity of the garments to be obtained.

(b) The ratings may declare an allotment in favour of the contractor to pay for garments ordered or may pay cash, whichever is desired. Where payment is made by cash within fourteen days of delivery, a discount of 5 per cent. will be allowed.

(c) The rating shall sign the order book of the contractor when placing order, and shall state, in writing, in what manner he intends to pay for garments ordered. He shall make an initial payment of at least five shillings (5s.).

- (d) The garments ordered shall be made by the contractor to the measurement of the rating and shall be tried on at the contractor's premises at least once in the basted or unfinished condition and again in the finished state.
- (e) The garments shall be made to the complete satisfaction of the rating, but shall conform to *Service requirements and specifications held by the contractor.*
- (f) Completion of garments shall be effected within at least fourteen days from date of measurement of the rating, or as otherwise arranged by mutual consent between the rating and the contractor, the delivery period to be subject to the rating attending for "try on" on the date specified by the contractor.
- (g) Delivery of garments shall be taken at the contractor's premises, or otherwise at the rating's expense.

3. The contract price for the garments are set forth below, and are inclusive of the cost of all materials:—

<i>Prices.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
Jacket, double breasted, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons, C.P.O.	3 12 6
Jacket, double breasted, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons, P.O.	3 11 6
Jacket, double breasted, diagonal serge, with horn buttons	3 8 3
Waistcoat, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons	0 15 0
Waistcoat, diagonal serge, with horn buttons	0 14 3
Trousers, diagonal serge, with fly	1 8 6
Jacket, single breasted, seamen's serge, with gilt buttons, for C.P.O.	3 11 0
Jacket, single breasted, seamen's serge, with gilt buttons, for P.O.	3 10 6
Jacket, single breasted, seamen's serge, with black horn buttons for other ratings	3 7 3
Waistcoat, seamen's serge, with gilt buttons	0 15 0
Waistcoat, seamen's serge, with black horn buttons	0 14 3
Trousers, seamen's serge, with fly	1 7 0
Tunics, white drill, with gilt buttons, for C.P.O.	1 14 9
Tunics, white drill, with gilt buttons, for P.O.	1 14 9
Tunics, white drill, with white horn buttons, for other ratings	1 14 6
Tunics, white drill, without buttons, for C.P.O.	1 13 9
Tunics, white drill, without buttons, for P.O. and other ratings	1 13 9
Trousers, white drill, with fly	1 1 6
Jumpers, seamen's serge	1 10 0
Trousers, seamen's serge, with fall	1 8 0
Jumpers, drill	1 1 6
Trousers, drill, with fall	1 4 0
Overcoats, with gilt buttons, for C.P.O. and P.O.	4 18 6
Overcoats, with horn buttons, for other ratings	4 17 0

4. In addition to the supply of personal requirements of made-to-measure garments, the contract provides for the supply of garments against official orders in circumstances where this may be necessary. The discount of 5 per cent., referred to above, will apply. In these circumstances, the following conditions shall apply:—

- (a) Orders shall be placed by accountant officers on Treasury Form 21, accompanied by properly completed self measurement form (if ratings are unable to attend for measurement), and Form N.A. 4.
- (b) Garments shall be completed within fourteen days of receipt by the contractor of the official order and delivered by parcel post to the address shown thereon, postal charges being to the account of the ship or establishment concerned.
- (c) Unsatisfactory garments supplied against official orders shall be returned to the contractor to be altered to the complete satisfaction of the ordering officer, at the contractor's expense, including forwarding charges each way.

(434/216/90.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

258.

SMALL KITBAGS.

Small kitbags, made of blue drill, are added to the optional kit of Class II. ratings, and supplies for issue on repayment at 1s. 7d. each may be obtained from Royal Edward Victualling Yard, Sydney, on demand.

2. Duck bags are deleted from the optional kit of Class II. ratings.

3. The necessary addition is to be made to the "Official Memorandum—Prices of Clothing, &c., Maintained for Issue on Repayment to Ship's Companies" dated 1st May, 1943.

(350/201/29.)

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259.

UNIFORM—LACING OF UNIFORM WORN BY LIEUTENANT COMMANDERS, R.A.N.R. AND R.A.N.V.R.

With reference to Navy Order 127 of 1943, the alteration to the lacing of uniform worn by Lieutenant Commanders, R.A.N.R. and R.A.N.V.R., as promulgated in A.F.O. 3744/42, is to also apply to shoulder straps.

(433/203/175.)

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the under-mentioned publications have been distributed. Further supplies of B.R.645 are being obtained to complete distribution:—

O.U.5292.—“Block Sketch Cards of British Warships.” New Cards Nos. 5, 15, 18D, 18E, 24A, 24B, 25A, and 34F.
(A.F.O. 2948/42.)
(571/203/2354.)

Errata and Addendum No. 11 to O.U.6092A.—“Proportion Book of Naval Armament Stores.”
A.F.O. 219/43.)
(571/203/2427.)

O.U.6376.—“Handbook of Air Navigation for the Fleet Air Arm.”
(A.F.O. 182/41.)
(571/203/2441.)

B.R.118.—“Resuscitation Equipment, Organization, Training and Procedures.”
(A.F.O. 4209/41.)
(571/202/1451.)

B.R.228/42.—“Smoke Floats—Instructions for use by Merchant Ships.”
(A.F.O. 5971/42.)
(571/202/1491.)

B.R.290/40.—“Ordnance Board—Ballistic Tables for the Rapid Calculation of the Elements of a Trajectory at the Point of Fall—Elevations from 0°30' to 10°.”
(A.F.O. 1311/42.)
(571/202/1703.)

B.R.353/42.—“Establishment of Naval Stores for Shallow Draught Gunboat of ‘Insect’ and ‘Seabird’ Classes.”
(A.F.O. 1199/42.)
(571/202/1527.)

B.R.376/42.—“Establishment of Naval Stores for Diesel Rescue Tugs.”
(A.F.O. 1200/42.)
(571/202/1528.)

B.R.610 (supersedes B.Rs. 195, 196, 186, and 187).—“Handbook and Drill for 3-Pounder Hotchkiss Gun on L.A. and H.A./L.A. Mountings.”
(A.F.O. 4460/42.)
(571/202/1631.)

B.R.645.—“Preliminary Pamphlet on the Miniature Tracer Firing Range.”
(571/202/1699.)

“Pacific Island Year Book, 1942.”
(571/201/3716.)

“Drill and Maintenance Routine for 40 m.m. Bofors Gun.”
(571/201/3730.)

“Aircraft Recognition Journal—Inter-Services.” Volume I., No. 1, September, 1942; Volume I., No. 3, November, 1942.”
(A.F.O. 4812/42.)
(415/201/1879.)

“Pamphlet—Instructions for use of Hand-driven Desiccators.”
(A.F.O. 3775/40.)
(571/201/3242.)

2. The under-mentioned form has been adopted for use in the R.A.N. First supply will be issued, without demand, by the Naval Store Officer, Sydney:—

S.1203.—“Report of Attack on U-Boat.”
(C.A.F.O. 1311/41.)
(480/202/4029.)

3. The under-mentioned forms have been revised. Supplies will be issued on demand by the Naval Store Officer, Sydney, when stocks of the existing forms are exhausted:—

S.356B.—“Tubes—Generator Downcomer and Return (Inside 1).”

S.356B.—“Superheater—Generators, Downcomers, and Return (Inside 2).”
(A.F.O. 2667/41.)
(480/202/4359.)

S.1155 (7).—“Destroyers’ and Submarines’ Fall of Shot and Analysis Chart.”
(A.F.O. 1032/37.)
(480/202/4254.)

F.A.30 (R.A.N.).—“Naval Armament Store Ledger for Auxiliary Vessels, &c.”
(480/201/3069.)

The under-mentioned form has been revised. Stocks will be held by the Naval Control Service Officers, Sydney, Newcastle, and Port Kembla:—

“Convoy Form A.1. Cruising Order—Mercantile Convoy.”
(480/201/3118.)

5. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the R.A.N. in lieu of the corresponding Admiralty Form. Supplies will be issued, on demand, by the Naval Store Officer, Sydney, when stock of the existing form is exhausted:—

A.S.1177.—“Gyro Compass Log.”

6. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the R.A.N. Supplies will be issued, without demand, by the Naval Store Officer, Sydney.

W.R.A.N.S.10.—“ W/T History Sheet.”

(480/201/3044.)

7. The under-mentioned form is obsolete:—

O.425.—“ History Sheet for Depth Charge Pistol, Mark IV.”

(480/201/3112.)

261.

O.U.5409 “ RATE BOOK FOR NAVAL STORES.”

On receipt of a new edition of O.U.5409 “Rate Book for Naval Stores,” all copies of the superseded edition, together with relevant errata, held in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments should be returned to the Naval Store Officer, Sydney, at the first convenient opportunity.

2. The superseded copies are required for re-issue to other Ships and Establishments which otherwise would not obtain this publication, and the number of copies returned to date is inadequate to meet requirements.

3. Any copies of superseded editions of O.U.5409, together with relevant errata, which may have been retained in Ships and Establishments should now be surrendered.

(571/203/2414.)

262.

CORRIGENDUM.

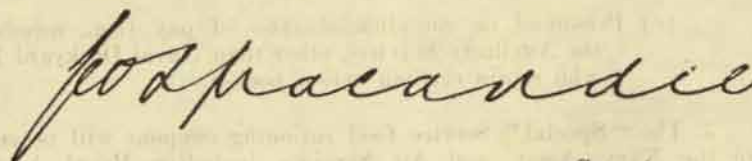
With reference to Navy Order 168 of 1943, “Special Clothing for Mosquito and Sandfly Infested Areas,” the figures “151” appearing in paragraph 1 are to be altered to read “170.”

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Navy Office, Melbourne,
1st June, 1943.

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By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
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263.

FOOD RATIONING—NAVAL PERSONNEL.

The rationing year for food commodities will commence on Monday, 7th June, 1943, upon which date new type ration coupons will be brought into operation. Tea and sugar ration coupons issued prior to that date will not be negotiable. Bulk stocks of coupons on hand at that date are to be returned to the Deputy Director of Rationing of the area of supply; Darwin stocks are to be returned to the Director of Victualling.

2. *Entitlement to Food Ration Coupons.*—Specially printed sheets containing coupons for each rationed commodity and representing a "half-week" entitlement will be issuable to the following personnel:—

- (a) Personnel proceeding on long leave.
- (b) Personnel in receipt of provision allowance or victualling allowance (when not permitted to purchase from service stocks of provisions).
- (c) Personnel on consolidated rates of pay (e.g., members of the Auxiliary Services, other than Naval Dockyard Police, who retain civilian ration books).

3. The "Special" Service food rationing coupons will be common to the Navy, Army, and Air Services, including Royal Australian Navy Nursing Service and Women's Royal Australian Naval Service. Coupons will be marked "Special" and will be negotiable whenever presented, and not limited for use over a period, as in the case of certain civilian ration coupons. Under no circumstances are Service provisions to be issued in exchange for coupons.

4. For leave purposes coupons are to be issued on the following scale:—

<i>Period of Leave.</i>	<i>Coupon Entitlement.</i>
1 to 3 days	1 sheet of combined coupons
4 to 7 days	2 sheets of combined coupons
6 to 10 days	3 sheets of combined coupons
11 to 14 days	4 sheets of combined coupons
15 to 17 days	5 sheets of combined coupons
18 to 21 days	6 sheets of combined coupons

and so on.

In no case are coupons to be issued for a period exceeding 28 days.

The quantitative value of each coupon will be one-half that of the corresponding civilian ration entitlement as publicly announced by the rationing authorities.

5. *Requisitioning of Coupon Supplies.*—Sheets of combined coupons, stapled in pads of 100 each, are to be requisitioned from the State Deputy Director of Rationing by Naval Officers-in-Charge at Sydney, Brisbane, Fremantle, Port Adelaide, and Hobart, for H.M.A. Ships

and Establishments and other naval authorities within or adjacent to their districts. Naval Officers-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot and Port Melbourne are to requisition upon the Director of Victualling for the coupons required. Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin, will be supplied with coupons by the Director of Victualling.

H.M.A. Seagoing Ships are to obtain requirements from the most convenient of the authorities above referred to. Requirements of Tenders, Port War Signal Stations, &c., are to be arranged by Parent Ships. Personnel returning on leave from outlying stations where stocks of coupons are not held (e.g., Port Moresby) are to be instructed to report to the first naval authority *en route* for coupon issue. Such issues are to be endorsed on "Leave pass" or other naval travelling document.

6. *Custody of Coupons, Accounting, and Returns.*—All stocks of coupons are to be held in the custody of a responsible officer, and are only to be issued on the authority of the Commanding Officer. Commanding Officers are responsible that an efficient record of all transactions is maintained.

The following returns are to be rendered to the Director of Victualling, Navy Office, at the end of each calendar month:—

- (a) *By Naval Officers-in-Charge*, indicating—
 - (i) Number of coupons received.
 - (ii) Number of coupons disbursed. Allied Services to be separately indicated.
 - (iii) Ships, other than Tenders, supplied.
 - (iv) Number of coupons remaining in hand.
- (b) *By Commanding Officers of Establishments and Seagoing Ships.*—A certificate signed by two officers, one of whom is to be the Accountant Officer, where one is borne, and approved by the Commanding Officer, indicating—
 - (i) Number of coupons received during the months and source of supply.
 - (ii) Number of coupons issued.
 - (iii) Number of coupons remaining.

Nominal lists are not required.

In each case issues to Allied vessels and to Women's Services are to be separately shown.

7. This Order is to come into operation on Monday, 7th June, 1943, upon which date Navy Orders 248, 292, 389, and 446 of 1942 will be cancelled.

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

(350/201/41.)

264.

ALTERATION TO JACKETS OF PETTY OFFICERS AND MEN NOT DRESSED AS SEAMEN—REDUCTIONS IN CONTRACT PRICES.

With reference to paragraph 3 of Navy Order 243 of 1943, the reductions in the contract prices for made-to-measure jackets, consequent on the elimination of cuff buttons, are as follows:—

Item 1 (b).—Jackets, diagonal serge, double breasted, for Petty Officers, with gilt buttons ..	£0 0 6
Item 1 (c).—Jackets, diagonal serge, double breasted, for other ratings, with black horn buttons	£0 0 3
Item 2 (b).—Jackets, seamen's serge, single breasted, for Petty Officers, with gilt buttons ..	£0 0 6
Item 2 (c).—Jackets, seamen's serge, single breasted for other ratings, with black horn buttons	£0 0 3

2. Navy Orders 114, 115, 116, and 257 of 1943 are to be suitably amended.

(434/216/90.)

265.

BATTLE DRESS.

With reference to Navy Order 151 of 1943, the number of khaki trousers included in battle dress kit is increased to two pairs, and demands for additional requirements involved are to be forwarded to Royal Edward Victualling Yard, Sydney.

2. Demands are to clearly specify the sizes and type of khaki trousers required, viz.:—

Class II. ratings—trousers with fall.

Officers and Class I. and III. ratings—trousers with fly.

3. Cotton khaki shirts will replace the worsted type shirts when supplies of the latter are exhausted, and fall trousers will be made of khaki drill.

(516/201/573.)

266.

Q.F. 4-IN. MARK XVI.* GUNS.

Cases have occurred of extractors of Q.F. 4-in. Mark XVI.* Guns on Marks XIX. and XX Mountings becoming bent due to the run out of these guns being too fast.

2. There is no method of adjusting the speed of run out, which should remain satisfactory provided the recoil cylinders are correctly filled so as to eliminate air, and the glands in the recoil cylinder are kept tight.

3. Attention is directed to the following extracts from B.R.257. and to Admiralty Fleet Orders 1911/42 and 2241/42:—

“ TO FILL THE RECOIL CYLINDER.

281. *An instruction plate is fitted to the mounting.*

- (1) Lay the guns to 45 deg. elevation.
- (2) See that the drain plug is in place and remove the air escape plugs (*m*) and (*z*).
- (3) Remove the filling and air escape plugs at the top of the compensating tank and pour in the liquid until it runs out of the hole for air escape plug (*z*).
- (4) Replace plug (*z*) and continue to fill until liquid runs out of the hole for air escape plug (*m*).
- (5) Replace plug (*m*) and continue to fill until liquid overflows from the filling and air escape holes at the top of the compensating tank.
- (6) Replace the filling and air escape plugs at the top of the compensating tank.
- (7) To ensure that all air is expelled from the system, the mounting should then be worked from full depression to full elevation several times and, between each operation, should be vented at 45 deg. elevation through plugs (*m*) and (*z*).
- (8) Whilst venting is being carried out, the filling and air escape plugs at the top of the compensating tank should be removed and the compensating tank kept topped up.
- (9) The liquid used is equal parts of glycerine and distilled water. About 20 pints are required to fill the recoil system and compensating tank per gun.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE GLANDS IN THE RECOIL CYLINDER.

282. The front end of the recoil cylinder is sealed by a ‘U’ leather and cotton packing. Channels are arranged for the pressure to expand the ‘U’ leather during recoil.

283. The rear end of the cylinder is closed by the seating arranged on the collar of the control rod which is forced home on to a copper joint ring by means of the retaining nut which screws into the cylinder.

The section of the copper ring is such that it is expanded readily by the pressure of the nut, thereby ensuring an effective seal.

284. A stop key is fitted in the cradle just clear of the run-out crosshead when the gun is in the fully run-out position, its object is to allow the recoil cylinder gland to be repacked without releasing the pressure in the recuperator cylinder. This can be done by unscrewing the nut securing the recoil pistol rod to the lug on the cradle, then easing back the long nuts on the rear ends of the cross-head tie rods and slightly elevating the gun.

285. The gun will run back under its own weight, the recuperator ram being retained in position by the stop key.

The tie rods are long enough to allow the gun to be run back as far as is necessary for the glands at the front end of the recoil cylinder to be repacked. The long nuts on the tie rods can be turned back 54 turns with safety.

286. After repacking, the gun must be run-out by means of the long nuts on the tie rods. It is essential that the long nuts be screwed hard up to ensure the plan clearance between the crosshead and the stop key."

(490/203/1045.)

267.

**DEPTH CHARGE PISTOLS FITTED WITH DIAPHRAGMS I.R. STAMP
No. 6067 PRECAUTIONS.**

With reference to Navy Order 459 of 1942 and Confidential Commonwealth Navy Order 10 of 1943, diaphragm I.R. No. 6067, originally introduced for the Mk. VIII.* depth charge pistol, is now standard for all depth charge pistols. Until stocks are exhausted, however, diaphragms stamp No. 6066 will continue to be issued for fitting in Mk. VII. and Mk. IX. types of pistols.

2. When assembling pistols with diaphragms stamp No. 6067, care should be taken to ensure that the diaphragm is centrally disposed in the pistol body and is in an undistorted condition, by assembling the firing unit in the pistol body in the following order:—

Striker with spring register and locking nut; firing spring; outer sleeve; distance ring fitted with diaphragm and lead foil washers; inner sleeve with balls assembled (a small amount of anti-freezing grease is permissible to facilitate this); pistol cover; ring nut.

Cock the pistol AFTER the ring nut is screwed hard down.

3. When fitting pistols with diaphragms stamps No. 6067 in place of diaphragms stamp No. 6066, the firing head will decrease by several feet. This difference should be corrected during test by adjustment of the firing spring.

4. During firing tests and tests of safety and firing positions of pistols fitted with diaphragms stamp No. 6067, the pressure applied should not exceed the equivalent of the maximum firing head of the pistol under test. Owing to their resilience, the centre bellows portion of these diaphragms is liable to leave the groove of the distance ring when pressure is applied and to remain outside the distance ring when pressure is relieved.

Possible effects are—

- (a) a slight decrease in firing pressure;
- (b) difficult and sometimes impossible to set the pistol to "safe" owing to displacement of the inner sleeve and consequent loss of safety rod clearance.

5. Any pistol in which the defect described in paragraph 4 (b) above is found, should be stripped. If, after careful re-assembly with new lead foil washers, the trouble persists, the pistol should be set aside and exchanged at the first opportunity. No attempt is to be made to overcome this defect by mechanical adjustment.

6. Naval Board message 271126Z April, 1943, refers.

(471/205/1782.)

268.

IMPORTANT KEYS.

In vessels where magazines and important keyboards are combined under provisions of King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, Articles 1068 and 1069, important keys are not to be entered as magazine keys on page 1 of magazine log.

2. In this connexion rifle rack, pistol cupboard, and cutlass racks are important keys and not magazine keys as is frequently shown.

(659/203/415.)

269.

BORE TELESCOPES FOR Q.F. 4-IN. MK. XIX. GUNS.

Bore telescopes are not supplied for Q.F. 4-in. Mark XIX. guns, a dummy round with a $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. hole exactly central and muzzle cross wire being used in lieu.

2. Dummy rounds required should be demanded from H.M.A. Gun-mounting Depot, Sydney.

3. The allowance to H.M.A. Ships of the dummy rounds is one per ship mounting Q.F. 4-in. Mark. XIX. guns.

(612/203/2254.)

270.

OIL FUEL MEASURING TAPES.

With reference to Navy Order 163 of 1941, several oil fuel measuring tapes have been returned to Naval Store Depots for survey within a few weeks of their being supplied to H.M.A. Ships and Services.

2. These tapes are unprocurable in Australia, and an acute shortage exists. It is essential therefore that all concerned exercise greater care in the use of measuring tapes, and in their proper treatment after use, to ensure that the longest possible life is obtained.

(482/202/2179.)

271.

**NAVAL STOREKEEPING—REPLENISHMENT OF STOCKS OF
CONSUMABLE NAVAL STORES.**

With reference to Navy Order 444 of 1942, cases have occurred where considerable quantities of naval stores were held in the ready-use stores of heads of departments of ships which, although still in a fully serviceable condition, and in many instances not even used at all, have been regarded as expended for the purpose of replenishing stocks in the ships' naval storerooms.

2. It is realized that under war conditions stowage in ready-use stores to a greater extent than in peace time is desirable in order to avoid too much centralization and to have stores available for immediate use in emergency. In preparing demands to replenish stocks of consumable naval stores maintained in ships' naval storerooms, however, regard should be paid to the extent of the serviceable stocks already held in ready-use stores and other stowages outside the ships' naval storerooms, and on each occasion of replenishment, storekeeping officers and supply staff should ascertain the extent of such stocks and prepare replenishment demands accordingly.

(612/201/5093.)

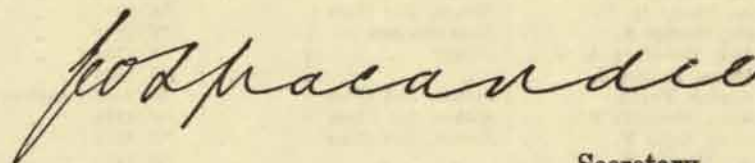
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EDUCATIONAL TEST I., MARCH, 1943—RESULTS.

The following ratings passed Educational Test I., held on 23rd March, 1943:—

Name.	Rating.	O.N.	Where Serving at Time of Examination.
Pitsonis, John ..	Ordinary Coder ..	26004	Adelaide
Power, Albert V. ..	Stoker ..	21480	"
Tarr, Alan L. ..	Able Seaman ..	PM/4394	"
Aarons, Raymond A. ..	Stoker ..	22594	Arunta
Carter, Brian J. ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	B/3440	"
Heaslip, Sydney A. ..	Ordinary Seaman ..	B/3890	"
Horn, Geoffrey J. ..	" ..	B/3784	"
Jones, David H. P. ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	W/2397	"
Power, George A. ..	Able Seaman ..	F/3229	"
Siddins, Beresford A. G. ..	Stoker ..	B/5794	"
Widdows, Robert J. ..	" ..	PA/2336	"
Alexander, Frank ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	W/2607	Cerberus
Baseden, Kenneth F. ..	Stoker, 3rd Class ..	F/4744	"
Chilman, Colin F. ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	PA/3274	"
Choat, Donald S. ..	" ..	PA/3462	"
Clark, Rex H. ..	Stoker, 3rd Class ..	S/7513	"
Colebatch, Hector H. G. ..	" ..	PA/3775	"
Davies, Harry F. ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	S/7361	"
Dawson, Frederick T. ..	" ..	B/4322	"
Dunhill, Frank P. ..	" ..	PA/3458	"
Gale, Frederick A. ..	Stoker, 3rd Class ..	S/7776	"
Garrigan, Spencer P. ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	B/4225	"
Hamilton, Robert G. ..	Ordinary Seaman, 2nd Class ..	F/4787	"
Haslingden, Gordon ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	B/4349	"
Hayward, Leslie W. ..	Stoker, 3rd Class ..	F/4797	"
Hillier, Walter G. ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	PA/3366	"
Humbler, Edmund F. ..	" ..	B/4260	"
Leesue, Gordon J. ..	" ..	PA/3373	"
Leet, William J. ..	" ..	S/7667	"
Low, Robert J. R. ..	" ..	F/4741	"
Lynch, Michael J. ..	" ..	W/2646	"
Makings, Terence S. ..	" ..	PA/3454	"
McMullen, Allen J. ..	" ..	S/7849	"
Ninnes, Raymond K. ..	" ..	26423	"
Potter, Brian L. ..	" ..	PA/3504	"
Robinson, Archibald C. ..	Stoker, 3rd Class ..	S/7565	"
Roth, Reginald R. ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	S/7786	"
Smithson, John ..	" ..	W/2590	"
Squires, Sidney J. ..	" ..	S/7526	"
Stroud, Colin T. ..	" ..	W/2609	"
Taylor, Frederick H. ..	" ..	B/4268	"
Taylor, James W. ..	Stoker, 3rd Class ..	B/3843	"
Thomas, Bruce M. ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	W/2548	"
Tulley, Phillip J. ..	" ..	F/4738	"
Wilkinson, Ronald C. ..	Stoker, 3rd Class ..	PA/3476	"
Wright, Samuel W. ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	26426	"
Ingham, Leonard D. J. ..	Signalman ..	PA/1701	Fall River
Abraham, Allen W. ..	Leading Signalman ..	B/1598	Kanimbla
Cash, George M. ..	Able Seaman ..	B/2956	"
Cornell, Bertram C. ..	" ..	B/2232	"
Davis, Walter A. H. ..	" ..	S/4826	"
Hunt, Kenneth E. ..	" ..	F/2592	"
Landseer, David A. ..	Ordinary Seaman ..	PA/2441	"
Osland, William C. J. ..	" ..	S/5922	"
Swaffer, Eric H. ..	Leading Telegraphist ..	B/1641	"

Name.	Rating.	O.N.	Where Serving at Time of Examination.
Bond, Leslie J. ..	Leading Seaman ..	F/2671	Leeuwin
Jackson, Henry J. ..	Able Seaman ..	F/V107	"
Pash, Raymond D. ..	Ordinary Seaman ..	F/4444	"
Reddin, Raymond J. ..	Able Seaman ..	F/3133	"
Dunkerley, Keith B. ..	Acting Signalman ..	PM/2966	Lonsdale
Johnston, Leonard W. ..	Stoker ..	W/1511	Orara
MacLachlan, William J. N. ..	" ..	W/1635	"
Mishkinnis, Vincent ..	Ordinary Seaman ..	PM/4888	"
Purdie, Leonard ..	Stoker ..	W/2135	"
Taylor, Ernest C. ..	" ..	W/1878	"
Wood, James L. ..	" ..	W/2061	"
Bennett, James J. ..	Joiner, 4th Class ..	S/3696	Penguin
Taylor, Ronald M. ..	" ..	S/3498	"
Clegg, Wilfred ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	B/3650	Platypus
Handley, Robert A. ..	Stoker, 3rd Class ..	S/2711	"
Ongley, Richard I. L. ..	Stoker ..	PA/3085	Torrens
Frearson, Donald ..	Telegraphist ..	PM/V128	Vendetta
Haslam, Robert A. ..	Able Seaman ..	PM/4309	"
Hearle, Leslie E. ..	" ..	F/4003	"
Jane, Edward J. ..	" ..	PM/4109	"
Jones, Herbert W. A. ..	" ..	PM/3013	"
Rogash, Francis D. ..	Sick Berth Attendant ..	PM/3034	"
Allen, Ronald ..	Ordinary Seaman ..	B/3678	Warra-munga
Farmer, Donald E. R. ..	" ..	B/2914	"
Houlihan, George L. ..	" ..	PM/4499	"
Scott, Alan H. ..	Stoker ..	W/2356	Warrego
Widin, James F. ..	Acting Leading Stoker ..	S/4710	"
Willcoxson, Morris A. ..	Ordinary Coder ..	25740	"

The following qualified educationally for Acting Leading Stoker:—

Aubusson, John C. ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	S/7763	Cerberus
Bailey, Lloyd M. ..	" ..	PA/3461	"
Broomham, Ronald L. ..	Stoker, 3rd Class ..	26424	"
Hutchinson, William ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	W/2604	"
Laird, Lancelot D. ..	" ..	W/2662	"
Le Ray, Robert M. ..	" ..	PA/3199	"
Macklin, George D. ..	" ..	PA/3379	"
Morris, Jack C. ..	" ..	W/2648	"
McCluskey, Bryan M. ..	" ..	26425	"
Park, Stewart T. ..	" ..	S/7852	"
Penrose, Basil ..	" ..	W/2593	"
Rapkins, John W. ..	Stoker, 3rd Class ..	B/4353	"
Sharpe, Keith S. ..	Stoker, 2nd Class ..	B/4262	"
Shipway, Stanley W. ..	" ..	PA/3392	"
Turner, George W. ..	" ..	W/2608	"
Watt, Norman ..	" ..	F/4740	"
Lawrence, Alfred R. ..	Acting Leading Stoker (Ty.) ..	24222	Hobart
Stowe, Edwin J. ..	Stoker ..	S/7311	Vendetta
Clarke, William J. ..	" ..	W/1955	Warrego
Day, Reginald J. ..	" ..	S/4966	"

(465/205/659.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

273.

LEAVE TRAVELLING CONCESSION WARRANTS—ISSUE OF.

With reference to Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 170, much avoidable clerical work is resulting from the incorrect issue of Leave Travelling Concession Warrants.

2. The grant of free travelling warrants was introduced in the Royal Australian Navy during the depression period, and only after exhaustive discussion and consideration of the financial difficulty attendant on officers and men travelling long distances to their homes at their own expense. The underlying principle has not been varied since the introduction of the concession, and the governing Regulations and Instructions continue strictly to prohibit use as a free holiday leave pass.

3. A review of incorrect issues made over recent months discloses many obvious errors due to a superficial examination or the absence of any check of Leave Concession Warrant applications.

Briefly a few of such cases are—

(a) The issue of three Leave Concession Warrants in the leave year. In this connexion it should be noted that—

(i) the year for the purpose of the concession commences on 1st February;

(ii) if circumstances do not permit the issue of warrants during the leave year, they cannot be availed of in the next leave year;

(iii) instructions have been issued for the recording of separate issues. Navy circular 409F of 31st December, 1940, reads—

“To ensure that in normal circumstances the issue of travelling concession warrants is limited to two each leave year, a record is to be kept of each issue as follows:—Officers—Date of issue to be noted on ledger, carried forward in rough ledger, and entered on transfer list when officer appointed to another ship. Men—Date of issue to be noted on conduct sheets. This instruction will take effect from leave year commencing 1st February, 1941.”

(b) The issue of tickets to enable members to visit places other than the recorded address of their next of kin.

(c) Issues to members over the age of 23 years to visit the homes of guardians. Attention is invited in this connexion to Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 170, clause 18, and Navy Order 32 of 1941.

(d) Issues to members who have less than three months' R.A.N. or mobilized Reserve Service.

(e) Issues to married members to visit the homes of parents.

(f) Issues to members to visit persons other than the recorded next of kin.

(g) Issues to visit next of kin when such persons have not established residence of at least three months.

4. The cost of leave concession warrants issued to members of the Royal Australian Navy is considerable, and charges must be made against personnel in cases of incorrect issues. An official form A.S.1400Z has been adopted for use in all future cases when members desire the concession, and a suitable system is to be introduced for the examination and comparison of such applications with Certificates of Service and other sources of information.

5. Officers authorizing issues should institute the necessary procedure where such is not in force and should familiarize themselves with the provisions of Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 170, and Naval Account Regulations and Instructions, Article 317. In addition, all members should, in their own interests, acquaint themselves with the general conditions under which the concession is granted.

6. First supply of Forms A.S.1400Z will be issued, without demand, by the Naval Store Officer, Sydney.

(632/203/735(120).)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

274.

PREVENTION OF BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES.

It has come to notice that there have been a few cases of bigamous marriages being contracted by personnel of the Defence Forces of Australia whilst serving in the United Kingdom.

2. As a means of preventing cases of this kind happening in future, certain instructions are being issued to the Services and the civil authorities in the United Kingdom.

3. To ensure that, as far as possible, this decision is implemented, it has been decided that before a member applies to the Registrar or Clergyman, he is to obtain from his Commanding Officer a certificate showing that, according to records available, he is not married or supporting a *de facto* wife.

4. The certificate from the Commanding Officer should be obtained in sufficient time to enable the member, when giving notice to the Registrar or Clergyman of his intended marriage, to produce the certificate as necessary.

(526/201/164.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

275.

PREVENTION OF SPREAD OF MALARIA.

For Naval purposes, the following definitions are made of the Australian region:—

(a) Malarious Area—

New Guinea and associated islands up to 170 deg. East Longitude, and 20 deg. South Latitude, and, at the present time, the district of Cairns.

(b) Potentially Malarious Area—

That part of the continent of Australia lying north of a line drawn between Townsville and Broome, but excluding—

- (i) The Establishments in Townsville and Broome.
- (ii) Horne Island and Thursday Island and its ancillary stations.
- (iii) That portion of the Atherton Plateau lying above 2,000 feet elevation.

These definitions do not apply to H.M.A. Ships classified as Independent Commands operating in either area provided a Medical Officer is borne.

2. As a principle, no officer or rating is to be moved from a malarious area to a potentially malarious area.

3. The only occasion that merits this transfer is one of urgent Service necessity, when the provisions as detailed later are to be strictly observed. Such impending transfer must be notified immediately to the Naval Board by signal (and repeated to the Naval Officer-in-Charge at the capital city of the State concerned) in order that the Naval Board may take the requisite action to inform Director General of Medical Services, Land Headquarters.

4. Every rating who has served in malarious areas outside Australia, or in areas that may be declared in the future within Australia, must have a notation "S.M.A." (Served in Malarious Area) made on his Service Certificate. This information is also to be recorded in the Drafting Office.

5. Every officer and man on transfer from a malarious area to a non-malarious area is to be immediately classified as Category "M" on his Medical History Sheet, care being taken to give thereon the date of transfer from the malarious area. Navy Order 412 of 1942 is to be amended by the addition of the following clause:—

"M" Temporarily unfit for appointment or draft to Potentially Malarious Area.

6. Category "M" will normally last for six months, during which period the officer or rating—

- (a) May not be transferred to a potentially malarious area, but may be transferred to a ship carrying a Medical Officer.
- (b) Must be kept on suppressive treatment for four weeks.
- (c) Must have his blood examined on several occasions for parasites.
- (d) Must receive adequate treatment for all relapses or primary infections.

7. If urgent military necessity dictates the transfer of officers and men to a potentially malarious area in less than six months from date of ceasing service in a malarious area, they are to begin suppressive treatment one week before such transfer, and suppressive treatment is to continue on arrival in the potentially malarious area. They must also subsequently be treated as if they had moved directly from the malarious to the potentially malarious area.

(527/202/374.)

276.

RENDERING MINES AND BOMBS SAFE—ORGANIZATIONS ROUND THE AUSTRALIAN COAST.

Navy Order 448 of 1942 is to be amended as follows:—

Appendix III.—

Add under Port—Oro Bay.
Add under Remarks—Special Outfit.

Appendix IV.—

Add—Oro Bay | Officers 1 | Ratings 1.

(Amendment No. 3 to Navy Order 448 of 1942.)

(549/201/100.)

277.

ALLOWANCE FOR USE OF PRIVATE MOTOR CARS.

With reference to Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 178, approval has been given for the prescribed mileage allowances payable to members who are permitted to use their private motor cars on official business to be increased by 1d. per mile. This increase is operative as from 1st April, 1943.

The rates payable from 1st April are, therefore—

- (a) Art. 178 (1)—Motor car over 12 H.P., 7d. per mile.
Motor car over 8 H.P. and not exceeding 12 H.P., 6d. per mile.
Motor car of or under 8 H.P., 5½d. per mile.
- (b) Art. 178 (2)—Motor car over 12 H.P., 3½d. per mile.
Motor car of or under 12 H.P., 3d. per mile.

2. The mileage allowances prescribed in Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 181, clause 4, are increased also to 3½d. and 3d. per mile.

3. It is emphasized that in no circumstances should a member be permitted to use his own motor car on official business without the prior approval of the Naval Board. Such approval will be given only in cases where the use of motor car is essential in the Department's interest, and it is not practicable for the duty to be performed by the use of normally available means of transport.

4. Amendments to Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Articles 178 and 181, will be promulgated by R.I. Series in due course.

(632/210/956.)

278.

OPERATING TABLES.

It has been decided that operating tables used in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments are to be regarded as Medical Stores and not Naval Store items, and that all matters regarding supply, &c., will henceforth be the responsibility of the Director of Naval Medical Services.

2. Operating tables at present on charge in the Naval Store Accounts of H.M.A. Ships and Establishments are to be transferred to Medical Store Accounts by means of Form A.S.549.

(612/213/2361.)

279.

CONSERVATION OF TIRES AND TUBES.

Advice has been received from the Prime Minister that, in view of the necessity for the conservation of tires and tubes for the maintenance of essential transport, it is essential that tires and tubes in excess of the number required to provide an operational reserve stock for a period of one month should not be held.

2. In addition to refraining from holding a reserve stock of tires and tubes in excess of the number required to provide an operational reserve for a period of one month, tires and tubes already in operation should be conserved by—

- (a) Ensuring that the treads of tires are not allowed to become worn beyond the stage when recapping, retreading, or repairing is practicable.
- (b) Maintaining correct inflation pressure by checking daily.
- (c) Avoiding overloading.
- (d) Having any cuts in tread or side walls repaired promptly (if cuts are neglected, water, sand, or grit will penetrate to the cord plies and tire failure will result).
- (e) Matching correctly tires on dual wheels. (Improperly "mated" tires cause unequal weight distribution.)
- (f) Checking rims frequently and carefully examining locking rings. (A distorted locking ring deprives the tire of correct side-wall support and causes tread failure.)
- (g) Frequent inspection and attention to repairs before it is too late.
- (h) Avoiding excessive speed, harsh braking, excessive acceleration when starting, also kerbing.
- (i) Rotating by changing from wheel to wheel to even up tread wear.

3. Some additional common causes of rapid or uneven tread wear are—

- (a) Incorrect alignment of road wheels.
- (b) Bent axle or spindle.
- (c) Loose bearings or rims.
- (d) Unequalized brakes.
- (e) Bad clutch.
- (f) Uneven distribution of load.

4. Advantage should be taken of existing contracts for the recapping and repairing of tires and arrangements made for regular inspection of all tires used on vehicles with a view to ensuring that necessary repairs are carried out as well as recapping or retreading at the proper times.

(638/202/1284.)

280.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR FIRE AND REPAIR PARTIES.

The authorized allowance of protective clothing for fire and repair parties on board H.M.A. Ships is one set for each member of the fire and repair parties.

2. One set of protective clothing comprises the following:—

- 1 no. Fearnought suit (jacket and trousers).
- 1 pr. Fearnought gauntlets.
- 1 no. Fearnought hood.

3. Ships with insufficient stowage accommodation are to carry the maximum sets possible. Navy Order 124 of 1941 refers.

4. The allowances of hoods laid down in Navy Order 46 of 1941 is cancelled.

(434/214/482.)

281.

SUPPLIES OF CITRIC ACID FOR CANTEENS.

Citric acid and citrates have been placed under control by the Directorate of Materials Supply, Department of Munitions. Citrates include citrate calcium, caffeine, iron and ammonia, potassium and sodium.

2. Requirements of citric acid for canteens in sea-going ships will be made available by the Controller of Materials Supply, Melbourne, or the Deputy Controller in other capital cities, on presentation of an order endorsed by the Commanding Officer of the ship. Care is to be taken to ensure that citric acid obtained in this manner is used only for the purpose for which it is released.

3. Canteens in shore establishments are required to submit a monthly statement to the Directorate of Materials Supply on Form CC.4, supplies of which are obtainable from the offices of that Directorate in each capital city.

4. Releases of citric acid made to manufacturers for the preparation of aerated waters require that supplies of the latter should be made available according to the priority of the consumer's order. As Defence orders have first priority, requirements of Naval Canteens should normally be available.

5. It is essential that the consumption of citric acid be reduced as much as possible to ensure the continuity of supplies to canteens. Two suggested methods are—

- (i) To reduce the citric acid content of syrups prepared for use with aerated water plants to 1 oz. per gallon, and to dispense the syrup at the rate of 1½ fluid ounces per large glass (10 oz.) or 1 fluid ounce per small glass (7 oz.). While this is less than current usage, it is sufficient, and should be adhered to as closely as possible in canteens where aerated water plants are in operation.
- (ii) To use pure fruit juices wherever possible, instead of cordials which require the addition of citric acid.

(612/219/171.)

282.

CARE OF STORES.

The attention of all Commanding Officers is drawn to A.F.O. 6127/42 regarding the need for precautions being taken to prevent losses of stores by theft when ships are under repair while in commission with stores on board.

2. Care is to be taken to ensure that all stores, particularly those items of Victualling Stores which are rationed or are subject to customs duty, are at all times adequately safeguarded against theft.

(612/248/1179.)

283.

RECONCILIATION OF NUMBERS CLAIMED FOR VICTUALS IN PROVISION ACCOUNT WITH SHIP'S LEDGER.

During examination of accounts at Navy Office, it has been found impossible in many instances to reconcile the numbers claimed for victuals in the provision account with the numbers shown as borne for victuals in the ship's ledger.

2. To enable this essential check to be carried out, a certified statement, in duplicate, of numbers victualled is, in future, to be forwarded as an enclosure to the Navy Office copy of the ship's ledger, commencing quarter ending 30th June, 1943. Numbers borne for victuals in Tenders and outlying stations are each to be shown separately, and a reconciliation statement showing the difference (if any) between the total figures enumerated in provision accounts and quarterly summaries of ship's ledger is also to be furnished.

3. Attention is drawn to the instructions contained in Naval Account Regulations and Instruction, Article 114, and Consolidated Orders and Regulations, Article 501, clause 1.

(612/211/2849.)

284.

REPORTS OF SURVEY ON PROVISIONS.

With reference to Consolidated Orders and Regulations, Article 439, the attention of Accountant Officers is drawn to the necessity for early rendition to the Director of Victualling, Navy Office, of Forms A.S.330 in respect of losses of provisions in Ships and Establishments.

2. Several instances have been noted recently where rendition of the form has been delayed until the provision accounts have been forwarded into office.

(612/243/761.)

285.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM—PRICES OF CLOTHING, ETC., MAINTAINED FOR ISSUE ON REPAYMENT TO SHIPS' COMPANIES.

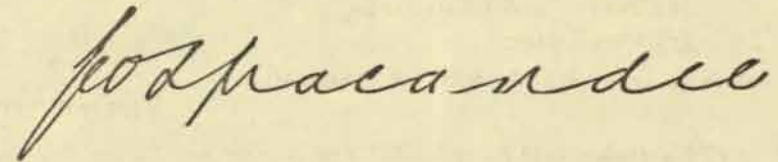
The price of khaki cap covers, Officers', shown on page 17 of the above memorandum is to be altered from 1s. to 1s. 3d. The increased price is to operate as from the date of receipt of this Navy Order.

(434/201/3400.)

Secretary
FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**Commonwealth Navy Orders.**Navy Office, Melbourne,
15th June, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
Establishments, and others concerned.*

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286.

**WARRANT ENGINEERS AND WARRANT MECHANICIANS—
PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION.**

The next professional examination for the ranks of Warrant Engineer and Warrant Mechanician will be held about December, 1943.

2. The Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships and Naval Establishments are requested to forward to Navy Office not later than 1st September, 1943, a list of the names of candidates desirous of sitting for this examination. Blank returns are required.

3. Commanding Officers should satisfy themselves that candidates are qualified in accordance with K.R. and A.I., Article 313, as regards—

- (a) Educational Test for Warrant Rank;
- (b) Service and Character;
- (c) Certificates;

before being allowed to take the examination.

(465/207/1214.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

287.

R.M.S. PERSONNEL FOR SERVICE AFLOAT.

Navy Order 226 of 1943, paragraph 1, is to be amended to read as follows:—

“It has been decided that ratings qualified in Rendering Mines and Bombs Safe shall be borne in all ships on the following scale:—

Tribal Class destroyers and larger ships 2 ratings	} without increase in existing complement.”
A.M.S. Sloops and Corvettes	.. .. . 1 rating
Platypus	.. .. . 1 rating
Stuart and ‘V’ Class destroyer	1 rating	

(549/201/100.)

288.

SIGNAL CARDS—A.B.R.232—ISSUE TO ORDINARY SEAMEN, V/S.

Ordinary Seamen, V/S, now serving, also future entries, are to be supplied gratuitously with a signal card, A.B.R.232, which is to form part of compulsory kit for these ratings.

2. Requirements are to be demanded on the Naval Store Officer, Sydney.

3. The necessary addition to Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 46, will be promulgated in due course.

(571/202/1586.)

289.

GAS CYLINDERS—WATER PRESSURE TEST.

The following Departmental oxygen and hydrogen gas cylinders are due for periodical water pressure test in accordance with Article 310, clause 5, of the Engineering Manual (1932), and they are to be returned for testing as early as practicable after the contents are exhausted:—

Oxygen.—Regd. Nos.—

S13004,	S13005,	S13006,	S13009,	S13013,	S13014,	S13016,
S13029,	S13030,	S13034,	S13036,	S13037,	S13039,	S13041.
S13042,	S13043,	S13044,	S13046,	S13054,	S13057,	S13061,
S13064,	S13071,	S13073,	S13075,	S13077,	S13079,	S13080,
S13081,	S13083,	S13084,	S13088,	S13091,	S13094,	S13101,
S13103,	S13105,	S13107,	S13111,	S13112,	S13115,	S13116,
S13118,	S13121,	S13123,	S13124,	S13126,	S13128,	S13129,
S13130,	S13131,	S13132,	S13133,	S13134,	S13135,	S13136.
S13137,	S13138,	S13139,	S13140,	S13141,	S13142,	S13143,
S13144,	S13146,	S13147,	S13148,	S13149,	S13150,	S13151.

Hydrogen.—Regd. Nos.—

766919,	766920,	766922,	766923,	766924,	766925,	766926,
766927,	766928,	766929,	766930,	766931,	766932,	766933,
766934,	766935,	766937,	766938,	766939,	766940,	766943,
766944,	766945,	766947,	766949,	766950,	766951,	766952,
766953,	766954,	766955,	766956,	766957,	766958,	766959,
766960,	766961,	766963,	766964,	766966,	766967,	766968,
766969,	766970,					

2. Establishments should arrange for the necessary tests to be carried out locally where facilities exist for testing, and recharging, otherwise the cylinders are to be returned to the nearest Naval Store Depot for necessary action.

3. Particulars of tests carried out by Naval Establishments are to be furnished to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Sydney, for insertion in the relevant history sheets of the cylinders.

(669/201/1002.)

290.

OERLIKON GUNS: MODIFICATION OF SHOULDER REST.

Attention is drawn to Admiralty Fleet Orders 5523/41, 592/43, and Navy Order 152 of 1942.

2. To facilitate sighting and the interchangeability of 20 m.m. Oerlikon gun sights, shoulder rests should be modified in accordance with A.F.O. Diagram 539/41 (Figure 1) at the first opportunity.

(490/212/817.)

291.

KEYS, FUZE No. 127 MARK I., I*, AND II. MODIFIED SETTING STUD.

Some difficulty has been experienced in setting fuzes with Key, Fuze No. 127 Mark I., I*, and II. with the existing setting stud.

2. A modified setting stud has been designed as shown on D.O.T.M. Drawing 41067.

3. Stocks of the modified stud will be available at Spectacle Island, Sydney, and the numbers required by ships should be demanded from Armament Supply Officer, Sydney. The fitting of the modified studs is to be carried out by ordnance staffs in Ships or at Bases.

(408/208/743.)

292.

DETONATORS No. 25 MK. I., LOT 33, FILLED M.E.8/41.

Owing to failures experienced with detonators, No. 25, Mark I., lot 33, filled M.E.8/41, all such detonators on board H.M.A. Ships are to be landed immediately and replacements drawn in lieu.

(471/201/1290.)

293.

BURNING OF OIL FUEL.

1. Attention is directed to A.F.O.2058/42 and A.F.O. diagrams 107/42 (1) and 107/42 (2), the provisions of which are to be implemented in the R.A.N.

2. On each occasion of fuelling, the viscosity of the actual oil fuel issued to any ship is to be inserted on the supply note by the Supplying Officer concerned.

3. Viscometers have been provided at Brisbane, Sydney, Newport, Fremantle, Darwin, Port Moresby Oil Fuel Installations, in addition to which Viscometers R.2 have been ordered and are in process of distribution to—

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin ..	..	1 No.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne ..	..	1 No.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Townsville ..	..	1 No.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Hobart ..	..	1 No.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Albany ..	..	1 No.
R.A.F.A. Kurumba ..	..	1 No.
Fleet Attendant Tankers—		
<i>Bishopdale</i> .. ..	..	1 No.
<i>Aase Maersk</i> .. ..	..	1 No.

4. No viscometers have been provided for oil lighters; they are to obtain viscosity of oil fuel from tankers when loading.

(482/202/2207.)

294.

PRESS ADVERTISEMENTS.

Authorities concerned should note that Commonwealth Government advertising is under the control of the Department of Information, and that arrangements should be made for Naval advertising to be placed through the Advertising Liaison Officer, Advertising Division, Department of the Treasury, c/o Department of Information, 375 Collins-street, Melbourne.

2. Advertisements in States other than Victoria which cannot be conveniently directed through the Advertising Liaison Officer should be placed through the State Agents as follows:—

New South Wales.—Mr. K. J. Unsted, Deputy-Controller of Advertising, Bryant House, 82 Pitt-street, Sydney.

Queensland.—Le Grand Advertising, 236 Elizabeth-street, Brisbane.

South Australia.—Clem Taylor Advertising, 24 Waymouth-street, Adelaide.

Western Australia.—S. Crownson Cohen, Advertising, A.M.P. Chambers, William-street, Perth.

3. There is no sub-agent in Tasmania, so that if time does not permit advertising in that State to be placed through the Advertising Liaison Officer, direct approach may be made to the newspapers concerned, providing such newspapers are informed that charges should be debited through the usual channel to the Controller of Commonwealth Advertising.

(406/201/258.)

295.

ECONOMY IN THE USE OF CLEANING GEAR.

As a result of the existing shortage of raw materials, it is essential that greater care be exercised in future in the use of all cleaning materials, particularly textiles, in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments. Issues should be restricted to quantities no larger than are consistent with the standard of cleanliness required to be maintained in the Service under war conditions.

2. The present range of standard cleansers, i.e., soft soap, hard soap, sand soap, kerosene, &c., is considered to be sufficient to meet all requirements, and the use of commercial type cleaning agents, e.g., Bon Ami, &c., is to be discontinued.

(612/201/5128.)

296.

RUBBER—EXHAUSTION OF SUPPLY.

With reference to Navy Order 337 of 1942, the attention of all concerned is drawn to A.F.O. 298/43 indicating the serious position in regard to the supply of rubber. A similar position exists in Australia, and it is essential that all possible action be taken to conserve supplies by the use of substitutes wherever practicable and the exercise of the strictest economy and care in the use of rubber and rubber articles.

2. Demands for rubber articles are in future to be certified by Professional Officers of the Ship or Establishment requiring supply, who are to take action to verify that the quantities demanded are necessary, and the minimum to meet requirements consistent with efficiency. Where practicable, demands should be rendered at frequent intervals in order to ensure a better turnover and avoidance of undue accumulations of stocks in Ships and Establishments, and possible loss due to deterioration.

(612/259/21.)

297.

TROPICAL OUTFIT GRATUITY—SYDNEY.

With reference to Navy Order 334 of 1942, paragraph 5, the dress of the day at Sydney during the recent summer period (30th November, 1942, to 11th April, 1943) was No. 10—white undress or tropical dress at the option of officers.

2. Officers who—

(a) were appointed to the Royal Australian Navy or Naval Reserves on or after 2nd December, 1941,

(b) purchased any tropical outfit on or after 2nd December, 1941, and

(c) were serving in one of H.M.A. Naval Establishments or Ships present at Sydney during the period 30th November, 1942, to 11th April, 1943,

may, if they have not already done so, prefer claims for payment of the £5 grant towards the provision of tropical outfit to their present Commanding Officers, who are hereby authorized to approve and issue the requisite certificates.

(407/212/474.)

298.

WATERPROOF COATS—BELTS.

In order to save material, which is becoming increasingly difficult to procure, *vide* Navy Order 189 of 1943, waterproof coats for ratings will be supplied without belts when stocks of coats with belts are exhausted.

2. Personnel who are in possession of waterproof coats with belts may continue to use them.

3. No further repayment issues of spare belts for waterproof coats are to be made.

4. The reference to belts for waterproof coats is to be deleted from the "Official Memorandum—Prices of Clothing, &c., Maintained for Issue on Repayment to Ship's Companies."

5. Waterproof coats for W.R.A.N.S. personnel will continue to be supplied with belts.

(434/209/579.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

299.

CAP RIBBONS.

Cap ribbons lettered "H.M.A.S." are adopted for use throughout the Royal Australian Navy, including all Shore Establishments.

2. Stocks of ribbons lettered with the names of Shore Establishments are to be utilized to meet requirements until exhausted.

3. When ratings join H.M.A. Ships from Shore Establishments wearing Depot ribbons, they may be issued gratuitously with ribbons lettered "H.M.A.S." up to a maximum of 2 No. ribbons *in exchange* for Depot ribbons.

4. Ratings are entitled to only one gratuitous issue of "H.M.A.S." ribbons—2 No. ribbons per man, Class II.

5. Recovered ribbons are to be taken on voluntary charge in the clothing account and duly returned to the nearest Victualling Yard.

6. Navy Order 351 of 1942 is cancelled.

(494/203/513.)

300.

BLANKETS, DUFFEL COATS, AND TOWELS FOR SURVIVORS.

The provisions of A.F.O. 350/43 are to operate in respect of H.M.A. Destroyers, Sloops, A.M.S., and Auxiliary A/S Vessels except that the quantities to be carried by other than Destroyers and Sloops are to be on the following reduced basis:—

Blankets, 30 No.

Duffel coats, 10 No.

Towels, 30 No.

Grey blankets are to be used.

2. Navy Order 349 of 1942 is cancelled.

(612/235/813.)

301.

ACCOUNTING FOR PURCHASES AND ISSUES OF FRUIT IN PROVISION ACCOUNTS OF SHIPS AND ESTABLISHMENTS.

The attention of all concerned is drawn to the necessity for strict compliance with the provisions of C.O.R., Article 431, clause 9, in which is embodied the instructions concerning the method of accounting for purchases and issues of fruit.

2. Examination of current provision accounts discloses that these instructions are not at present being complied with.

(612/211/3206.)

302.

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the under-mentioned publications have been distributed. Further supplies of B.Rs. 282, 292, and 366 are being obtained to complete distribution:—

B.R.250.—“Pamphlet for the 6-Pdr. Hotchkiss Gun on Non-Recoil Mounting.”

(A.F.O. 2319/41.)
(571/202/1404.)

B.R.282.—“D.E.M.S. Pocket Book.”

(A.F.O. 5345/42.)
(571/202/1671.)

B.R.292.—“Instructions for the Maintenance of Naval Ordnance and Gun Mountings, 1942.”

(A.F.O. 5091/42.)
(571/202/1641.)

B.R.317 (19).—“Preparation of the Mark XIV. Mine Assembly Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 11.”

(571/202/1628.)

List of Errata 9 to B.R.332A.—“Establishment of Naval Stores for Flotilla Leaders and Destroyers” and Form D.117B “List of Particulars.”

(A.F.O. 5972/42.)
(571/202/1393.)

B.R.366/42.—“Minesweeps, Surveying Sweeps, Paravane Equipments, &c.”

(A.F.O. 4683/43.)
(571/202/1475.)

“Pamphlet on the Midget Depth Charge, with Amendments 1 and 2.”

(571/201/3623.)

“Aircraft Recognition Journal. Volume I. No. 4. December, 1942.”

(A.F.O. 219/43.)
(415/201/1879.)

“Civil Defence Handbook No. 3. First Aid in Civil Defence.”

“Medical Manual of Chemical Warfare (January, 1943).”

(449/203/327.)

2. The under-mentioned form has been revised. Supplies will be issued, on demand, by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney, when stock of the existing form is exhausted:—

A.S.107.—“Abstract Statement of Clothing Issued on Repayment.”

(480/202/4341.)

3. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the Royal Australian Navy in lieu of the corresponding Admiralty Form. First supplies will be issued, without demand, to all H.M.A. Destroyers, Corvettes, and A.M.S. Vessels:—

A.S.116A.—“Muster Book of Mess Utensils.”

(480/202/4340.)

4. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the Royal Australian Navy in lieu of the corresponding Admiralty Form. Supplies will be issued, on demand, by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney, when stock of the existing form is exhausted:—

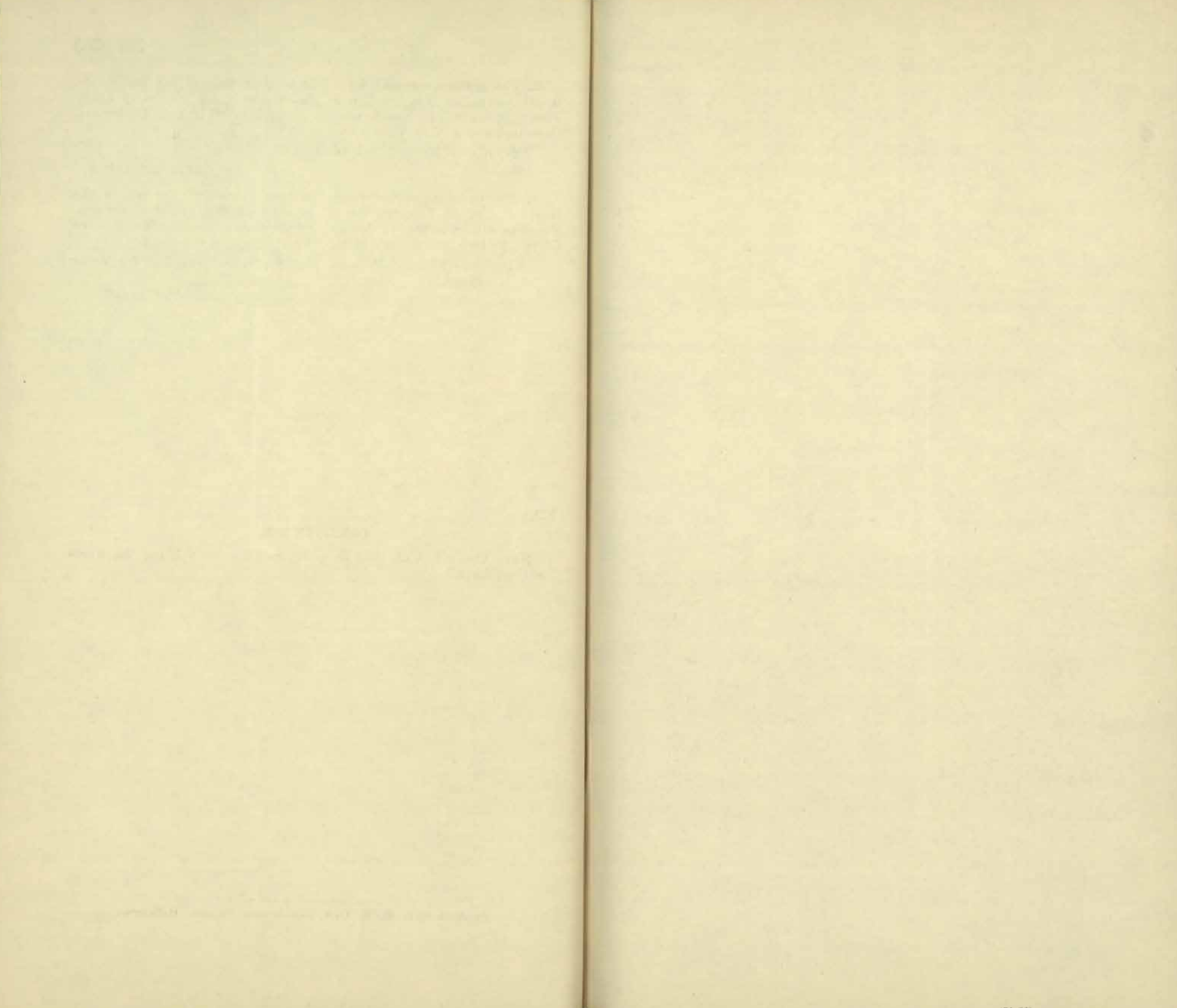
A.D.320B.—“List of Portable Fittings, Spare Gear, &c., for Motor Boats.”

(480/201/3129.)

303.

CORRIGENDUM.

Navy Order 248 of 1943 is to be amended by deleting the words “air artificers.”



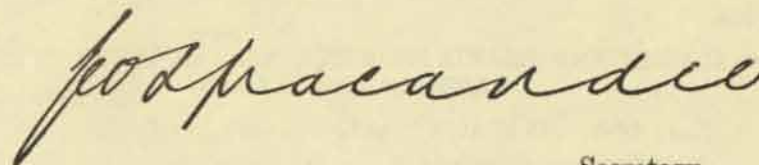
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Navy Office, Melbourne.

22nd June, 1943.

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By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
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304.

**WARRANT WRITERS AND WARRANT SUPPLY OFFICERS—
PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION.**

The next professional examination for the ranks of Warrant Writer and Warrant Supply Officer, R.A.N., will be held in December, 1943.

2. The Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships and Naval Establishments are requested to forward to Navy Office not later than 1st October, 1943, a list of names of candidates desirous of sitting for this examination. Blank returns are required.

(465/207/1217.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

305.

**CLASSES AND EXAMINATION FOR SEAMAN PETTY OFFICER
AND LEADING SEAMAN.**

Navy Order 215 of 1943 is to be amended as follows:—

Delete present paragraph 7 and substitute:—

“Candidates in shore establishments and attached ships are to be examined by Boards convened by the Naval Officer-in-Charge of the Base Port, unless an opportunity arises for them to be examined by a Squadron Board. If a Navigating Officer is not available for these Boards, a Lieutenant-Commander without (N) qualification may be substituted.”

(465/207/1207.)

306.

BOARD OF TRADE CERTIFICATES—R.A.N. OFFICERS.

With reference to Consolidated Orders and Regulations, Article 135, the fee payable to the Board of Trade is £1 sterling, the Australian currency equivalent being £1 5s. 1d.

(453/202/918.)

307.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION—SERVICE MATTERS.

It has been brought to the notice of the Naval Board that, during a recent Security check of wharves, two Security police in plain clothes entered into conversation with a leading seaman at the wharf where one of H.M.A. destroyers was berthed, and by casual and friendly inquiry ascertained the following unpublished facts relating to the ship alongside:—

Class, tonnage, speed, armament present and proposed, proposed new camouflage scheme, length of stay in port, and estimated time of departure.

2. The Board view with concern the ease with which, in this instance, information on confidential service matters was casually elicited from a rating by some one not authorized to receive it, and lay stress on the necessity for the utmost vigilance to be exercised by all concerned when in conversation with others.

3. Attention is also drawn to Navy Order 256 of 1942, paragraphs 2 and 3.

4. Unauthorized disclosure of service matters endangers lives and ships. Any case coming under notice in the future will be treated with the severity it deserves.

(1835/2/528.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

308.

VACCINATION AND RE-VACCINATION.

The attention of all Medical Officers of R.A.N. Ships and Establishments is drawn to the necessity for strict compliance with the provisions of K.R. and A.I., Article 1417.

2. Re-vaccination with calf lymph is to be carried out every three years, and steps are to be taken to carry out these instructions at the earliest convenient date.

3. In the case of small ships in which a Medical Officer is not borne, vaccination is to be carried out when opportunity offers by the Medical Officer of the port on which the ship is based.

4. Sufficient quantities of vaccine are to be demanded for this purpose.

(527/211/1903.)

309.

**RENDERING MINES AND BOMBS SAFE—ORGANIZATION ROUND
THE AUSTRALIAN COAST.**

Navy Order 448 of 1942 is to be amended as follows:—

Appendix III.—

Insert against Flinders Naval Depot and Darwin in column headed B.S. (G), the sign “√”.

Delete in remarks column, opposite Darwin, the words “when B.S. (G) is provided”.

(Amendment No. 4 to Navy Order 448 of 1942.)

(549/201/100.)

310.

A.M.S. VESSELS—KELLY AND LEWIS STEAM-DRIVEN GENERATING SETS—GOVERNORS.

All A.M.S. vessels fitted with Kelly and Lewis steam-driven generators are to forward reports through their Administrative Authorities on the performance of the speed governors fitted to these engines.

2. Reports are to cover—

- (a) behaviour of governor under varying condition of load, and
(b) effect of varying conditions of steam and exhaust pressure.

(524/202/1164.)

311.

DRAGNETS—ALLOWANCE.

Approval has been given to the addition of the under-mentioned items to the List of Special Allowances of Naval Stores for H.M.A. Destroyers, other than "Tribals," and A.M.S. Vessels, for recreational purposes:—

Dragnet, 50 yards by 7 feet—1 No. —(Not if already supplied with a Pattern 36 Seine Net.).

2. Supply of the above-mentioned dragnets will be effected without demand to all vessels concerned as follows:—

Vessels based on Fremantle—by the Naval Store Officer, Fremantle.

Vessels based on Brisbane—by the Naval Store Officer, Brisbane.

Vessels based on Melbourne, Port Adelaide, and Hobart—by the Officer-in-Charge, Naval Store Depot, Melbourne.

All other vessels—by the Naval Store Officer, Sydney.

(612/232/86.)

312.

BLOCKS—STEEL AND WOOD.

Attention is drawn to Admiralty Fleet Order 198/43 regarding difficulties being experienced in providing blocks to meet requirements on the present basis of allowances.

2. A similar position exists as regards supply of blocks to H.M.A. Ships, and any steel and wood blocks available in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments surplus to immediate requirements should therefore be returned to the nearest Naval Store Depot without delay, even though such blocks may be allowed by establishment.

(612/201/5243.)

313.

DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE AND ASHES FROM H.M.A. SHIPS AT OUTER HARBOUR AND PORT ADELAIDE.

With reference to Navy Order 181 of 1942, it is notified for information of H.M.A. Ships that a new contract has been arranged with Mr. J. H. B. Bryant, of 25 Third-avenue, Alberton East, South Australia, for the removal of garbage and ashes from H.M.A. Ships at Port Adelaide and Outer Harbour to the Municipal Destructor, Adelaide, to cover the period from 1st July, 1943, to 30th June, 1944.

2. The conditions and rates of charge obtaining under the existing contract and the conditions previously applicable in regard to preparation and payment of claims will continue to apply.

(612/237/160.)

314.

WHITE DUCK TROUSERS.

H.M.A. Ships and Establishments holding stocks of white duck trousers are to furnish to the Director of Victualling, as early as possible, a return detailing the sizes and quantities held.

(516/201/573.)

315.

BEDDING FOR NAVAL PERSONNEL IN FORWARD ISLAND NAVAL BASES.

The following is the authorized allowance of bedding for Naval personnel in forward Island Naval Bases:—

Personnel living in Barracks.

<i>Officers and Sick Bay.</i>	<i>Ratings.</i>
1 hair mattress	1 hair bed
1 mattress cover	1 bed cover
1 hair pillow	1 hair pillow
2 pillow cases	2 pillow cases
2 sheets.	2 sheets
1 counterpane	(a) 1 blanket, grey
1 blanket, white	

Personnel living under field conditions.

Officers and Ratings.

1 hair bed	
1 bed cover	
1 hair pillow	
2 pillow cases	
(a) 2 blankets, grey	
(a) If required. A blanket is included in compulsory kit of ratings.	

2. The bedding is to be accounted for in the loan clothing account as a victualling item under the provisions of Navy Order 228 of 1940.

(612/235/810.)

316.

QUALITY OF NAVAL STORES.

A report was recently received at Navy Office to the effect that certain items of Naval Stores supplied to one of H.M.A. Ships were found to be unsatisfactory in use, but insufficient information was furnished to enable the manufacturer of the item to be determined.

2. In future, in the event of its being found that any stores prove unsatisfactory in service, a report on the matter should be furnished and the following information invariably included therein:—

- (a) Yard or Depot from which received.
- (b) The Naval Store Officer's registered number and date of the relevant supply note.
- (c) Whether defects are due to any extent to conditions under which items are stowed in the ship's storeroom.

3. The information referred to in paragraph 2 is essential in order that the manufacturer of the items may be determined, and also whether abnormal conditions of stowage are likely to have contributed to the defects in the stores.

(524/203/1413.)

317.

ALLOWANCES OF TABLE LINEN AND TABLE NAPKINS.

In view of the difficulty of obtaining supplies of table linen and table napkins from the United Kingdom under present conditions, purchase by Admiralty having been suspended for the duration of the war, and the consequent necessity of conserving existing stocks to the utmost extent, the allowances of these items are reduced to the following, and such revised allowances will operate forthwith:—

Table Cloths.

Flag and Commanding Officers Messes—4 No. cloths per table, or 50 per cent. of the allowance prescribed in A.F.O. 1829/42.

Ward Room, Gun Room, and Warrant Officers' Messes—3 No. cloths per table, or 50 per cent. of the allowance prescribed in A.F.O. 1829/42.

Chief Petty Officers' and Petty Officers' Messes—2 No. cloths per table, irrespective of the number in the mess.

Table Napkins.

Flag and Commanding Officers' Messes—75 per cent. of allowances prescribed in A.F.O. 94/42.

Ward Room, Gun Room, and Warrant Officers' Messes—3 No. napkins per officer.

2. All quantities of table cloths and napkins held in excess of these revised allowances are to be withdrawn from use and returned to the nearest H.M.A. Victualling Yard at the first opportunity.

3. Table mats which are heat resisting will be provided for use in Officers' Messes in lieu of table cloths, and when stocks of these are available a further Navy Order will be issued.

(530/201/502.)

318.

BOOKS AND FORMS.

Navy Order 260 of 1943 is to be amended as follows:—

For forms quoted in paragraph 3 as—

“S.356B.—‘Tubes—Generator Downcomer and Return (Inside 1).’

S.356B.—‘Superheated—Generators, Downcomers, and Return (Inside 2).’”

read—

“S.356B (Inside 1).—‘Tubes—Generator, Downcomer, and Return.’

S.356B (Inside 2).—‘Superheater.’”

(480/202/4359.)

319.

“KNOCK-FOR-KNOCK” AGREEMENTS—NAVY VEHICLES.

With reference to Navy Order 108 of 1943, the “Knock-for-Knock” Agreements, affecting Commonwealth-owned or controlled vehicles, concluded between the Commonwealth and insurance companies, as well as various public bodies, are amended as follows:—

Interpretation of Agreement—Appendix C, Part I.

The form of agreement set out in Appendix C, Part I, of Treasury memorandum of 6th November, 1942, is that used for the conclusion of Knock-for-Knock Agreements with members of the Fire and Accident Underwriters' Association. Clause 3 of this agreement is capable of liberal interpretation, and after discussion with the Council of the Association, an understanding has been reached regarding its application.

Dealing with paragraph (a), in the instance where no Commonwealth vehicle is involved, the agreement will not apply to the Commonwealth. Neither will the agreement apply in the case of a Commonwealth vehicle damaging Commonwealth property where no insured vehicle is involved.

An amendment of paragraph (b) has been agreed upon by inserting after the word “property” (first occurring) the words “not specified in paragraph (a) owned by the Commonwealth or property”. Prior to the amendment, the only property covered was that insured under a Houseowner's or Householder's Policy; now Commonwealth property is included in the agreement.

The remarks applicable to paragraph (a) above will apply to paragraph (b).

2. Liability of Insurers.

It will be noted that under the agreements set out in Appendices B and C (Parts I. and II.), the insurer undertakes to bear the cost of damage to the insured vehicle, subject to the terms and conditions of its policy.

A number of policies issued by companies subscribing to the agreements makes provision for the owner of the insured vehicle to bear the cost of damage up to a specified amount without claim upon the company.

Consequently, these agreements will not operate in respect of the specified sum in cases where an insured vehicle sustains damage as a result of a collision with or action taken to avoid a collision with a Commonwealth vehicle. In these cases the question of reparation of damage is one to be dealt with as between the owner and the Commonwealth.

3. *Omission.—Appendix A.*

The words "and a tram car" should be inserted before the words "or motor omnibus" appearing in clause 1 of the agreement set out in Appendix A. This position applies only in respect of the agreement with the Commissioner for Road Transport and Tramways, New South Wales.

4. *Additional Agreements.*

Appendix A.—State Government of Queensland. 9th February, 1943.
Queensland Government Insurance Commissioner.
(Agreement as for Tasmanian office.) 1st March, 1943.

5. Appendix B.—T. P. Clark and Company, Sydney. 21st January, 1943.

Employers' Mutual Indemnity Association Ltd.,
Sydney. 1st February, 1943.
Bennie S. Cohen (Qld.) Pty. Ltd. 25th February, 1943.
Bennie S. Cohen (S.A.) Ltd. 27th February, 1943.
Bennie S. Cohen (F.C.T.) Pty. Ltd. 25th February, 1943.
Bennie S. Cohen (W.A.) Ltd. 9th October, 1942.

320.

PORT MORESBY—MARKING OF CASES, PACKAGES, ETC.

Continual inconvenience, much delay, occasional losses, and many wasted hours continue to be caused by the lack of easily distinguishable markings on all types of stores for Naval use, consigned to Port Moresby.

2. The need for clear, easily recognizable markings cannot be over-emphasized, and all packages containing stores consigned to Port Moresby are invariably to be marked in accordance with Consolidated Orders and Regulations, Article 526 (except as regards Victualling Stores) and with the following additional markings:—

Naval Stores.

The word "NAVY" in addition to the address.

Victualling Stores.

A broad yellow band all round and the word "NAVY (V)" in addition to the address.

*Naval Armament Stores.**Explosives.*

The words "NAVY" (in black) in addition to the address.

Non-Explosives.

The word "NAVY (O)" in yellow with a 6-in. yellow bar at each end, thus NAVY (O), in addition to the address.

Medical Stores.

A broad yellow band all round and the word "NAVY" with red cross in addition to the address.

(612/201/5002.)

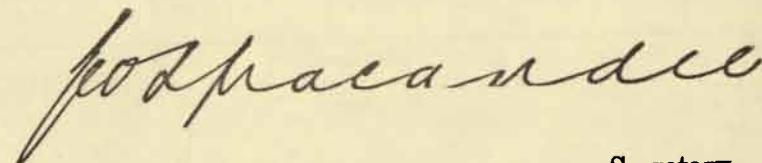
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321.

SIGNAL LETTERS OF BRITISH SHIPS.

The following Flag Signal Letters (International Wireless Call Sign) have been appropriated by the Department of Supply and Shipping (Marine Branch) to the under-mentioned ship on the Australian Registry:—

Date	Signal Letters.	Name of Ship.]	Port of Registry and Official Number.	Net Registered Tonnage.	Owner.
2.6.43	VLQX	<i>River Clarence</i>	No. 1 174899	2,804.14	Arthur Sydney Victor Smith, Department of Supply and Shipping, Melbourne, Vic- toria

(663/201/675.)

322.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS, ETC., TO MEMBERS OF CERTAIN FORCES—REGULATION 63 OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY (SUPPLEMENTARY) REGULATIONS.

The attention of officers concerned is drawn to the necessity for strict compliance with the provisions of sub-regulation (2) of regulation 63 of the National Security (Supplementary) Regulations with reference to the administration of oaths to, the taking of affidavits of, and the execution of documents by any member of a fighting force. (*Vide* Navy Order 230 of 1942, page 41.)

2. In many instances, a document, purporting to have been made under the powers of the regulation, has been signed by a member of the Forces before an officer, who failed to write, type, or stamp legibly, in the jurat or attestation of the document after his signature, his name *in full* and rank (which should also include the arm of the Forces to which he belongs (e.g., Captain, R.A.N.)), with the result that the document had to be returned for re-attestation.

(584/201/628.)

323.

V/S AND W/T RATINGS—TRAINING AND ADVANCEMENT DURING THE WAR.

With reference to Navy Order 62 of 1942, Table III.—Percentages Required in Examinations by W/T Ratings—against the subjects—

“ Buzzer (Transmitting)
Buzzer (Receiving) ”,

amend the present percentages appearing in columns headed “ Ord. Tel.” and “ Tel.” to read—

| 85	| 85	| ”
| 95	| 95	| ”

(349/16/242.)

324.

INTERSTATE RAIL TRAVEL—WIVES AND FAMILIES OF NAVAL PERSONNEL.

Under the Land Transport Regulations, rail travel interstate by civilians is prohibited without a priority permit.

2. In order to assist wives and families of Naval personnel to obtain permits, when desiring to travel for legitimate reasons, e.g., returning to their homes, or taking up house with their husbands, arrangements have been made for the Railway Authorities to refer all requests to Navy Office in order that a letter to the Priority Officer may be forwarded in support of any application regarded as genuine.

3. Officers and ratings who desire that their wives and families should travel interstate are advised to inform them to apply to the Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne, for the letter referred to in paragraph 2 above.

(632/202/939.)

(*This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.*)

325.

DRYDOCKING H.M.A. SHIPS—PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO ASDIC GEAR, ETC.

On a recent occasion, a mishap nearly occurred because of a misunderstanding regarding the allocation of responsibility for informing docking authorities of the condition of an Asdic Dome which was jammed in the down position.

2. Attention is, therefore, drawn to the necessity for strict compliance with the provisions of A.F.O. 5445/42.

(654/201/700.)

326.

FAIRMILE MOTOR LAUNCHES—MODIFICATIONS TO CIRCULATING WATER SYSTEM.

In order to improve the circulating water systems at present fitted to the Hall Scott engines of certain Fairmile motor launches, the following modifications are to be made at the first opportunity where the work has not already been carried out:—

(a) Holes should be drilled at the highest (and foremost) point of the water jacket on each exhaust manifold, and tapped $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. gas. The holes should be connected by pipes through a tee piece to the spare $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. tapped hole in the thermostat housing opposite the boss used for the water temperature connexion. Tapped bosses for these connexions are already provided on the exhaust manifold of some engines.

(b) The thermostat element should be removed from its housing, and the $1\frac{1}{8}$ -in. bore outlet pipes on each side which connect with the main circulating water inlet pipe, are to be removed and the end connexions blanked off.

2. The foregoing modifications are being carried out as far as possible in all boats still under construction.

(603/294/409.)

327.

“ALL SERVICES” SMALL ARM AMMUNITION—ACCOUNTING FOR.

The attention of all Naval Officers-in-Charge and Naval Armament Depots is drawn to Admiralty Fleet Orders 2383/42 and 6405/42, in connexion with “All Services” small arm ammunition.

2. Boxes containing “All Services” ammunition of Australian manufacture bear label H.628 only.

3. Future weekly stock reports rendered in accordance with Navy Order 190 of 1942 are to differentiate between “All Services” and other small arm ammunition.

4. Attention is also drawn to Naval Magazine and Explosive Regulations (1941), Article 268, particularly in regard to the action to be taken in accordance with clause 4 thereof when the ammunition reaches the two years' age limit. This action, of course, will involve amendment to stocks shown in weekly stock statements referred to in paragraph 3 above.

(408/206/1306.)

328.

GAS CYLINDERS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES.

With reference to Navy Order 254 of 1943, as cylinders for carbon dioxide for medical purposes in use in Australia have a ground colour of brown, in lieu of green as shown in A.F.O. 6206/42, the former colour is that which is to be used in Australia to indicate this gas.

(669/201/989.)

329.

SALE OF PROPRIETARY MEDICINES IN CANTEENS.

In order to avoid the unnecessary and wasteful use of proprietary medicines in the Services, it has been decided to restrict to the following the items which may be retailed in canteens:—

Aspirin Tablets.
A.P.C. Powder and Tablets.
Camphor Ice.
Cascara Pills.
Antacid Powder.
Epsom Salts.
Medicated Jubes.
Iodine.
Iodised Throat Tablets.
Lanoline.
Lipsil.
Sal Vital.
White Pine and Tar.
Zinc Ointment.

2. On exhaustion of stocks at present held, no further supplies of any other items of medical supplies may be sold in canteens in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments.

3. This order is to be brought to the notice of all Canteen Committees. Commanding Officers of ships and establishments in which tenant system canteens are in operation are to take action, in accordance with clauses 1 and 6 of the canteen agreement, to ensure that this order is complied with.

(612/213/2387.)

330.

**AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF OFFICERS' UNIFORMS—
INCLUSION OF UNIFORMS FOR NURSES AND W.R.A.N.S.
OFFICERS.**

With reference to Navy Order 222 of 1943, paragraph 2, the following additional Outfitters have agreed to include uniforms for Nurses and W.R.A.N.S. Officers in the Agreement:—

Messrs. Anthony Hordern and Sons Ltd., Brickfield Hill, Sydney.

Messrs. F. Freeman and Sons, Smith-street, Surry Hills, Sydney.

Messrs. Vereys Ltd., King-street, Sydney.

Mr. G. E. Truscott, corner of Hay and Williams streets, Perth.

Messrs. Rothwells Outfitting Ltd., Edward-street, Brisbane.

Messrs. J. Bidencope and Sons Pty. Ltd., Murray-street, Hobart.

(434/215/1039.)

331.

NON-ESSENTIAL ARTICLES.

It has been brought to notice that there is a tendency among ratings wearing Class II. uniform to take suit cases with them when proceeding to seagoing appointments. Owing to there being insufficient stowing space for these articles in kit lockers, apart from the fire risk they constitute, such articles are not to be taken aboard seagoing ships in future.

2. It is also noted that woollen comforts and other articles of a non-essential nature have been brought to seagoing ships serving in tropical waters. These articles are not required and should not be taken by ratings.

(516/201/584.)

332.

DIAGONAL SERGE.

Ample facilities exist in all States, except Queensland, for the purchase by ratings of made-to-measure diagonal serge suits. In addition, stock size diagonal serge suits are available for issue on repayment.

2. The repayment issue of diagonal serge is therefore to be suspended henceforth, except in Queensland Establishments.

3. Endeavour is being made to arrange a contract for made-to-measure uniforms in Brisbane.

4. Navy Order 170 of 1942 is cancelled.

(433/201/761.)

333.

B.R.637—MERSIGS VOL. I.

Distributing Officers are requested to return to the Naval Store Officer, Sydney, all copies of B.R.637 which are held surplus to requirements.

(1866/2/11.)

334.

CORRIGENDUM.

Navy Order 215 of 1943, paragraph 12—Classes and Examination for Seaman Petty Officer and Leading Seaman—is to be amended to read as follows:—

“12. Leading Seaman may pass for Petty Officer at any time after advancement to Acting Leading Seaman and may be recommended for advancement to Temporary Petty Officer after six months' service in the Leading rate including acting time.”

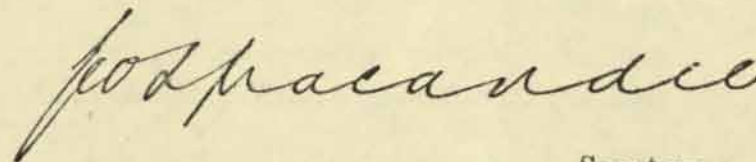
(465/207/1207.)

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Navy Office, Melbourne,
6th July, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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325.

HONOURS AND AWARDS TO R.A.N. PERSONNEL.

With reference to Navy Order 211 of 1943, the following additional Honours and Awards have been made to personnel of the Royal Australian Navy:—

1. *For outstanding bravery and enterprise in action in the harbour at Oran.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Lieutenant R. J. Major, R.A.N.V.R., H.M.S. *Walney*.

2. *For great gallantry, leadership, and devotion to duty in a raid on Tobruk.*

MENTION IN DESPACHES.

Lieutenant D. E. Burnley, R.A.N.V.R., H.M.S. *Zulu*.

3. *For bravery in Far Eastern waters.*

THE BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL (MILITARY).

Engine Room Artificer F. Calvert, S/476.

4. *For bravery and skill in a successful action against an escorted Italian convoy in the Mediterranean in which four ships of the enemy convoy and two enemy destroyers were sunk.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Lieutenant-Commander L. Macliver, R.A.N., H.M.A.S. *Quiberon*.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Petty Officer N. A. Porter, 19087, H.M.A.S. *Quiberon*.

Acting Leading Stoker C. P. Erickson, 18016, H.M.A.S. *Quiberon*.

Able Seaman N. F. Oversen, 24136, H.M.A.S. *Quiberon*.

MENTION IN DESPACHES.

Lieutenant-Commander (E) F. C. Hodgson, R.A.N., H.M.A.S. *Quiberon*.

Chief Engine Room Artificer W. H. Johnson, 13036, H.M.A.S. *Quiberon*.

Petty Officer L. E. Ryder, S/745, H.M.A.S. *Quiberon*.

Stoker C. B. Dumbrell, S/5727, H.M.A.S. *Quiberon*.

5. *For bravery in saving life after his ship was sunk.*

M.B.E.

Lieutenant J. L. Nicoll, R.A.N.V.R., H.M.S. *Bredon*.

6. *For fortitude and sustained devotion to duty in the Mediterranean.*

MENTION IN DESPACHES.

Lieutenant-Commander L. Gellatly, D.S.C., R.A.N., H.M.S. *Welshman*.

7. *For bravery and skill in the hazardous operation in which Allied Forces were landed in North Africa.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Petty Officer H. G. Palmer, S/2381, H.M.S. *Bulolo*.

MENTION IN DESPACHES.

Temporary Engineer Lieutenant-Commander W. Monteath, R.A.N.R.(S), H.M.S. *Bulolo*.

Lieutenant J. W. Forsyth, R.A.N.V.R., H.M.S. *Bulolo*.
Engine Room Artificer 4th Class, J. H. Farr, S/3995, H.M.S. *Bulolo*.

Engine Room Artificer, 4th Class, J. R. Pilkington, PM/2679, H.M.S. *Bulolo*.

Leading Stoker A. W. Bond, W/37, H.M.S. *Bulolo*.
Stoker R. L. Prescott, W/1937, H.M.S. *Bulolo*.

8. *For courage and skill when attacked by Japanese bombers.*

MENTION IN DESPACHES.

Temporary Lieutenant J. A. Grant, R.A.N.R.(S), H.M.A.S. *Kuru*.

Acting Engine Room Artificer J. Crooks, S/6161, H.M.A.S. *Kuru*.

9. *For good service in H.M.S. Pelican.*

MENTION IN DESPACHES.

Lieutenant G. E. R. Brown, R.A.N.V.R.

10. *For bravery, endurance, and devotion to duty in North African waters.*

MENTION IN DESPACHES.

Lieutenant S. L. Browne, R.A.N.V.R.

11. *For zeal, patience, and cheerfulness in dangerous waters.*

MENTION IN DESPACHES.

Lieutenant-Commander M. G. Rose, R.A.N.V.R., H.M.S. *Alisma*.

Lieutenant T. O. Kolts, R.A.N.V.R., H.M.S. *Folkestone*.

Temporary Engineer Sub-Lieutenant J. W. Pirrett, R.A.N.R.(S), H.M.S. *Bulolo*.

12. *On the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday.*

O.B.E.

Acting Commander R. B. Atlee Hunt, R.A.N., H.M.A.S.
Basilisk.

Commander A. V. Knight, D.S.C., R.D., R.A.N.R.(S),
H.M.A.S. *Westralia.*

M.B.E.

Acting Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander R. C. Watson,
R.A.N., H.M.A.S. *Platypus.*

Lieutenant-Commander G. H. Gill, R.A.N.V.R.

(448/201/1507.)

(*This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.*)

336.

REHABILITATION OFFICERS—PROCEDURE IN REGARD TO INVALIDED PERSONNEL.

In view of the appointment of Rehabilitation Officers in various establishments, *vide* Navy Order 213 of 1943, the following procedure is to be adopted in regard to members who are to be discharged invalided, and who require to be transferred to another depot for discharge to be effected:—

- (a) In those cases where an unqualified recommendation of discharge P.U.N.S. or B.N.P.S. has been made by a Medical Board of Survey, the member is to be discharged immediately to his Home Depot to await the decision of the Naval Board on the survey.
- (b) The Rehabilitation Officer of the depot in which the member is serving at the time of the survey is to forward, without delay, preferably in the member's possession, a short statement, for the guidance of the Rehabilitation Officer of the member's home depot, indicating—
 - (i) the nature of the condition which necessitated invaliding;
 - (ii) the residual disability, with pertinent remarks as to the nature of civil employment for which the member is fitted.

This information is to be obtained from the Senior Medical Officer of the Medical Board of Survey which considered the member's case.

(c) In those instances where a Medical Board of Survey recommend discharge on medical grounds with certain qualifications, such as change of branch or possible shore service, action to inform the Rehabilitation Officer of the details above is to await and be dependent upon the decision of the Naval Board on the recommendation of the Board of Survey.

2. So far as is possible, purely medical terms should be avoided in this statement, which should be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed directly to the Rehabilitation Officer concerned. The nature of the disease or injury, and the civil disability should, on no account be disclosed to the member himself, as it is intended solely for the information of the Rehabilitation Officer.

(629/214/15.)

337.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPILING THE DECK LOG AND SHIP'S LOG.

The following notes have been prepared for information and guidance in the compilation of the Deck Log and Ship's Log.

2. Full instructions on this matter, both for at sea and in harbor, are given in King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, Article 1208. As regards time in harbor, these may be briefly summarized as follows:—

The Logs should be a record of events and details to enable the Naval Board to make full use of the service on which the particular ship is engaged and also to indicate the state of efficiency of men and material.

For this reason the following points are most important:—

- (i) Details of the daily employment of the ship's company, exercising action stations, boat drills, landing parties, and evolutions indicate the general efficiency. (The entry—Hands employed as requisite—does not comply with these instructions.)
- (ii) The leave given, stating to which watch, or part of the watch indicates the recreation available.
- (iii) Details of entry and discharge of officers and ratings, accidents, loss of stores, general payments, punishments by warrant, &c., supply necessary records.

The following entries, frequently made, are not required:—

- (a) Times of meals, hands to breakfast, dinner, tea, and supper.
- (b) Hoisting colours. Sunset.
- (c) Rounds.

(659/202/990.)

R.A.N. HIGHER EDUCATIONAL TEST—APRIL, 1943—RESULTS.

The pass results obtained by candidates in subjects taken by them in the Higher Educational Test held between the 13th and 16th April, 1943, are as given hereunder. Included in these results are the pass marks obtained by each candidate at previous examinations where such marks are higher than those obtained at the April, 1943, examination.

Name.	Rating.	Official No.	Where serving at the time of Examination.	Papers.									Remarks.
				I.	II.	III.	IV.	VII.	VIIA.	VIII.	IX.		
				General Knowledge.	English History.	Geography.	Navigation.	Practical Mathematics.	Maths. for A/Pay. Sub.-Lt.	Mechanics.	Magnetism and Electricity.		
Boyle, Edward H. Durham, Neil	Ord. Seaman Petty Officer	H/1823 19061	<i>Arunda</i>	57(tt)	63(tt)		76 63	80(tt) 94(tt)		78(tt)		Qualified for Warrant Rank. Awarded H.E. Certificate, 2nd Class	
Latham, Charles W. Lister, James D.	Ord. Seaman	B/3937 PA/2745					88	57 90(tt)		83(tt)	90(tt)	Awarded H.E. Certificate, 1st Class	
Little, Geoffrey B. Mann, Peter W.		PA/3002 PA/3103			67		56 86	91 77			75 58	Awarded H.E. Certificate, 2nd Class	
Mohr, Robert F. McCarthy, Bernard D. McCrea, Michael F. Ross, Bryan U. Wardell, John R.	Stoker, 3rd Class Acting Chief P.O. Ord. Seaman Able Seaman Petty Officer	PA/3271 9794 PM/4379 PM/4051 18900					77 59 64	80 96 93			70 58	Qualified for Warrant Rank. Awarded H.E. Certificate, 2nd Class	
Ware, John B. Willmetts, George Baynes, Robert W. Charlesworth, Reginald	Ord. Seaman Able Seaman Mechanician	PM/4251 PA/2722 24974 19802	<i>Australia</i>			67	60 58	70			68	Qualified for Warrant Rank. Awarded H.E. Certificate, 2nd Class	
Grant, Preston D. Green, Reginald T. Harris, Wilfred L. Rainbow, George H. Chambers, George L. Fessey, Edgar J.	Stoker E.R.A., 3rd Class P.O. Telegraphist E.R.A., 4th Class O.A., 2nd Class P.O. Writer	H/1630 23614 20837 23380 20132 23322	<i>Cerberus</i>	57 66 70 79(qq)		59 67 63 80		88 92 56		64 65 64(tt)		Qualified for Warrant Rank. Awarded H.E. Certificate, 2nd Class	
McIntosh, Charles I. Bayliss, William J. Hooker, George Brooks, Geoffrey W. Pope, Gordon Russell, Jack Impey, Ronald S. Salway, Allan Hare, John M. Rich, Harold Caldwell, Loel J.	Stoker P.O. (Ty.) Ldg. Sy. Assistant Bandmaster Ord. Sea., 2nd Class E.A., 4th Class E.A., 4th Class Acting P.O. Supply P.O. P.O. Writer Writer Supply P.O.	20536 23220 21032 PA/3008 S/3506 25691 22381 19782 23082 F/3411 19617	<i>Hobart</i> <i>Kanimbla</i> <i>Kapunda</i> <i>Melville</i> <i>Penguin</i>		61(jp)	60(tt) 57 67		83(ss) 89		81 78 90		Qualified for Warrant Rank Qualified for Warrant Rank Qualified for Warrant Rank	
Heys, Fredric G. Brown, Kevin L. C. Bryan, Charles R. Worrail, Bertram H. Parry, Arthur F. Paul, Arthur W.	E.R.A., 4th Class Sy. Assistant Petty Officer A/Supply P.O. Leading Seaman Ord. Seaman	PA/1879 24591 14846 23156 S/3481 S/6971	<i>Vendetta</i> <i>Warramunga</i>	66 79 57(pp)		76 78(qq) 61(pp)	58 70	82(ss) 81		50(ss) 76(ss)		Awarded H.E. Certificate, 2nd Class Qualified for Warrant Rank Qualified for Warrant Rank	

(z) Marks obtained at November, 1932, examination.
(cc) Marks obtained at March, 1934, examination.
(dd) Marks obtained at October, 1934, examination.
(gg) Marks obtained at April, 1936, examination.
(ll) Marks obtained at September, 1938, examination.

(pp) Marks obtained at October, 1940, examination.
(qq) Marks obtained at April, 1941, examination.
(rr) Marks obtained at October, 1941, examination.
(ss) Marks obtained at April, 1942, examination.
(tt) Marks obtained at October, 1942, examination.

Maximum marks in each subject—100.
75 per cent. of total marks is considered a first-class pass.
55 per cent. of total marks is considered a second-class pass.

2. The marks obtained by candidates in subjects in which they did not pass are not shown above. Should any candidate desire to be informed of these marks, he should make application to the Commanding Officer of the ship or establishment in which he is serving, who has been supplied with a statement of the full results obtained at the examination. Notation of the award of Higher Educational Certificates and Qualified for Warrant Rank (Q.W.R.) should be made on the service certificates of the ratings concerned.

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

339.

CODING BRANCH.

As it has been found necessary to make certain amendments to the regulations covering advancement in the Coding Branch, all the relevant Orders have been co-ordinated and are as follows:—

1. *Ordinary Coder 2nd Class.*

Entries may be made in the Coding Branch in the rating of Ordinary Coder 2nd Class. Time served in the rating of Ordinary Coder 2nd Class is allowed to count towards the fifteen months' mobilized time required for advancement to Coder, subject to such advancement being not earlier than 18½ years of age.

2. *Ratings who enter the Service as Ordinary Coder.*

(i) *Ordinary Coder to Coder.*

- (a) Pass examination after course in H.M.A. Signal School. The standards of knowledge required are set out in A.F.O. 885/43. Time may be gained in accordance with Table I.
- (b) Complete fifteen months' mobilized service.
- (c) Must be recommended by Commanding Officer.
- (d) Authority to give rating—Commanding Officer.

(ii) *Coder to Acting Leading Coder.*

- (a) Six months' service as Coder (no sea service qualification required).
- (b) Pass professional examination to be held locally and to be conducted by a qualified Signal Officer. (See also Navy Order 450 of 1942.) Where a qualified Signal Officer is not available, the examination may be conducted by a Communications Branch Warrant Officer. In all other cases, application is to be made to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, for examination papers which will be dealt with by H.M.A. Signal School. The examination is to consist of two written tests—"Coding Instructions" and "Practical Coding." Eighty per cent. marks are required to qualify. (For standards of knowledge required see A.F.O. 885/43, Table III.)
- (c) Advancement roster will be based on date of passing. Advancement to Acting Leading Coder is on a temporary basis and men are rated Acting in the first instance, being eligible for confirmation after a minimum period of one year's service in the rate.
- (d) Candidates who are unsuccessful in the examination for advancement to Acting Leading Coder are to be required to wait not less than three months after the first failure and not less than six months after the second failure before presenting themselves for re-examination.
- (e) Recommended on Form A.S.507.
- (f) Authority to give rating—Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot.

(iii) *Leading Coder to Acting Petty Officer Coder.*

- (a) One year as Leading Coder (including acting time). One year's sea service as Ordinary Coder, Coder, and Leading Coder combined.
- (b) Pass professional examination (which may be taken at any time after advancement to Acting Leading Coder). The examination is to be as prescribed for Petty Officer Coder in A.F.O. 885/43.
- (c) Recommended on Form A.S.507.
- (d) Authority to give rating—Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot.
- (e) Advancement roster will be based on date of passing. Advancement will be on a temporary basis and men will be rated Acting Petty Officer Coder in the first instance, being eligible for confirmation after a minimum period of one year's service in the rate.

3. *Ratings transferred to the Coding Branch when Ordinary Signalmen or Ordinary Telegraphists and not passed through Signal School, when Ordinary Seamen (C.B., V/S or W/T) and from other than Signaller or Telegraphist Branches.*

- (a) Pass examination after course in H.M.A. Signal School. Time may be gained in accordance with Table I.
- (b) Complete fifteen months' mobilized service. All mobilized time may count, but men cannot be advanced until they have been employed for three months on coding duties, including time spent undergoing course in H.M.A. Signal School, and no antedating in respect of time gained is to be effective prior to the date on which these three months are completed.

4. *Ratings transferred to Coding Branch from Signaller or Telegraphist Branches.*

- (i) *Ordinary Signalmen or Ordinary Telegraphists who have passed through Signal School.*
 - (a) Pass examination after course in H.M.A. Signal School.
 - (b) Time may be gained in accordance with Table I.
 - (c) Complete fifteen months' mobilized service.
 - (d) Will retain seniority held as Ordinary Signaller or Ordinary Telegraphist. If this exceeds fifteen months by the time they take their examination, the case is to be referred to the Naval Board for decision as to the date from which they may be antedated.
 - (e) Recommended by Commanding Officer.
 - (f) Authority to give rating—Commanding Officer.
- (ii) *Signalmen or Telegraphists.*
 - (a) Pass examination after course in Signal School.
 - (b) Will retain seniority held as a Signaller or Telegraphist.
- (iii) *Leading Signalmen or Leading Telegraphists.*
 - (a) Must pass for Leading Coder at first opportunity. Such ratings retain their seniority.
 - (b) If a rating fails, he may transfer to Coder under the conditions of (ii) above.

5. *Re-examination in event of failure in Qualifying Course.*

An Ordinary Coder who fails to pass his qualifying course is not to be re-examined for one month. A second and each subsequent failure is to entail a further delay of two months.

6. Time may be gained on re-examination in accordance with the scale laid down, but the basic date for advancement is to be increased by one month after the first failure and a further two months after the second and each subsequent failure.

7. Notwithstanding the conditions prescribed in the foregoing paragraphs, no advancement to Coder is to be effected prior to the 6th February, 1941. In the case of R.A.N.R. ratings, transferred under the conditions of paragraph 4, they may be advanced to Coder not earlier than date of transfer, but with seniority and pay from the date to which they are entitled in accordance with time gained subject to such date being not earlier than 6th February, 1941.

Table I.

Percentage.	Time gained.
86 per cent. and over	6 months
85.5 per cent. and over but under 86 per cent.	5½ "
85 " " " " 85.5 " " " "	5 "
84.5 " " " " 85 " " " "	4½ "
84 " " " " 84.5 " " " "	4 "
83.5 " " " " 84 " " " "	3½ "
83 " " " " 83.5 " " " "	3 "
82.5 " " " " 83 " " " "	2½ "
82 " " " " 82.5 " " " "	2 "
81.5 " " " " 82 " " " "	1½ "
81 " " " " 81.5 " " " "	1 month
80.5 " " " " 81 " " " "	" "
Under 80.5 per cent.	Nil

8. The rates of active pay per diem for Ordinary Coder, 2nd Class, and Petty Officer Coder are as follows:—

Ordinary Coder II.

Under 17 years of age—3s. 3d.

17 years of age or over—3s. 6d.

Petty Officer Coder—11s. 8d.

9. Necessary amendment of the Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions will be made in due course.

10. Navy Orders 104, 239, and 288 of 1942 are cancelled.

(349/16/316.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

340.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING DURING THE WAR—CORRESPONDENCE COURSES.

In continuation of Navy Order 146 of 1943, it is notified for information that under the Commonwealth Post-War Reconstruction Training Plans, correspondence courses at Melbourne and Sydney Technical Colleges and other institutions approved by the Reconstruction Training Committee are now available to all R.A.N. personnel (including W.R.A.N.S.).

This form of vocational training is the only one permitted during hostilities under the Post-War Reconstruction Training Plans, excepting special cases which are dealt with by the Repatriation Commission.

2. The general conditions under which these courses will be available are as follows:—

(i) Prospective students should make application on the General Information Form for the course or part course they desire to take, through their Commanding Officers, whose remarks and recommendation should be shown on the space provided before forwarding the completed form to Navy Office for transmission to the College concerned. The College Authorities are free to refuse any applications and recommend alternative courses. Commanding Officers will be advised of the College Authorities' decisions by Navy Office.

(ii) If applications are approved, the applicants must complete the Enrolment Form, which should be forwarded by them direct to the College concerned, accompanied by 15s. in respect of each course or part course for which enrolment is desired. On completion of these formalities the College will commence the course or courses.

(iii) Navy Office will be advised by the College concerned as soon as each course or part course has been completed satisfactorily. On receipt of this advice, authority to refund to the student the deposit lodged by him will be forwarded by Navy Office to Commanding Officers.

(iv) The results of courses undertaken by members of the R.A.N. will be recorded for inclusion in students' records for use during rehabilitation after demobilization.

3. A supply of General Information Forms, Enrolment Forms, and informative booklets will be forwarded to the following Ships and Establishments:—

<i>Cerberus</i>	<i>Magnetic</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Lonsdale</i>	<i>Platypus</i>	<i>Shropshire</i>
<i>Penguin</i>	<i>Basilisk</i>	<i>Hobart</i>
<i>Rushcutter</i>	<i>Melville</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>
<i>Assault</i>	<i>Leeuwin</i>	<i>Napier</i>
<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Torrens</i>	R.A.N. Accountant
<i>Moreton</i>	<i>Huon</i>	Officer, Kilindini
		Thursday Island

Ships not included in the above list should make application for forms, &c., to the most convenient Ship or Establishment.

4. In each of the above Ships and Establishments, an officer is to be detailed to supervise applications and assist prospective students in completing forms to ensure that no delay occurs through incomplete forms being submitted. Applicants should be discouraged from applying for courses which are obviously beyond their educational and mental capabilities.

5. A wide range of Technical College courses under the following general headings is now available:—

Art, Commerce, Literature, Mathematics, Physics, Engineering, Trade, and Agriculture.

A more limited range of courses is available for Matriculation and University Examinations.

6. These educational services are being conducted in collaboration with the staff of the Army Education Service.

7. Copies of the Army Educational Journal *Salt* are being distributed in accordance with Navy Order 155 of 1943, and contain informative articles in connexion with rehabilitation plans.

8. The provisions of Navy Order 315 of 1941 will remain in force so far as courses already undertaken under its provisions are concerned. Personnel are free to make independent arrangements with outside Colleges, but in future no financial assistance will be granted except under the provisions of the scheme as outlined in this Order.

(679/214/10.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

341.

PERSONNEL SENTENCED TO DETENTION.

With reference to Navy Orders 421 of 1942 and 5 of 1943, personnel sentenced to detention will also be received at Australian Military Detention Quarters, Warwick and Charters Towers, Queensland. In the latter case, offenders should be sent to H.M.A.S. *Magnetic* for disposal.

(452/201/1277.)

342.

EXCHANGE OF RAILWAY WARRANTS FOR TICKETS.

It has been brought to notice that cases have occurred where Defence personnel travelling on departmental railway warrants have not exchanged them for tickets.

2. All Naval personnel travelling on departmental railway warrants are to be warned of the necessity for exchanging warrants for tickets.

(632/202/980.)

343.

FAIRMILE MOTOR LAUNCHES—PERMISSIBLE REVOLUTIONS.

The use of engine revolutions below 800-900 r.p.m. is not recommended. Speeds lower than this greatly increase the danger of oiling up spark plugs.

2. The desirable number of crankshaft revolutions of Hall Scott "Defender" engines for continuous cruising is about 1,400. Normal authorized full power speed is 1,800 r.p.m. In cases of extreme emergency, the safe maximum designed crankshaft speed of 2,100 r.p.m. may be used, but for short periods only.

(603/246/3327.)

344.

FAIRMILE MOTOR LAUNCHES—ENGINE OPERATING HOURS BETWEEN OVERHAULS.

Hall Scott V-12 non-supercharged engines are to receive a top overhaul at the expiration of each period of 500 hours running.

2. The total number of running hours of these engines between major (complete) overhauls, is to be 1,500. When this figure is reached, they are to be removed from the boat and replaced by new or reconditioned engines.

(603/246/3327.)

345.

APPARATUS TESTING ADJUSTER—MODIFICATION FOR MARKS XIII^A. AND XIII*. DEPTH CHARGE PISTOLS.

With reference to O.U.5485, paragraph 33 (g) as amended by A.F.O. "P." 247/42, H.M.A. Ships and Establishments provided with chests, testing set, Marks VII.—XIII*. depth charge pistols should ensure that the apparatus testing adjuster, Stamp No. 6223, is modified in accordance with A.F.O. 3889/42 and A.F.O. diagram 205/42.

2. This modification is necessary to permit the body of the apparatus to accommodate the depth adjuster of Marks XIII^A. and XIII*. depth charge pistols for depth adjuster leakage tests.

(471/205/1803.)

346.

SWORDS AND BELTS FOR MASTERS-AT-ARMS.

For the period of the war, swords and belts (Officers' pattern) may be issued on loan to Masters-at-Arms when required to officiate as Provost Marshals at Court Martials.

2. Navy Order 168 of 1940 refers.

(412/203/31.)

347.

DENTURES AND SPECTACLES—LOSS THROUGH ACTIVE SERVICE.

In cases where the loss of dentures or spectacles by officers or men is attributable to active service, e.g., loss through enemy action, accident, &c., replacement of the lost article or articles is to be effected through Naval Dental or Departmental facilities, where these are available.

2. Where a claim for compensation is made by a member and replacement of the lost article or articles has not been effected through Service sources, indicated above, the reason why the above facilities were not availed of is to be stated.

(527/201/791.)

348.

ECONOMY IN BRISTLES—CARE OF PAINT BRUSHES.

Attention is drawn to Admiralty Fleet Order 3691/42 relative to the acute position in regard to the supply of bristles, and to the care that is to be taken of brushes to ensure that the longest life possible is obtained therefrom.

2. Similar conditions exist in Australia in regard to the supply of bristles, and it is essential that the instructions contained in the A.F.O. quoted above be closely observed by all concerned.

3. Store Accounting Officers are to review the expenditure of brush-ware at frequent intervals to ensure that economy is being effected to the utmost extent practicable.

(612/222/550.)

349.

PROTECTIVE LOAN CLOTHING FOR H.M.A. BOOM DEPOTS.

The allowances of protective loan clothing for H.M.A. Boom Depots are as follows:—

Jackets, canvas, Trousers, canvas—

2 sets for each chargeman, skilled labourer, labourer, leading rigger, rigger, and crane driver.

Dresses, combination, canvas—

2 for each crane driver.

Dresses, combination, brown—

2 for each shipwright, fitter, blacksmith, and plumber, and 5 per cent. spare.

Jackets, oilskin, Trousers, oilskin, heavy or light weight suits—

1 suit for each chargeman, skilled labourer, labourer, leading rigger, rigger, and crane slinger.

Sea Boots—

1 pair for each chargeman, skilled labourer, labourer, leading rigger, and rigger.

Leather gloves—

1 pair per month for each chargeman, skilled labourer, labourer, leading rigger, rigger, and crane slinger.

2. These allowances are the maximum *and only such quantities as are absolutely necessary are to be maintained.* This is particularly necessary under existing conditions.

3. Wherever possible, heavy boots are to be used in lieu of sea boots.

4. Stocks of canvas jackets and trousers, canvas combination dresses, and brown combination dresses are not at present available, and bluetie combination suits, one or two piece, will be supplied in lieu until stocks are available.

(434/214/31.)

350.

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the under-mentioned publications have been distributed. Further supplies of B.R.366/42, Chapter VI., are being obtained to complete distribution:—

Supplements August and September, 1942, November and December, 1942, January 1943, to O.U.6353 and O.U.6353A.—British and Foreign Merchant and Fishing Vessels respectively sunk or damaged by the Enemy from Outbreak of War.

(571/203/2121.)

Errata No. 4 to B.R.373.—Establishment of Naval Stores for "Hunt" Class Destroyers.

(A.F.O. 5973/42.)

(571/202/1408.)

Chapter VI. of B.R.366/42.—Minesweeps, Surveying Sweeps, Paravane Equipment.

(A.F.O. 4683/42.)

(571/202/1475.)

B.R.647/42.—Drill for 2-Pdr. Mark VIII. Guns on 2-Pdr. Mark VII. Mounting.

(A.F.O. 94/43.)

(571/202/1707.)

Instructions for the Naval Dockyard Police, 1943.

(571/201/3789.)

2. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the R.A.N. Supplies will be issued, on demand, when stocks of the existing forms are exhausted.

A.S.462, Part 3.—Incorporating Form A.S.462, Part 2.

(480/202/4286.)

3. The under-mentioned forms have been revised. Supplies will be issued, on demand, when stocks of the existing forms are exhausted:—

S.1148 (7).—Analysis Chart.

(480/202/4260.)

A.S.1246M.—History Sheet and Trade Certificate for R.A.N. Diver.

(480/202/4376.)

4. The under-mentioned form has been adopted for use in the R.A.N. On receipt of First Supply, which will be issued, without demand, by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney, the existing Convoy Form A.I. will become obsolete:—

S.1556.—Convoy, Form A.I.

(A.F.O. 431/43.)

(480/202/4389.)

5. The under-mentioned form has been adopted for use in the R.A.N. First Supply will be issued, without demand, by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney:—

S.1181E.—Air Navigational Record Form.

(A.F.O. 1316/42.)

(480/202/4098.)

6. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the R.A.N. in lieu of the Admiralty form combining D.127B, Table VIII., D.117B, Table XII., and D.129, Table XXI. Supplies will be issued, on demand, when stock of the existing form is exhausted:—

D.122.—List of Special Stores with particulars required for the purpose of obtaining supplies of items not shown in Rate Book.

(A.F.O. 2776/41.)

(480/201/3081.)

7. Form A.S.1298.—“Application for Change of Port Division” has been renumbered A.S.1302z.

(480/202/4387.)

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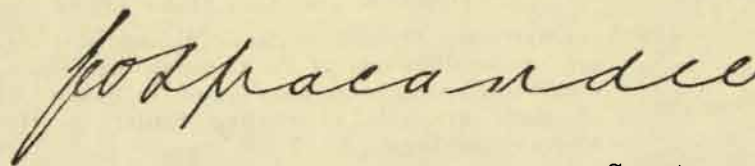
Commonwealth Navy Orders.

Navy Office, Melbourne,

13th July, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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351.

TREATMENT OF UNDELIVERABLE POSTAL ARTICLES.

Postal articles which are posted within the Commonwealth to any member of the Naval Forces in Papua or New Guinea or abroad, and which are unclaimed by, or cannot be delivered to, the addressee, are to be dealt with as follows:—

(a) Letters, postcards and commercial papers—

- (i) addressed to personnel reported deceased or missing are—

To be forwarded to Navy Office, Melbourne, for suitable endorsement and subsequent despatch to the Dead Letter Office for return to senders.

- (ii) addressed to personnel who have left a ship or establishment are—

To be dealt with in accordance with Consolidated Orders and Regulations, Article 329, clause 18, and Navy Order 137 of 1943.

- (b) Newspapers and periodicals*, clearly distinguishable as such, are, at the discretion of the Commanding Officer, to be distributed among other members of the Ship's Company, or made available as reading matter to Hospitals, Convalescent Depots, &c.

- (c) Unregistered parcels and packets* are, at the discretion of the Commanding Officer, to be opened on board and such contents as are suitable for the purpose are, where possible, to be handed to the accredited representatives of the Australian Comforts Fund or the Australian Red Cross Society for general distribution. Where this is not possible, the articles may be distributed among the Ship's Company. Valuable articles or those of a sentimental value, such as watches, binoculars, cigarette cases, wallets and articles of a personal nature, are, however, to be withheld from distribution and returned to senders, together with a suitable advice from the Commanding Officer for the sender's information. Where the name and address of the sender are not contained in the parcel or packet, any valuable articles are to be forwarded to Navy Office, Melbourne, for transmission to the next of kin.

The address labels or covers should in each case be destroyed or the addresses completely obliterated or removed before such distribution or disposal is effected.

2. *Registered Postal Articles.*—All undeliverable registered postal articles are to be returned to senders, articles addressed to deceased or missing personnel being dealt with as set out in paragraph 1 (a) (i) above.

3. Navy Orders 216 of 1941 and 440 of 1942 are cancelled.

(563/201/981.)

352.

FAIRMILE IDENTIFICATION LETTERING.

Fairmiles in commission are to include in their defect lists an item for renewal of identification lettering in accordance with Green Point Naval Boatyard—Fly Plan B99—Details of Identification Letters.

(603/294/400.)

353.

ANTI-GAS RESPIRATORS—LOSSES OF.

With reference to King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, Article 1936, paragraph 3, when charges are made against Naval personnel in respect of losses of respirators, in no instance is the value of these articles to be assessed at less than two-thirds of the initial cost.

(669/201/1008.)

354.

FORM A.D.495 (REPORT OF DOCKING) AND FORM A.D.488 (PROPELLERS AND UNDERWATER FITTINGS)—PROCEDURE.

On each occasion of docking of H.M.A. Ships at all docks, the Naval Refitting Authority is to prepare the above forms in quadruplicate for distribution as follows:—

Original—to the Squadron Engineer Officer, Garden Island, for transmission to the Naval Board.

Duplicate—to Ship's Administrative Authority (S.E.O., Garden Island, for ships under the Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron).

Triplicate—to be retained by Refitting Authority concerned.

Quadruplicate—to ship for retention on Ship's Book.

2. This procedure applies when docking at *all* docks, and the distinction indicated on the forms is in abeyance during hostilities.

3. In order to assist Dockyard and Base Repair Staff Officers in estimating the time required for docking, Commanding Officers are to ensure that Docking Defect Lists contain information concerning (a) Rudder, (b) "A" Bracket and (c) Stern Tube clearances on last occasion of docking.

(480/201/3172.)

355.

NAVAL ARMAMENT STORE ACCOUNTS—TO BE TRANSMITTED BY REGISTERED PARCEL POST.

When Ledgers for Naval Armament Stores, Torpedo Explosives Stores and Torpedo and Paravane Stores (non-explosive) are transmitted, they are to be forwarded by Registered Parcel Post.

2. Consolidated Orders and Regulations, Article 362, will be amended in due course.

(612/204/1331.)

356.

CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF FRESH PROVISIONS AT SYDNEY.

Appended are details of contract arranged for the supply of requirements of meat, fresh or frozen to H.M.A. Ships and Establishments at Sydney during the period 1st April to 30th June, 1943:—

Contractor—Thomas Playfair Pty. Ltd., Argyle-street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Rates (fresh or frozen)—

- Beef, hindquarters—7½d. lb.
- Beef, ribs, boned and rolled—8d. lb.
- Beef, topsides—9½d. lb.
- Beef, thick flank—6d. lb.
- Beef, corned rounds—9½d. lb.
- Beef, corned briskets—5½d. lb.
- Beef, minced steak—6d. lb.
- Veal carcasses (1st quality only)—7d. lb.
- Mutton, legs—6d. lb.
- Mutton carcasses—4½d. lb.
- Mutton chops—7½d. lb.
- Lamb carcasses—8d. lb.
- Pork sides—1s. 0½d. lb.
- Pork, corned—11d. lb.
- Pork chops—1s. 3d. lb.
- Sausages, pork—9½d. lb.
- Sausages, mixed meat—7d. lb.
- Sausages, Belgian—7d. lb.
- Brawn—6d. lb.
- Kidneys, Ox—1s. 1d. lb.
- Kidneys, Sheep's—2½d. each.
- Sheep's fries—7d. lb.
- Tripe, Ox—4½d. lb.
- Ice—2s. 6d. cwt.
- Dripping—4½d. lb.
- Saveloys (approximately 6 to lb.)—1s. 1d. doz.
- Luncheon sausages—7d. lb.
- Frankfurts (6 to lb.)—10d. lb.

Less 1 per cent. 14 days.

(668/201/2680.)

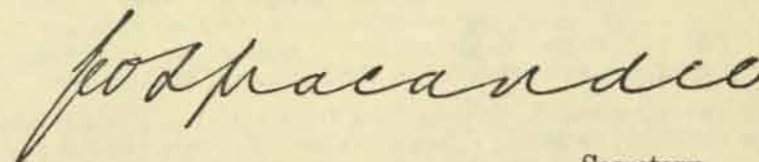
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Commonwealth Navy Orders.

Navy Office, Melbourne,
20th July, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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357.

(Commonwealth Gazette, No. 146, dated 6th July, 1943.)

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

DELEGATION OF POWERS OF MINISTER UNDER REGULATION 64.

Whereas by section 17 of the *National Security Act 1939-1940* it is provided that any Minister of State may, in relation to any matters or class of matters, or in relation to any particular State or part of Australia, by writing under his hand, delegate all or any of his powers and functions under the Regulations (except this power of delegation) so that the delegated powers or functions may be exercised by the delegate with respect to the matters or class of matters, or the State or part of Australia, specified in the instrument of delegation:

Now therefore, I, Norman John Oswald Makin, Minister of State for the Navy, do hereby delegate to every officer who shall at any time during the continuance of this delegation be holding any of the offices specified hereunder or performing the duties of any of those offices, the powers and functions conferred upon me by regulation 64 of the National Security (General) Regulations with reference to the traffic at ports in Australia.

LIST OF OFFICES.

Chief of the Naval Staff.

Naval Officer-in-Charge at any Port.

Dated this 24th day of June, 1943.

NORMAN J. O. MAKIN,
Minister of State for the Navy.

358.

RECALL OF SHIPS' COMPANIES FROM SHORT LEAVE.

With reference to Navy Order 58 of 1941, the Commissioner of Police, Sydney, has advised that directions have now been given to the Sydney Police to deliver recall messages to the homes of Naval personnel irrespective of the hour of the day or night such messages are received. This obviates the necessity of personnel contacting a Police Station at regular intervals after 1900, although, of course, it will be necessary for them to report at the commencement of leave and inform the local Police where they may be found.

(520/201/1120.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

359.

PROMOTION OF NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TO RANK OR RELATIVE RANK OF LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER NAVAL RESERVES.

The following revised instructions concerning the promotion of Naval Reserve Officers to the ranks of Acting Lieutenant-Commander and Lieutenant-Commander are promulgated for information and necessary action.

2. *Lieutenant-Commander (or Relative Rank) R.A.N.R (S), R.A.N.R., and R.A.N.V.R.*

(i) Attention is drawn to—

(a) B.R.62—Regulations for the R.N.R. (Officers)—Article 51, clause 8; Article 52, clause 4; and Article 53, clause 2. These R.N.R. conditions for promotion govern the promotion of R.A.N.R. (S) Officers—*vide* Naval Reserve (Sea-going) Regulations and Instructions, Article 10.

(b) Naval Reserve Regulations and Instructions, Articles 60, 63 and 68 governing the promotion of R.A.N.R. and R.A.N.V.R. Officers.

(ii) Commanding Officers are to forward their recommendations in respect of—

(a) R.A.N.R. (S) Officers as they become eligible.

(b) R.A.N.R. and R.A.N.V.R. Officers not later than 15th May and 15th November—*vide* Naval Reserve Regulations and Instructions, Article 52.

(iii) Reports on Form AS.206 are to be rendered for all Officers who are qualified irrespective of whether they are recommended for promotion or not. These reports are to be rendered through the Administrative Authority, who will forward them with his recommendations under cover of Form AS.596.

3. *Acting Lieutenant-Commander (or Relative Rank) R.A.N.R. (S), R.A.N.R., and R.A.N.V.R.*

(i) Attention is drawn to A.F.O. 4240/42.

(ii) The conditions governing promotion to the Acting rank of Lieutenant-Commander (or relative rank) under the provisions of A.F.O. 4240/42 have been adopted for all Reserve Officers, including those at present employed from the Retired List of Reserve Officers and Temporary Lieutenants (E), Royal Australian Navy.

(iii) Reports on Form AS.206 (d) are to be rendered half-yearly for all officers who are qualified, irrespective of whether they are recommended for promotion or not. These reports are to be rendered through the Administrative Authority, who will forward them with his recommendations under cover of Form AS.596 to reach the Secretary, Naval Board, not later than 15th February and 15th August.

4. Forms AS.206 (d) are being supplied to Commanding Officers at the earliest possible opportunity.

5. Navy Orders 275 of 1940 and 145 of 1943 are cancelled.

(432/205/5567.)

360.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS UPON NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS.

As some doubt appears to exist concerning the rendering of confidential reports upon Naval Reserve Officers when mobilized, the following instructions are promulgated for the information of authorities concerned:—

(i) Reports are to be rendered upon all Naval Reserve Officers in accordance with Consolidated Orders and Regulations, Article 227, on all occasions as specified under the heading "SEA-GOING FORCES, Sections I. to VI."

(ii) Confidential reports on Form S.206 are also to be rendered upon Naval Reserve Officers on the following additional occasions:—

Officers Reported Upon.	When to be Rendered.
(a) Probationary Officers	On completion of three months' mobilized service from date of promotion from the lower deck or first appointment from shore. Special reference should be made to the fitness of the officer for confirmation in rank.
(b) Midshipmen ..	To reach Navy Office immediately prior to attaining age of 20 years. Special reference should be made to the officer's fitness for promotion. If this report coincides with that required under clause (a), confirmation and promotion should be dealt with in the one report.
(c) Acting Sub-Lieutenant (or equivalent rank)	To reach Navy Office immediately prior to attaining six months' seniority (except in the case of R.A.N.R. (S) Officers, who are to be reported upon immediately prior to attaining the age of 21 years). Special reference should be made to the officer's fitness for promotion.
(d) Sub-Lieutenant (or equivalent rank) ..	To reach Navy Office immediately prior to attaining the necessary qualifying service for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant or Lieutenant (Provisional)

Officers Reported Upon.	When to be Rendered.
(e) All Officers	On recommendation being made under the following provisions:— A.F.O. 425/42—Accelerated promotion to Lieutenant rank. A.F.O. 3880/40—"Qualified" status (Full). A.F.O. 4581/41—"Qualified" status (Mod.). A.F.O. 4240/42—Acting Lieutenant-Commander rank. Navy Order 275 of 1940—Lieutenant-Commander rank R.A.N.R. and R.A.N.V.R.
(f) Warrant Officer and Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank	To reach Navy Office by 1st March and 1st September each year for officers who are recommended for promotion.

2. It is impressed upon Reporting Authorities that Forms S.206 should be rendered as early as possible on or after the occasions enumerated above.

(559/222/1209.)

361.

CHEMICAL WARFARE TRAINING.

Arrangements have been made for the Allied Naval Forces to use periodically the U.S. Army facilities for gas chamber exercises and gas identification at Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne. H.M.A. Ships and Shore Establishments should avail themselves of these facilities to ensure that personnel are adequately trained in these matters.

2. Requests for the use of these facilities should be made to the U.S. Army Base or Sub-Base Commander at the port concerned.

(2002/2/176.)

362.

MAILS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, HOBART.

With a view to ensuring prompt delivery of mails and correspondence and to obviate misdirection, all envelopes, parcels, &c., for the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Hobart, are to include "Tasmania" in the address. thus:—

The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
HOBART,
TASMANIA.

2. Navy Order 9 of 1941 is cancelled.

(1866/2/118.)

363.

SHIPS' WATER SUPPLY AT PORT MORESBY.

The attention of all Commanding Officers of ships visiting Port Moresby is directed to the fact that water drawn from the Laloki River is polluted, and is unsafe for human consumption unless boiled or treated by chlorination.

2. All water drawn from this source is to be chlorinated in accordance with the provisions of A.F.O. 5823/42.

3. Supplies of chlorosene are available at Port Moresby, and qualified personnel of the Royal Australian Engineers Ships' Water Party at the Pumping Station are available for this duty, if required.

(646/201/273.)

364.

PURCHASE OF WREATHS.

The purchase of wreaths as a charge against public funds is to be limited to occasions when such tributes are considered necessary, and no expenditure in this regard is to be incurred without the prior approval of the Naval Board.

2. Unless there are circumstances of special significance, proposals of this nature should not be submitted.

(401/201/3205.)

365.

APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT OF DIFFERENCE IN PAY TO RATINGS PERFORMING HIGHER DUTIES—NAVAL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS, ARTICLE 74.

In order to enable the Naval Board to give early consideration to applications for difference of pay to ratings performing higher duties, Commanding Officers are to forward an additional copy of the application to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, requesting that information be furnished to Navy Office direct whether Fleet Numbers permit the vacancy being filled by drafting, together with any recommendations pertaining to the claim.

2. As a guide to Commanding Officers submitting the claims of ratings for the performance of higher duties, it can be assumed that the conditions of K.R. & A.I., Article 1591, are generally applicable except where they conflict with Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 74. or local procedure. As stated in Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 3, the provisions of K.R. & A.I. do not constitute an authority for expenditure.

(556/226/1784.)

(556/228/1052.)

500.

ACCOUNTING FOR CONSUMABLE NAVAL STORES IN MERCHANT VESSELS COMMISSIONED FOR NAVAL SERVICE.

Examination of Naval Store Accounts has revealed that accounting procedure in respect of consumable stores is not being carried out in a uniform manner in merchant vessels commissioned for Naval Service.

2. Particulars of stock on hand and receipts of stores should be shown progressively.

3. When general replenishment is necessary, stock should be taken of all items and the quantities in store entered in the column headed "In stock on.....", inserting the date of the muster. Quantities received from Storing Bases should then be inserted in the appropriate columns headed with the date the stores are received.

4. When replenishment is again due, stock is to be taken and the quantities found on muster inserted in the next column "In stock on....." as before.

5. When articles of a new description are received for the first time, they should be entered on the ledger sheet in the appropriate column *after* the last date of stocktaking.

6. In the case of new items or when it is necessary to raise a new ledger page, in order to provide that each page is available for a longer period, four lines are to be allotted to each item and the entries are to be made as shown in the specimen hereunder. In the case of water and fuel, a whole page for each item may be considered necessary, and provision should be made accordingly.

ACCOUNT OF STOCK AND RECEIPT OF CONSUMABLE STORES.

Pattern No.	Description.	Den. of Qty.	First Charge.	Quantity Received from Dockyard on		In Stock On	Quantity Received from Dockyard on		In Stock On	Quantity Received from Dockyard on		In Stock On
				*	*		*	*		*	*	
T. 801	Cotton Waste, Coloured	lbs.	56			2,940	4,940		19,241	27,241		6,441
				8,541	56	11	56			56		5
				50		2,641	4,641		17,841	8,841		23,941
				23,941		14	56		9	56		4
				56		29,104	30,104		2,142	8,142		4,342
				17,442		56	56		8	56		14
				56		5,642	6,642		15,042	14,1042		
				56		56	56		56	56		56

(612/212/2800.)

367.

STOCKS, TAPS AND DIES—ADOPTION OF COMMERCIAL TYPE FOR USE IN H.M.A. SHIPS AND ESTABLISHMENTS.

It has been decided to adopt Commercial Type Stocks, Taps and Dies of local manufacture for use in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments in lieu of Admiralty Patterns 613, 614, 615, 616, 400, 401, and 402.

2. Arrangements are being made for the provision of stocks of the under-mentioned Commercial Type Stocks, Taps and Dies and no further supplies of the above-mentioned Admiralty Patterns will be obtained:—

Commercial Type Stocks, Taps and Dies.

- (a) Stocks—2-in. outside diameter to fit the Dies shown at (b).
- (b) Dies Whitworth Thread— $\frac{1}{4}$ in., $\frac{1}{8}$ in., $\frac{3}{8}$ in., $\frac{7}{8}$ in., $\frac{1}{2}$ in., $\frac{5}{8}$ in., $\frac{3}{4}$ in., $\frac{1}{2}$ in., and 1 in.
- (c) Adjustable Tap Wrenches for $\frac{3}{8}$ in. to $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Taps.
- (d) Adjustable Tap Wrenches for $\frac{3}{8}$ in. to 1 in. Taps.
- (e) Adjustable Tap Wrenches for $\frac{3}{4}$ in. to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. Taps.
- (f) Taps, Whitworth Thread, in sets of 3 (Taper, second and plug)— $\frac{1}{8}$ in., $\frac{1}{4}$ in., $\frac{1}{8}$ in., $\frac{3}{8}$ in., $\frac{1}{8}$ in., $\frac{1}{2}$ in., $\frac{5}{8}$ in., $\frac{3}{4}$ in., $\frac{7}{8}$ in., 1 in., $1\frac{1}{8}$ in., and $1\frac{1}{4}$ in.

3. The Commercial Type Dies do not fit the Admiralty Pattern stocks and replacement of the latter is therefore necessary. Admiralty Pattern taps at present on issue to H.M.A. Ships, &c., will fit the adjustable tap wrenches shown at (c), (d), and (e) above, and existing stocks of Admiralty Pattern taps will be used up before taps of commercial type are issued.

4. In order to conserve labour and material, Stocks, Taps and Dies will no longer be issued as complete sets and boxes will not be supplied as hitherto.

5. The following items although included in Admiralty Pattern sets of Stocks, Taps and Dies are not in general use and supply will be arranged on receipt of demands in detail for such sizes of these items as are actually required:—

- (a) Dies, Whitworth Thread over 1 in., and Stocks as necessary.
- (b) Taps, Whitworth Thread over $1\frac{1}{4}$ in., and Tap Wrenches over $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.
- (c) Taps and Dies, British Standard Fine Thread.
- (d) Taps and Dies, Gas Thread.

6. Requirements of Stocks, Taps and Dies in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments should be reviewed and demands for individual components considered necessary to complete should be forwarded to the Superintending Naval Stores Officer, Sydney, as early as practicable quoting this Navy Order as authority. Experience indicates that

certain sizes of the respective components are in more frequent demand and that other sizes are rarely, if ever, used. Consideration should be given to these factors in preparing demands.

7. Outstanding demands for the Admiralty pattern items detailed in paragraph 1 above should be considered as cancelled.

8. On receipt of the Commercial Patterns, the Admiralty Pattern Stocks, Dies and Tap Wrenches which are not required should be returned to Storing Yards.

9. Stocks of Commercial Type Stocks, Taps and Dies will be available in due course at R.A.N. Store Depots other than Sydney and subsequent demands to replenish stocks should therefore be rendered to the nearest Store Depot.

(612/236/7425.)

368.

D.E.M.S.—ISSUE OF LOAN PROTECTIVE CLOTHING TO GUNNERS OF MARITIME TROOP, ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Gunners of Maritime Troop, Royal Artillery, on D.E.M.S. may be issued with loan protective clothing ex Naval stocks on application, subject to presentment of the written authority of the Master.

2. Particulars of such issues should be entered in pay-books, and the value debited to Admiralty in a transfer account to be forwarded to the Director of Navy Accounts, Navy Office, at the end of each month.

3. All items other than loan protective clothing are Army pattern and their issue is Army responsibility.

(516/201/581.)

369.

ISSUES OF UNIFORM AND CLOTHING ON REPAYMENT TO PERSONNEL OF ALLIED NAVIES.

Issues of uniform and clothing may be made on repayment at fixed issuing prices to meet personal requirements of personnel of Allied Navies but the issues must be restricted to minimum essential articles.

2. An order signed by the applicant's Commanding Officer or Accountant Officer stating the articles required is to be furnished.

3. *Bulk* supplies are to be made through the normal Departmental channels and issues rated at fixed issuing prices plus the authorized percentage addition.

(434/201/3246.)

370.

COMBINATION SUITS—ONE AND TWO PIECE—CUTTING OF SLEEVES.

The practice of cutting off sleeves of combination suits—one and two piece, is strictly forbidden and is to be discontinued forthwith.

2. Where necessary, sleeves are to be rolled.

(434/214/506.)

(This Order is to be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

371.

B.R.274/41—HANDBOOK AND DRILL FOR 20 M.M. OERLIKON MACHINE GUN—AMENDMENTS TO DRILL.

Chapter IV., page 17. Paragraph headed—

GUN DRILL FOR MARKS I. OR II. OERLIKON GUNS ON MARK I. HAND RAISED MOUNTING.

- (a) Delete words—

“and assists in the loading by supporting the magazine from his side while they are being shipped.”

- (b) Add new paragraphs—

Fire.

2 will pick up a full magazine and keep it in his hands ready to reload.

Changing Magazines.

3 will grasp the empty magazine handles and lift the empty magazine from the gun as soon as the clutch has been released.

2 will place the full magazine on the gun the instant the empty magazine is clear, and the gun is immediately brought on aim and the firing continued.

2. Where an additional man can be stationed at the gun this drill is also applicable to non-rising type of mounting.

(490/212/874.)

372.

FORM T.406 “OVERTIME AND EXTRA PAYMENT.”

The latest revision of Admiralty Form T.406—“Overtime and Extra Payment”—has been adopted for use in Transports and non-commissioned Fleet Auxiliaries under charter to the Government. On receipt of first supply, which will be issued without demand, stock of the existing form is to be destroyed. Demands for further supplies of the form in question should be forwarded to Navy Office, Melbourne, instead of to Garden Island, Sydney.

(480/201/3075.)

373.

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the under-mentioned publications have been distributed. Further supply of Form S.359 is being obtained to complete distribution:—

O.U.5292.—Block Sketch Cards of British Warships. New Cards Nos. 1, 14, 16A, 18F, 18G, 19A, 20, 21, 28A, 29, 35A, and 36B.

(A.F.O. 4338/42.)
(571/203/2354.)

B.R.1/42.—Books of Reference and I.D. Catalogue.

(A.F.O. 4337/42.)
(571/202/1637.)

B.R.105/42.—“Merchant Ships” by Talbot Booth.

(A.F.O. 2319/42.)
(571/202/1696.)

B.R.294/42 (late O.U.5524/40).—Handbook and Drill for 0.5-in. Guns on Twin Mark IV. Mounting.

(A.F.O. 3711/42.)
(571/202/1597.)

B.R.640 Series.—Pamphlets on Combined Operations. (These pamphlets are identical with those referred to in Navy Order 208/43.)

(571/202/1679.)

Naval Account Regulations and Instructions (Reprint 1943, with amendments up to and including R.I. Series 9-10/42).

(584/204/234.)

Aircraft Recognition Journal. Volume 1. No. 5, January, 1943.

(415/201/1879.)

Pamphlet for 50 Colt Browning M.G./21. Single for Air-cooled or Water-cooled Mark 22 Twin for Water-cooled Guns.

(571/201/3849.)

Form S.359 (late B.R.133).—Pamphlet “Notes on handling Fast Motor Boats of the Hard Chine Type.”

(A.F.O's. 3213/41 and 4069/42.)
(480/202/4203.)

2. The 1940 Revision of the under-mentioned Admiralty Form has been adopted for use in the R.A.N. First supply will be issued, on demand, when stock of the existing form is exhausted.

S.246.—“Application for Dismissal.”

(480/202/4329.)

3. The under-mentioned form has been revised. Supplies will be issued, on demand, when stock of the existing form is exhausted:—

A.S.1031z.—Statement of Account on Final Discharge from Royal Australian Navy.

(480/202/4334.)

4. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the R.A.N. First supplies will be issued, without demand by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney:—

Form { S.1401 — Naval Armament and Torpedo Store Account
O.2.

with printed headings for:—

Oerlikon Guns and Spares.

·303-in. Vickers Machine Guns and Spares.

Rifles and Pistols.

Thompson and Owen Sub-machine Guns.

Bren Guns and Lewis Guns.

(480/202/4408.)

374.

**H.M.A. SHORE ESTABLISHMENTS—PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCE
FOR CHARGE OF NAVAL ARMAMENT STORES.**

Navy Order 235 of 1943 is to be amended as follows:—

Add after "Basilisk"—

Establishment.	Daily Rate of Allowance.	Date from which Allowance is Applicable.
"Basilisk" (Milne Bay)	6d.	Date of opening loose leaf armament ledger

(407/220/76.)

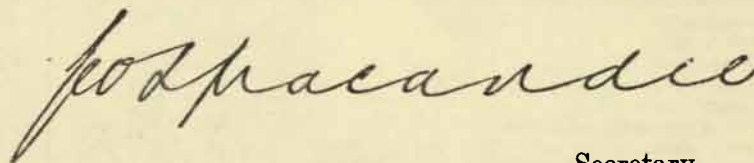
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Navy Office, Melbourne,
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By direction of the Naval Board.



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
Establishments, and others concerned.*

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375.	Royal Australian Naval Women's Services—Uniform and Clothing—Authorized Kits.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL WOMEN'S SERVICES—UNIFORM AND CLOTHING—AUTHORIZED KITS.

The following are the authorized Kits for the personnel of the Royal Australian Naval Women's Services. All previous instructions in this regard are cancelled.

1. AUTHORIZED KIT FOR PERSONNEL OF THE R.A.N. NURSING SERVICE TO BE SUPPLIED GRATUITOUSLY ON APPOINTMENT.

	Adminis- trative.	Australia Non- Tropical.	Australia Tropical.	Overseas and Territories.	Malaria Areas.
Hats, officers', blue, felt ..	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.
Hats, tropical, khaki ..	..	..	1 No.	..	1 No.
Badges, officers', cap, metal ..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Jacket, lightweight serge, made-to-measure	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Skirt, lightweight serge, made-to-measure	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Summer dress, blue, made- to-measure	2 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Jacket, safari ..	..	..	..	..	3 No.
Slacks ..	..	..	..	..	3 Prs.
Greatcoat, cloth No. 3, made-to-measure	1 No.	1 No.	..	1 No.	..
Coat, waterproof, gabardine	..	..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Shoes, black, leather ..	2 Prs.	2 Prs.	2 Prs.	2 Prs.	2 Prs.
Boots, leather, tropical ..	..	..	1 Pr.	..	1 Pr.
Jacket, cardigan, blue ..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Shirts, soft white, double cuff	3 No.	3 No.	3 No.	3 No.	3 No.
Collars, semi-stiff ..	6 No.	6 No.	6 No.	6 No.	6 No.
Ties, black ..	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.
Stockings, drab ..	4 Prs.	4 Prs.	6 Prs.	6 Prs.	6 Prs.
Socks, ankle, blue ..	..	..	4 Prs.	..	4 Prs.
Gloves, leather ..	1 Pr.	1 Pr.	1 Pr.	1 Pr.	1 Pr.
Case, attache ..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Trunk, cabin ..	..	..	..	1 No.	..
Dresses, indoor, blue, made- to-measure	..	6 No.	6 No.	6 No.	6 No.
Buttons for indoor dresses	..	2 Sets	2 Sets	2 Sets	2 Sets
Badge, metal, for wear on indoor and summer dress	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Cape, cloth, made-to- measure	..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Cape, lightweight serge, made-to-measure	..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Caps, indoor ..	..	4 No.	4 No.	4 No.	4 No.
Mosquito veil ..	..	..	1 No.	..	1 No.

Plus cash allowance of £5 for the purchase of intimate garments and other necessities, plus Kit Upkeep Allowance.

2. AUTHORIZED KIT FOR OFFICERS OF THE W.R.A.N.S. TO BE SUPPLIED GRATUITOUSLY ON APPOINTMENT.

	Australia Non- tropical.	Australia Tropical.	Overseas and Territories.	Malaria Areas.
Hats, officers', blue, felt ..	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.
Hats, tropical, khaki ..	..	1 No.	..	1 No.
Badge, officers', cap, metal ..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Jacket, officers', lightweight serge, made-to-measure	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Skirt, officers', lightweight serge, made-to-measure	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Skirt, khaki ..	2 No.	3 No.	2 No.	2 No.
Shirt, khaki, with shoulder straps ..	2 No.	3 No.	2 No.	3 No.
Jacket, safari ..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	2 No.
Slacks ..	..	..	..	3 Prs.
Greatcoat, cloth No. 3, made-to- measure	1 No.	..	1 No.	..
Coats, waterproof, gabardine ..	..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Shoes, black leather ..	2 Prs.	2 Prs.	2 Prs.	2 Prs.
Boots, leather, tropical ..	..	..	..	1 Pr.
Jacket, cardigan, blue ..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Shirts, soft, white, with double cuffs	4 No.	4 No.	4 No.	4 No.
Collars, semi-stiff ..	8 No.	8 No.	8 No.	8 No.
Ties, black ..	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.
Stockings, drab ..	4 Prs.	6 Prs.	6 Prs.	6 Prs.
Gloves, officers', leather ..	1 Pr.	1 Pr.	1 Pr.	1 Pr.
Mosquito veil ..	..	1 No.	..	1 No.
Shorts, khaki (Physical and Recre- ational Training only)	1 Pr.	2 Prs.	1 Pr.	..
Socks, ankle, blue ..	..	..	..	2 Prs.
Case, attache ..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Trunk, cabin ..	..	..	1 No.	..

Plus cash allowance of £5 for the purchase of intimate garments and other necessities, plus Kit Upkeep Allowance.

3. AUTHORIZED KIT FOR RATINGS OF THE W.R.A.N.S. TO BE SUPPLIED GRATUITOUSLY ON ENTRY.

	Australia Not-tropical.	Australia Tropical.	Overseas and Territories.	Malarial Areas.
Hats, blue, felt	2 No.	2 No.	2½ No.	2 No.
Hats, tropical, khaki	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Badges, cap, Class III.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.
Jacket, diag. serge	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Skirt, diag. serge	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Skirts, khaki	2 No.	3 No.	2 No.	2 No.
Shirts, khaki	2 No.	3 No.	2 No.	2 No.
Jacket, safari	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	2 No.
Slacks .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	3 No.
Badges, arm	4 No.	4 No.	4 No.	4 No.
Coats, waterproof, gabardine	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Shoes, black, leather	2 Prs.	2 Prs.	2 Prs.½	2 Prs.
Shoes, gymnastic (for Physical and Recreational Training only)	1 Pr.	1 Pr.	1 Pr.	1 Pr.
Boots, leather, tropical .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	1 Pr.
Jacket, cardigan, blue	1 No.	1 No.	1½ No.	1 No.
Shirts, soft, white, single cuffs	4 No.	4 No.	4 No.	4 No.
Collars, semi-stiff	8 No.	8 No.	8 No.	8 No.
Ties, black	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.
Stockings, drab	4 Prs.	6 Prs.	6 Prs.	6 Prs.
Socks, blue, ankle	2 Prs.	2 Prs.	2 Prs.	4 Prs.
Gloves, leather	1 Pr.	1 Pr.	1 Pr.	1 Pr.
Shorts, khaki (for Physical and Recreational Training only)	1 Pr.	2 Prs.	1 Pr.	.. ..
Case, suit	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Mosquito veil .. ..	.. ..	1 No.	.. ..	1 No.
Trunk, cabin .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	1 No.	.. ..

Plus cash allowance of £5 for the purchase of intimate garments and other necessities, plus Kit Upkeep Allowance.

4. AUTHORIZED ARTICLES OF LOAN ISSUE FOR W.R.A.N.S. RATINGS.

(a) *Transport Drivers*—

- 1 Pr. Gloves, drivers'.
- 1 Pr. „ mechanics'.
- 1 No. Dustcoat.
- 2 No. Overalls.
- 1 No. Fatigue hat.

(b) *Cooks*—

- 3 No. Gowns.
- 2 No. Aprons.
- 2 No. Caps.
- 1 No. Overall.
- 1 Pr. Shoes, galley.
- 1 No. Fatigue hat.

4. AUTHORIZED ARTICLES, &c.—*continued*.

(c) *Stewardesses*—

- 3 No. Jackets, white drill.
- 1 No. Skirt, seamen's serge.
- 1 No. Overall.
- 1 No. Fatigue hat.

(d) *Mess Attendants*—

- 2 No. Overalls.
- 1 No. Fatigue hat.

(e) *Supply Assistants*—

- 2 No. Overalls.
- 1 No. Fatigue hat.

(f) *Storekeepers*—

- 2 No. Overalls.
- 1 No. Fatigue hat.

(g) *V/Signallers, Telegraphists and Messengers (on duty in Port War Signal Stations)*—

- 2 No. Overalls.
- 1 No. Fatigue hat.

(h) *Sick Berth and Dental Attendants*—

- 4 No. Gowns.
- 3 No. Caps.
- 1 No. Overall.
- 1 No. Fatigue hat.

(i) *Writers (Classifiers at Certain Shore W/T Stations)*—

- 1 No. Gown.
- 1 No. Overall.
- 1 No. Fatigue hat.

(j) *Range Markers*—

- 1 No. Jersey, seamen's.
- 2 Prs. Stockings, heavy, woollen.
- 2 Prs. Knickers, heavy, woollen.
- 1 Pr. Gloves, mechanics'.
- 1 No. Overall.
- 1 No. Fatigue hat.

(k) *Other Ratings*—

- 1 No. Overall.
- 1 No. Fatigue hat.

Notes.

(i) The heading "Australian Tropical" relates to areas north of Brisbane latitude.

(i) "Overseas and Territories" relates to areas outside Australia.

(iii) Loan items are personal issues and are replaceable when worn out. The articles are retained by the rating whilst employed on the specified duties outlined above and, when transferred to other duties, the items are returnable to the Accountant Officer of the Establishment in which the rating is borne.

(iv) Oilskin clothing and sea boots may be issued, on loan, as necessary.

2. The above kits differ from those previously notified and separate instructions will be issued regarding adjustments to be made in cash or kind consequent thereon.

3. Details of optional kit items will be notified later.

5. SCALES OF MEASUREMENTS.

The following are the scales of measurements for the various stock size garments:—

(i) Diagonal Serge Jackets and White Drill Jackets.

Size No.	Measurement of Jacket at Bust with Jacket Buttoned.	Measurement of Jacket at Waist with Jacket Buttoned.	Length of Jacket.
1	inches 35-36	inches 27-28	inches 25
2	36-37	28-29	26
2A	36-37	28-29	27
3	37-38	29-30	25
3A	37-38	29-30	28
4	38-39	30-31	26
4A	38-39	30-31	27
5	38-39	30-31	29
6	39-40	31-32	25
6A	39-40	31-32	28
7	40-41	32-33	26
7A	40-41	32-33	27
8	40-41	32-33	29
9	41-42	33-34	25
9A	41-42	33-34	28
10	42-43	34-35	26
10A	42-43	34-35	27
10B	42-43	34-35	29
11	43-44	35-36	28
12	44-45	36-37	29

(ii) Diagonal Serge Skirts, Seamen's Serge Skirts, and Khaki Drill Skirts.

Size No.	Measurement of Skirt at Waist.	Measurement of Skirt at Hips.	Length of Skirt.
0	inches 24	inches 34	inches 25
1	25	36	27
2	26	36	27
3	27	38	28
4	28	38	28
5	28	39	28
6	29	40	28
7	30	40	29
8	30	41	29
9	31	42	30
10	32	42	30
11	32	43	32
12	33	44	32

NOTE.—Allowance is made in drill garments for shrinkage. A 3 inch hem is provided on all skirts to permit of adjustment to authorized length, viz. 4 inches below top of kneecap. The hems on the drill skirts are not tacked down. Sleeves are provided with a 2 inch turnup.

(iii) Khaki Shirts (Existing Type).

Size.	Chest Measurement of Garment.	Length of Garment.	Sleeve Length.
	inches	inches	inches
1	37	21	7
2	39	21	7
3	41	22	7
4	42	23	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
5	43	23	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
6	44	24	8
7	45	24	8
8	47	25	8 $\frac{1}{2}$

(iv) Khaki Shirts (Revised Pattern).

Size.	Chest Measurement of Garment.	Length of Garment.	Sleeve Length.
	inches	inches	inches
1	35	23	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
2	37	24	8
3	39	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
4	41	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
5	43	24 $\frac{3}{4}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
6	45	25	10
7	47	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$

(Existing type is to be issued to exhaustion.)

(v) *Gabardine Waterproof Coats.*

Sizes.	0.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Bust	36	38	40	42	46	48
Waist	29	30	31	32	34	36
Hips	38	40	42	44	46	48
Length of sleeve (from centre back)	30	30½	31	32	33	33½
Length of back	41	43	46	47	48	50
Around hem	62	64	66	68	70	72

(Bust, waist, and hip measurement when coat is buttoned.)

(vi) *Khaki Shorts.*

Sizes.	X.S. S.W.	S.S.W.	S.W.1.	S.W.2.	W.1.	W.2.	X.W.	S.O.S.	O.S.	X.O.S.
Waist	24	25	26	27	29	30	31	32	34	36
Seat	34	36	38	41	41	44	44	44	47	50
Outside length	19	19	19½	19½	20½	20½	20½	21½	22	23
Inside leg	6	6	6	6	6½	6½	6½	7	7	7
Width at bottom	26	26	27	27½	28	28½	28½	29	29½	30½

(vii) *Overalls.*

Size.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
	inches	inches	inches	inches	inches	inches
Chest	38	40	42	44	46	48
Waist	30	32	34	36	38	40
Across back (6 inches from collar) seam	11½	12	12¾	13½	14½	15½
Inside leg	27	28	29	30	31	32

6. Black leather shoes are stocked in half sizes from size 3½ to size 10 in American multiple fittings A, B, C, and D. Cardigan jackets, stockings, ankle socks, leather gloves, felt hats, fatigue hats, cooks' gowns, sick berth and dental attendants' caps and gowns, galley shoes, gymnastic shoes, and woollen knickers are stocked in standard women's sizes. White shirts, ties, collars, cooks' aprons, cooks' caps and jerseys are normal Service patterns and sizes. Dustcoats are stocked in small, medium, and large sizes, and mechanics' gloves in large and small sizes only. Details in respect of safari jackets, tropical boots, tropical hats, and slacks will be promulgated in due course.

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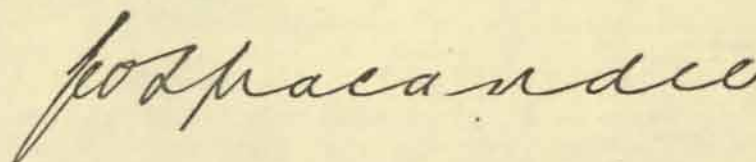
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376.

ADVANCEMENT OF RATINGS DURING THE WAR.

With reference to Navy Order 276 of 1940, Appendix, time served under eighteen years of age is not to count for advancement to Able Seaman or equivalent rating.

(349/7/277.)

377.

FAILURE ON 2-IN. U.P. PILLAR BOX MOUNTINGS.

Failure has occurred on certain 2-in. U.P. pillar box mountings, caused by the fracturing of the bolts securing the electric contact strips.

2. Base Staffs are in future to inspect these bolts for fracture and fit replacements as necessary. The contact strips are also to be examined for distortion and, if necessary, reset to avoid undue strain being imparted to the securing bolts when the rocket is in position.

3. The required quantities of bolts considered necessary in Bases are to be demanded from Gun Mounting Depot, Garden Island.

(471/208/918.)

378.

LUBRICATING OIL FOR HALL SCOTT ENGINES.

In future, the only lubricating oil to be used in Hall Scott engines is All Purpose Oil to specification S.A.E. 30.

2. Supplies are to be demanded from the nearest Naval Store Officer.

3. Existing installations which have been using other oils, are to be drained and replenished with All Purpose Oil S.A.E. 30.

4. After 20 hours' running with the new oil, it is to be drained out and refilled with more new oil.

5. Thereafter oil changes are to be made after every 50 hours of running.

(545/201/470.)

379.

OUTFIT. HYPODERMIC, INDIVIDUAL MORPHINE SULPHATE Gr. $\frac{1}{2}$ OR OMNOPON Gr. $\frac{3}{4}$ (TUBUNIC AMPOULE OR SYRETTE).

A supply of the above-named outfits, according to scale, will be made in the near future to all ships without demand.

2. The use of the outfit is to be restricted to cases of wounds or injuries sustained during action or for the relief of pain in cases of extreme urgency.

3. The outfit must not be used for injection into persons below the age of sixteen.

4. The Medical Officer, where borne, is responsible for their maintenance and distribution throughout the ship.

5. All members of the Sick Berth Branch serving in Ships or Shore Establishments are to be instructed in the use of this outfit, preferably before first draft to sea.

6. Where no Medical Officer is borne, the Commanding Officer of the ship is responsible for their distribution, care and maintenance. In co-operation with the nearest Naval Medical Officer, he is to see that early instruction in their use is given to all senior personnel in the ship. In particular, he is to instruct them that a record of the time be made as soon as the injection is given, and in no circumstances is the injection to be repeated until six hours have elapsed.

7. Expenditure is to be recorded on Form A.M. 177A (Dangerous Drugs Account) by Ships and Establishments rendering their own store accounts to Director of Naval Medical Services, and by the parent vessel where expenditure has taken place on vessels under their care.

(527/211/1919.)

380.

CORDAGE—USE OF.

Owing to the existing conditions, it will not be possible to obtain further supplies of Manila Hemp, and it is necessary that the limited supplies still available in Australia should be conserved for the manufacture of cordage for services for which its use is essential.

2. It has therefore been decided that Manila Cordage will be manufactured as follows:—

- (a) Manila Cordage of sizes under 2 inches and over 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches up to 10 inches will be manufactured of 50 per cent. Manila and 50 per cent. Sisal fibre.
- (b) Manila Cordage of 2-in. to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. circumference inclusive required for boats' falls and ammunition whips will be made of pure Manila fibre.
- (c) Manila Cordage of sizes 2 inches to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches for services other than those shown in sub-paragraph (b) above will be manufactured of 50 per cent. Manila fibre and 50 per cent. Sisal fibre.
- (d) Manila Cordage of sizes over 10 inches will be manufactured of pure Manila fibre.

3. No further quantities of Manila bolt rope or stage lashings will be manufactured and requirements will in future be met by the supply of Sisal bolt rope and stage lashings.

4. The blended Manila and Sisal Cordage may be used for topping lifts, hauling lines, mooring ropes, harbour towing springs and slings. Pure Manila Cordage should however continue to be used for the more important topping lifts until more experience is gained in the endurance of blended Manila and Sisal. Sisal Cordage is to be used generally for all other services. The blended Manila and Sisal Cordage, which will be marked with a blue and a red jute thread running through the middle of one strand, is to be closely watched on service, and any instances where it is found to be unsuitable for the services specified are to be reported immediately.

5. Demands for pure Manila and blended Manila and Sisal Cordage are to indicate the service for which the cordage is required, and are to be certified by the Professional Officers of the Ship or Establishment requiring supplies. Store Officers have instructions to withhold supply unless this certificate is furnished.

6. Existing stocks of pure Manila Cordage held on board H.M.A. Ships may be used up, but Commanding Officers are to take steps to ensure that such cordage is utilized to the best advantage.

7. It is desired that the attention of all concerned be drawn to Navy Order 6 of 1942, and to the necessity for prolonging the life of all cordage, consistent with safety. Attention is also drawn to Admiralty Fleet Order 5951/42 relative to the minimum breaking loads of various cordages.

8. Navy Order 164 of 1941 is cancelled.

(612/225/599.)

381.

NAVAL AUXILIARY PATROL—GREATCOATS.

Mobilized Officers of the Naval Auxiliary Patrol may wear greatcoats (purchased at their own expense) as an optional article of dress.

(434/201/3408.)

382.

OFFICERS OF SPECIAL BRANCH—ALTERATION TO LACING OF JACKETS, GREATCOATS AND TUNICS.

Officers of the Special Branch who have had to change to emerald green distinctive cloth on their uniforms may be paid the sum of 30s. towards the cost involved.

(433/201/738.)

383.

ACCOUNTING FOR NAVAL ARMAMENT STORES.

The procedure of accounting for Naval Armament Stores referred to in Admiralty Fleet Order 530/43 is applicable in the Royal Australian Navy in all Ships, and in Shore Establishments other than Naval Armament, Mine and Torpedo Depots.

(408/201/1989.)

384.

SURPLUS NAVAL STORES AT COMMERCIAL YARDS.

Instances have been brought to notice recently of missing cases of Naval stores being located at shipbuilding yards some time after departure of the vessel to which the stores had been consigned.

2. Attention of Officers concerned is drawn to A.F.O. 500/43, and to the necessity for compliance with the procedure outlined therein.

(612/201/5259.)

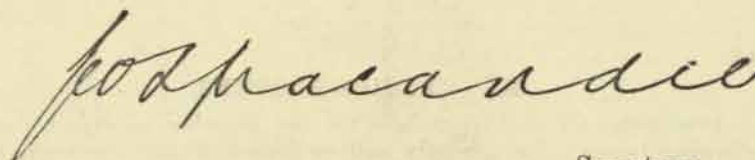
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Commonwealth Navy Orders.

Navy Office, Melbourne,
3rd August, 1943.

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By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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385.

**NEXT-OF-KIN PARTICULARS—INSERTION IN SEPTEMBER
QUARTER LEDGER**

The attention of all Commanding Officers is drawn to the necessity for strict compliance with the provisions of Navy Order 297 of 1942 regarding the insertion in September quarter ledger 1943 of the name and address of the nearest relative or friend of all personnel including Canteen Staff.

2. It is again emphasized that the information is essential for casualty purposes in the case of officers as well as men and that Bank or Post Office addresses are not acceptable for this purpose.

(675/201/128.)

386.

M.L's—ENGINE REGISTER.

Arrangements have been made for the printing of supplies of the following forms. First supply will be issued without demand, to all Fairmile M.L's and H.D.M.L's and to other similar craft as may be required. Subsequent requirements are to be demanded by Bases for issue as required to boats.

(1) S.1501A.—*Daily Engine Room Register.*—In loose leaf form with columns for recording the various pressures and temperatures for four engines. This form, which is 13½ by 8¾ inches, should be pinned on a board, a separate form being used for each day at sea. At the end of each week these forms should be forwarded to the Base.

(2) S.1501.—*Engine Register.*—In book form. One book will be required for each engine and will contain the history of the engine for two years running time. These Registers will normally be kept on board and should be produced weekly for examination by the Base Engineer Officer for guidance in planning overhauls and replacement of engines by spares.

When an engine is removed from a boat for overhaul its register is to accompany the engine to the refitting base and subsequently will be re-issued when the engine is fitted in another boat. Instructions as to the entries to be made are printed inside the cover.

(3) S.1502.—*Expenditure of Fuel and Oil.*—In which to record receipts and expenditure of fuel and lubricating oil.

2. The forms are to be adapted as necessary for use in boats fitted with Diesel Engines.

(480/202/4356.)

387.

**SUPPLIES OF OIL FUEL TO H.M.A. SHIPS FROM NAVAL AND
COMMERCIAL OIL FUEL INSTALLATIONS.**

With reference to Navy Order 218 of 1940, the contracts for the supply to H.M.A. Ships of furnace and diesel fuel oil from commercial installations on the Australia Station now provide for payment to be made within seven (7) days of date of supply in the capital city of the State in which supply is made.

2. When supplies are taken at ports other than capital cities, particulars of the quantity of oil fuel for which a receipt is given to the contractors including any decimal fractions, should be forwarded by signal as early as practicable to the Naval Officer-in-Charge at the capital city of the State in which supply is made, by the ship concerned, or by the respective shore administrative authority if more convenient. As payment will be made in each State, it will not be necessary for particulars of such supplies to be communicated to Navy Office in future.

3. C.O.R., Article 514, will be amended by R.I. Series.

(482/203/1441.)

388.

FITTING OF FOAM EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE-FIGHTING.

Attention of all Naval Officers-in-Charge is drawn to A.F.O. 2185/43.

2. Naval Officers-in-Charge are to investigate the position at ports under their administration and submit recommendations to the Naval Board.

(475/202/469.)

389.

**D.E.M.S.: ISSUE OF LOAN PROTECTIVE CLOTHING TO GUNNERS
OF MARITIME TROOP, ROYAL ARTILLERY.**

With reference to Navy Order 368 of 1943, black boots, heavy or light pattern, may be issued to Gunners of Maritime Troop, Royal Artillery, as replacements, on the written authority of the Master.

2. The issues are to be dealt with as for the loan clothing, *vide* paragraph 2 of the above-quoted Navy Order.

(516/201/581.)

390.

SUPPLY OF CIVILIAN CLOTHING TO MEMBERS OF THE NAVAL FORCES ON DISCHARGE.

Subject to a request being made at the time of discharge, personnel who were appointed, enlisted or mobilized for full-time duty may, on discharge, be issued with a double-breasted diagonal serge jacket (with plain buttons), trousers and a civilian hat.

2. Where the member has less than three months' service or is discharged thereafter for disciplinary reasons, the value of the issues is to be charged in his ledger account.

3. All personnel are to be acquainted with these conditions at time of discharge.

4. Navy Order 435 of 1942 is cancelled.

5. Article 59, Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, is to be noted appropriately pending amendment.

(434/201/3375.)

(This Order is to be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

391.

WATERPROOF COATS—OFFICERS AND RATINGS.

Waterproof coats should normally not require replacement except after a considerable period of service and Accountant Officers are to ensure that repayment issues are restricted to the utmost extent possible as supplies are extremely difficult to procure.

2. Repayment issues of waterproof coats are, in future, to be approved by Commanding Officers and notation made on forms A.S.80 endorsed accordingly.

(434/209/582.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

392.

FOOD RATIONING—NAVAL PERSONNEL.

Navy Order 263 of 1943, paragraph 2 (a) is to be amended to read:—
"Personnel proceeding on leave".

(350/201/41.)

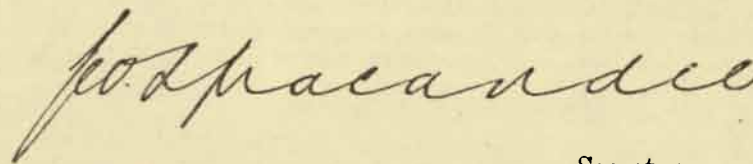
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Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
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(Commonwealth Gazette No. 161 of 23rd July, 1943.)

NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

WIRELESS STATIONS CONTROL ORDER.

REVOCATION OF CERTAIN ORDERS MADE UNDER PARAGRAPH 3.

I, GUY CHARLES CECIL ROYLE, Chief of the Naval Staff, do hereby revoke the Orders made by the Chief of the Naval Staff in pursuance of paragraph 3 of the Wireless Stations Control Order on the eighth day of January, 1941, directing Sports Radio Broadcasting Co., of 99 Currie-street, Adelaide, to close the wireless station known as 5KA at Adelaide and the Port Augusta Broadcasting Co. Ltd., of 99 Currie-street, Adelaide, to close the wireless station known as 5AU at Adelaide.

Dated this fifteenth day of July, 1943.

GUY ROYLE

Chief of the Naval Staff.

394.

ADULT EDUCATION IN THE R.A.N.

The following facilities for adult education in the R.A.N. are available. These facilities have been arranged in collaboration with the Australian Army Education Service, which organization provides a comprehensive scheme of adult education and has offered to co-operate and to extend where possible its facilities to Naval Personnel.

2. Briefly the scheme includes the provision of—

- (a) Lectures on a wide range of subjects such as—current affairs, news commentaries, literature, and music.
- (b) 16 m.m. educational documentary films and 35 m.m. strip films with notes.
- (c) Provision of discussion group booklets which, along with "Current Affairs Bulletins," afford suitable material for divisional officers' lectures.
- (d) Musical recitals. Sets of records, with notes, will be available.
- (e) Provision of materials and working drawings for hobbies and handicrafts.
- (f) Reference and fiction libraries, and channels for purchasing books.

Distribution of (b), (c), (d) and (e) will be arranged by the Naval Board as soon as they are made available.

3. Features already made available include correspondence courses vide Navy Order 340 of 1943 and the distribution of "Salt" and "Current Affairs Bulletins" vide Navy Order 155 of 1943.

4. Commanding Officers of shore establishments are recommended to contact and collaborate with the Army Education Service in the military area in which they are situated, as it is felt that many of these valuable aids to education and morale will be of interest to Naval Personnel.

5. The Admiralty scheme for adult education is detailed in A.F.O. 138/43.

(629/214/20.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

395.

GUNS, MACHINE, 20 M.M., OERLIKON—GAUGES STRIKER PROTRUSION AND HIGH DIAMETER, MARK I.

With reference to Admiralty Fleet Order 474/43, Gauges Striker protrusion and high diameter for 20 m.m. Oerlikon guns have been ordered, and when available, will be issued in the proportion of one per ship to Auxiliary M/S vessels and above.

2. H.M.A. Ships concerned should demand from the nearest Naval Armament Depot.

3. Arrangements have been made for supply of gauges to the following Ports for use in connection with guns mounted in small craft and D.E.M.S. :—

Adelaide	..	..	..	3
Brisbane	..	..	..	3
Townsville	..	..	..	3
Port Moresby	..	..	..	3
Darwin	..	..	..	3
Cairns	..	..	..	3

(612/203/2711.)

396.

GUNS O.Q.F. 4 INCH XIX—ASSEMBLY OF SEAR TO CASE STRIKER MARK I.

The following modification is to be carried out :—

Gun.—Q.F. 4 inch XIX in D.E.M.S. and in store.

Parts affected.—Case Striker Mark I.

Nature of Modification.—It has been found possible to assemble the sear in the case striker upside down. The word "TOP" is to be stamped on the correct upper face of the sear and filled in with red wax.

Purpose.—To prevent chances of firing the gun by slamming the breach closed.

By whom to be done.—R.A.N. Armament Depots and Base Staffs.

Degree of urgency.—As soon as possible.

(490/203/1076.)

397.

EXPLOSIVES IN SMALL SHIPS AND D.E.M. SHIPS—HANDLING.

In view of reports that packages containing ammunition and other explosives landed by small ships and D.E.M. Ships in a large percentage of cases have broken seals, Navy Order 136 of 1940 is reprinted hereunder for the guidance of all concerned:—

“The attention of Commanding Officers of Auxiliary Vessels is drawn to the necessity on the part of all concerned for exercising great care whenever ammunition or other explosives are handled on board.

2. It should be borne in mind that an accidental explosion at sea may have more serious consequences than a similar accident on land. For this reason, all Naval Armament Stores undergo very strict inspection throughout their life to ensure that they are in a safe condition when issued to a ship. Explosives packed in factories and store depots are sealed with an inspection label (“I.N.O.”). Explosives packages with unbroken inspection labels may be regarded as safe for stowage in H.M.A. Ships, and when such packages are landed by ships they are available for re-issue without undergoing further inspection. When explosives packages are landed with broken seals, however, the stores pass through the laboratories of the store depot for examination of contents, repacking, repair where necessary and re-sealing. It is possible, therefore for much unnecessary expense to be caused by needlessly opening explosives packages on board ships.

3. On a recent occasion, every explosives package in the outfit of an Auxiliary Vessel was found on its return to a Naval Armament Depot to have been opened. The wrapping had also been removed from S.A.A., fireworks, etc., and various stores had been returned to their packages in a loose and unsecure state. Their condition generally indicated lack of appreciation of the true nature of explosives and the fact that such stores are not safe unless handled with great care at all times.

4. Commanding Officers of Auxiliary Vessels are to take steps to ensure that explosives packages are not unnecessarily opened, and are to satisfy themselves by personal supervision whenever practicable that explosives are handled carefully and when returned to their packages, that they are packed securely and as far as possible in their original condition.”

2. Sealed packages containing explosives are not to be opened solely for the purpose of checking that the contents agree (as to quantity) with the particulars stencilled on the package, or the quantities vouchered. Armament Store Accounting Officers are entitled to assume that the quantities in sealed packages are correct.

3. D.E.M.S. Staff Officers should bring this order to the notice of D.E.M. Ships.

(471/201/1393.)

398.

GYRO COMPASS MARK XIV—INSTRUCTIONS—MOD. I. OILING CHART, ITEM 13.

Examination of the oil wicks has shown, in several instances, that they have been assembled incorrectly.

2. They should be washed in carbon tetrachloride then thoroughly dried out and soaked in oil and left to project about 3/16-inch from the oil wick assembly. This is necessary to ensure that the upper ends of the wicks will touch the lower edge of the inner race of the ball bearing, and failure to do this will lead to hot running of the rotor bearings and consequent failure of these bearings.

(670/202/1131.)

399.

APPARATUS A.D. TYPE D ROCKETS, MARK III—RESTRICTION ON LOTS 452, 480, 511, AND 513.

The following Lots of A.A.D., Type D rockets, Mark III are to be restricted for “Shore Training Purposes Only”:—

Lots 452, 480, 511 and 513.

2. Any on board ship should be landed, rockets from unrestricted lots being drawn in replacement.

3. D.E.M.S. Staff Officers should make the necessary arrangements for merchant vessels.

(471/208/972.)

400.

EXTERNAL AND CAMOUFLAGE PAINTING—STANDARDISATION OF COLOUR SHADES, AND INTRODUCTION OF A1 AND A2 CLASS QUALITIES PAINT.

The following colours for camouflage paints have been approved for use in the Royal Australian Navy to supplement those of the standard Service paints for camouflage purposes. Supplies for camouflage purposes will in future be restricted to these colours, and demands for requirements should therefore be prepared accordingly:—

Shade G.5 ..	Near Black ..	(Supersedes MS1).
Shade G.10 ..	Dark Grey ..	(Supersedes MS2 and is equivalent to the shade of Admiralty Pattern 507A Paint).
Shade G.20 ..	Dark Khaki ..	(Supersedes MS3).
Shade MS.3.B	Greenish Khaki.	
Shade B.30 ..	Light Khaki ..	(Supersedes B.6 and MS4).
Shade B.55 ..	Light Grey ..	(Supersedes MS4.A).
Shade B.15 ..	Blue Grey ..	(Supersedes B.5).
Shade G.45 ..	Grey ..	(Equivalent to the shade of Admiralty Pattern 507c Paint).

Shade .. Chicago Blue.
Shade .. Sky Blue for Masts.

2. The attention of all concerned is drawn to A.F.O. 2106/43 regarding the introduction of A.1 and A.2 class qualities of paints for external and camouflage painting and the instructions contained therein for their procurement and use.

(612/233/981.)

401.

A.M.S. VESSELS—TOWING HAWSER.

Approval has been given for the 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. x 75 fathoms towing hawser at present supplied to A.M.S. Vessels to be replaced by a 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. x 100 fathoms hawser.

2. A.M.S. Vessels which have not yet been supplied with the larger wire should forward demands to the appropriate Naval Store Officer, and on receipt of the new wire should return the 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. wire to Store.

(612/225/591.)

402.

KHAKI TROPICAL CLOTHING.

Tropical shirts (Classes I and III) and tropical singlets (Class II) of the orthodox Naval pattern are the authorized items of wear by Naval ratings for tropical dress except for malarial areas—*vide* Navy Order 168 of 1943, and Commanding Officers are to ensure that the correct attire is worn.

(434/210/167.)

403.

SHIPMENT OF STORES TO MILNE BAY.

It has been brought to notice that unnecessary delay and some cases of loss have occurred at Milne Bay, owing to prior advice regarding stores being shipped direct to that Base not having been forwarded to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Milne Bay.

2. It is stressed that Bills of Lading should be forwarded to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Milne Bay, in advance of the stores concerned, or, if such procedure is impracticable, that the place of stowage in ship and/or the person in whose charge the stores were placed, together with particulars of case numbers, etc., be communicated by airmail letter to the Naval Officer-in-Charge. Particulars of shipment may, however, in exceptional cases where time does not permit of air mail communication, be advised by signal.

3. Authorities concerned are requested to arrange compliance with the foregoing in future.

(516/201/557.)

404.

NAVAL STORES EXPENDED ON NAVAL WORKS—DISCONTINUANCE OF RECOVERY OF COST OF MATERIAL FOR MINOR REPAIRS AND JOBBING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

It has been decided to discontinue financial adjustment, as between the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Interior in respect of material estimated to cost £5 or less, used at Establishments other than in Sydney for jobbing and minor repairs under the conditions set out in C.O.R., Article 596. It will not be necessary in future to value issues of such material or to render claims and covering requisitions therefor on the Department of the Interior.

2. In order to ensure proper control of expenditure for jobbing and minor repairs, the cost of which has hitherto been recovered from the Department of the Interior, all issues of Naval Stores for this purpose are to be dealt with on separate issue vouchers, signed only by the Head of the Department concerned. In addition, all such vouchers should be reviewed monthly by the Naval Officer-in-Charge of the Establishment.

(612/217/1243.)

405.

STORES RETURNED TO THE ROYAL EDWARD VICTUALLING YARD.

Instances recently occurred where two ships landed stores for return by free freight to the Royal Edward Victualling Yard without advising the Victualling Store Officer, Sydney, of the fact, and as a result a considerable quantity of packages was not received at the Yard and could not be traced.

2. In future, a responsible officer of the ship concerned is invariably to advise the Victualling Store Officer, Sydney, when returns are available for collection by Yard craft.

(612/254/807.)

406.

LOSSES OF NAVAL STORES FROM H.M.A. SHIPS DUE TO THEFT DURING REFIT, ETC., AT H.M.A. NAVAL YARD, SYDNEY.

A number of cases has occurred recently where valuable Naval Stores such as binoculars, clocks, watches, etc., have been lost by theft from H.M.A. Ships whilst undergoing refit at Garden Island.

2. Items such as the above are in extremely short supply and attention of Commanding Officers is drawn to the necessity of exercising greater supervision of stores during refit. It is stressed that valuable stores should be deposited with the Superintendent Naval Store Officer—in accordance with Sydney Port Orders, Article 115, clause 2—for safe custody during the period of the refit.

(524/202/1265.)

407.

SPIRIT DUPLICATORS—USE OF METHYLATED SPIRIT.

Ships and Establishments supplied with "Ormig", "Banda", "Ditto" and "Fordigraph" duplicators should, on exhaustion of present stocks of "Ormig" or "Fordigraph" fluid, use ordinary methylated spirit with these machines.

2. To ensure that the methylated spirit is free from dirt and grit, it may be found necessary to filter it before use.

(544/202/879.)

408.

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the under-mentioned publications have been distributed. Further supply of B.R. 639 is being obtained to complete distribution:—

O.U. 5341 Japan—Block Sketch Cards of War Vessels.
Pages 8, 16 and 16a.

(A.F.O. 1264/43.)
(571/203/1746.)

Errata Nos. 1 & 2 to Rate Book of Victualling and Royal Marine
O.U. 5420. Stores.

(A.F.O's. 5592/42 and 1747/43.)
(571/203/2449.)

B.R. 200/42 Reprint (in- Handbook for the 4.7-in. Mark V.* Gun on
cluding Amendt. No. 1) P.V. and P.X. Mtgs.

(571/202/1737.)

B.R. 317 (20) .. Supply to Submarines and the Preparation
on Board of Mark XVI Mine Assembly
Nos. 1 and 2, and Mark VII Sinkers,
Assembly Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

(571/202/1628.)

Errata No. 7 to B.R. 358 Establishment of Naval Stores for Executive
and Form D.254b. Purposes and Form D.254b, List of
Particulars.

(A.F.O. 313/43.)
(571/202/1503.)

B.R. 627 (late B.R. 176) Handbook for 4-in. Q.F. Mark IV Gun on
P.IX Mounting.

(A.F.O. 657/43.)
(571/202/1719.)

B.R. 639 (late O.U. Gunnery Notes for Auxiliary War Vessels.
5534).

(A.F.O. 647/43.)
(571/202/1720.)

B.R. 787/42 (late B.R. Pamphlet No. 13. The Grenade 1942 of
246). the War Office Publication "Small Arms
Training" Volume 1.

(A.F.O. 318/43.)
(571/202/1708.)

Pamphlet No. 6 Anti-Aircraft (Training)
1942 of the War Office Publication
"Small Arms Training" Volume 1.

(571/201/3869.)

"British Aircraft."
"American Aircraft."
"German & Italian Aircraft." } Hutchison.
"Aircraft and Ships of the
U.S.N."

(571/201/3861.)

P1/M350 Optimum Frequency Band
Tables. } August,
P2/M350 Frequency Guide for the } September,
North and South Atlantic. } October,
P3/M350 Frequency Guide for the } 1943.
Indian Ocean.

(A.F.O. 2205/43.)
(571/202/1742.)

Amendment No. 3 to "Pamphlet on Midget Depth Charge."

(571/201/3623.)

2. The under-mentioned form has been revised. Supplies will be
issued, on demand when stock of the existing form is exhausted.

A.S. 29 (inside) .. Monthly Cash Account.

(480/202/4362.)

3. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the
R.A.N. in lieu of Forms A.R. 6 and R.A.N.R. 60. Supplies will be
issued, on demand, by the S.N.S.O., Sydney:—

A.M.6 Medical Examination and Record Form for
entry into the Naval Forces of the
Commonwealth of Australia.

(480/203/499.)

4. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the
R.A.N. Supplies will be issued, on demand, by the S.N.S.O., Sydney.

A.S. 467 (Hostilities Only) Engine Room Register.

(480/202/4428.)

5. Form A.S. 181Z .. "Punishment Return" has been renumbered
A.S.240 (Inside).

(480/202/3373.)

409.

CEREMONIAL BAND INSTRUMENTS: NAVAL RESERVE DEPOTS.

The practice of permitting bandsmen to take Departmental band
instruments, cases and accessories to their homes is to be discontinued.

(612/211/3018.)

410.

CORRIGENDUM.

Navy Order 360 of 1943—Confidential Reports upon Naval Reserve Officers—is to be amended as follows:—

In the column “When to be Rendered”,

amend “Navy Order 275 of 1940—Lieutenant-Commander rank R.A.N.R. and R.A.N.V.R.”

to read “Navy Order 359 of 1943—Lieutenant-Commander rank R.A.N.R. and R.A.N.V.R.”

(559/222/1209.)

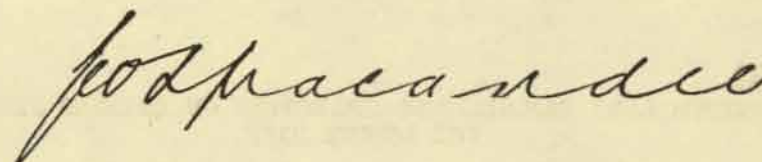
FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**Commonwealth Navy Orders.**

Navy Office, Melbourne,

17th August, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
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411.

THE BURNETT PRIZE.

A gift of £100 has been made by the widow and brother-in-law of the late Captain Joseph Burnett, R.A.N., to found a Prize to perpetuate his memory, to be known as the Burnett Prize.

2. To give effect to the wish of the donors, the Prize will be awarded annually to the 4th year Cadet Midshipman at the Royal Australian Naval College who is the best exponent of Rugby football and will be in the form of a Napkin Ring. An Honour Board also will be established.

3. The first award will be made in 1944.

4. The honorary distinction (B) will be noted in the Navy List against the names of Officers awarded the Prize.

(474/213/528.)

412.

TEMPORARY COMMISSIONS—SELECTION OF RATINGS FROM THE LOWER DECK.

With reference to Navy Order 103 of 1943, the heading "*Communications Branch*" is to be amended to read "*Communications Branch (Including Coder Ratings)*".

(432/205/4013.)

413.

ADVANCEMENT OF RATINGS SERVING IN SMALL SHIPS.

In order to alleviate the present acute shortage of leading seamen and petty officers, the following conditions have been approved for advancement of ratings serving in M.L.'s and Channel Patrol Boats, who have not qualified professionally, but are considered suitable in all other respects for advancement to the next higher rating:—

(i) Qualifications for advancement to Provisional Acting Leading Seaman (Temporary).

(a) Six months' sea service as Able Seaman.

(b) To be in possession of a certificate by his Commanding Officer stating that he is considered suitable in all respects for advancement to the higher rating and that the Commanding Officer would be prepared to retain the rating in the ship in the higher rating.

(c) Six months' "V.G." time.

(ii) Qualifications for advancement to Provisional Acting Petty Officer (Temporary).

(a) Six months' sea service as Leading Seaman (including Acting and Provisional time).

(b) To be in possession of a certificate by his Commanding Officer stating that he is considered suitable in all respects for advancement to the higher rating and that the Commanding Officer would be prepared to retain the rating in the ship in the higher rating.

(c) Twelve months' "V.G." time.

2. Recommendations for advancement are to be made on Form A.S. 507, which is to be approved by the Naval Officer-in-Charge of the Port to which the rating's ship is attached and are to be forwarded to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, on the last day of each month.

3. All advancements made under this Order will be to the provisional acting rating (temporary) only and will be authorized by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, in vacancies in fleet numbers. As the position improves, fully qualified ratings may be appropriated, and, as complements are so adjusted, ratings holding the provisional acting higher ratings will revert to the confirmed rating last held. Similarly, appropriation from the ship in which the provisional acting higher rating was granted will involve reversion to the confirmed rating last held if not appropriated for duties in the higher rating.

4. It is realized that ratings serving in examination vessels, tugs, harbor tenders, &c., are at a disadvantage compared with ratings in warships as regards qualifying professionally for leading seaman. Full advantage in such cases should be taken of paragraph 3 of Navy Order 331 of 1942.

(568/202/831.)

(This Order will be reprinted for Posting on Notice Boards.)

414.

RADIO MECHANIC BRANCH—ADOPTION IN THE R.A.N.

A new branch of Radio Mechanic is being introduced in the R.A.N. and will comprise the ratings required for the repair and maintenance of W/T and Radar equipment. The present Wireless Mechanic Branch will be absorbed into this new Branch.

2. It is the intention that Radio Mechanics shall eventually be capable of maintaining all W/T and Radar equipment, but in order to meet immediate needs, training must be specialized in certain directions until circumstances admit of complete training. Advancement will not be prejudiced meanwhile, though ability to maintain all types of equipment will be a qualification for advancement to Chief Petty Officer.

3. When trained only in certain apparatus, Radio Mechanics will be designated as follows, according to their training:—

(R) Radar equipment, general service.

(W) Part Radar, part W/T equipment, general service.

(S) W/T equipment in Stations ashore.

4. *Transfers from Other Branches*—A certain number of present serving ratings below leading rate will be permitted on selection to undergo course to qualify for transfer to this branch in addition to those obtained through the normal recruiting channels. Names of recommended volunteers should be communicated to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, and transfers will be governed by manning requirements.

5. *Qualifications*.—The following qualifications are required:—

- (i) Age—18–30 years.
- (ii) Education—Intermediate Certificate, but Leaving Physics and Mathematics or Technical School equivalent preferred.
- (iii) Some knowledge of electricians is desirable though not essential.
- (iv) Preference will be given to men with practical radio experience.

6. Ordinary Seamen and equivalent ratings who have completed disciplinary training and are selected for transfer to the Radio Mechanic Branch will be eligible, while undergoing course of training, for advancement by Commanding Officer to the confirmed or Acting Able Seaman or equivalent rating, in accordance with the conditions governing such advancements in their particular Branch.

7. Ratings of Able Seaman and relative ratings will retain their present rating until successful completion of the course (paragraph 13) of training for Leading Radio Mechanic when they will be eligible for transfer to Radio Mechanic (see paragraph 9) and advancement by their Commanding Officer to Leading Radio Mechanic the following day.

8. *Direct Entries—Ordinary Seamen (Radio Mechanics)*—(*Short title Ordinary Seamen (R.M.)*).—Ordinary Seamen (R.M.) will be given a course (paragraph 13) for Radio Mechanic after completing disciplinary training and will be eligible for advancement by the Commanding Officer to Radio Mechanic on the successful completion of such course (see paragraph 9) and to Leading Radio Mechanic the following day.

9. *Alteration of Rating*.—Transfer to Radio Mechanic is to be effected as follows:—

- (W) After the course at Flinders Naval Depot.
- (S) After the Belconnen and Harman Course.

Leading Radio Mechanics (W) who fail in the Radar course at Sydney will be automatically transferred to Leading Radio Mechanic (S).

Ratings from other Branches selected for courses who fail to qualify for the Radar or Belconnen courses will be returned to their previous Branch. In the case of direct entries, they will be required to transfer to another branch of the Service.

10. *Advancement*.—After one year's combined service as Leading Radio Mechanic and Leading Wireless Mechanic, advancement to Acting Petty Officer Radio Mechanic may be made by the Commanding Officer if satisfied that the man is suitable for the Petty Officer rate. Confirmation as Petty Officer may be authorized by the Commanding Officer at his discretion after one year in the Acting Rating.

11. Advancement to Chief Petty Officer Radio Mechanic will be authorized by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, in vacancies in fleet numbers. Qualifications are:—

- (a) Three years' service in the Petty Officer rating, including acting time.
- (b) Qualified, after a course in maintenance of all types of equipment.
- (c) Recommendation on Form A.S. 507.

12. Rates of pay are as laid down in Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 35, for the Wireless Mechanic Branch, titles of which will be amended in due course. As advancement to Acting Petty Officer Radio Mechanic is normally automatic after one year as Leading Radio Mechanic, the progressive rates of pay after three and six years provided for Leading Wireless Mechanic are redundant and will not be promulgated for the Radio Mechanic Branch.

13. *Training Course*.—Candidates for Radio Mechanic (W) will undergo the following courses:—

- (i) Twenty-four weeks at Melbourne Technical College.
- (ii) Four weeks at Flinders Naval Depot Signal School.
- (iii) Twelve weeks at Radar School, Sydney.

Radio Mechanic (S) Candidates will undergo Courses as follows:—

- (i) Twenty-two weeks at Melbourne Technical College.
- (ii) Two weeks at Flinders Naval Depot Signal School.
- (iii) Four weeks at Belconnen and Harman.

At the end of eighteen weeks' instruction at the Melbourne Technical College, ratings will be divided into either (W) or (S). Candidates must understand that they will not be given the option of becoming (W) or (S) but will be sub-divided according to Service requirements.

14. R.A.N.R. ratings transferring to the Radio Mechanic Branch are to be discharged from the R.A.N.R. the day prior to transfer and to be entered in the R.A.N. under an hostilities only engagement from the day of transfer.

15. Present serving ratings of the Wireless Mechanic Branch are to transfer to the relative Radio Mechanic rating as from the date of promulgation of rates of pay for Radio Mechanic Branch, allocation to (R), (W) or (S) being made by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, and communicated to Navy Office and Ships and Establishments concerned.

16. Radio Mechanic ratings will wear Class III, uniform with the W/T badge as for Ordinary Telegraphists, and will use the Artisans' mess.

17. Navy Order 184 of 1942 is cancelled.

(349/9/11.)

(This Order will be reprinted for Posting on Notice Boards.)

415.

A.M.S. VESSELS—PACKING FOR AUXILIARY MACHINERY.

It has been reported that the following packings have been used with very good results on glands of all auxiliary machinery in A.M.S. Vessels:—

(a) Packing for Belleville Boiler (Sausage Packing);

or

(b) "Rex-Pak" fitted with one turn of Pattern 15 Asbestos packing at top and bottom, the asbestos packing being oiled and graphited before use.

2. For the best results it is desirable to ensure that the rods are in good condition before either of these packings are used.

3. The above procedure may be followed in other A.M.S. vessels as desired at the discretion of the Engineer Officer.

(612/201/5119.)

416.

RADAR OFFICES—FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

Attention is drawn to A.F.O. 1961/43 which sets out the allowance of Fire Extinguishers for Radar Offices afloat and ashore.

2. Demands to complete requirements of H.M.A. Ships and Establishments should be forwarded to the nearest Naval Store Depot.

(475/202/480.)

417.

STEEL CHESTS FOR A.M.S. VESSELS.

Approval has been given to the provision of an additional Patt. 1477 Chest, Light Steel, to A.M.S. Vessels, making a total allowance of 3 No. for these vessels.

2. Supply of the additional chest will be effected without demand by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney, as soon as stocks become available.

(544/201/250.)

418.

MOTOR PATROL VESSELS—KLAXON HORNS.

Approval has been given to the addition of a Pattern 2341 Klaxon Horn, hand-operated (or substitute), to the list of Special Allowances of Naval Stores for Motor Patrol Boats and Channel Patrol Boats operating at bases south of the Tropic of Capricorn and which are not already fitted with an efficient sound signalling apparatus, for use in foggy weather.

2. Supply of the above-mentioned item to the vessels concerned will be effected on demand as follows:—

Vessels based on Geraldton	}	By the Naval Store Officer, Fremantle.
Vessels based on Fremantle		
Vessels based on Bunbury		

Vessels based on Adelaide	}	By the Officer in Charge, Naval Store Depot, Melbourne.
Vessels based on Whyalla		
Vessels based on Port Lincoln		
Vessels based on Melbourne		
Vessels based on Hobart		

Vessels based on Devonport	}	By the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney.
Vessels based on Sydney		
Vessels based on Port Kembla		
Vessels based on Wollongong		
Vessels based on Newcastle		
Vessels based on Port Stephens		

Vessels based on Broken Bay	}	By the Naval Store Officer, Brisbane.
Vessels based on Brisbane		
Vessels based on Maryborough		

(612/226/1185.)

419.

**D.C. PISTOLS FITTED DIAPHRAGMS. I.R. ST. No. 6067—
TEST OF "SAFE" POSITIONS.**

With reference to Commonwealth Navy Orders 459 of 1942 and 267 of 1943, when fitting diaphragms, I.R. Stamp No. 6067 in D.C. pistols which have previously been fitted and adjusted with diaphragm Stamp No. 6066, the clearance of safety rod, i.e., the travel of striker with the pistol set to "safe" increases by the equivalent of the difference in thickness between the two diaphragms, i.e., approximately 0.02 inch.

2. (a) In order to ensure that an adequate margin of safety exists when pistols are set to "safe," the following additional procedure is to be observed when carrying out the test of safety and firing positions, (*vide* O.U. 5485, paragraph 33 (k)), of D.C. pistols Mks. VII-VII.** and IX-IX.* fitted with diaphragms, St. No. 6067.

(i) Test the pistol in each "safe" position.

(ii) Unscrew adjuster body one complete turn.

(iii) Repeat test of "safe" positions.

(iv) Tighten adjuster body and carry out test of firing positions.

(b) If the pistol will not fire in (iii), it may be considered serviceable.

(c) If the pistol fires in (i), fit a new safety rod and repeat tests. If still unsatisfactory, the pistol is to be set aside and exchanged at the first opportunity.

(d) If the pistol is satisfactory in (i) but fires in (iii), strip the pistol and reverse the distance ring. Re-assemble and repeat all tests. If unsatisfactory, fit a new safety rod and re-test. If still unsatisfactory, the pistol is to be set aside and exchanged at the first opportunity.

NOTES:—(i) With reference to (d) above, in pistols of earlier manufacture, the two faces of the distance ring are not necessarily in true relationship with respect to the central web and the safety rod clearance may vary slightly if the distance ring is reversed.

(ii) Whenever a new safety rod is fitted, the test of firing positions is to be carefully applied.

(471/205/1804.)

420.

DESPATCH OF NAVAL ARMAMENT, GUNMOUNTING AND TORPEDO STORES TO MELBOURNE.

Shipments of naval armament, gunmounting and torpedo stores to Melbourne by sea freight for Flinders Naval Depot, Armament Depot, Maribyrnong, the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne, Naval Depot, Williamstown, Mine Depot, Swan Island, H.M.A. and D.E.M.S. Ships at Victorian Ports are to be consigned to the Assistant Armament Supply Officer, Ordnance Factory, Maribyrnong, to whom the consignee's copy and two extra copies of the bill of lading should be forwarded.

2. Consignments by rail for the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne, Naval Depot, Williamstown, Armament Depot, Maribyrnong, H.M.A. and D.E.M.S. Ships at Victorian Ports should be consigned to the Assistant Armament Supply Officer, Dynon-road Siding, Melbourne, when forwarded by goods train and to the Assistant Armament Supply Officer, Ordnance Factory, Maribyrnong, when forwarded by passenger train.

3. Consignments for Flinders Naval Depot and Mine Depot (goods and passenger train) should be forwarded direct to Crib Point and Queenscliff respectively.

4. Issue vouchers for stores despatched for onward consignments should be forwarded to the ultimate consignee.

5. Navy Orders 50 and 96 of 1939 are hereby cancelled.

6. Consolidated Orders and Regulations, Article 531, will be amended accordingly in R.I. Series.

(612/202/3238.)

421.

DEPTH CHARGE PISTOLS—ROUTINE TESTS.

It is observed from history sheets of expended depth charge pistols that in many instances the routine tests of pistols are not being carried out in accordance with the instructions in O.U. 5485, Handbook of Depth Charges and Equipment.

2. The attention of all concerned is directed to the importance of strict compliance with these instructions and maintenance routines.

(471/205/1870.)

422.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR NAVAL PATIENTS IN AUSTRALIA (APART FROM PRIVATE HOSPITALS).

With reference to Navy Order 165 of 1939 regarding the treatment of Naval personnel in approved Hospitals, apart from Private Hospitals, agreements have been made with the Hospitals shown hereunder:—

State.	Name of Hospital and Address.	Officers and/or Men.	Accommodation— (a) Medical; (b) Surgical; (c) Infectious.	Rate of Charge per diem. (Includes Medical Attendance and all other Services unless otherwise indicated)— (a) Medical; (b) Surgical; (c) Infectious.	Operative Theatre.	X-ray	Venereal Cases— (a) Accommodation; (b) Charge per diem.	Remarks.
South Australia ..	Whyalla Hospital Inc., Wood-terrace, Whyalla.	Officers .. Men ..	(a) and (b) six (c) Four (a) and (b) eight (c) Nil	18s. 12s.	Yes ..	Yes ..	..	Extra charges are:— (1) Medical and Surgical fees (2) Theatre fee 10s. 6d. to 21s. (3) X-ray 10s. 6d. to 21s. (4) Dressings, etc.
New South Wales ..	Lister House Hospital, 42 Smith-street, Wollongong	Officers .. Men ..	(a) and (b) four (c) Nil (a) and (b) six (c) Nil	12s. 6d. per diem or 8s. per week 10s. 6d. per diem or 6s. per week	Yes ..	Yes ..	..	Extra charges are:— (1) Medical and Surgical fees (2) Theatre fee 21s. (3) Dressings, etc.
Tasmania ..	" Millbrook Rise " Home, Hobart	Officers and men	Barber-line mental cases	9s. per diem				
Tasmania ..	Lauriston Hospital, Charles-st.	Men	Amendment in Rate of Charge. (a), (b), and (c) as convenient	Actual cost	Yes ..	Yes ..	(a) 10s. (b) Actual cost	A charge is made for operations from 21s. to 22s. X-rays from 21s. to 84s.

2. Navy Order 165 of 1939 is to be amended accordingly.

(527/211/1380.)

423.

BINOCULARS—TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN FULL APPROVED SCALES OF ALLOWANCES.

Attention is drawn to C.A.F.O. 94/1943 in regard to temporary reduction in the allowances of binoculars for ships, the provisions of which are applicable in the R.A.N.

2. Arrangements are to be made for binoculars in excess of the revised allowances to be returned to the nearest Naval Store Depot as early as possible.

(670/201/768.)

424.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL WOMENS' SERVICES—UNIFORM AND CLOTHING—AUTHORIZED KITS.

Consequent on the dispensing with the rating of mess attendant, the number of overalls shown in paragraph 4 (c) of Navy Order 375 of 1943 is to be amended to 2 No. instead of 1 No. and paragraph 4 (d) cancelled.

2. All spare copies of the Navy Order held are to be amended.

(516/201/593.)

425.

MESS GEAR—DISCONTINUANCE OF CERTAIN ITEMS.

The provisions of Admiralty Fleet Order 2070/43 are to apply in the R.A.N., with the exception that the existing patterns of the following items are to be retained:—

Pattern No.

C.1837	..	Fork, table, small, E.P.
C.1850	..	Spoon, small, E.P.
C.1851E	..	Spoon, large, E.P.
C.1853	..	Spoon, mustard, E.P.
44E	..	Spoon, salt, E.P.
C.1842E	..	Knife, fish, eating, E.P.
102	..	Bowls, deep, 8 inch.
109	..	Decanters, 1 pint.
113	..	Dish, preserve, 5½ inch.
100A	..	Basin, sugar.
C.1860	..	Fork, table, N.S.
C.1863	..	Spoon, large, N.S.
C.1870E	..	Spoon, tea, N.S.

(530/201/449.)

426.

LOSSES OF BICYCLES.

Cases have recently been reported of the loss of bicycles at H.M.A. Naval Establishments due to theft.

2. All bicycles are to be fitted with a suitable locking device at the earliest opportunity and arrangements made to ensure that when bicycles are left unattended they are securely locked to prevent unauthorized removal.

(638/201/259.)

427.

CARBON PAPER AND TYPEWRITER RIBBONS.

Owing to the acute shortage of materials, the necessity for conserving resources for the manufacture of carbon paper and typewriter ribbons and the increasing demand for these items by Government Departments and the Services, arrangements for their standardization and simplification, as set out hereunder, have been made with manufacturers:—

Typewriter Correspondence Carbon Paper—

“Quarto” size to be reduced to 8 in. x 10 in.

“Foolscap” size to be reduced to 8 in. x 13 in.

Packing—200 sheets per box; 50 sheets per folder.

Typewriter Ribbons—

Two-colour } Manufacture and supply to be
Lightly inked } discontinued.

New Metal Spools.—To be supplied only in exchange for disused ones; otherwise ribbons to be supplied on bobbins for re-winding on the existing spools mounted on typewriters.

2. Substantial economy can be effected by reversing the ends of insertion of carbon paper and using the second side of the typewriter ribbon prior to the first side becoming damaged.

3. Officers in charge of typing staff are to take steps to ensure that used ribbon spools are retained for future use.

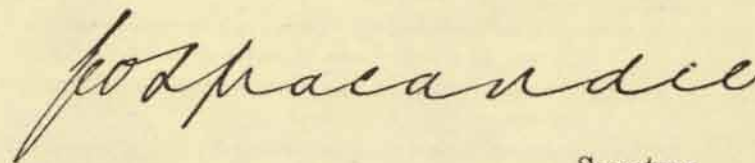
(544/202/938.)

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Secretary.

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428.

INSPECTING ACCOUNTANT OFFICER.

Paymaster Captain R. C. Negus, C.B.E., R.A.N., has been appointed to Navy Office Staff as Inspecting Accountant Officer, and will visit Naval Establishments from time to time.

2. The Naval Officers-in-Charge will be advised by the Inspecting Accountant Officer direct concerning dates and times of intended visits.

(409/201/2231.)

429.

SUSPENSION OF INTER-DEPARTMENTAL ADJUSTMENTS IN WAR-TIME.

Financial adjustment between the Departments of Defence, Navy, Army, and Air for war-time supplies and services is, except as provided in paragraph 2 hereof, suspended for the duration of the war.

2. (a) Pay and allowances paid to personnel of other Departments.
- (b) Rations for Air Force personnel provided by the Department of the Army.
- (c) Issues of materials or stores which are accounted for in a Trust Fund of either Department.
- (d) Purchases made at the specific request of another Department.

3. Special attention is drawn to Article 31 (4) of the Naval Account Regulations and Instructions. Wherever practicable, arrangements should be made for claims in respect of services rendered on behalf of other Departments to be rendered direct to those Departments.

4. Although financial adjustment is waived, there should be no relaxation in store accounting arrangements and checks.

5. The following remarks in regard to relative clauses of R.A.N. Supplement to B.R.4 are promulgated for information and guidance. Suitable notations are to be made therein:—

Appendix No. 2.

Paragraph 1 (d).—Replacement will be made in all cases without financial adjustment.

(e).—Credit will not in any case be given.

(f).—Claims will not be made.

2 (12).—Rating and valuation of the vouchers dispensed with but vouchers to be forwarded direct to the Director of Naval Stores attached to the Schedule.

(14) (IV.).—Claims for recovery of cost will not be made.

(VII.).—Financial adjustment will not be effected and prices need not be shown on the vouchers.

6. Navy Orders 326 of 1941 and 28 of 1942 are hereby cancelled.

(474/201/353.)

430.

GAS CYLINDERS.

The under-mentioned gas cylinders which were used at Garden Island in connexion with repair and refit work on H.M.A. Ships cannot now be located:—

Registered No. of Cylinder.	Description of Gas.
69915 .. ..	.. Oxygen.
68596 .. ..	.. Oxygen.
13049 .. ..	.. Acetylene.

2. These cylinders are the property of the Commonwealth Oxygen and Acetylene Pty. Ltd., Sydney, and this Department is liable for hire charges until their return to the owners. All gas cylinders in H.M.A. Ships are to be examined and, if any of the above-mentioned cylinders are found on board, arrangements are to be made for their immediate return to the nearest Naval Store Depot for subsequent despatch to the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney, who should also be advised of the Depot to which return has been made and the numbers of cylinders so returned.

(669/201/1018.)

431.

NEW CONSTRUCTION—EQUIPMENT AND FITTINGS.

Some inconvenience and delay in the completion of new ships have arisen, and are likely to arise, from the issue for other purposes of naval store items provided for new construction.

2. The attention of all concerned is drawn to the fact that equipment and fittings provided for new construction are not to be issued for any other service, e.g., for installation in ships refitting, &c., without the prior approval of the Naval Board.

3. In cases where approval has been or may be given to appropriate for other purposes equipment and fittings provided for new construction, immediate action should be taken to effect replacement and in the case of imported items replacement should be requested by W/T.

(612/201/5307.)

432.

RESTRICTION IN THE USE OF ATTACHE CASES.

Issues of attaché cases in various Establishments and Offices have been reviewed and it has been decided that issue of such articles should be restricted as follows:—

- (a) Issue for the sole use of particular officers should only be made when an attaché case is constantly required by such officers for the performance of their official duties.
- (b) In cases where officers of a Branch require to use an attaché case at intervals, in connexion with official duties, one or more cases should be provided for general use as required.
- (c) Issues should only be made on the authorization of the Naval Officer-in-Charge or Head of the Branch concerned.

2. Naval Officers-in-Charge should arrange for a muster of all attaché cases to be carried out in Establishments under their control and for re-allocation of cases in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Order to be made as necessary. In the event of cases being held in excess of minimum requirements, the excess cases should be returned to store.

(516/201/544.)

433.

FORM A.S. 542—ROUTE ORDER AND TRAVELLING EXPENSE CLAIM.

Since the issue of Navy Order 135 of 1943, notifying the establishment of Form A.S. 542, numerous errors and omissions in the rendering of this form have come under notice. The following are typical examples:—

- (i) Commanding Officers and Accountant Officers have omitted to sign as requisite.
- (ii) Details of travelling warrants, meal orders, &c., issued have not been shown.
- (iii) Forms have in some cases been forwarded by post instead of being handed to the members concerned. This has resulted in delays in payment of travelling expenses.
- (iv) Particulars of issues of meal orders, &c., made by Naval Officers-in-Charge or Railway Transport Officers *en route* have not been entered on the form.

2. Commanding Officers should take steps to ensure that the instructions laid down in regard to the use of this form are, in future, complied with in all respects.

(407/221/2275.)

434.

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the under-mentioned publications have been distributed. Further supplies of B.R.765 and B.R.766 are being obtained to complete distribution:—

O.U.6306/38.—Handbook for the 4·7-in. Q.F. Gun Mark IX.** on C.P. Mark XVIII Mtg.

(A.F.O. 3123/38.)
(571/203/2134.)

Supplement, October, 1942, to O.U.6353 and 6353A.—British and Foreign Merchant and Fishing Vessels respectively Sunk or Damaged by the Enemy from outbreak of War.

(A.F.O. 219/43.)
(571/203/2460.)

B.R.317 (18)/42.—Preparation of the Mark XXV. Mine Assembly Nos. 1 and 2.

(A.F.O. 2204/43.)
(571/202/1628.)

B.R.612/42.—Report on the Measurement of Radiation from Receivers.

(A.F.O. 5592/42.)
(571/202/1662.)

B.R.635 (late O.U.6308).—Maintenance Regulations for 18-in. Mark XI. and XII. Type Torpedoes.

(A.F.O. 5477/42.)
(571/202/1664.)

B.R.648/42 (late O.U.5426/39).—Drill for 2-Pdr. Mark VIII. Guns on Mark VI.A and V.A Mountings.

(A.F.O. 658/43.)
(571/202/1718.)

B.R.765/42.—Combined Operations Gunnery Instructions.

(A.F.O. 873/43.)

B.R.766/42.—Combined Operations Signal Book.

(A.F.O. 873/43.)
(571/202/1693.)

B.R.777 (late S.P.02192 (2)).—Naval Aircraft Code 2.

(571/202/1697.)

Errata No. 2—Establishment of Naval Stores for 72-ft. Motor Launches.

(571/202/1488.)

Manual of National Security Legislation (3rd Edition) Vols 1 and 2.

(584/201/585.)

Aircraft Recognition Journal Vol. 1 No. 7, March, 1943.

(415/201/1879.)

Air Publication 1641c.—Browning .303 in Mark II. Gun Vol. 1, Descriptive Handbook (1st Edition). Vol. 2, Instructions for Dismantling, Assembling, Adjusting, Maintenance and Repair (2nd Edition).

(571/201/3805.)

Aircraft Recognition Sheets—

British Aeroplanes—Sheet B.4.

German Aeroplanes—Sheets G/A1 and G/B1.

(A.F.O. 5344/42.)
(571/201/3544.)

Notes for Candidates for Leading Seaman and Petty Officer, 1943.

(571/202/1434.)

2. The under-mentioned form has been adopted for use in R.A.N. Destroyers, Sloops and other vessels in which an Accountant Officer is not borne. First supply will be issued without demand:—

S.468 (Est. 1942).—Report to Accountant Officer of Punishment by Warrant.

(A.F.O. 1075/42.)
(480/202/4104.)

3. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the R.A.N. First supply has been issued, without demand:—

A.S.206D—Promotion to Acting Lt. Cdr. (or Relative Rank) Naval Reserves.

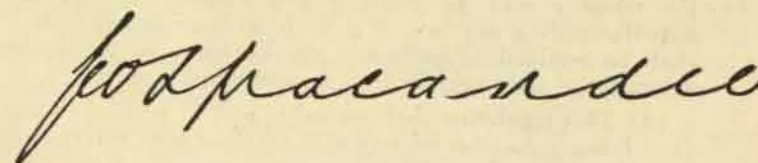
(480/202/4402.)

*FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY***Commonwealth Navy Orders.**

Navy Office, Melbourne,
31st August, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Shvps,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
Establishments, and others concerned.*

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NATIONAL SECURITY REGULATIONS.

1. Regulation 47 of the National Security (Supplementary) Regulations has recently been amended and the regulation, with amendments incorporated to date, reads as follows:—

MEMBERS OF THE FORCES SUFFERING FROM MENTAL DISORDER.

“47.—(1) If the Director of Naval Medical Services, the Director-General of Medical Services, Australian Military Forces, or the Director-General of Medical Services, Royal Australian Air Force, or any medical officer of the naval, military or air forces, respectively, authorized in writing by one of those officers to act on his behalf for the purposes of this regulation, certifies that any member of the arm of the forces to which he belongs is suffering from mental disorder arising from wounds, shock, disease, stress, exhaustion, or any other cause, and requests the person in charge of any institution for the reception, care and treatment of patients suffering from mental disorders to receive and treat the member, the member may be received and treated in that institution notwithstanding any law of a State which requires that a person shall be certified to be insane for the purpose of his reception, detention or treatment in that institution.

(2) This regulation shall extend to and in relation to any person (not being a member of any arm of the forces referred to in the last preceding sub-regulation)—

- (a) who is a ‘member of the Forces’ within the meaning of section 100 or section 105 of the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act 1920-1943;
- (b) who is certified by a medical officer appointed for the purposes of that Act to be suffering from mental disorder; and
- (c) in respect of whom a Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation makes a request that he be received and treated in an institution.

(3) The provisions of any law of a State as to the control, management and inspections of mental hospitals the care and treatment of patients detained therein and their detention, removal, transfer, discharge or absence on trial leave, and the care, protection and management of patients’ estates shall, with such modifications, adaptations and exceptions as are necessary, apply to and in relation to any person received in an institution in accordance with this regulation:

Provided that notice of any intended removal, transfer, discharge or leave of absence on trial shall be given to the Director of Naval Medical Services, the Director-General of Medical Services, Australian Military Forces, the Director-General of Medical Services, Royal Australian Air Force, or the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation for the State, as the case requires.”.

2. The regulation promulgated in Navy Order 408 of 1942, paragraph (a) is cancelled.

(S.R.1942/493, as amended by S.R.1943/188.)

CONTROL OF PHOTOGRAPHY—CAMERAS—USE IN NORTHERN TERRITORY AND OTHER ADVANCED BASES.

For Security reasons, possession of privately-owned cameras by Naval personnel serving in shore establishments in the Northern Territory, New Guinea and Thursday Island areas is to be permitted only with the specific approval of the Naval Officer-in-Charge.

2. As privately-owned cameras have been withdrawn from these areas, personnel wishing to operate cameras must obtain specific approval as follows:—

In the Northern Territory Area.—From the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin;

In the New Guinea Area.—From the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Milne Bay;

In the Thursday Island Area.—From the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Thursday Island.

3. The Naval Officer-in-Charge in each of the areas affected is also to select and authorize one officer or rating to take photographs for official records. Good “still” photographs are preferable to cinematograph films.

4. Re-imbusement for expenses incurred in the purchase of films for the purpose mentioned in paragraph 3 above should be made in accordance with A.C.B. 108, Section IX., paragraph 4.

5. All films exposed, wholly or in part, under paragraphs 2 and 3 above, must be lodged unprocessed with the Naval Officer-in-Charge, for despatch to Navy Office for processing, censorship and disposal. No other method may be used to send or take any exposed or partly-exposed film out of any of the areas concerned.

6. The provisions of Navy Order 446 of 1943 apply to personnel of H.M.A. Ships visiting or operating in these areas.

7. Endeavour is being made to arrange small supplies of photographic film on a cash basis to selected ratings for taking of photographs of interest for official purposes, and further information in this connection will be promulgated.

8. Navy Order 23 of 1943 is cancelled.

(560/201/892.)

EXAMINATION OF ENGINE ROOM RATINGS—APRIL, 1943—
RESULTS.

O.N.	Name.	Present Rating.	Application Received From.	Result.
E.R.A FOR C.E.R.A.				
<i>Mechanician I. for Chief Mechanician.</i>				
				%
23614 ..	Green, R. T. ..	E.R.A. 3..	<i>Australia</i> ..	Passed Sat. 63.0
16409 ..	Morgan, D. J. ..	Mech. 1 ..	<i>Australia</i> ..	Passed Supr. 71.5
22340 ..	Durrant, H. M. ..	E.R.A. 3..	<i>Hobart</i> ..	Passed Sat. 68.1
22752 ..	Steggall, P. R. ..	" ..	<i>Warramunga</i> ..	Passed Sat. 68.6
22085 ..	Irving, J. S. ..	" ..	<i>Arunta</i> ..	Passed Sat. 56.3
P.M. 2143	McCormack, W. L. ..	" ..	<i>Geelong</i> ..	Passed Sat. 64
23305 ..	Sparks, J. S. ..	" ..	<i>Melville</i> ..	Passed Sat. 55
22126 ..	Mead, D. D. ..	" ..	<i>Melville</i> ..	Passed Sat. 64.6
23877 ..	Simonsen, J. F. B. ..	" ..	<i>Coombar</i> ..	Passed Supr. 79
S. 1683 ..	Lewis, H. ..	" ..	<i>Penguin</i> ..	Passed Sat. 53
			(Samuel Benbow)	

E.R.A. A/4TH CLASS FOR CONFIRMATION.

Mechanician II. for Mechanician I.

P.M. 4062	Wood, A. ..	E.R.A A/4th class	<i>Australia</i> ..	Passed Sat.
S/6017 ..	Cook, R. A. ..	" ..	<i>Australia</i> ..	Passed Sat.
P.M. 4027	Spencer, G. W. ..	" ..	<i>Australia</i> ..	Passed Sat.
19946 ..	Rissel, C. E. ..	Mech. II.	<i>Australia</i> ..	Passed Supr.
19802 ..	Charlsworth, R. T. ..	" ..	<i>Australia</i> ..	Passed Sat.
20403 ..	Greaves, L. M. ..	" ..	<i>Australia</i> ..	Passed Supr.
20477 ..	McMiles, R. P. ..	" ..	<i>Australia</i> ..	Passed Supr.
19961 ..	Dorsch, A. W. ..	" ..	<i>Australia</i> ..	Passed Sat.
18557 ..	Lambert, A. W. ..	" ..	<i>Hobart</i> ..	Passed Sat.
18560 ..	Foulds, G. P. ..	" ..	<i>Hobart</i> ..	Passed Sat.
19699 ..	Brett, A. E. ..	" ..	<i>Adelaide</i> ..	Passed Sat.
18143 ..	Bunnett, H. R. ..	" ..	<i>Adelaide</i> ..	Passed Sat.
P.M. 3860	Nelsen, N. J. ..	E.R.A A/4th class	<i>Adelaide</i> ..	Passed Sat.
S. 5295 ..	Goddard, H. C. T. ..	" ..	<i>Adelaide</i> ..	Passed Sat.
P.M. 4035	Walters, F. ..	" ..	<i>Westralia</i> ..	Passed Sat.
F. 3502..	Johnson, G. A. ..	" ..	<i>Warrego</i> ..	Passed Supr.
H. 1780	Green, J. L. ..	" ..	<i>Stuart</i> ..	Passed Supr.
P.M. 3886	Chisholm, E. A. ..	" ..	<i>Stuart</i> ..	Passed Sat.
P.A. 2489	Rehn, H. A. J. ..	" ..	<i>Moresby</i> ..	Passed Sat.
H. 1782	Doe, C. L. ..	" ..	<i>Orara</i> ..	Passed Sat.
P.M. 3896	Jarvis, H. J. S. ..	" ..	<i>Orara</i> ..	Passed Sat.
S. 6005 ..	Townsend, N. F. ..	" ..	<i>Warrnambool</i> ..	Passed Sat.
S. 6098 ..	Needham, E. C. ..	" ..	<i>Swan</i> ..	Passed Supr.
P.M. 2247	Denham, A. ..	" ..	<i>Boom Defence</i> ..	Passed Sat.
S. 5947 ..	Tyler, J. ..	" ..	<i>Darwin</i> ..	Passed Sat.
F. 4078 ..	McCarthy, F. E. ..	" ..	<i>Boom Defence</i> ..	Passed Sat.
P.M. 3779	Jones, R. V. ..	" ..	<i>Darwin</i> ..	Passed Supr.
S. 5381 ..	Riters, J. ..	" ..	<i>Boom Defence</i> ..	Passed Sat.
P.M. 3887	Barnes, L. B. ..	" ..	<i>Darwin</i> ..	Passed Sat.
P.M. 3943	James, K. C. ..	" ..	<i>Boom Defence</i> ..	Passed Sat.
			<i>Darwin</i>	

O.N.	Name.	Present Rating.	Application Received From.	Result.
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E.R.A. A/4TH CLASS FOR CONFIRMATION—continued.

Mechanician II. for Mechanician I.—continued.

F. 3568 ..	Allen, E. H. ..	E.R.A. A/4th class	<i>Boom Defence</i> ..	Passed Sat.
F. 4061 ..	Wilsdon, M. F. ..	" ..	<i>Darwin</i> ..	Passed Sat.
P.M. 4180	Jacobs, H. G. ..	" ..	<i>Leeuwin</i> ..	Passed Supr.
F. 3937 ..	Greenhorn, J. ..	" ..	<i>(Medea)</i> ..	Passed Sat.
F. 4059 ..	Wright, K. D. ..	" ..	<i>Leeuwin</i> ..	Passed Sat.
			<i>(Dubbo)</i> ..	
			<i>Leeuwin</i> ..	Passed Sat.
			<i>(Olive Cam)</i> ..	
			<i>Leeuwin</i> ..	Passed Sat.
			<i>(Mercedes)</i> ..	
P.M. 4652	McNeilage, W. ..	" ..	<i>Gympie</i> ..	Passed Supr.
P.M. 3385	Sidwell, J. E. ..	" ..	<i>Geelong</i> ..	Passed Supr.
P.A. 2462	Fewdale, R. F. ..	" ..	<i>Kalgoorlie</i> ..	Passed Sat.
F. 4086 ..	Freeman, A. G. ..	" ..	<i>Mildura</i> ..	Passed Supr.
P.M. 3451	Snow, R. L. ..	" ..	<i>Wagga</i> ..	Passed Exceptional
B. 3091 ..	Moody, W. A. ..	" ..	<i>Moreton</i> ..	Passed Supr.
B. 3399 ..	Jones, H. L. B. ..	" ..	<i>Bowen</i> ..	Passed Sat.
S. 3173 ..	Grice, W. H. ..	" ..	<i>Melville</i> ..	Passed Sat.
S. 5785 ..	Fishburn, R. G. ..	" ..	<i>Melville</i> ..	Passed Supr.
P.M. 4187	Hornbridge, A. E. ..	" ..	<i>Melville</i> ..	Passed Supr.
F. 3864 ..	Shearer, L. ..	" ..	<i>Melville</i> ..	Passed Sat.
F. 3685 ..	Downie, F. L. ..	" ..	<i>Melville</i> ..	Passed Sat.
P.M. 4132	Douglas, F. P. ..	" ..	<i>Melville</i> ..	Passed Sat.
P.M. 3444	Plum, F. W. T. ..	" ..	<i>Melville</i> ..	Passed Sat.
S. 6102 ..	Thompson, B. H. ..	" ..	<i>Nambucca</i> ..	Passed Sat.
S. 2758 ..	Endacott, H. R. ..	" ..	<i>Boom Defence</i> ..	Passed Sat.
			<i>Darwin</i>	
H. 1925	Stephenson, R. E. ..	" ..	<i>Vendetta</i> ..	Passed Supr.
W. 1171	McCauley, S. L. ..	" ..	<i>Inverell</i> ..	Passed Sat.
F. 3982 ..	Height, G. A. S. ..	" ..	<i>Moreton</i> ..	Passed Sat.
			<i>(Gladstone)</i> ..	
F. 4182 ..	Twycross, L. A. ..	" ..	<i>Coombar</i> ..	Passed Supr.
P.M. 4270	Chapman, R. ..	" ..	<i>Kybra</i> ..	Passed Supr.
S. 5380 ..	Dewar, M. A. V. ..	" ..	<i>Platypus</i> ..	Passed Sat.
S. 5850 ..	Hutchens, H. B. ..	" ..	<i>Platypus</i> ..	Passed Supr.
P.M. 4086	Riley, J. C. ..	" ..	<i>Platypus</i> ..	Passed Supr.
F. 4802 ..	Edwards, B. R. J. ..	" ..	<i>Penguin</i> ..	Passed Sat.
			<i>(Gippsland)</i> ..	
W. 1253	Williams, D. M. ..	" ..	<i>Penguin</i> ..	Passed Supr.
			<i>(Goonambie)</i> ..	
S. 6472 ..	Neech, J. C. ..	" ..	<i>Penguin</i> ..	Passed Sat.
			<i>(Narini)</i> ..	
S. 5143 ..	Wittman, E. J. L. ..	" ..	<i>Penguin</i> ..	Passed Sat.
			<i>(Gerard)</i> ..	
F. 4180 ..	Lyons, R. L. ..	" ..	<i>Penguin</i> ..	Passed Supr.
			<i>(Gerard)</i> ..	
S. 3397 ..	Keith, J. H. ..	" ..	<i>Penguin</i> ..	Passed Supr.
			<i>(Gerard)</i> ..	
P.M. 2884	Curtis, W. R. ..	" ..	<i>Bombo</i> ..	Passed Sat.
S. 4883 ..	McInnes, C. A. ..	" ..	<i>Gympie</i> ..	Passed Supr.
H. 1781	Rosevear, T. ..	" ..	<i>Townsville</i> ..	Passed Supr.
F. 3992 ..	McCulloch, R. F. ..	" ..	<i>Bungaree</i> ..	Passed Sat.
P.M. 4493	Storr, W. ..	" ..	<i>Moreton</i> ..	Passed Sat.
			<i>(Uralba)</i> ..	
P.A. 2542	Coventry, J. G. ..	" ..	<i>Moreton</i> ..	Passed Sat.
			<i>(Uralba)</i> ..	
F. 4143 ..	Considine, A. E. ..	" ..	<i>Castlemaine</i> ..	Passed Sat.
F. 1388 ..	Macauley, J. ..	" ..	<i>Koopa</i> ..	Passed Supr.

O.N.	Name.	Present Rating.	Application Received From.	Result.
<i>Stoker Petty Officer for Chief Stoker.</i>				
20875 ..	Vale, J. A. ..	S.P.O. ..	Adelaide ..	Passed Sat.
23151 ..	Coates, A. D. S. ..	" ..	Adelaide ..	Passed Sat.
20484 ..	Robinson, A. J. ..	" ..	Warramunga ..	Passed Supr.
17437 ..	Gilbert, F. A. ..	" ..	Warramunga ..	Passed Sat.
13590 ..	Ramsay, A. W. ..	" ..	Warrego ..	Passed Sat.
20528 ..	Goldsworthy, G. D. ..	" ..	Warrego ..	Passed Sat.
17928 ..	Fisher, A. E. J. ..	" ..	Swan ..	Passed Supr.
20573 ..	Mitchell, W. H. ..	" ..	Swan ..	Passed Exceptional
19938 ..	Doull, J. ..	" ..	Warrnambool ..	Passed Sat.
14309 ..	Bray, A. A. ..	" ..	Leeuwin ..	Passed Sat.
21143 ..	Hope, E. A. ..	" ..	(Dubbo) Townsville ..	Passed Supr.
19831 ..	Meldrum, A. E. ..	" ..	Penguin ..	Passed Sat.
			(Gascoyne)	
20472 ..	Dey W. ...	" ..	Gympie ..	Passed Sat.
20595 ..	Cathro, J. R. ..	" ..	Bendigo ..	Passed Sat.
18748 ..	Tonkin, M. T. ..	" ..	Nizam ..	Passed Sat.
20671 ..	Page, H. C. ..	" ..	Wagga ..	Passed Supr.
9985 ..	Clements, P. W. ..	" ..	Cerberus ..	Passed Sat.
19830 ..	Powell, J. A. ..	" ..	Cerberus ..	Passed Sat.
19565 ..	Blatchford, F. W. ..	" ..	Moreton ..	Passed Sat.
20711 ..	Morrison, B. R. ..	" ..	Vendetta ..	Passed Sat.
22159 ..	Reed, E. R. ..	" ..	Arunta ..	Passed Supr.

2. A number of Examination Papers and Results of Oral Examinations have not yet been received. The results of outstanding examinations will be promulgated as early as practicable.

3. The necessary notation should be made on Forms A.S.1233a and 1246a.

4. Forms A.S.442 for successful and unsuccessful candidates have been forwarded to Ships and Establishments concerned for signature by the candidates. The original is to be retained by the candidate and the duplicate forwarded to the Commodore Superintendent of Training.

5. With regard to the Examinations for confirmation of A/E.R.A. 4th Class, the attention of Commanding Officers is drawn to the requirements specified by K.R. & A.I. Appendix XVII.; 28.B. A number of ratings who sat in the recent examinations did not possess Stokehold Watchkeeping Certificates and are therefore not eligible for confirmation.

(465/207/1219.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

438.

ARMAMENT STORE ACCOUNTING OFFICERS.

In relation to his general duties the armament store accounting officer at base depots is to be responsible to the port gunnery officer at ports where one is borne.

(612/204/1350.)

439.

TELEPRINTER OPERATORS.

With reference to Navy Order 258 of 1942, paragraph 3, the following are the conditions of advancement from Ordinary Signalman (T/P) to Signalman (T/P):—

Ordinary Signalman (T/P) to Signalman (T/P)—

- (a) 15 months' mobilised service as Ordinary Signalman (T/P).
- (b) Attain standard as laid down in Appendix to A.F.O. 2118/43.
- (c) According to the ability of each Ordinary Signalman (T/P) and the manner in which respective duties are carried out, Commanding Officer of the Establishment in which the rating is serving may reduce by a period up to six months the required 15 months' service as Ordinary Signalman (T/P).
- (d) Advancement of an Ordinary Signalman (T/P) shall not, however, be antedated in any circumstances to a date prior to attainment by the rating of the age of 18½ years.
- (e) Authority to give rating—Commanding Officer.

(622/201/979.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

440.

CONVALESCENT LEAVE PRIOR TO DISCHARGE "INVALIDED" FROM THE R.A.N.

With reference to paragraph 4 of Navy Order 93 of 1943, the following action is to be taken in respect of members surveyed for invaliding:—

(a) *Non-Repatriation Cases—*

- (i) When an unqualified recommendation of discharge "P.U.N.S." or "B.N.P.S." is made by the Medical Board of Survey, and where the member concerned no longer needs active medical treatment, and can be discharged without detriment to health, approval is given for such member to be discharged to home port and to proceed on convalescent leave until the expiration of 30 days after date of survey and whilst awaiting the decision of the Naval Board. (See also para. 1 (a) of Navy Order 336 of 1943.)
- (ii) When the recommendation of the Board of Survey is qualified, i.e., in cases where a clear recommendation of discharge "P.U.N.S." or "B.N.P.S." is not given, or when any doubt as to ultimate disposal exists, the question of whether discharge is to take place or not will be decided by Navy Office, and a signal made accordingly. Pending receipt of this signal, members coming within this category are not to be sent on leave.

The ship or establishment in which the member is surveyed is to bear the ledger account for the period of travelling and leave involved, making all necessary adjustments, and finally close the account and render Form A.S.1031Z, &c., to the Director of Navy Accounts. Advice of the disposal of the member concerned is to be forwarded immediately to Navy Office, the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, and the Naval Officer-in-Charge of the Home Port.

(b) *Repatriation cases.*

A member, who the Board of Survey (including a Repatriation Medical Officer) considers should be referred to the Repatriation Department, should be sent to Home Port, if fit to travel, to await Naval Board decision regarding discharge. With reference to paragraph 4 of Navy Order 93 of 1943, convalescent leave in these cases will commence on receipt of Naval Board signal authorizing discharge.

Note.—In future, reference to the granting of convalescent leave will not be included in the outward signal authorizing discharge.

(527/203/715.)

441.

**PISTOLS, D.C. (M) TYPE B-B*: INTRODUCTION OF
"KLINGERITE" WASHERS.**

Owing to the possible porosity of fibre, the use of this material for the manufacture of washers, joint and washers, joint, cover-pistol for pistols, D.C., (M) type B-B* has been discontinued and "Klingerite" is being used in lieu.

2. Supplies of "Klingerite" washers will shortly be available and will be issued without demand.

3. All fibre washers are not necessarily defective and these should only be replaced as found necessary during routine tests of pistols.

4. The Pamphlet on the Midget Depth Charge is being amended accordingly.

(471/205/1898.)

442.

A.M.S. VESSELS—MEDICAL CABINET.

The medical cabinet is to be repositioned adjacent to or inside the curtained space for sick berth facilities on the mess deck. Stowage, &c., is to be provided adjacent to the cabinet for an electric sterilizer.

2. An item, classification B, is to be included in the next list of alterations and additions of the ships concerned to cover this work.

(603/267/1397.)

443.

**PREVENTION OF DETERIORATION OF KITS IN NORTHERN
AREAS.**

It is necessary that kits of personnel in forward areas should be aired frequently to avoid deterioration and damage by moisture and mildew, and Commanding Officers are to take the necessary steps to ensure that this action is taken wherever possible.

(516/201/588.)

444.

**ARMY FORM W.5192 "DUTY FREE CONCESSIONS FOR GIFT
PARCELS SENT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM FROM H.M.
FORCES OVERSEAS".**

With reference to A.F.O. 2682/43, stock of Customs Declaration Label (A.F.W. 5192) will be held by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Garden Island, and will be issued, on demand, to Ships serving on the Australia Station, for use of personnel concerned.

(552/201/1027.)

445.

"KNOCK FOR KNOCK" AGREEMENTS—NAVY VEHICLES.

With reference to Navy Orders 108 and 319 of 1943, a "Knock for Knock" agreement has been arranged in respect of collisions between Commonwealth owned vehicles and vehicles owned by the United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps in Australia. The agreement as it affects the Service Departments is effective as from 6th January, 1943, and is retrospective insofar as existing claims are concerned.

2. The terms of the agreement are as follows:—

(a) In the event of damage to any United States or Australian property as a result of collisions between vehicles belonging to the parties, no claim will be submitted by either Government against the other, and resulting damage will be borne entirely in accordance with the ownership of the property.

(b) Such arrangement is in no way concerned with the rights or responsibilities of any third party who may be involved in the collision.

(c) The term "vehicle" will include all mechanically-propelled or horse-drawn vehicles, whether wheeled or tracked, and also cycles, motor-cycles and aircraft.

(511/201/223.)

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

On 10/15/54, the following information was received from the [illegible] office:

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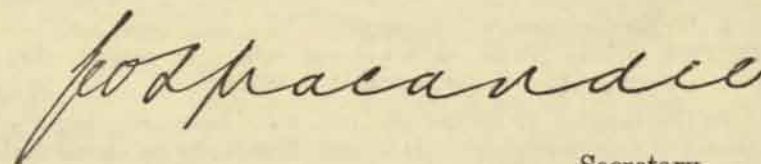
Commonwealth Navy Order.

Navy Office, Melbourne,

31st August, 1943.

The following Order, having been approved, is hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
Establishments, and others concerned.*

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NAVAL CENSORSHIP.

These instructions should be explained to all naval personnel and the special reprint of this Order for posting on Notice Boards is to be read to the ship's company at least once per quarter. Copies of the reprint are to be kept posted on notice boards in Ships and Establishments. New entries are to be informed of these instructions at an early date after their entry.

2. It is important that all personnel understand that censorship is not applied as a disciplinary measure but is primarily a security precaution to deny to the enemy information of value. Small items of information which appear harmless to the writer, and which in themselves are not of great value, may be of considerable value to the enemy, when added to other small items of information in his possession. Disobedience or evasion of these censorship instructions is liable to bring disaster to the writers, other personnel, or even the civilian population.

3. It is not sufficient to leave it to the naval or military censors to cut out doubtful pieces of information from letters and telegrams. Officers and men must refrain from writing such information in the first place, seeking official guidance beforehand, whenever they are in doubt.

4. Writers, signalmen, telegraphists and messengers are specially cautioned to keep silence on board and ashore on matters they may happen to see or hear in the course of their duties.

5. The families of officers and men must necessarily know a good deal about their movements. It is important that they should maintain strict reticence, and that the movements of H.M. Ships and other confidential Service matters should not be the subject of discussion or correspondence, amongst them. Officers and men should see to the best of their ability that their friends observe this rule. The disclosure of naval and military information, even when innocently made, is a serious offence, punishable under the laws of the Commonwealth.

CENSORSHIP OF MAILS, TELEGRAMS, AND TELEPHONES.

6. Censorship is to be established in all H.M.A. Ships as soon as they become ready for sea, whether for trials or on completion. Correspondence from such H.M.A. Ships as are exempted from shipboard censorship in this Order, shall be censored on shore. Censorship is to be established in all H.M.A. Naval Establishments except where all personnel are on lodging and provision allowance.

7. "Passed by Censor" stamps will ordinarily only be issued to those Ships and Establishments in which censorship is in force, but stamps will also be issued to small ships if they will be on detached duties which prevent the landing of mail for censoring by Naval Officers-in-Charge as described in paragraph 11. Stamps will be on charge to the officer appointed as censor and shall be kept locked up when not in use. The stamp is to be impressed only on envelopes the contents of which have been read and approved by the censor.

8. All mails for despatch with the exception of privilege envelopes will be handed open to the ship's censor for censorship. Letters must bear the name, rank or rating and official number of the writer.

9. Telegrams for despatch will be handed to the ship's censor, and if no objection is seen to the contents and the ship is in a British or Allied port, he will forward them to the nearest post office in an envelope, marked—"Telegrams from H.M.A. Ship for transmission," the envelope being closed, dated, and signed by the censor and accompanied by the necessary payments. The censor should endorse on the face of each telegram "Delete Office of Origin."

H.M.A. SHIPS.

10. In all ships having a normal complement exceeding 100, a commissioned officer shall be detailed to carry out the duties of censor. This officer, when practicable, is to be one whose ordinary duties are of such a nature as not to be seriously interfered with by his duties as censor, and, if necessary, he is to have a staff detailed to assist him. The entire mail is to be passed through his hands, and he is to witness personally, the making up and sealing of the mail bags.

11. In vessels carrying a normal complement of 100 or less, ship-board censorship will not ordinarily be imposed, but all mail is to be handed or forwarded by safe means to the Naval Officer-in-Charge nearest to the port at which the mails are landed, who will detail an officer to perform the duties of censor. In cases where it is not practicable for mail to be handed or forwarded by safe means to a Naval Officer-in-Charge for censoring, censorship must be carried out in the ship.

H.M.A. NAVAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

12. For censorship purposes, Establishments are divided into two classes, viz. :—

- (i) Those where ship routine is followed and the personnel are not on lodging and provision allowance; and
- (ii) Those where ship routine is *not* followed and personnel are on lodging and provision allowance.

13. With regard to Establishments in class (i), the same censorship procedure will be followed as is set out in paragraphs 10 and 11 for H.M.A. Ships. Uncensored mail from small Establishments should be forwarded by safe-hand means to the nearest Naval Officer-in-Charge or to the Naval Officer-in-Charge where the least mail delay will be involved, for censoring.

14. In the case of Establishments in class (ii), there will be no naval censorship, as it is not practicable to impose censorship on personnel who are living out of the Establishment. This will not, however, exonerate such personnel from observing the instructions as to writing or otherwise passing prohibited information, described in other paragraphs of this Order.

15. Some Establishments fall into both classes (i) and (ii) as portion only of the personnel may be on lodging and provision allowance. In these cases it will not be obligatory for personnel on lodging and provision allowance to submit their correspondence for censorship, but concession rates of postage will not be available for letters posted ashore. The use of the stamp "Naval Service" on envelopes is to be confined to letters posted through naval channels.

16. In H.M.A. Naval Establishments situated south of Latitude 20°S., the Commanding Officer may dispense with censorship of letters to addressees in *Australia*. Personnel must, however, despatch communications through the officer appointed as censor, even though censorship is not imposed in the Establishment.

GENERAL.

17. Any system by which officers censor letters written by men of their own division, should be avoided where practicable. Officers must not censor their own letters, except with the permission of the Commanding Officer. Censorship should be done in a place as private as possible, and under no circumstances should the contents of letters being censored be disclosed to any person other than to an officer authorized for the purpose of dealing with breaches of censorship instructions.

18. Censorship of private correspondence is instituted solely for security purposes, and, it is most undesirable that information obtained thereby should be used as the foundation of a disciplinary charge against any person, except for a breach of security rules. This does not, however, preclude Commanding Officers from taking suitable action should it come to light in the course of censorship that an officer or rating has been guilty of an offence against the ordinary laws of the land.

19. In Ships giving regular leave at a capital city port in Australia, censorship on communications to Australian civilian addressees may be withdrawn at the discretion of the Commanding Officer as soon as regular leave commences. When censorship has been withdrawn, the posting of letters or the despatch of telegrams on shore, will be permitted, but it is an offence to divulge in such communications any information which would not be passed by the ship's censor, other than the writer's location as disclosed by the communication. No mention is to be made of the location of the Ship.

20. The attention of all concerned should be drawn to the fact that it is advisable to post letters on board; firstly, because postage is free on letters despatched from H.M.A. Ships, whereas full postage must be paid on all letters posted ashore, and secondly, because letters posted on shore may come into the hands of civil censorship who will not know that censorship has been relaxed in the Ship. Therefore, these letters will appear to have been posted irregularly, which may cause delay in delivery.

21. Mail posted on board after censorship has been withdrawn, is to be forwarded to the local Post Office in double sealed bags, the inner bag being labelled "Mails from H.M.A.S. for release."

22. Personnel on long leave may also post their letters ashore provided such letters comply with the provision of this Order concerning censorable information.

23. All letters censored in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments are to bear the standard official censor's stamp. The censor's name is to be inserted, but not the date. Censors should note that the only safe method of cancelling parts of a letter is to cut them out. Obliteration by the use of ink, pencil, or crayon must never be used as a substitute for excision. Alternatively, the letter may be destroyed, the sender being informed so that he can re-write the letter without the matter which it is desired to suppress.

24. In cases where suspicion attaches to letters, they should be dealt with under any orders given by the Commander-in-Chief or Senior Officer, care being taken not to notify the senders that any such letter has been stopped. If no orders have been given by the Commander-in-Chief or Senior Officer, such letters should be sent to the Naval Board, accompanied by a statement of the reason for sending them.

25. With a view to indicating the type of information which is classed as censorable matter, the following list has been compiled. Personnel must not write or otherwise record or pass such information regarding—

- (i) the past or future movements or the position at time of writing of any H.M. or H.M.A. Ships or any other ships, whether warships or merchant ships, unless such past movements have been published in the Allied Press. This prohibition is to be regarded as covering such movements or locations even though they be only rumoured or surmised, and also covers disclosures of movements or locations by means of references to persons whose location may be known to the addressee of a letter;
- (ii) the routine under which the ship's companies are being worked;
- (iii) the conditions of and arrangements at any ports visited;
- (iv) plans of future operations whether rumoured, surmised or known;
- (v) the condition of the ship or any other ship engaged in war services, and of the crews. This does not in any way prohibit general comment on life in ships or establishments, particularly as it relates to the individual, providing it does not convey information of specific value to the enemy, or general encouragement to him;
- (vi) actions or engagements, except as provided in paragraph 28;
- (vii) casualties—previous to the publication of official lists;
- (viii) losses of or damage to ships of any sort prior to any official announcement;
- (ix) information concerning aerodromes, fortifications, search-lights, listening posts, barracks, camps, W/T, telephone, signal or cable stations, wharves, docks or any information relating to the activities of other Services.
- (x) criticism of the Naval, Military, or Air Forces of His Majesty or any of His Majesty's Allies, in such a manner as to bring them into disrepute; or
- (xi) information that may convey to the enemy the efficiency of any other branch of the Fighting Services.

26. It is strictly forbidden for any naval personnel unless permitted by other paragraphs of this Order to—

- (i) keep a diary or any written record of events;
- (ii) post or give to any other person to post or receive for posting, a private letter, parcel, or postcard other than through the prescribed naval channels;

- (iii) send, or give to, or request any other person to send a private telegram without first obtaining the approval of the officer detailed for censorship duties;
- (iv) originate a telephone call other than a local call, without the prior approval of the officer detailed for censorship duties;
- (v) use note paper bearing any mark which indicates the locality in which a ship is or has been; or
- (vi) send a photograph, picture, postcard or souvenir of a place visited by the ship or send any other article which might disclose a ship's location, past or future movements, without the approval of the commanding officer.

Sub-paras. (ii), (iii) and (iv) shall not apply to personnel on lodging and provision allowance.

27. In order that personnel may derive the greatest value from short and unexpected periods of leave, telegrams to addressees in Australia indicating the whereabouts of the sender may be sent on arrival in harbour, provided that the ship's name is not mentioned. The approval of the Commanding Officer must first be obtained before the despatch of such telegrams is permitted, and approval should only be given where the telegram appears desirable in accordance with this paragraph. Telegrams or other communications from which the intended movements of H.M.A. Ships could be deduced, must not be sent in anticipation of arrival.

28. Personnel may experience difficulty in writing of their experiences without infringing the rules laid down in this Order. No mention may be made of Fleet actions or other major operations, until they have been disclosed in the Press. Where practicable, Commanding Officers of the Ships concerned will be advised by signal when such information has been published, so that ship-board censorship may be relaxed accordingly. As actions involving only an individual Ship or a small detached group of ships, are unlikely to be published in the Press, the Commanding Officer may grant permission to personnel to mention such actions in their correspondence.

29. Permission will not be granted in the case of action against enemy submarines; and in no case will personnel be permitted to mention the locality or the date of an action on which there has been no publicity. The Naval Board and the Naval Officer-in-Charge where mails are landed for censorship should be notified by signal when such permission has been granted, in order that shore censors may be aware of the relaxation.

PRIVILEGE ENVELOPES.

30. The system of privilege envelopes will apply to all H.M.A. Ships and Establishments wherever stationed. The privilege envelope will bear on its face the following certificate, which must be signed by the sender:—

“I certify on my honour that the contents of this envelope refer to nothing but private and family matters.”

31. If the certificate is not signed, the envelope and its contents will be destroyed. The envelope will be large enough to contain several letters, the contents of which will be covered by the certificate on the outer cover, but when so used it must only contain letters from the person who signs the certificate.

32. Privilege envelopes will be issued to all ranks and ratings, irrespective of character or class for conduct. Not more than one privilege envelope per officer or man per week will be issued. In cases where these envelopes are mis-used, the Commanding Officer may withhold further issues to the offender.

33. Correspondence contained in privilege envelopes will not be censored by the ship's censor, but will be liable to censorship ashore.

34. *Under no circumstances* may photographs be enclosed in privilege envelopes, even if the photographs have been passed by the ship's censor. *Any* photographs so enclosed will be confiscated and the sender shall be liable to disciplinary action.

35. Misuse of these envelopes to contain letters which do not refer only to private and family matters is a serious offence, and will be treated accordingly.

36. Envelopes must not be recovered from the addressees for use a second time, as such envelopes will bear the “Passed by Censor” stamps of civil censorship.

37. It is important that all personnel realize that these envelopes are intended solely to enable the writing of private and family matters, which would be undesirable to subject, or embarrassing to the writer if subjected, to naval censorship. Under no circumstances must any other matter or information be enclosed. Attention is drawn to the danger involved in letters containing other than private and family letters being permitted to leave a ship without censorship.

38. All letters enclosed in privilege envelopes leaving a ship must be forwarded by safe-hand means if there is any danger of their being intercepted and captured by the enemy, as these letters may contain information of value to the enemy.

LETTERS TO PRISONERS-OF-WAR IN ENEMY HANDS.

39. The provisions of this Order must be thoroughly understood and kept uppermost in mind when writing a letter to a prisoner-of-war. Every care must be taken not to include in any letter any information which may be directly or indirectly, of value to the enemy. Letters to prisoners-of-war must never be subjected to censorship treatment, but must be stopped or returned to the senders for re-writing, if they contain censorable matter.

40. The prevention of identification of letter writers as naval personnel is important, so that Allied prisoner-of-war addressees will not be subjected to undue questioning under pressure by the enemy. It is also undesirable that letters should disclose ships' names as information may thus be gained by the enemy as to the composition of our Naval Forces.

41. Therefore the writer's naval address must never be included in the letter, nor any indication given that the writer is in the Navy. The address to be given for reply should be that of a civilian relative or friend.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

42. In cases where disciplinary action is taken and it becomes necessary for the letter to be produced as evidence, a request should be made to the Naval Board, or to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, in cases being dealt with locally, for production of the letter.

43. As every effort is being made to avoid delay in naval mail, it is seldom that the original letter will be available and, therefore, the following procedure will be followed:—

The District Censor will furnish a photograph of the portion of the letter which is the subject of disciplinary action, together with a certificate that the original was part of a letter addressed to the named addressee. The certificate will also give particulars of the date of the letter, the identity of the writer, and the method of posting.

44. This photograph and certificate shall be accepted as prima facie evidence in any disciplinary proceedings, and is in accordance with the procedure prescribed in regulation 16 of the National Security (General) Regulations, for dealing with civil offences of a like nature.

DISPOSAL OF MAILS.

45. At ports in Australia, censored correspondence from H.M.A. Ships and Establishments is to be put in a mail bag which is to be tied, sealed, and labelled, with a tie-on label marked with the word "Navy", and the address to which the bag is to be sent. The bag is to contain inside (not outside), the identity of the ship. The bag is to be addressed to the Superintendent of Mails at the nearest, or most convenient, General Post Office in Australia, and is to be delivered to the postmaster at the port, by hand, by a selected member of the ship's company.

46. The following letter is to be handed to the postmaster with the mail bag, if the bag is addressed to a place other than where it is put ashore:—

"In pursuance of the arrangement agreed upon between the Navy and the Postal Departments of the Commonwealth of Australia, the bag of the ship's mail now presented should please be forwarded to its destination enclosed in a covering mail bag fastened and addressed in the same manner as an ordinary bag of letter mail."

47. At ports outside Australia, it is not always possible to observe the above procedure as Postal Authorities may insist upon the use of local postage stamps and cancellation of same by postmarks, &c. At ports abroad, therefore, it shall be the responsibility of the ship's censor to ascertain the requirements of the local post administration. If free postage, or bulk payment, enables the adoption of the sealed bag method of forwarding, as in Australian ports, this should be used. If, however, postage stamps and postmarks are insisted upon, the ship's name must not appear in or upon any letters so posted.

48. At all times, every care should be exercised to ensure that no single letter or bag of letters, if intercepted, will disclose the position upon any given date of any one or more of H.M.A. Ships.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

49. It is strictly forbidden, under any circumstances, to—

- (i) take a photograph of any naval, military, or air force subject, other than in accordance with the rules governing the taking and censorship of photographs in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments during the war;
- (ii) take photos of prisoners-of-war, except for the purposes of official records and under the instructions of the Commanding Officer;
- (iii) have on board or in a Naval Establishment a camera unless it is registered at the Police Office;
- (iv) have, or arrange through any other person to have, any photographic film (including cinema film), developed and/or printed privately or by any commercial firm;
- (v) have any photographic film (including cinema film) developed and/or printed in any place other than—
 - (a) on board one of H.M.A. Ships;
 - (b) in one of H.M.A. Naval Establishments; or
 - (c) through the Director of Naval Intelligence, Melbourne, when it is impracticable for it to be done on board or in the Establishment.
- (vi) send or take any photograph out of the Ship or the Establishment to which a member belongs, unless it has been stamped "Suitable for Transmission through the Post—Not for Publication," by the officer appointed by the Commanding Officer to supervise privately-taken photographs. (See paragraphs 50, 51 and 52);
- (vii) enclose any photographs (whether passed by the censorship officer or not) in a privilege envelope;
- (viii) send any photograph to any newspaper or journal unless it has been stamped by Naval Intelligence Division, Melbourne, as suitable for publication;
- (ix) take any photograph in any dockyard without the authority of the appropriate Naval Authority; nor have any such photograph developed and/or printed except in accordance with sub-paragraph (v) above.

50. When photographs submitted for censorship in a Ship or Establishment are considered unsuitable for transmission through the post, such photograph and relevant negatives are to be impounded and forwarded to the Director of Naval Intelligence, Melbourne.

51. If they are required for intelligence or historical purposes, the owner will be re-imbursed to the extent of his out-of-pocket expenses. To avoid waste of material, personnel should prepare only one print of each exposure before submitting material to the censoring officer.

52. All additional copies taken from photographs which have been stamped in accordance with sub-paragraph (vi) of paragraph 49, must also bear the same stamp before being sent or taken out of the Ship or Establishment. This applies also to any photographs or post cards offered for sale in a Ship or Establishment. When personnel on leave, &c., wish to obtain additional copies of photographs, these must be obtained in accordance with sub-paragraph (v) of paragraph 49 above.

53. The above instructions apply to all photographs or cinema films taken on board any of H.M.A. Ships or in any of H.M.A. Naval Establishments, and also to any other photographs or cinema films taken elsewhere, which have, as their subject, H.M.A. Ships or Naval Establishments, merchant ships, or other matters of naval interest.

54. Navy Orders 73, 89, 158, and 358 of 1942 and 246 of 1943 are hereby cancelled.

(1835/2/534.)

(The principal provisions of this Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

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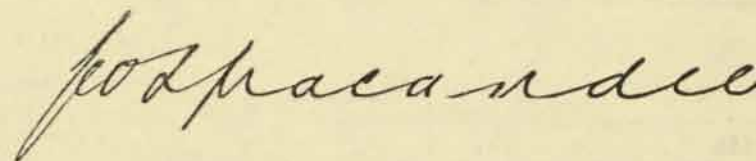
Commonwealth Navy Orders.

Navy Office, Melbourne,

7th September, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

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Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
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447.

QUALIFICATION OF SPECIALISTS.

It is necessary that early steps be taken to resume the normal qualification of Specialists from amongst officers of the Permanent List of the Royal Australian Navy. All officers (ex Cadet) of Lieutenant's rank of seniority 1939 and below, and all confirmed Sub-Lieutenants are to be required to report their preference in regard to specializing. For this purpose general service may be regarded as a Specialist Branch and indicated in the order of preference. Not more than three preferences need be given.

2. Officers concerned are required to report, regardless of whether they have previously made a similar report or not.

3. In forwarding these reports Commanding Officers should express their opinion as to officers' suitability to specialize in the Branches preferred.

(559/201/1074.)

448.

MECHANICIANS—ADVANCEMENT IN WARTIME.

During hostilities, Mechanics 2nd Class, who are outstanding and otherwise fully qualified, may be advanced to Mechanician 1st Class on the recommendation of the Engineer Officer of the ship in which they are serving after a minimum period of six months' sea service.

2. This acceleration is quite distinct from, and in addition to, that earned as a result of passing-out examination at the Mechanician Course, but in no case may a Mechanician 2nd Class be advanced to Mechanician 1st Class with less than six months' service as Mechanician 2nd Class.

3. This scheme is to take effect from the date of this Order.

(349/8/74.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

449.

ADVANCEMENT OF RATINGS TRAINED IN COMBINED OPERATIONS.

The following conditions of service have been approved for ratings entered for, and serving in, the Combined Operations Organization.

2. Ordinary Seamen required for combined operations training will be selected from ordinary seamen who have completed one month's disciplinary course at Flinders Naval Depot, and will then be appropriated to combined operations camps as required. In view of the disadvantage to which these ratings will be subjected as compared with ordinary seamen who complete the full new entry course at Flinders Naval Depot, and thus have the opportunity of gaining one month

both in seamanship and gunnery, *vide* Navy Order 355 of 1941, the Naval Board have approved of the following conditions of advancement to able seaman of ordinary seamen selected for combined operations training:—

- (a) On completion of the combined operations training course of two months, ordinary seamen may gain up to two months' time on examination in combined operations courses, which include seamanship, boat-work, small arms training, pilotage and signals, according to the scale—
85 per cent and over (V.G.I.)—2 months.
75 per cent.-84 per cent. (V.G.)—1 month.
74 per cent. and below—nil.
- (b) Twelve months' service as ordinary seaman minus any time gained in accordance with (a). In exceptional cases commanding officers may reduce the necessary service of an ordinary seaman to 11, 10 or a minimum of 9 months (in addition to time gained as at (a)) thus making possible a minimum of seven months' service. The due date for advancement in all cases to be reckoned from the commencing date of service as ordinary seaman.
- (c) Ordinary seamen who may be returned to general service before completion of the two months' course referred to in (a) above will be subject to general service conditions of advancement. A maximum of one month's seniority for seamanship and one month for gunnery to be awarded by the commanding officer of the next sea-going ship under same conditions as if courses were completed in depot. Similarly, ordinary seamen returned to general service after completion of training will be subject to general service conditions of advancement, unless such return was due to causes outside the rating's own control, in which case particulars should be reported to the Naval Board for decision.

3. Vacancies for leading seaman and petty officer will be filled from personnel serving within the combined operations organization and will be subject to the following conditions:—

To Leading Seaman.

- (a) Authority of the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot.
- (b) Vacancies in fleet numbers of combined operations organization.
- (c) Recommendation on Form A.S. 507.
- (d) No professional or time qualification.
- (e) Advancement to be in the provisional acting temporary rating.
- (f) Acting provisional temporary rating to be held only while serving in combined operations organization including period up to 30 days whilst in hospital or on sick leave; ratings reverted to general service revert to the last confirmed substantive rating held.

To Petty Officer.

- (a) As for leading seaman.
- (b) Vacancy in fleet numbers of combined operations organization.
- (c) Authority of the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot.
- (d) Recommendation on Form A.S. 507. Recommendations are to include particulars of any civil employment or hobbies which may have contributed to the efficiency of the rating.
- (e) Advancement to be in the provisional acting temporary rating.
- (f) Acting provisional temporary rating to be held only while serving in combined operations organization including period up to 30 days whilst in hospital or on sick leave; ratings reverted to general service revert to the last confirmed substantive rating held.

4. Combined operations ratings on shore abroad may count their shore service as sea time for advancement purposes, but other qualifications of a professional nature (whether examinations or certificates) may not be waived in connexion with general service advancement.

5. On completion of combined operation courses a return of the results of the examinations is to be rendered to Director of Navy Accounts and Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, setting out the percentages in various subjects and time gained by each rating. Names of ratings reverted to general service should also be indicated on this return.

(568/202/842.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

450.

RECALL OF SHIPS' COMPANIES FROM SHORT LEAVE.

With reference to Navy Order 58 of 1941, the Chief Commissioner of Police, Melbourne, and the Commissioners of Police, Sydney and Hobart, have agreed to the police delivering recall messages to the homes of personnel, irrespective of the hour of the day or night such messages are received.

2. This procedure obviates the necessity of personnel contacting a Police Station at regular intervals prior to 1900, although it will still be necessary for them to report at the commencement of leave and inform the local police where they may be found.

3. Navy Order 358 of 1943 is cancelled.

(520/201/1120.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

451.

WARRANTS FOR ARREST OF DESERTERS AND ABSENTEES.

With reference to C.O.R. Article 244, in order to assist the Police Authorities in the apprehension of Deserters and Absentees, it has been decided that in future Forms A.S. 243—Warrant for Arrest—should not include particulars of more than one rating.

2. A copy of all warrants issued is to be forwarded to the Naval Provost Marshal, Sydney, who is also to be informed when a warrant has been cancelled.

3. Commanding Officers are to ensure that these instructions are observed.

(452/201/1405.)

452.

ROCKETS. TARGET PRACTICE, 1 LB.

Supplies of the above rockets are now available on the Australia Station for issue to H.M.A. Ships, D.E.M.S. and Gunnery Instructional Centres. A rocket stick 5 feet with notch is required for use with each rocket.

2. Warrants of H.M.A. Ships allowed these rockets have been amended to show the approved practice allowance and demands for the requisite quantity of rockets and sticks should be forwarded to the nearest Naval Armament Depot.

3. An annual allowance of 24 rockets, target practice 1 lb. (twelve of which are to be carried on board) has been approved for D.E.M.S. and D.E.M.S. Staff Officers should ensure that vessels are supplied accordingly. Pools of these rockets and rocket sticks are being established at the various ports.

4. Mark I rockets, in which the firing match attachment has not been incorporated, are restricted for shore use only, a port-fire being used for ignition purposes. Later marks of rockets have a self-ignition arrangement with a separate striker incorporated and are suitable for issue to all services.

5. An initial supply of 500 rockets and rocket sticks each will be made to Gunnery School, Flinders Naval Depot, and Gunnery Instructional Centres, and after experience in the use of the rockets Officers in Charge of these Establishments are to furnish a report to Navy Office stating their estimated annual requirements.

(471/208/901.)

453.

RINGS, I.R., JOINT ADJUSTER.

With reference to Admiralty Fleet Order 1933/43, in order to conserve rubber, rings I.R., joint-adjuster, Stamp No. 6120, will continue to be fitted until stocks are exhausted on all marks of depth charge pistols except as specified in paragraph 2 hereunder.

2. When available, Rings, I.R., joint-adjuster, Stamp No. 6645 (chamfered type), are to be fitted in the following pistols in place of Rings Stamp No. 6120, when the latter become due for renewal:—

Pistols D.C. Mark IX-IX*

Pistols D.C. Mark XIII*

Pistols D.C. Mark XVI

Pistols D.C. Mark VII-VII** where supplied for use with Mark VII (heavy) depth charges fitted for deep firing in ships fitted with four or more throwers as indicated in the warrant of depth charge stores.

3. Rings I.R. Stamp No. 6645 are on order and requirements are to be demanded from the Officer-in-Charge, R.A.N. Mine Depot, Swan Island.

(471/205/1899.)

454.

BOXES FOR MAGNETIC COMPASSES—RETURN WHEN EMPTY.

The attention of officers concerned is directed to the necessity for returning empty boxes for magnetic compasses as promulgated in Admiralty Fleet Orders 2766/42 and 5792/42.

2. All such boxes aboard H.M.A. Ships should be returned to the nearest Naval Store Depot at the first opportunity.

(421/201/925.)

455.

FORM A.M.6—MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND RECORD FORM FOR ENTRY INTO THE NAVAL FORCES.

As indicated in Navy Order 408 of 1943, Form A.R.6, Certificate of Final Medical Examination for entry into the R.A.N., and Form R.A.N.R.60, Medical Examination and Record for entry into the Naval Reserve Forces, are being replaced by Form A.M.6.

2. The latter form is, upon receipt, to be used for recording the medical examination of *all* candidates for entry to any branch of the R.A.N., including the Women's Services. The section of Form R.A.N.R.8A (Appointment of Officers to the Reserve Forces), which is set apart to record the medical examination of a candidate, is to be supplanted by Form A.M.6 which is, on completion, to be attached to Form R.A.N.R.8A with an appropriate endorsement thereon referring to Form A.M.6.

3. Form A.M.6 is to be enclosed with the medical history documents of each candidate upon entry to the Navy having been effected.

4. It has now been decided that supply of Form A.M.6 will be made *without* demand to all recruiting centres only.

Demand by others for requirements should be made on the Medical and Dental Store Officer, Sydney, instead of the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney, as previously notified.

5. Unused stocks of Form A.R.6 and R.A.N.R.60 are to be forwarded direct to the Director of Naval Medical Services upon receipt of supply of Form A.M.6.

(480/203/499.)

456.

X-RAY BURNS—PREVENTION.

Attention is drawn to the fact that X-rays have a cumulative effect on the tissues and are liable to cause burns.

2. Before any investigation involving screening or multiple X-rays is carried out, the radiologist must ascertain, by consulting the medical history documents, other records, and by questioning the patient, the possibility of overdosage. In cases of doubt, the investigation must invariably be deferred.

3. X-ray examination by screening of the gastro intestinal tract is only to be carried out by—

(a) medical personnel recognized by the Director of Naval Medical Services, or other Service Directors, as competent to conduct the examination;

(b) recognized specialists in radiology.

4. In no case is a portable X-ray machine to be used for X-ray examination by screening of the gastro intestinal tract or chest.

(527/211/1942.)

457.

DEHYDRATED VEGETABLES.

Should dehydrated vegetables be found to be unsuitable for issue, the affected stocks are not to be destroyed in the Ship or Establishment concerned but are to be returned to the nearest Victualling Yard for survey.

(612/243/797.)

458.

**OFFICERS OF SPECIAL BRANCH—ALTERATION TO LACING OF
JACKETS, GREATCOATS AND TUNICS.**

With reference to Navy Order 382 of 1943, each payment of the sum of 30s. to officers of the Special Branch towards the cost of the change to distinctive cloth of emerald green, is to be effected through the ledger account supported by a certificate from the Commanding Officer—to be included with ledger enclosures—that the officer concerned is required to wear the distinctive cloth, regard being had to the provisions of A.F.O. 5866/42 adopted by Navy Order 234 of 1943.

2. Advices of any payments which have been made to date through the monthly cash account, are to be forwarded to the Director of Navy Accounts together with the Commanding Officer's certificate referred to above.

3. Payment of the sum of 30s. is not to be made to officers of the Special Branch entered from the shore or promoted direct from the lower deck. In such cases where the wearing of the distinctive cloth is necessary, the provision of same is required to be met by the appropriate outfit gratuity prescribed in regulations.

(433/201/738.)

459.

**PROTECTIVE GOGGLES FOR SUN SECTOR LOOKOUTS—
INTRODUCTION.**

A simple type of protective goggle which eliminates both the danger of retinitis and the effect of glare has been devised, and will be introduced for use by sun sector anti-aircraft lookouts.

2. The new goggle is constructed with composite lenses, a small dense disc being superimposed on the main disc immediately in front of the eye pupil. These discs, when adjusted to the correct interocular distance, appear fused when the eye is looking at a distant object, and it is thus possible to look directly at the sun through this glass, and see it at a brightness about the same as that of the normal sky.

3. The goggle will be accounted for under Sub-head E, Item 12, and supplies will be made without demand by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney, in accordance with the following allowances, as soon as stocks become available:—

Class.	Allowance per ship.
Cruisers .. .. .	.. 12 pairs
L.S.I's .. .. .	.. 12 pairs
Destroyers, <i>Platypus</i> and <i>Bungaree</i> .. .. .	.. 6 pairs
Sloops .. .. .	.. 4 pairs
Frigates (formerly Corvettes) .. .. .	.. 4 pairs
A.M.S. Vessels .. .. .	.. 4 pairs
Boom Vessels .. .. .	.. 2 pairs
Auxiliary A/S and M/S Vessels .. .. .	.. 1 pair
Fairmiles and H.D.M.Ls. .. .. .	.. 1 pair

(612/255/23.)

460.

SPECIAL ISSUE OF BOOTS TO SHIPS' COOKS AND OFFICERS' COOKS.

The first special issue of cooks' boots provided for in N.F.R. and I., Article 62, may be made to ships' cooks and officers' cooks as from the date of being rated as such irrespective of whether they serve at sea or in a Shore Establishment. The provisions of the above-mentioned Article are otherwise to apply.

(420/201/1072.)

461.

**R.A.N. AUXILIARY SERVICE RATINGS—KHAKI TROPICAL
CLOTHING.**

Khaki tropical clothing, viz., tropical shorts, shirts or singlets, stockings and cap covers, is authorized for wear by personnel of the R.A.N. Auxiliary Service (other than Naval Dockyard Police) serving in H.M.A. Naval Establishments in all States except Victoria and Tasmania.

2. A gratuitous issue to each *rating* of the following items is approved:—

Khaki tropical shorts .. .. .	.. 2 prs.
Khaki tropical shirts (Classes I and III) .. .. .	.. 2 No.
Khaki tropical singlets (Class II) .. .. .	.. 2 No.
Khaki tropical stockings .. .. .	.. 2 prs.
Khaki cap covers .. .. .	.. 2 No.

3. Gratuitous issue is not authorized for ratings of the Shore Wireless Service under the provisions of this Order.

(434/210/155.)

462.

NAVAL DOCKYARD POLICE—SUMMER UNIFORM.

With reference to Navy Order 287 of 1942 as amplified by Navy Order 404 of 1942, issue of khaki summer uniform is not to be made to Naval Dockyard Police in Victorian and Tasmanian Naval Establishments.

(434/210/155.)

463.

SUPPLY OF TOWELS IN VICTORIAN STATE HOSTELS.

The following resolution passed by the State (Victorian) Hostels Committee relating to the supply of towels to servicemen utilizing the facilities of the hostels is promulgated for information:—

“That Servicemen should be asked to take their own towels with them on leave, and that in all cases where a man desires to obtain a towel from a hostel management, a deposit of two shillings will be demanded, which will be refunded on return of the towel—this plan to come into operation on the 15th September, 1943. In the event of a man not having the necessary deposit, some security in kind to be accepted.”

(434/201/3445.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

464.

UNIFORM AND CLOTHING SUPPLIES.

The Naval Board in Navy Order 189 of 1943 drew attention to the increasing difficulty in procuring adequate supplies of uniform and clothing.

2. The position has not improved and it is now impossible to obtain deliveries sufficient to meet all requirements.

3. Particular care is therefore to continue to be taken to ensure that issues are restricted to the absolute minimum for current Service use.

4. The safe custody and maintenance in good order and condition of loan clothing is to be given special attention.

5. Special attention is also to be given to the matter of deliveries of consignments from Victualling Yards. It is not to be accepted that consignments are lost until every effort has been made to locate them. Advices of dispatch of consignments are invariably forwarded to consignees immediately dispatch is effected and it is the responsibility of the consignee to take steps to ensure delivery or establish loss within a reasonable period from date of dispatch.

(434/201/3374.)

465.

CORRIGENDUM.

Navy Order 411 of 1943—The Burnett Prize—is to be amended by deleting paragraph 4 thereof..

(474/203/528.)

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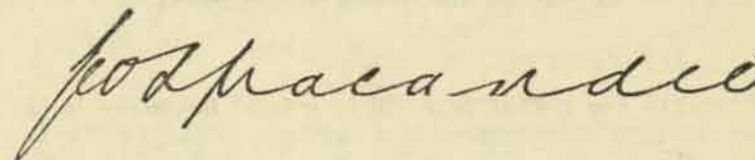
Commonwealth Navy Orders.

Navy Office, Melbourne,

14th September, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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466.

1939-43 STAR AND AFRICA STAR AND MENTION IN DESPATCHES EMBLEM.

The following is promulgated for information only. Consequently *no action is to be taken or claims submitted until further instructions are issued.*

2. To commemorate four years of war and the expulsion of the enemy from North Africa, the King has instituted two separate awards. One will be known as the 1939-43 Star and the other as the Africa Star. No member can qualify for both awards.

3. The actual manufacture and issue of the stars will be postponed until after the war but the ribbons will be issued when supplies are available.

4. *The 1939-43 Star.*

(1) The 1939-43 Star will be granted for service in operations during the period from 3rd September, 1939, to 31st December, 1943.

(2) The ribbon is dark blue, red, and light blue in three equal vertical stripes. The dark blue stripe is intended to mark the service of the Naval Forces and the Merchant Navy, the red stripe that of the Armies and the light blue stripe that of the Air Forces. The ribbon is to be worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder.

(3) The qualification in the Navy is six months' service afloat in areas of active operations during the period from 3rd September, 1939, to 31st December, 1943, inclusive. Service after 31st December, 1943, will not be reckoned. These areas are—

(a) From 3rd September, 1939, the Atlantic Ocean including Home Waters and the North Sea, the Baltic, the Arctic Ocean between Greenland and Longitude 70° East, and that part of the Indian Ocean lying South of 15° South and West of 55° East.

(b) From the 1st June, 1940, as in (a), with the addition of the Pacific Ocean and the rest of the Indian Ocean.

(c) From 10th June, 1940, anywhere at sea.

(4) Naval personnel not eligible by length of service afloat, who served in certain specified operations and commando raids, will be held to qualify. A list of these operations and raids will be issued later.

(5) Service in the landings on or after 8th November, 1942, on the coast of Morocco, will be a qualification. Operational service for less than the qualifying period of six months but brought to an end by death, wounds or other disability due to service will qualify. The grant of an honour decoration or mention in despatches for service in operations will be a qualification for the award of the Star.

5. *Clasp to the 1939-43 Star.*

This clasp will be denoted by a silver rose emblem of the standard pattern and will be confined to the Navy for North African service. It will be awarded to officers and men of the Royal Navy and Royal Australian Navy, qualified for the 1939-43 Star, for the services defined in paragraph 7 and to officers and men of certain Naval Units, for instance, in shore squadrons and some of the escort vessels serving off the coast of North Africa, and submarines and other craft specifically engaged in cutting Rommel's or Von Arnim's communications from 23rd October, 1942, to the cessation of hostilities in North Africa on 12th May, 1943.

6. *The Africa Star.*

(1) The Africa Star will be granted for service in North Africa from the date of the entry of Italy into the war on the 10th June, 1940, up to the date of the cessation of operations against the enemy in North Africa on 12th May, 1943, inclusive.

(2) The ribbon is pale buff in colour with a central vertical red stripe and two other narrowed stripes, one dark blue and the other light blue. The background is intended as a symbol of the desert; the central red stripe for the Armies, the dark blue stripe for the Naval Forces and the Merchant Navy and the light blue stripe for the Air Forces. The ribbon is to be worn with the dark blue stripe farthest from the left shoulder.

(3) In the Navy, the Africa Star will be awarded for service on shore or in harbour only to those who are not eligible for the 1939-43 Star. Service in operations in Abyssinia, Somaliland, Eritrea and in Malta is a qualification. Service in West Africa is excluded.

7. *Clasps to the Africa Star.*

As stated above, the Africa Star will be awarded only for service on shore or in harbour. There will be no award of a clasp to the Africa Star except for personnel (if any) who served as part of the 1st or 8th Armies from 23rd October, 1942, the date of the battle of El Alamein, to the date of the cessation of hostilities in North Africa on 12th May, 1943. The possession of this clasp will be shown by a silver emblem in the form of an Arabic "1" or "8" which will be worn on the ribbon of the Africa Star.

8. *Allied Nationals in the British Forces.*

Allied Nationals serving as members of the British Forces (other than those enlisted or commissioned therein by virtue of their membership of Allied Forces) will be eligible for the Stars as members of such forces, provided that their services do not qualify them for similar awards from their own governments.

9. *Mention in Despatches Emblem.*

His Majesty has also approved of an emblem to denote Mention in Despatches and these will be issued as soon as they are available.

Mention in Despatches emblem is to be granted only for Mention in Despatches awarded for service in the present war. One such emblem will be worn in respect of any number of Mentions in Despatches. The emblem is in bronze of a new pattern in the form of an Oak Leaf and is to be worn on the coat immediately after all medal ribbons. It is not intended to be worn during the war on the ribbon of any medal or star but is to be attached directly to the coat in the position in which a single ribbon would be worn or in the position in which a ribbon would be placed immediately after those already worn. The stalk will be worn farthest from the left shoulder.

(448/201/1510.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

467.

CLOSE RANGE WEAPONS AND SMALL ARMS—PRECAUTIONS.

In the course of an investigation into a fatal accident in a small ship which was caused by the misuse of a Close Range A/A weapon, it was stated that the ship's officers did not have access to Admiralty Fleet Orders and Commonwealth Navy Orders.

2. The attention of all Naval Officers-in-Charge and officers in command of naval establishments to which tenders are attached is therefore directed to Navy Order 178 of 1943.

3. Port gunnery officers and D.E.M.S. officers are to take every opportunity of impressing on personnel under instruction the importance of the precautions laid down in Admiralty Fleet Order 5128/41.

(429/201/678.)

468.

EDUCATIONAL TEST I. JUNE, 1943.—RESULTS.

The following ratings passed Educational Test I held on 29th June, 1943:—

Name.	Rating.	O.N.	Where Serving at Time of Examination.
Burnley, Murray N.	.. Ordinary Seaman, 2nd Class	P.A/3815	<i>Cerberus</i>
Campbell, William K.	.. Stoker, 3rd Class	S/8463	..
Davis, Harold K.	.. Stoker, 2nd Class	W/2795	..
Dodd, Edgar S.	.. Stoker, 3rd Class	S/8382	..
Dunne, Ronald L.	.. " " "	W/2794	..
Fden, Kenneth H.	.. " " "	B/4580	..
Foster, Lionel J.	.. " " "	S/8162	..
Kelsall, Thomas W.	.. " " "	S/8523	..
Lace, Douglas	.. Ordinary Seaman	P.A/3827	..
Macdonald, Andrew J.	.. " " "	P.M/6208	..
Maskell, Donald L.	.. Stoker, 2nd Class	P.A/3903	..
Murray, Ronald A.	.. " " "	P.A/3847	..
McGranger, Harry D. B.	.. Ordinary Seaman	S/8251	..
Quinn, John M.	.. Stoker, 2nd Class	W/2800	..
Robinson, Henry M.	.. Ordinary Seaman	S/8365	..
Stephens, Roland G.	.. Ordinary Seaman, 2nd Class	H/2534	..
Sweeney, Roger	.. Stoker, 2nd Class	P.A/3854	..
Thurlow, Robert A.	.. Ordinary Seaman, 2nd Class	S/8065	..
Travers, George N.	.. Stoker, 2nd Class	F/4986	..
Watherston, Frederick W.	.. " " "	P.A/3806	..
Webb, Robert W.	.. Stoker, 3rd Class	P.A/3866	..
Wilkinson, Douglas K.	.. Ordinary Seaman, 2nd Class	S/8375	..
Williams, Arthur A.	.. Stoker, 2nd Class	B/3769	..
Wing, Alwyn J.	.. " " "	H/2545	..
Gaskell, James A.	.. Stoker, 2nd Class	B/4452	<i>Gladstone</i>
Drayton, Leslie J.	.. Stoker	S/5997	<i>Goulburn</i>
Lemon, Raymond L.	.. Able Seaman	B/3676	..
Cayzer, William H.	.. Ordinary Seaman	P.M/2762	<i>Kaloomba</i>
Gilbert, Alexander M.	.. Ordinary Telegraphist	S/6155	..
Thomasson, Eric J.	.. Able Seaman	B/2856	..
Brunskill, Edward G.	.. Stoker, 2nd Class	B/4269	<i>Moreton</i>
Parsell, Sydney J.	.. " " "	S/7549	..
Richards, Lionel C.	.. " " "	B/3668	..
Bourne, William C.	.. Stoker	W/1808	<i>Orara</i>
Conway, Martin D.	.. Stoker, 2nd Class	W/2383	..
Dawson, Jack	.. " " "	W/2378	..
Kelly, Desmond J.	.. Stoker	W/1791	..
Pringle, Bartle J.	.. " " "	W/1727	..
Thompson, Kenneth O.	.. " " "	W/2133	..
Ellis, Keith R.	.. Supply Assistant	P.A/3791	<i>Platypus</i>
German, Ralph C.	.. " " "	P.M/6093	..
Marsh, Charles K.	.. Steward	B/3071	..
The following qualified educationally for Acting Leading Stoker:—			
Batger, Keith T.	.. Stoker, 3rd Class	S/8076	<i>Cerberus</i>
Cavanagh, Richard E.	.. Stoker, 2nd Class	S/8510	..
Duell, Allen R.	.. Stoker, 3rd Class	P.A/3901	..
Hocking, Alfred P.	.. Stoker, 2nd Class	P.A/3927	..
Jones, Morris H.	.. Stoker, 2nd Class	S/8359	..
Lucas, Reginald G.	.. Stoker, 3rd Class	W/2792	..
Maple, Charles T.	.. A/Stoker	S/5540	..
Martin, Reginald J.	.. Stoker, 2nd Class	W/2798	..
Siebert, Frederick C.	.. " " "	P.A/3859	..
Twiss, George E.	.. " " "	S/8174	..
Fox, John R.	.. Stoker	S/5112	<i>Kaloomba</i>
McKimm, Edwin R.	.. " " "	S/5447	..
Bailey, Ralph T.	.. Stoker, 2nd Class	W/2588	<i>Orara</i>
Shipway, Stanley W.	.. " " "	P.A/3392	..

(465/206/660.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

469.

PRISONERS OF WAR AND PERSONNEL INTERNED IN NEUTRAL COUNTRIES—PAY AND ALLOWANCES.

The following instructions are promulgated regarding members of the Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Naval Reserves who are or may become prisoners of war or interned in neutral countries:—

1. Pay Accounts.

(a) The pay accounts of officers and ratings who are or become prisoners in Japanese hands are to be transferred to H.M.A.S. *Penguin* and are to be kept in sterling in a separate section of the ledger; in all other cases the pay accounts of prisoners of war are to be transferred to H.M.A.S. *Cerberus II*. (London Depot).

(b) Active pay to be credited is to be regarded as the full pay of a member at date of capture or internment, together with progressive pay; in the cases of officers, application for the credit of increments of pay is to be made as laid down in Naval Account Regulations and Instructions, Article 96.

(c) Deferred pay is to be credited as usual.

(d) Marriage and dependant allowances are to continue to be credited.

(e) Specialist allowances, non-substantive pay, good conduct badge pay (for badges held at date of capture), and other allowances, which are subject to qualification and are not conditional upon the actual performance of specific duties, are to be continued. The award of good conduct badges is to be held in abeyance until a rating's release.

(f) Submarine allowances are to be continued at the lower rate.

(g) Kit upkeep allowance, hard-lying money, grog money, field allowance, compensatory allowances and allowances which are dependent upon the performance of specific duties, are to cease as from the date following capture or internment.

(h) Charges are to be made against pay accounts in respect of—

(i) Advances of pay made by the enemy or neutral power or by or on behalf of the Naval Board or the Admiralty.

(ii) Allotments.

(iii) Remittances, &c.

2. Promotion and Advancement.

(a) The promotion of officers and advancement of ratings whilst prisoners of war or interned are to be held in abeyance until the member's release with the following exceptions:—

(i) Lieutenants of the Permanent Naval Forces (Sea-going) may be promoted to the rank of lieutenant-commander in those Branches where such promotion is dependent only upon the attainment of eight years' seniority;

(ii) Ordinary seaman (or equivalent) ratings in all Branches—both Permanent Naval Forces and Reserves—may be advanced to the acting or confirmed rating of able seaman (or equivalent).

(b) The promotion and advancement of prisoners of war within the limits of (i) and (ii) above will be authorized from Navy Office and the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. *Penguin*, and the Naval Liaison Officer, London, are to forward quarterly statements of members eligible for such promotion or advancement.

(c) Promotion or advancement in accordance with (i) or (ii) above will not be permitted at any date earlier than it would have been obtained if the member had remained on the effective list, and will be allowed only in those cases in which the member would have been promoted or advanced.

(d) In this regard, attention is directed to the provisions of Navy Orders 355 of 1941, 62 of 1942 and 105 of 1943, regarding advancement to acting able seaman rates in the Seaman, Stoker and Communication Branches.

3. Kits and Personal Effects.

The provisions of C.A.F.O. 465/42 will not apply in the R.A.N. The kits and personal effects of Australian officers and ratings reported prisoners of war or interned in neutral countries are to be dealt with as follows:—

(i) If any kits and personal effects of prisoners in Japanese hands are held, they are to be forwarded to H.M.A.S. *Penguin*.

NOTE.—In no circumstances are kits or personal effects to be forwarded to next of kin whilst an officer or rating remains a prisoner of war or interned in a neutral country.

(ii) An inventory of the effects, including any money found therewith, should be made and certified in quadruplicate as in the case of deceased personnel, the original and one copy being forwarded with the effects and the remaining copies being forwarded to the Director of Navy Accounts, Navy Office, Melbourne.

(iii) Money found amongst the effects of an officer or rating should be taken on charge in the cash account and the value credited to the officer or rating in the "Other Credits" column of the ledger (cross references in both cash account and ledger being made and this Order quoted as authority) prior to the transfer of the account to H.M.A.S. *Penguin* or H.M.A. London Depot.

(556/201/1367.)

470.

W/T RATINGS W.R.A.N.S.—ADVANCEMENT.

It has been decided that the non-substantive rates of T.O. (W/T), W/T 3, W/T 2 and W/T 1 shall be applicable to W/T ratings, W.R.A.N.S., in the same manner as to W/T ratings, R.A.N. and R.A.N.R., except that—

(a) There will be only one standard, and courses for higher rating will not normally be carried out.

(b) The time qualifications for advancement to leading and petty officer rates are to be the same as for other Branches of the W.R.A.N.S.

2. The same percentages in the following subjects are required by W/T ratings, W.R.A.N.S., as are laid down for W/T ratings, R.A.N. and R.A.N.R., in Navy Order 62 of 1943 (as amended)—

Procedure and Organization
 Procedure Practical
 Coding Instructions
 Practical Coding
 Buzzer (Transmitting)
 Buzzer (Receiving).

3. "W/T Technical" is to be an oral examination on handling receivers.

4. Examination papers will be set at Harman W/T Station and sent out quarterly to establishments where examinations are to be conducted.

5. Attainment of the appropriate standard of W/T qualification will form a condition of advancement in rating but will not entitle the rating to any additional credit of pay or allowances.

(432/224/667.)

471.

**MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS NAVY TREATED IN
 R.A.N. HOSPITALS AND SICK QUARTERS.**

The procedure laid down in Navy Order 299 of 1942 relative to the control of sick members of the Royal Netherlands Navy is amended. In future, the following procedure is to be carried out:—

(a) When a member of the Royal Netherlands Navy who has been under treatment in a Royal Australian Naval Hospital or Sick Quarters is discharged, but is not fit to return to his ship, he should be directed to report for disposal as follows:—In Melbourne—to the Commanding Officer of Hr. Ms. "Queen's Mansions," 364 Beaconsfield-parade, Melbourne, S.2, and in other ports of the Commonwealth—to the Netherlands Naval Liaison Officer.

(b) Duplicate copies of the clinical reports, addressed to "The Medical Officer-in-Charge" and marked "Confidential," are also to be forwarded to the officers referred to above.

2. Navy Order 299 of 1942 is cancelled.

(527/211/1806.)

472.

AMMUNITION, ETC.—WEEKLY REPORTS OF STOCK.

The attention of all concerned is drawn to Navy Orders 190 and 300 of 1942 and Confidential Commonwealth Navy Order 46 of 1943, relative to the rendition of weekly reports of stocks of ammunition, &c.

2. It is essential that details of stocks throughout Australia should be known at Navy Office, and reports are therefore required from all ports where stocks are held. Where no previous reports have been rendered, the first return is to show complete stocks held, subsequent weekly reports showing only remaining stocks of those items in which transactions have occurred during the week covered by the report.

3. Attention is also invited to the necessity for prompt rendition of the statements, *vide* paragraph 2 of Navy Order 190 of 1942.

(612/202/2989.)

473.

**W/T EQUIPMENT OF AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURE—
 REPLACEMENT PARTS.**

The following particulars are to be shown on all signalled requirements and demands for components of W/T outfits other than Admiralty standard equipment:—

- (a) Type number of equipment for which item required.
 (b) The circuit reference number.

(612/246/2828.)

474.

NOMENCLATURE OF FUEL OILS.

Some confusion exists at present in identifying the several grades of fuel oil owing to different names being used by the various authorities for the same product, particularly in the case of automotive diesel oil which is variously referred to under the following descriptions:—

Diesel Distillate
 Submarine Diesel
 Solar Oil
 Diesoline, &c.

2. To avoid confusion in future, the various grades of fuel oil are to be referred to as shown hereunder:—

Furnace Oil. Indicating heavy residual oil for burning under boilers.

Marine Diesel Oil. Indicating medium residual oil for use in heavy marine (diesel) engines.

Industrial or Inland Diesel Oil. Indicating light residual oil for use in lighter marine (diesel) engines, power plants and tractors, &c.

Automotive Diesel Oil. Indicating gas oil for use in submarine engines, high speed (diesel) engines in small craft and motor transport (diesel).

(N.B.—Industrial or inland diesel oil is also used in lieu of furnace and marine diesel oils for ships' bunkers when the latter grades are not obtainable.)

(482/202/2236.)

475.

METAL CAP BADGES FOR RATINGS—CLASS III.

A metal cap badge, pattern 52, similar in design to the embroidered badge, has been adopted in the Royal Australian Navy for the period of the war.

2. The issuing price is 1s. 9d. each, and the necessary addition is to be made to the "Official Memorandum—Prices of Clothing, &c., maintained for issue on repayment to Ships' Companies" dated 1st May, 1943.

3. Stocks of the embroidered badge held in H.M.A. ships and establishments are to be issued to exhaustion at the current rate of 2s. 6d. each.

(416/201/945.)

476.

TROPICAL OUTFIT GRATUITY—SYDNEY.

Navy Order 297 of 1943 is to be amended as follows:—

After "paragraph 5" appearing in the first line

Insert "and Navy Order 77 of 1943."

(407/212/474.)

477.

RADAR STORES—CUSTODY, ISSUE AND ACCOUNTING AT PORTS OTHER THAN THOSE AT WHICH A NAVAL STORE OFFICER IS ESTABLISHED.

The following procedure is to be observed for accounting, &c., for radar stores at ports where a Naval Store Officer is not established:—

- (a) All supplies to be accounted for through the appropriate Base Naval Store.
- (b) Test equipment and other permanent stores for operation of the Base to be issued on permanent loan to the Radar Officer in accordance with normal procedure.
- (c) Such sets and/or working spares as considered necessary to be issued into the custody of the Radar Officer in charge of the Base. When issues are made to ships from such spares, &c., a receipt is to be obtained from the ship concerned by the Radar Officer and subsequently exchanged with the Accountant Officer (Naval Store) of the Base Naval Store for a further supply of similar items.
- (d) Stocks to be held in the Base Naval Store but issues to be made only on the authorization of the Radar Officer who should be responsible conjointly with the Accountant Officer (Naval Store) in ensuring that adequate stocks are maintained.

(2037/7/416.)

478.

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the under-mentioned publications have been distributed:—

Supplements March, 1943, to O.U.6353 and 6353A.—British and Foreign Merchant and Fishing Vessels respectively sunk or damaged by the Enemy from the Outbreak of War.

(A.F.O. 2204/43.)

(571/203/2460.)

Errata Nos. 3 to B.R.375.—Establishment of Naval Stores for Fast Minelayers.

(A.F.O. 6091/42.)

(571/202/1358.)

B.R.159/34 (2) Addendum No. 2 to B.R.159/34.—Royal Naval Handbook of Field Training.

(A.F.O. 532/43.)

(571/202/1767.)

B.R.619/42 (supersedes O.U.5339/41, O.U. 5339A (3) and O.U.5516/41).—Distinguishing Pendants and Signal Letters of H.M. Ships, Royal Fleet Auxiliaries, Mercantile Fleet Auxiliaries, &c.

(A.F.O. 6454/42.)

(571/202/1686.)

B.R.642a.—Summary of German Warships, 1942.

B.R.642r.—Summary of Italian Warships, 1943.

(A.F.O's. 5483/42 and 316/43.)

(571/202/1777.)

2. The under-mentioned forms have been adopted for use in the R.A.N. Distribution will be effected, without demand, by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney.

S.1246v.—History Sheet for Coders.

(A.F.O. 3211/41.)
(480/202/4280.)

S.1298.—Notice in Regard to Censorship and Treatment of Naval Mails and Telegrams.

(A.F.O's. 1465 and 1972 of 1942.)
(480/202/4099.)

S.1546.—“Warning—Danger of Fire.”

(A.F.O. 6073/42.)
(480/202/4349.)

S.1547.—Convoy Form D. Report of Proceedings by Commodore of Convoy.

(A.F.O. 5713/42.)
(480/202/4352.)

T.780A.—Loading of Government Cargo.

(480/201/3139.)

3. The under-mentioned form has been revised. Supplies will be issued on demand, when stock of the existing form is exhausted.

A.S.83, Part 2.—Clothing Account.

(480/202/4333.)

4. The under-mentioned form has been revised. Supplies will be issued, without demand, by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney.

A.D.38A.—Weekly Return showing Dates of Taking in Hand, Completion, &c., of H.M.A. Ships, Vessels, Boats and Launches.

(480/201/3181.)

5. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the R.A.N. in lieu of the corresponding Admiralty form. Supplies will be issued, on demand, when stock of the existing form is exhausted:—

A.S.346.—Report of Trials of Main Machinery.

(480/202/4382.)

479.

REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

The Regulations and Instructions for the Royal Australian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Volume I., have been reprinted and copies are being distributed to all concerned.

2. All amendments up to the date of this Order are included therein.

(584/210/22.)

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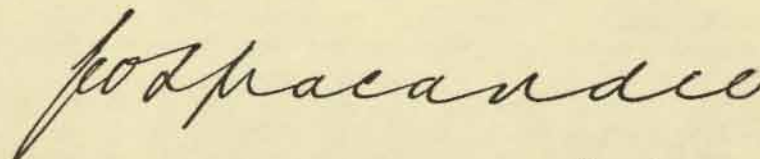
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Commonwealth Navy Order.

Navy Office, Melbourne,
16th September, 1943.

The following Order, having been approved, is hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
Establishments, and others concerned.*

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CLOTHES RATIONING.

The following instructions in regard to the application of civilian clothes rationing to Naval personnel are promulgated for information and guidance:—

PART I.—PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF UNIFORM AND CLOTHING— APPLICATION OF RATIONING BY COUPON.

2. Requirements of uniform and clothing taken up on repayment from Naval stocks do not necessitate the surrender of coupons. "Made-to-measure" uniforms obtained from naval tailoring contractors, as notified in Commonwealth Navy Orders from time to time, or from the Commonwealth Clothing Factory, do not necessitate coupon surrender provided that Service materials obtained by the contractors from Naval departmental stocks are used, and that the order for the making up of uniform is accompanied by a written authority from the applicant's commanding officer or alternatively by a senior executive officer, and countersigned by the accountant officer, where one is borne. Such authority must specify in detail the articles and quantities thereof authorized to be purchased and must be restricted to the absolute minimum required for current Service use. Copies of such authorities issued are to be retained by ships and establishments for reference purposes. Where personnel supply their own material to tailors for making up into "outer wear" garments, coupon surrender is not required except for such as linings and trimmings as may be supplied by the tailor.

3. The utmost difficulty is being experienced in procuring supplies of uniform, clothing and materials. Authorities to purchase are not to be issued, therefore, unless the issuing officer is satisfied that the purchase is essential for current Service use. Repayment issues are also to be rigidly controlled to ensure conservation of stocks to the utmost extent, and to comply with the spirit of clothes rationing.

4. A special ration sheet containing, in the case of male members of the R.A.N. and R.N. (in Australia), 25 clothes ration coupons, and in the case of female members 45 coupons, is to be issued to every member of the R.A.N. or R.N. (in Australia), to enable him or her to purchase necessary items of clothing not normally stocked by the Naval Service. This issue is intended to cover the whole of a member's purchases from commercial sources from 7th June, 1943, to a date to be fixed, and coupons may be negotiated at any time within that period.

5. New entries between 15th October, 1943, and 15th February, 1944, are to be issued with a ration book containing, for male members, 15 coupons, and, for female members, 30 coupons; new entries after 15th February, 1944, are to be issued with a ration book containing, for male members, 5 coupons, and for female members 15 coupons. Members of the Naval Dockyard Police and Naval Auxiliary Patrol (Unmobilized), who retain their civilian ration books, are not eligible for the issue of a special clothes ration sheet.

6. Bulk supplies of the special ration sheets are to be demanded by Naval Officers-in-Charge at Sydney, Brisbane, Fremantle, Port Adelaide and Hobart from the Deputy Directors of Rationing in their respective States. Requirements of Naval Officers-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, Port Melbourne and Darwin are to be demanded from the

Director of Victualling. H.M.A. seagoing ships and H.M.A. naval establishments are to demand their actual requirements of ration sheets, allowing a margin of 5 per cent. for casual issues from any of these Authorities, as most convenient. The requirements of tenders, port war signal stations, war signal stations, shore wireless stations, &c., are to be issued by the parent ship or establishment.

7. Ration sheets are to be issued to all personnel without acquittance, but a permanent record is to be maintained in all H.M.A. ships and establishments, showing the following information:—

- (a) Total number of ration sheets received, and serial numbers thereof, together with source of supply.
- (b) Name and rank of each officer, and name, official number, and rating of each rating to whom a ration book is issued.
- (c) The serial number of the ration book with which each officer or rating is issued.
- (d) Date of issue.
- (e) The number, and serial numbers thereof, of any unissued ration books, and method of disposal.

8. The following returns are to be rendered to the Director of Victualling, Navy Office, at the end of each calendar month:—

- (a) By Naval Officers-in-Charge, Sydney, Flinders Naval Depot, Port Melbourne, Brisbane, Fremantle, Port Adelaide, Hobart, and Darwin, indicating:—
 - (i) Number of clothes ration sheets received during the period, serial numbers and sources of supply.
 - (ii) Number of sheets issued.
 - (iii) Ships (other than tenders) and Allied Forces supplied.
 - (iv) Balance unexpended, and disposal.
- (b) By commanding officers of sea-going ships—

A certificate signed by two officers, one of whom is to be the accountant officer, where borne, and approved by the commanding officer, showing the following information:—

- (i) Number of sheets received, serial numbers of sheets, and source of supply.
- (ii) Total number of sheets and serial numbers of sheets issued.
- (iii) Total balance unexpended, and disposal.
- (iv) Certificate that all issues have been recorded in ship's ledgers, other appropriate record, or reported to parent ship.

9. A notation is to be made in the remarks column of the ledger, opposite the name of every officer and rating borne, of the serial number of the ration sheet with which he has been issued, and of the date on which the issue was made. Parent ships will be responsible for notation in ledgers in the case of tenders. Similar notation is to be made on Transfer List (A.S. 45) on appointment or draft.

10. The use of the clothing ration coupons contained in the special ration sheet is governed by rationing regulations issued by the Government, as varied from time to time, and naval personnel will be subject to the penalties imposed by those regulations for any misuse of the coupons. Each member of the Naval Service is to take special care to see that the ration sheet with which he or she is issued, and which becomes his or her personal property, is not lost, damaged, or defaced in any way. The commanding officer may authorize the issue of a new ration sheet to replace one that is lost if, after enquiry, he is satisfied that the case is genuine. Ration sheets so issued are to be reduced by two coupons for males and three coupons for females for every month or part of a month of the expired portion of the rationing period. Particulars of such replacement issues, including the serial number of the new sheet and the number of coupons issued, are to be reported, as they occur, to the Director of Victualling.

PART II—SPECIAL ISSUES.

Personnel Discharged from H.M.A. Naval Service.

11. In order that naval personnel discharged from H.M.A. Naval Service may provide themselves with essential items of civilian clothing immediately on return to civil life, a special issue of 150 clothes ration coupons is to be made at the time and place of discharge, provided that such personnel have completed at least six months' service. This instruction applies to all personnel discharged, whatever the reason for discharge may be.

12. Commanding officers of H.M.A. ships, from which personnel are finally paid and discharged, are authorized to issue to such personnel 150 clothes ration coupons each. A receipt is to be obtained from each person for the coupons issued. In the case of a rating, if his certificate of service is available at the time of issue of the coupons, a notation of the issue is to be made on page 1 thereof. Otherwise, arrangements are to be made for such notation to be made before the certificate of service is forwarded to the rating concerned. Notation of the issue of the coupons is also to be made in ledgers against the name of the person concerned.

13. The commanding officer of the ship in which final discharge takes place is to issue a certificate of discharge to the officer concerned. A notation is to be made thereon of the special issue of clothes ration coupons. The certificate of discharge is also to indicate date of entry into H.M.A. Naval Service.

14. Special issues of 150 coupons are to be reported at the end of each calendar month to the Director of Victualling, quoting the authority for the member's discharge.

15. Each person discharged is to be instructed to report to the electoral office in the district in which he intends to reside, so that he may obtain an identity card and civilian ration book.

16. Requirements of books of 150 clothes ration coupons are to be requisitioned from the most convenient of the issuing authorities referred to in paragraph 6 of this order.

17. Where discharge takes place after less than six months' service, the member is to be directed to apply for the issue of clothes ration coupons to the office of the Deputy Director of Rationing most conveniently located and must take his or her certificate of service or certificate of discharge, as the case may be, to secure supply. Details of any civilian clothing issued to a member on discharge are to be noted on page 1 of the certificate of service or on the certificate of discharge. Such issues will be taken into account in computing the coupon allowance applicable to each individual.

18. The special issue of 150 coupons referred to in paragraph 12 is not to be made to personnel discharged from the Naval Service for transfer to Army or Air Force. Such personnel are to retain their service clothes ration books or sheets. Where delay in transferring to another Service results, or the securing of civilian employment entails waiting time, the discharged member concerned is to be provided with a certificate of discharge and in the former case of approval to his or her transfer, for production to the Deputy Director of Rationing, in order that the issue of special civilian clothing ration coupons may be made. Where known, the date of entry into the new Service is also to be stated.

19. Where the special issue of 150 coupons is considered insufficient (e.g. additional clothing requirements, household drapery required on account of setting up home, &c.), application for a supplementary issue is to be made direct by the discharged person to the Deputy Director of Rationing.

Personnel Temporarily Released.

20. Where personnel are released for an indefinite period, on grounds of hardship, or for occupational reasons other than "seasonal employment," and are liable to recall at any time, a certificate indicating terms of Naval Service and reasons for release is to be issued to enable such personnel to obtain civilian identity card and civilian ration book (pro rata from date of release). Where personnel are released for "seasonal employment" (e.g. fruit picking, harvesting, &c.), a "Leave Pass" is to be issued together with a certificate setting out the reasons for and the period of leave. Such persons are not entitled to civilian registration or to a civilian ration book, but will be issued with food and clothing coupons appropriate to the period of leave and occupation on presentation of the necessary certificate to the Deputy Director of Rationing.

Replacement of Personal Clothing, &c., Lost as a Result of Enemy Action.

21. In order to enable personnel who have lost their entire uniform and personal wardrobe as a result of enemy action to effect replacement of such items as are not normally maintained in Naval clothing stores, or to obtain those of a more comfortable or personal nature than ordinarily available within the Service, the Director of Rationing has approved of special issues of clothes ration coupons, to a maximum of 220 for officers and 50 for ratings so circumstanced. This special approval is also applicable to officers and ratings of the R.N., R.N.R., R.N.V.R., and personnel of Dominion Navies serving in Australia.

22. Special sheets of clothes ration coupons to cover officers' requirements, and of books of 50 coupons for ratings, are to be demanded as required from the most convenient of the Naval Issuing Authorities referred to in paragraph 6 of this Order.

Special issues effected are to be signed for by each recipient, and are to be recorded in ledgers similarly to the general maintenance issues as indicated in paragraph 9, of this Order. Transfer List (A.S. 45), or appropriate document, is to be suitably endorsed on all occasions of appointment or draft. Where any emergency issue is made, the ship to which the member is appropriated should be immediately informed of the issue.

24. A statement is to be rendered to the Director of Victualling at the end of each calendar month of "Survivors" issues indicating:—

- (a) Number of sheets, coupons, or books drawn, and source of supply;
- (b) Lists of issues, showing names, ranks, or ratings, official number where applicable, and occasion of loss of effects; and
- (c) Certification as to notation in ledger, or of notification of issue to ship or establishment to which member has been appropriated.

25. Where sufficient information is not available as to the circumstances of loss, the case is to be reported to the Director of Victualling for further investigation.

PART III—GENERAL.

Deceased Naval Personnel—Disposal of Ration Books or Sheets.

26. Ration books or ration sheets found amongst the effects of deceased naval personnel are to be destroyed by, or in the presence of, a senior executive officer, and a certificate furnished to the Director of Victualling, indicating:—

- (a) Number of book or sheet, and office of issue.
- (b) Rank or rating (and official number if a rating), and date of death.
- (c) Coupon value of book or sheet destroyed (e.g. 50, 25).
- (d) Number of coupons destroyed (i.e. remaining in book at time of destruction).
- (e) Ship in which borne at time of death.

Detachment of Coupons.

27. Under civilian rationing instructions, coupons may be detached from books or sheets only by the supplier of rationed commodities. To enable personnel, serving in areas where the personal presentation of books or sheets to the supplier of goods is not possible, and whose purchases are made by their agents, i.e., relatives or friends, the Director of Rationing has approved that detached Service coupons may be accepted by retailers subject to such coupons being affixed to an official form or document, signed by the member concerned and counter signed by his or her commanding officer.

28. Clothes ration coupon scales may be obtained through Naval Issuing Authorities.

D.E.M.S. Ratings.

29. Issues of special clothes rationing coupons are to be made by base accountant officers as opportunity arises. Notation of issue is to be made in rating's pay book, and his depot informed. In the case of transient D.E.M.S. ratings, e.g. R.N. ratings passing through the Station, requirements may be referred to Deputy Directors of Rationing or dealt with by the Naval Officers-in-Charge as necessary. Particular attention is to be paid to the clothing requirements of all D.E.M.S. ratings.

Civilian Ration Books—Surrender on Entry.

30. On entry into H.M.A. Naval Service, every person, other than a member of the Naval Dockyard Police, is required to surrender his or her civilian ration book to the recruiting officer, or to the commanding officer, at the place and time of entry.

31. Should an individual on entry not produce a civilian ration book, he or she is to be interrogated at once as to its disposal. A written explanation, signed and witnessed by a responsible officer, is to be obtained, and is to include the previous residential address of the person concerned. Such cases are to be reported, as they occur, to the Deputy Directors of Rationing of the State where issued and of State of entry, a copy being forwarded to the Director of Victualling.

32. Surrendered ration books are to be carefully scrutinized at the place and time of entry for any irregularities, particularly in regard to the abstraction of coupons which have not become current (e.g. coupon sheet "B" which does not come into operation until a date to be announced, or advance abstraction of non-operative food coupons). Where irregularities are detected, the person surrendering the book is to be interrogated at once as to the disposal of non-current sheets, or coupons wrongfully abstracted, and is to be informed that such removal constitutes a serious breach of rationing regulations, punishable in the civil courts. The person concerned is to be directed to take immediate steps to effect recovery. All such cases are to be reported at once to the Deputy Director of Rationing, together with the civilian ration book affected, a copy of the report being forwarded to the Director of Victualling. The ships to which personnel concerned are appointed or drafted are to be informed of action taken. Until instructions are received from the Deputy Director of Rationing or the Director of Victualling, no issue of the special service coupons is to be made for those commodities covered by the coupons wrongfully abstracted from civilian ration books. Every sheet of civilian ration books surrendered is to be cancelled by a rubber stamp, or other means, sufficient to ensure that the entire page is rendered non-negotiable.

33. Lists are to be compiled by recruiting officers or commanding officers at places of direct entry as per pro forma set out hereunder. Lists showing necessary details in regard to all persons entered during the period are to be rendered at the end of each calendar month to the Deputy Director of Rationing, together with the cancelled civilian ration books. Notations of separate action under paragraphs 31 and 32 of this Order are to be made in column 4 of the form. A copy is to be forwarded to the Director of Victualling.

PRO FORMA.

H.M.A.S.

Date

Persons Entered and Disposal of Civilian Ration Books.

Period

Date of Entry.	Name.	Ration Book Number.	Number of Coupons used.
			A. B. C. D. E. &c.

Certified that the above list includes all persons entered into H.M.A. Naval Service through this establishment, during the period

.....to.....

.....(Rank)

(Appointment) Date.....

Purchase of Sportswear for Organized Sports Teams.

34. Sportswear for the communal use of naval units may be purchased from retail stores, upon production of an "Authority to Purchase," as per pro forma set out hereunder, prepared in triplicate and signed by the commanding officer, stating that the goods purchased will remain the property of the unit. The column headed "Coupon Value" is to be filled in by the retail store. Surrender of coupons will not be necessary. The original form is to be retained by the retailer, the duplicate retained by the unit and triplicate forwarded to the Director of Victualling.

PRO FORMA.

H.M.A.S.

Date

To (Name of Supplier)

I hereby declare that the sportswear, details of which appear hereunder, is for the communal use of H.M.A. ships under my command and will remain the property of the ship.

.....(Rank)

Commanding Officer.

Date.....

Description of the Goods.	Quantity.	Coupon Value.	£ s. d.

I certify that the above goods have been received.

.....(Rank)

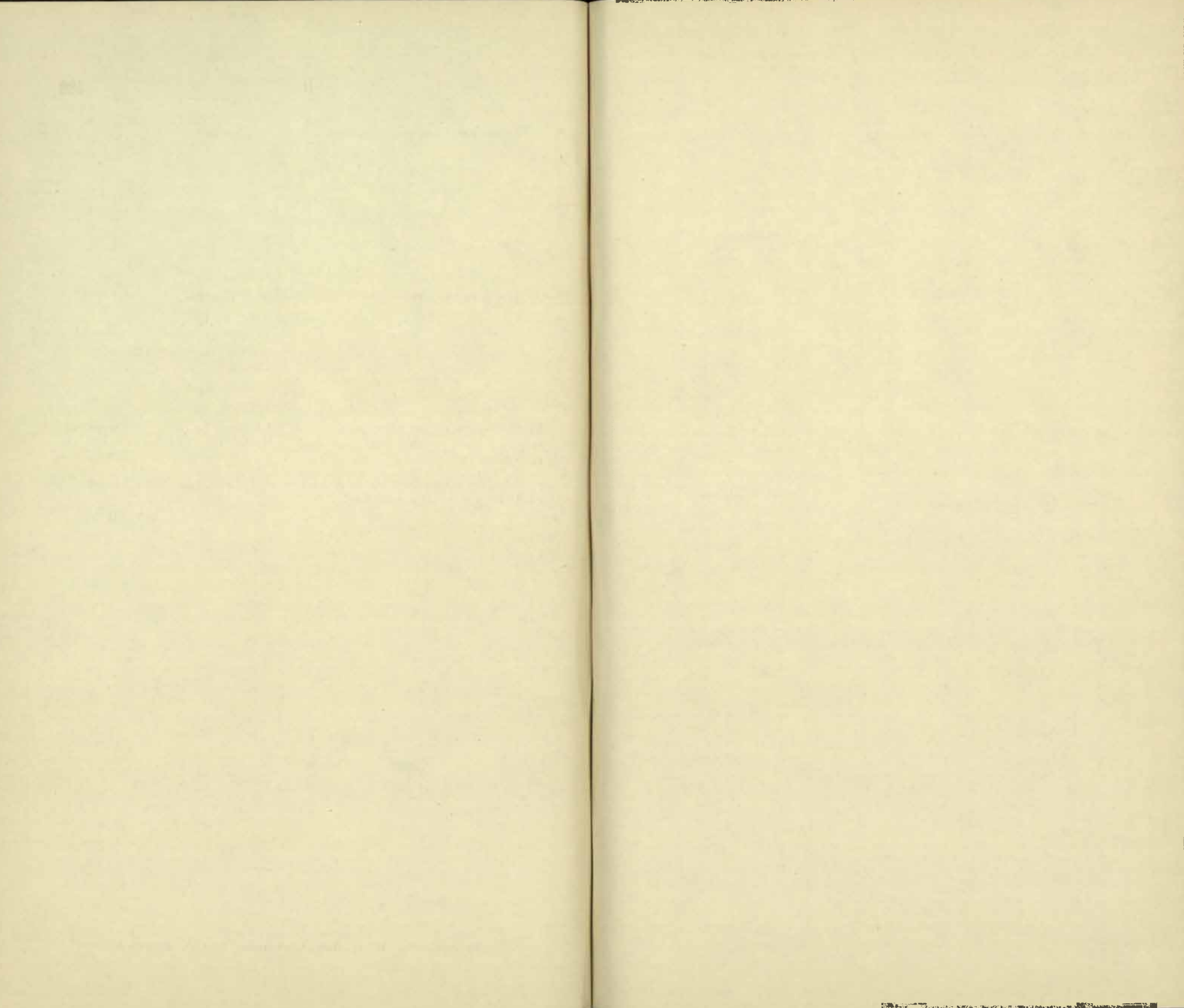
Commanding Officer.

Date.....

35. Purchases under this approval are to be strictly controlled by the commanding officer and should be limited to actual requirements only. Abuse of this privilege will lead to its withdrawal by the rationing authority.

36. Navy Orders 250, 352, and 461 of 1942 and Navy Order 118 of 1943 are hereby cancelled.

(350/201/42.)



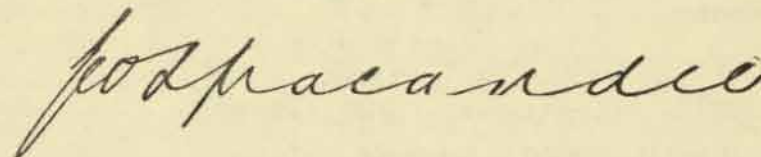
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Commonwealth Navy Orders.

Navy Office, Melbourne,
21st September, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
Establishments, and others concerned.*

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481.

NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

DELEGATION OF MINISTER'S POWERS UNDER REGULATION 51A.

Whereas by section 17 of the *National Security Act 1939-1943*, it is provided that any Minister of State may, in relation to any matters or class of matters, or in relation to any particular State or part of Australia, by writing under his hand, delegate all or any of his powers and functions under the Regulations (except this power of delegation) so that the delegated powers or functions may be exercised by the delegate with respect to the matters or class of matters, or the State or part of Australia specified in the instrument of delegation:

Now therefore, I, Norman John Oswald Makin, Minister of State for the Navy, do hereby delegate to every person holding any of the offices specified hereunder or performing the duties of any of those offices, the powers and functions conferred upon the Minister of State for the Navy by regulation 51A of the National Security (General) Regulations, in relation to the arrest and holding in custody of alien seamen.

LIST OF OFFICES.

Chief of the Naval Staff.

Naval Officer-in-Charge at any port.

Dated this 9th day of September, 1943.

NORMAN J. O. MAKIN,
Minister of State for the Navy.

482.

SUPPLY ASSISTANTS FOR SMALL SHIPS.

In the case of small ships employed as local defence vessels, which are attached permanently to a base port, it is not the practice to include a supply assistant in the complement. Where small ships are employed on service involving absence from their base port for lengthy periods, a supply assistant will be allowed.

2. When a ship is detached from the base port for an extended period and the appropriation of a supply assistant is considered essential, arrangements should be made by the Naval Officer-in-Charge concerned to allocate a supply assistant from the base staff, informing Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, of action taken in order that the complement of the base staff may be completed if necessary.

3. On a small ship, which has been on detached service, reverting to service as a local defence vessel permanently attached to a base port, the Naval Officer-in-Charge concerned should withdraw the supply assistant, informing Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, that he has done so.

(463/208/1108.)

EXAMINATION OF SICK BERTH STAFF—MAY, 1943—RESULTS.

The results obtained by candidates who passed in the examination for advancement in the Sick Berth Branch, held on 25th May, 1943, are as given hereunder:—

Examination Number.	Name.	Present Rating.	O.S.	Percentage of Marks obtained at Examination.			Approximate Average Percentage for (a) Written, and (b) Oral and Practical.	Where Serving at Time of Examination.
				Paper No. 1.	Paper No. 2.	Written Average (Percentage).		
91	Ryan, E. A.	S.B.P.O. (Ty.)	11372	65	82	73.5	72	Adelaide
23	Faulkner, F. W.	A/LSBA (Ty.)	23118	62	68	65	70	Bushcoster
26	Black, P. B.	L.S.B.A.	S.3237	59	74	68.5	71	Penguin
33	Lloyd, M. E.	"	S.3236	63.5	77	70	73	"
50	Stoman, L. M.	"	10831	60	60	60	75	Maitland
65	Dalton, L. F.	A/LS.B.A.	22555	68.5	62	65.5	70	Cerberus
66	Shedley, D. E.	L.S.B.A.	21947	67	74	70.5	70	"
112	Male, R. G. A.	"	21228	61.5	70	66	70	Lonsdale
14	Bowler, A. A.	S.B.A.	S.5587	65	55	60	61	Warrago
17	Murray, P. McB.	"	PA.2020	65.5	74	70	75	Tarrens
18	McNamara, P.	"	PA.1635	37	63	50	62	"
31	Watson, C. R.	"	S.5617	57	61	59	64	Penguin
37	Dillon, R.	"	S.4133	49.5	56.5	53	68	McAuliffe
51	Lapman, K.	"	S.3695	52	61	56.5	71	Maitland
53	Wellington, F. A.	"	F.3368	51	74	62.5	68	Leeuwin
58	Kilner, A. J.	"	PM.1748	58	60	59	61	Penguin
62	Williams, S. T.	"	B.2604	67.5	74	71	65	Hobart
70	Sanderson, J. L.	"	S.6566	54	82	68	66	Cerberus
71	Wilson, J. J.	"	PM.4204	62	68	65	60	"
72	Robinson, R. G.	"	S.9682	62	70	66	60	"
73	Buchanan, D. A.	"	S.6771	55	65	60	60	"
90	Williams, L. F.	"	PM.3052	52	61	61	60	"
10	Bryant, C. W.	"	S.4436	62	44	53	60	Doonbin
			November, 1942, Examination.					Tonawomba

2. The marks obtained by candidates who failed have been communicated to the Commanding Officer of the ship or establishment in which the rating was serving at time of the examination.

3. Papers from overseas vessels have, in some cases, not yet been received. If any examination papers should be forthcoming later, the results thereof will be published as soon as practicable.

4. The 25th May, 1943, is to be regarded as the basic date for the passing of this examination.

5. The original copies of Forms A.S.1236 and A.S.1237 have been completed and forwarded to the ships and establishments concerned. Duplicate copies have been forwarded to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot. The necessary notation should be made on the service certificates of candidates.

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

(465/207/952.)

484.

SUPPLY RATINGS.

A list of supply ratings borne, setting out the duties on which they are employed, is to be forwarded to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, by all naval officers in charge of shore establishments.

2. Any subsequent change in duties is to be reported to Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, by signal.

(349/19/116.)

485.

MEMBERS OF THE FORCES SUFFERING FROM ACTIVE PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

A member of the Naval Forces, who, in the opinion of a Final Medical Board of Survey, is suffering from active pulmonary tuberculosis, is to be regarded, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 (b) of Navy Order 93 of 1943, as unlikely within a reasonable period to improve sufficiently for employment in the general labour market, and action is to be taken to recommend the discharge of such member having regard to the provisions of paragraph 4 of that Order.

(527/211/1927.)

486.

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

Many instances have occurred recently of good conduct badges being awarded before the due date and subsequently, when the error has been disclosed, of the date of award being amended.

2. In this regard the attention of Commanding Officers is drawn to the provisions of K.R. and A.I., Article 608, clause 6, which states, *inter alia*, that the awards and restorations of good conduct badges made by Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Australian Ships are to be accepted as final and are not subject to revision, and to Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 73 (22) which states that in the event of badges being awarded (or restored) before the due date badge pay will not accrue until the due date.

(416/201/987.)

487.

DETENTION QUARTERS—SYDNEY.

H.M.A. Naval Detention Quarters, Sydney, has been closed for the duration of the war.

2. Attention is directed to the provisions of K.R. and A.I., Article 471A, iii, Note, and Navy Order 421 of 1942.

(401/227/16.)

488.

PERIODICAL EXAMINATION OF EXPLOSIVES IN SHORE ESTABLISHMENTS OTHER THAN NAVAL ARMAMENT DEPOTS.

The relaxation in periodical examination of explosives, which was promulgated in Confidential Admiralty Fleet Order 707/42, will not be repeated during the current year. Establishments concerned should review stocks now, and arrange immediately for—

- (i) fresh supplies of detonators, fireworks, fuzes electric, fuze safety, &c., which may be due for exchange, in accordance with Article 301 of Naval Magazine and Explosive Regulations;
- (ii) the selection of samples to govern stock of all other types of explosives and their despatch to the Naval Armament Depot, Sydney, in accordance with C.O.B. Article 358.

2. To obtain maximum assurance of continued efficiency of stocks, both for functioning of the weapon and stability of the explosive content, the selection of samples and their preparation for issue, must conform to the following general instructions:—

- (a) Samples are to be taken from the oldest stock on hand.
- (b) Samples are to be furnished for all stocks which have been stored in improvised shelters or in the open; these are required in addition to the prescribed percentage of stocks of the same type or lot which may be in authorized stowage. Details of improvised stowage and the period so stored are to be noted on the relative forms S.1429A, S.1146, &c.
- (c) Samples of cordite in improvised stowage are to be furnished, irrespective of the date of receipt. With this exception, the instructions contained in Articles 91 and 92 of Naval Cordite Regulations are to be strictly adhered to.
- (d) Any Allied Navy ammunition which may be held is to be dealt with on the same general lines as British ammunition.
- (e) Total stocks governed by the various selections are to be reconciled with the balance appearing in the Naval Armament Store Accounts at the date on which samples are taken, reference to the appropriate inspection form (S.1429A, or S.1146) being made on the ledger folios to indicate that this has been done.

3. A certificate is to be forwarded to the Director of Ordnance, Torpedoes and Mines, Navy Office, Melbourne, not later than 31st December next, stating that necessary action as detailed above has been taken in regard to all explosives held.

(471/205/1435.)

489.

BEDDING.

The following revised procedure regarding the supply, accounting, &c., for bedding rendered necessary consequent on the opening of new bases and the entry of W.R.A.N.S. officers and ratings in the R.A.N. is promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:—

(a) Bedding requirements, mattresses, pillows, and blankets, for officers and men in auxiliary vessels (other than armed merchant cruisers) commissioned for war service, are to be demanded on the appropriate Victualling Yard as loan items (marked) and are to be accounted for in the applicable clothing account.

(b) All bedding for officers and sick bays in H.M.A. ships, including armed merchant cruisers (but excluding all other auxiliary vessels commissioned for war service), and also for officers and sick bays and W.R.A.N.S. officers and ratings at the undermentioned permanent establishments will be dealt with as naval stores.

Flinders Naval Depot.

Royal Australian Naval College.

Balmoral Naval Depot.

Shore Wireless Stations.

“Leeuwin.”

“Huon.”

“Torrens.”

“Lonsdale.”

“Rushcutter.”

“Moreton.”

“Melville.”

(c) At all other naval establishments which have been set up temporarily to meet emergency war conditions, i.e., Townsville, Cairns, Thursday Island, Port Moresby, &c., bedding requirements for officers and ratings including the W.R.A.N.S. will be supplied by victualling yards and are to be treated as loan items and accounted for in the base clothing account. The allowance for personnel in forward island naval bases is set forth in Navy Order 315 of 1943.

(d) Purchase of bedding under (a) and (c) above is to be charged to Division 59, General Expenses, H.M.A. Ships and Establishments, Item 1, Victualling Equipment, and under (b) to Division 59/2 General Expenses, H.M.A. Ships and Establishments, Naval Stores.

2. Navy Order 228 of 1940 is hereby cancelled.

(612/235/507.)

490.

“DE FACTO” WIFE—CHANGE OF TERM.

In future, the term “dependent female” should be used in lieu of the term “*de facto* wife.”

2. Should it be necessary to refer to any other woman dependant, the expression dependent mother, dependent sister, or as the case may be, should be used.

(407/214/4747.)

491.

TELEPHONE TRUNK LINE CALLS BY NAVAL PERSONNEL.

The Postmaster-General's Department has agreed to extend the concessional tariffs, referred to in Navy Order 193 of 1941, to private trunk line calls originated by members of the forces from service club established in various parts of Australia under the control of the Australian Defence Canteens Service.

2. Calls will be originated on the club's official telephone service and arrangements for booking, supervision and payment of calls will be made by the club staff.

(622/201/1109.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

492.

LIFE SAVING APPLIANCES—PROVISION.

With reference to Navy Order 252 of 1943 and A.F.O. 1220/42, an additional type of life float which will be known as the cellular elliptical raft will shortly be available for supply to H.M.A. ships. This raft is of the “well” type, 6 feet long and 4 feet wide, weighs approximately 194 lb. and has a life-saving capacity of ten men. This type of raft may be preferred to the solid balsa rafts at present on issue and demands may now be forwarded from H.M.A. ships to the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney, for requirements to supplement or replace the rafts now carried, subject to satisfactory stowage arrangements being made and due regard being paid to the effect on fighting efficiency and stability.

2. A proposal has been received from an A.M.S. that these vessels be supplied with two carley floats, pattern 19 or 20, to be stowed as indicated on attached sketches. Approval is given for this arrangement to be adopted in the vessels concerned if so desired, and subject to surrender of 3 cwt. of top weight of equivalent moment. The work is to be covered by an alteration and addition item which is to include the surrender of top weight.

3. The Naval Board will be pleased to receive any further suggestions intended to improve the life-saving equipment in H.M.A. ships.

(612/231/299.)

493.

**AUTHORITY UNDER NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL)
REGULATION 7A—ENTRY TO ENCLOSED WHARVES.**

Navy Order 366 of 1941, paragraph 2, is to be amended by the addition of the following sub-paragraph:—

“(iv) It is not desired that social functions should be held on board warships in war time. Small numbers of official, semi-official or individual civilian guests may, however, be invited on board, at the discretion of the Commanding Officer or the Senior Naval Officer, if the circumstances and the location of the ship at the time are not inappropriate to the occasion.”

(553/301/385.)

494.

HONOURS AND AWARDS TO R.A.N. PERSONNEL.

With reference to Navy Order 335 of 1943, the following additional honours and awards have been made to personnel of the Royal Australian Navy:—

1. *For great bravery and undaunted devotion to duty.*

THE GEORGE CROSS.

Lieutenant H. R. Syme, R.A.N.V.R.

2. *For bravery in a daring attack on Tripoli Harbour, while serving in a light coastal craft.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Lieutenant H. F. Wadds, R.A.N.V.R.

3. *For bravery and coolness in action during operations in North Africa.*

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Leading Seaman C. Bake, F/2335, D.E.M.S. Awatea.

4. *For bravery and devotion to duty when H.M.A.S. Armidale was lost.*

MENTION IN DESPATCHES.

Lieutenant W. G. Whitting, D.S.C., R.A.N.R.(S).
Ordinary Seaman E. Sheean, H/1617 (Posthumous).

5. *For rendering assistance to U.S. Marine Corps during and after attacks on Tulagi on 7th-8th August, 1942.*

THE SILVER STAR.

(Conferred by the President of the United States of America.)

Sub-Lieutenant (now A/Lieutenant) H. A. Josselyn,
R.A.N.V.R.
Sub-Lieutenant (now A/Lieutenant) D. C. Horton,
R.A.N.V.R.

6. *For conduct as Deputy Supervising Intelligence Officer on duty with American Forces at Guadalcanal during 15th August, 1942, to 12th April, 1943.*

LEGION OF MERIT: DEGREE OF OFFICER.

(Conferred by the President of the United States of America.)

A/Lieutenant-Commander H. A. Mackenzie, R.A.N.

7. *For conduct as Australian Liaison Officer to the United States Task Force in the South-Pacific Area during May, 1942, to April, 1943.*

LEGION OF MERIT: DEGREE OF OFFICER.

(Conferred by the President of the United States of America.)

Lieutenant J. G. Osborne, R.A.N.V.R.

8. *For gallantry while serving in D.E.M.S. Ondina.*

(Conferred by H.M. the Queen of the Netherlands.)

BRONZE MEDAL.

Able Seaman B. A. Hammond, D.S.M., PA/1318.

(448/201/1507.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

495.

NAVAL OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE.

The appointment of Naval Officer-in-Charge, Whyalla, has been abolished as from 15th September, 1943.

2. Navy Order 126 of 1942 is to be amended accordingly.

(463/205/2204.)

496.

**ACTING PAYMASTER SUB-LIEUTENANT—PROMOTION FROM
THE LOWER DECK.**

With reference to Navy Order 310 of 1942, a special mathematics paper for candidates for promotion to the rank of acting paymaster sub-lieutenant will be held with the Higher Educational Test in March and October, 1944.

2. If any candidates qualify educationally, it is proposed to arrange for a professional examination to be held about the end of the year, and, if any candidates are again successful, for the selection committee to sit shortly afterwards.

3. The educational and professional requirements and the syllabus of the mathematics paper are specified in Navy Order 310 of 1942.

(559/215/1473.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

497.

SELECTION FOR ACCOUNTANT OFFICERS' TRAINING COURSE.

With reference to Navy Order 103 of 1943, the Accountant Officers' Training Course covers a period of three months and commences approximately on 15th September, 15th December, 15th March, and 15th June in each year. In order that the most suitable candidates may be selected for this Course, quarterly returns are to be rendered in future by the Rear-Admiral Commanding, His Majesty's Australian Squadron and each Naval Officer-in-Charge on—

30th September,

31st December,

31st March,

30th June,

showing lists of candidates serving under their command in order of merit.

2. The normal number of candidates selected for each Course will be nine.

3. To assist in maintaining a uniform standard with regard to selection and order of merit, advantage should be taken of the visit of the Inspecting Accountant Officer to the various base ports to interview candidates who are in view for inclusion in the next quarterly list.

(559/215/1589.)

498.

TRANSFER OF R.A.N.R. RATINGS TO THE PERMANENT NAVAL FORCES (SEAGOING).

It has been decided that no further transfers from the Royal Australian Naval Reserve to the Permanent Naval Forces (Seagoing) are to take place during the war.

2. Navy Order 257 of 1940 is cancelled.

(582/201/1682.)

499.

NAVAL STORE ACCOUNTS—AUXILIARY VESSELS.

Examination of naval store accounts of auxiliary vessels has disclosed that in some cases the accounts have not been kept in a satisfactory manner.

2. Attention of officers concerned is drawn to K.R. and A.I., Article 1581, clause 3, and N.F.R. and I., Article 71, clause 5, which provide that payment of Store Allowance is subject to the accounts being satisfactory.

3. Officers in charge of naval store accounts should make themselves familiar with the appropriate naval store accounting instructions and action will be taken to recover allowances paid for charge of stores, when examination reveals that the accounts have not been maintained in accordance with the regulations.

(612/212/2859.)

500.

REPORTS ON FAILURE OF GUN ARMAMENT MATERIAL.

A number of instances have occurred where the correct method of reporting failures of gun armament material as detailed in the instruction in the heading of Form S.1148 (*h*) has not been carried out.

2. These instructions are shown hereunder for guidance:—

“(i) Form S.1148 (*h*) is to be rendered to the administrative authority for all failures occurring during full-calibre practice (when it should accompany the firing returns but under separate cover) and for such important failures occurring at drill, &c., or on other occasions if they reveal serious defects or provide useful information.

(ii) Copies are also to be forwarded direct to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Sydney, for the Naval Ordnance Inspecting Officer, or, in the case of gun mounting or electrical items, for the Engineer Manager.

(iii) A separate sheet is to be used for each failure reported, but repetitions of the same failure or other failures associated therewith may be rendered together.

(iv) Failures of ammunition and misfires are not to be reported on this form, *vide* Naval Magazine and Explosives Regulations, Articles 310 and 311.”

3. Administrative authorities should transmit Forms S.1148 (*h*) to the Secretary, Naval Board, with their remarks as soon as possible after receipt.

(490/201/1798.)

501.

DEPTH CHARGE THROWER PISTOLS—SPARES (A.F.O. 1934/43).

One spare striker and two spare springs, main, Mark II, for depth charge thrower pistols are to be issued to all destroyers and sloops fitted with two or more throwers.

2. When available, six spare strikers and twelve spare springs will also be issued to the following bases without demand for maintenance of A.M.S. and Auxiliary A/S vessels, and to meet demands from ships indicated in paragraph 1:—

Port Moresby.

Darwin.

Cairns.

Townsville.

Brisbane.

Adelaide.

3. Ships concerned are to demand spare strikers and springs as necessary from the nearest naval armament depot or base port.

(471/205/1900.)

502.

DEFECTIVE A/S COMPONENTS.

All defective A/S components landed by H.M.A. ships at establishments other than Sydney are to be forwarded to the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney, as soon as possible after receipt so that their repair may be effected.

(1903/2/758.)

503.

WOODEN FURNITURE—REPLACEMENT BY STEEL IN CRUISERS, DESTROYERS, A.M.S. VESSELS AND "WARREGO," "SWAN" AND "MORESBY."

In accordance with the policy of reduction of fire and smoke risk *vide* C.A.F.O. 2363/42 and Confidential Commonwealth Navy Order 45 of 1943, it has been decided that, as far as practicable, all wooden furniture fitted in the above ships is to be replaced by steel furniture, priority being given to the requirements of H.M.A. Ships *Australia*, *Hobart*, *Arunta* and *Warramunga*.

2. To ensure uniformity in design, the designs of steel furniture have been standardized, and particulars of the types which have been approved for installation in H.M.A. ships are shown in the following drawings, copies of which are being forwarded direct to the ships concerned:—

Navy Office Drawing 0/1256.

Designs suitable for cruisers and Tribal class destroyers.

Navy Office Drawing 3620.

Designs suitable for *Stuart*, *Vendetta*, *Warrego*, *Swan* and *Moresby* and A.M.S. vessels.

3. The colour finish of the furniture will be light battleship grey, the drawer pulls, handles, &c., being coloured black.

4. It is realized that the designs and measurements shown in these drawings will not meet all requirements and that difficulties may arise in regard to certain ships. To enable supply to be arranged, therefore, each ship is to determine its requirements, using the above drawings for guidance. Demands for the furniture required are then to be forwarded to the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney, who will arrange supply.

5. The demands should contain a reference to the drawing number together with particulars of any variations in measurements considered essential to meet requirements of the ship concerned. It is particularly desired that the specified measurements be adhered to wherever possible, in order to simplify manufacture.

6. The furniture has been designed to enable it to be dismantled into sections to permit of its being passed through hatches, passage ways, doors, &c. Particulars of the smallest openings through which furniture is to pass should be stated.

7. Ships may also submit proposals for any other items not specifically covered by the above-mentioned drawings, which it is considered essential should be of steel, or other suitable non-inflammable material. Detailed particulars and drawings of any such items should be furnished.

(483/201/1723.)

504.

COIR, SISAL AND MANILLA CORDAGE.

With reference to paragraph 7 of Navy Order 380 of 1943, attention is also drawn to A.F.O. 1485/43 in regard to the replacement of cordage and the relative strengths of each type.

(612/225/611.)

505.

SPECIAL ISSUES OF CLOTHING TO D.E.M.S. RATINGS—LIFESAVING WAISTCOATS AND TORCHES.

The loan issue is approved of a lifesaving waistcoat complete with electric torch and battery to D.E.M.S. ratings.

2. The issue is additional to the inflatable lifebelt.

3. The waistcoat is to be worn continuously whilst at sea.

4. Requirements of the waistcoats are to be obtained by demand on Royal Edward Victualling Yard, Sydney. The torches and batteries are to be obtained from the Naval Store Depot, Darling Island, Sydney.

5. Demands for replacement of batteries are to be approved by the Port D.E.M.S. Officer before transmission to the Naval Store Depot.

6. Navy Order 307 of 1941, which sets forth the various items of clothing authorized for special issue to D.E.M.S. ratings, is to be amplified accordingly.

7. Navy Orders 150 and 318 of 1942 refer.

(612/231/227.)

506.

**BEDDING ISSUED TO CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, PETTY OFFICERS
AND W.R.A.N.S.—NAVAL STORE ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE
IN H.M.A. SHORE ESTABLISHMENTS.**

The accounting procedure outlined hereunder is to be observed in H.M.A. Shore Establishments in which bedding issued to chief petty officers, petty officers and W.R.A.N.S. ratings is dealt with as naval stores:—

- (a) A Loan Bedding Register in the following form is to be maintained in the naval store:—

ISSUES.							RETURNS.			
Date of Issue.	Name.	Rating.	Blankets, Gr-y Mattress.	Other Items in Detail as Appropriate.	Signature of Rating to Whom Issued.	Initials of Supply Rating Making Issue.	Signature of Supply Rating Receiving Bedding and Date.	Amount Charged for Loss or Damage.	A S 126 No.	A S 1096 No.

- (b) On the issue of bedding, details of date of issue, name, rating and items issued are to be entered in the Loan Bedding Register by a member of the naval store supply staff, who is to initial the Register in the space provided. The rating to whom the issue is made is to furnish a receipt by signing against the items received in the appropriate column of the Register.
- (c) The items of bedding issued are to remain on main ledger charge and are not to be recorded in the loan columns of the naval store ledgers.
- (d) On the return of bedding to the naval store, receipt will be acknowledged by the supply rating to whom delivery is made, signing the Bedding Register in the appropriate column against the original issue. Any discrepancies between the quantities of bedding originally issued from and those subsequently returned to the naval store should be immediately brought under the notice of the Accountant Officer (N.S.), and the necessary adjustments made by medium of Form A.S.126 (Naval Stores Lost or Damaged by Neglect) or Form A.S.1096 (Naval Stores Lost by Accident). The registered number of the respective voucher which should be used to adjust the discrepancy in the naval store ledger is to be noted in the Loan Bedding Register, together with the amount charged, where adjustment is made by Form A.S.126.

- (e) When new items of bedding are issued in lieu of unserviceable items, no alterations to quantities appearing in the Loan Bedding Register will be necessary. Form A.S.1091 should be raised, however, as a supporting voucher to relieve the main ledger charge and transfer to unserviceable charge in the naval store accounts the unserviceable bedding.
- (f) At the end of each quarter, all bedding is to be mustered, and a statement in the following form certified by the Accountant Officer (N.S.) is to be prepared and entered in Loan Bedding Register:—

Quarterly Statement of Verification of Bedding Issued to Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers, and W.R.A.N.S. as at

Article.	Number on Issue as Per Loan Bedding Register. (Not Recorded in Loan Ledger.) 1.	Number on Issue as Per Loan Ledger. 2.	Stock Found on Muster. 3.	Total of 1, 2, and 3.	Balance as Per Main Ledger.

(Signed)

2. The procedure outlined herein is not applicable to issues of bedding to W.R.A.N.S. officers. Such issues are to be accounted for in accordance with instructions contained in the Naval Storekeeping Manual B.R.4, R.A.N. Supplement, paragraph 40.

(612/212/2881.)

507.

STOP WATCHES—REDUCED ALLOWANCES.

The attention of all concerned is drawn to A.F.O. 2676/42 relative to reduced allowances of all patterns of stop watches.

2. An acute shortage of these items exists at the present time, and arrangements should therefore be made for all stop watches at present held in H.M.A. ships in excess of the revised allowances referred to in the above-mentioned A.F.O. to be returned to the nearest naval store depot as early as possible.

(670/204/559.)

508.

BLANKETS, DUFFEL COATS AND TOWELS FOR SURVIVORS.

The reference to A.F.O. 350/43 in Navy Order 300 of 1943 should read A.F.O. 305/43. Navy Order 300 of 1943 is to be amended accordingly.

(612/235/813.)

509.

OFFICERS' UNIFORM HELD FOR DISPOSAL AT ROYAL EDWARD VICTUALLING YARD, SYDNEY.

With regard to Navy Order 325 of 1942, a considerable quantity of articles of officers' uniform (R.A.N.R.) is still held at Royal Edward Victualling Yard, Sydney.

2. Full details of the articles (types of garments, measurements and condition), also issuing prices, are being circulated to all ships and establishments. Details may also be obtained on application to the Victualling Store Officer, Sydney.

(434/215/1031.)

510.

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the under-mentioned publications have been distributed. Further supplies of B.R.772 are being obtained to complete distribution:—

Errata No. 5 to B.R.372.—Establishment of Naval Stores for Minelaying Lighters.

(A.F.O. 2789/43.)
(571/202/1263.)

B.R.632(C)/42 (late O.U.5362(C)).—Gunnery Training Manual Vol. III.

(571/202/1769.)

B.R.763/43.—List of Frequencies.

(571/202/1779.)

B.R.768.—Drill for 4-in. Mark XIX Gun on C.P. Mark XXIII Mountings.

(A.F.O. 1143/43 and A.F.O. 1500/43.)
(571/202/1740.)

B.R.772/42.—Maintenance of Torpedo Tubes in Submarines fitted with H.P. Firing Gear.

(A.F.O. 2206/43.)
(571/202/1749.)

B.R.775 (1).—Instructions and Recommendations relating to Venereal Disease.

B.R.775 (2).—Reasons for the New Law (re Venereal Disease).

(A.F.O. 1747/43.)
(571/202/1761.)

B.R.796.—Handbook of Periodical Maintenance Routines for 21-in. Mark VIII Torpedoes.

(A.F.O. 1983/43.)
(571/202/1747.)

B.R.816/43 (late C.B.3070/43).—Handbook for 2-in. Rocket, Mark II (P) Pillar Box Mounting.

(A.F.O. 1863/43.)
(571/202/1772.)

B.R.818 (late C.B.3073).—Handbook for the 2-in. Rocket Mark III (S) Trough Mounting 1942.

(571/202/1783.)

B.R.829/43.—Compasses in Landing Craft C.D. Pamphlet No. 52, 1943.

(571/202/1781.)

Pocket Folder of Aircraft Silhouettes. Issue No. 1—January, 1943.

(571/201/3934.)

Aircraft Recognition. Standard Reference Book, Part 1, October, 1942.

(571/201/3758.)

Aircraft Recognition Journal, Vol. I., No. 8. April, 1943.

(415/201/1879.)

Funeral Contracts and Standard Specifications, R.A.N., A.M.F. and R.A.A.F. Australia.

(571/201/3940.)

2. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the R.A.N. Supplies will be issued, without demand, by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney:—

A.S.79z.—Articles of free kit issued to new entries and other gratuitous issues—R.A.N. Women's Services.

(480/202/4468.)

3. The under-mentioned form has been introduced for use in the R.A.N. in lieu of the corresponding Admiralty form. Supplies will be issued, on demand, when stock of the existing form is exhausted:—

A.D.796.—Certificate as to Portable Fittings, Spare Gear, Drawings, &c.

(480/201/3188.)

4. The under-mentioned form has been abolished:—

A.S.279.—Notice as to Entry of Unauthorized Persons into W/T Office.

(A.F.O. 1349 and 2171/41.)
(480/202/4311.)

511.

FRESH PROVISIONS AT MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.

Appended are details of contract rates for supply of certain items of fresh provisions at Melbourne and Sydney:—

MELBOURNE.

Fresh Vegetables.

Period.—1st July to 31st December, 1943.

Contractor.—Bailey Bros., Queen's Wharf-road, Melbourne. Phone MU 3594.

Rates.—Potatoes, Onions—Market rates.

Turnips, Swede, 2d. per lb.

Parsnips, 2d. per lb.

Marrows, 1d. per lb.

Pumpkins, 1½d. per lb.

Cabbages, 2d. per lb.

Cauliflowers, 2d. per lb.

Carrots, 2d. per lb.

Radishes, 1s. 3d. per dozen bunches.

Spring onions, 1s. 3d. per dozen bunches.

Lettuce, 4d. per lb.

Beetroot, 2d. per lb.

Extra for bags supplied with vegetables other than potatoes and onions, 1s. each.

Fresh Milk—Ships and Establishments at Port Melbourne.

Period.—1st July, 1943, to 30th June, 1944.

Contractor.—H. Larcher and Son (Fitzroy) Pty. Ltd., 45 Moor-street, Fitzroy.

Rates.—1s. 7d. per gallon, net, delivered to Naval Reserve Depot, Port Melbourne, and on board H.M.A. Ships at or away from wharf in Hobson's Bay or at Victoria Dock.

Fresh Milk—Ships and Establishments at Williamstown.

Period.—1st July, 1943, to 30th June, 1944.

Contractor.—Griffiths Bros., 104 Douglas-parade, Williamstown. Phone W'town 315.

Rate.—1s. 8½d. per gallon, net, 14 days, delivered at Naval Reserve Depot or on board H.M.A. Ships at or away from wharf, Williamstown.

SYDNEY.

Fish, Fresh or Frozen.

Period.—1st July to 31st December, 1943.

Contractor.—Murrel's, 98 Oxford-street, Sydney.

Rates.—Mullet, 1s. 3d. per lb., net.
Leatherjackets, 1s. 6d. per lb., net.
Bream (sea), 1s. 9d. per lb., net.
Flathead, 1s. 6d. per lb., net.
Whiting, 2s. per lb., net
Schnapper, 2s. 6d. per lb., net.
Murray Cod, 2s. 6d. per lb., net.
Perch, 2s. per lb., net.
Smoked Blue cod, 2s. 6d. per lb., net.
Smoked Barracouta, 1s. 6d. per lb., net.

Vegetables.

Contractor.—C. G. Kellaway and Sons Pty. Ltd., 22 Quay-street, Sydney.

Period—	Items.	June.		July.		August.		September.	
		s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
	Beetroot, cwt.	18	0	16	6	16	6	16	6
	Cabbages, cwt.	20	0	22	6	22	0	21	0
	Carrots, cwt.	26	0	20	0	21	6	23	0
	Cauliflowers, cwt. ..	45	6	45	6	45	6	36	0
	Lettuce, cwt.	60	8	88	8	91	0	84	0
	Marrows, cwt.	21	0	28	0	28	0	38	0
	Spring onions, doz. bunches	—		6	0	6	0	8	0
	Parsnips, cwt.	25	0	19	0	19	0	22	0
	Pumpkins, cwt.	9	6	11	0	12	0	12	0
	Radishes, bunch	0	3½	0	4	0	5	0	3½
	Turnips, swede, cwt. ..	17	0	10	0	11	0	10	0
	Turnips, white, cwt. ..	13	0	10	0	10	0	10	0

Bags to be charged for at 1s. each if not returned.

Fresh Meat.

Period.—1st July to 31st December, 1943.

Contractor.—Thos. Playfair Pty. Ltd., Argyle-street, Sydney.

Rates.—Beef, hindquarters, 7½d. per lb.
Beef, ribs, boned and rolled, 8d. per lb.
Beef, topsides, 9½d. per lb.
Beef, thick flank, 6d. per lb.
Beef, corned rounds, 9½d. per lb.
Beef, corned briskets, 5½d. per lb.
Beef, minced steak, 6d. per lb.
Veal carcasses (1st quality only), 7d. per lb.
Veal, sides, bone in, 7d. per lb.
Veal, hinds, bone in, 9½d. per lb.
Veal, fores, bone in, 4½d. per lb.
Veal, sides, boneless, 8½d. per lb.
Veal, hinds, boneless, 11½d. per lb.
Veal, fores, boneless, 7d. per lb.
Veal, legs, 10½d. per lb.
Veal cutlets, 11d. per lb.
Mutton, carcasses, 4½d. per lb.
Mutton, chops, 7½d. per lb.
Mutton, legs, 6d. per lb.
Mutton, loins, 8d. per lb.
Lamb, carcasses, 8d. per lb.

Lamb, legs, 11d. per lb.
 Lamb, chops, 1s. 4d. per lb.
 Pork, sides, 1s. per lb.
 Pork, corned, 11s. per lb.
 Pork, chops, 1s. 3d. per lb.
 Sausages, pork, 9½d. per lb.
 Sausages, mixed meat, 7d. per lb.
 Sausages, Belgian, 7d. per lb.
 Brawn, 6d. per lb.
 Kidneys, ox, 1s. 1d. per lb.
 Kidneys, sheep's, 2½d. each.
 Sheep's fries, 7d. per lb.
 Tripe, ox, 4½d. per lb.
 Ice, 2s. 6d. per cwt.
 Dripping, 4½d. per lb.
 Saveloys (approximately 6 to lb.), 1s. 1d. per dozen.
 Luncheon sausages, 7d. per lb.
 Frankfurts (6 to lb.), 10d. per lb.
 Rabbits, 1s. 0¼d. each.

All less 1 per cent. 14 days.

(668/201/2612.)

512.

ADVANCED BASE PORTS—FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

Responsibility for protection against fire and for the provision of fire fighting appliances at advanced base ports has been accepted by the Army on the following basis:—

- (a) To afford protection against fire, to merchant and other vessels, not directly under the control of the Navy, in advanced base ports.
- (b) To provide similar protection for port installations where adequate provision has not been made already by civil or other authority.

2. Any surplus trailer pumps held at Naval Depots may be transferred to the Department of the Army.

(475/202/456.)

513.

MILITARY CLOAK ROOM—ADELAIDE RAILWAY STATION.

A military cloak room has been established opposite the Cheer Up Hut at the rear of the Adelaide Railway Station where baggage and luggage of any member (male or female) of the Services may be left.

2. There will be no charge but articles should be claimed *one hour* before train departure.

3. The room will be open from 1630 to 2300 daily, but two soldier attendants will sleep on the premises. These attendants can be roused at any hour of the night if personnel urgently need their baggage.

4. The telephone number is C.2864.

5. Navy Order 10 of 1941 is cancelled.

(632/202/1037.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

514.

CONCESSION MESSAGES TO AND FROM NAVAL PERSONNEL.

The charge for the above messages has been reduced to 2d. per word, with a minimum of 1s., the address being free.

2. Navy Order 114 of 1941, paragraph 1 (c) is to be amended accordingly.

(443/203/484.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

515.

CORRIGENDUM.

Navy Order 458 of 1943—"Officers of Special Branch—Alterations to Lacing of Jackets, Greatcoats and Tunics"—is to be amended as follows:—

For the reference "Navy Order 234 of 1943" read "Navy Order 224 of 1943."

(433/201/738.)

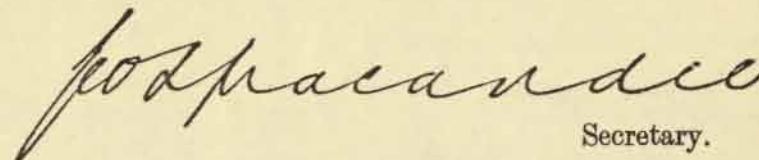
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Commonwealth Navy Order.

Navy Office, Melbourne,
5th October, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
Establishments, and others concerned.*

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516.

THE NAVAL BOARD.

Engineer Rear-Admiral Alec. B. Doyle, C.B.E., B.E., has been appointed Third Naval Member of the Naval Board, as from 25th September, 1943, in place of Engineer Rear-Admiral Percival E. McNeil, C.B., who has been transferred to the Retired List.

(568/201/860.)

517.

H.M.A.S. "JUNE"—CHANGE OF NAME.

H.M.A.S. *June* has been renamed H.M.A.S. *Winter*.

(603/246/3562.)

518.

ACTING LEADING STOKERS—CONFIRMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR STOKER PETTY OFFICER.

Owing to the suspension of the Leading Stokers' Course, many Acting Leading Stokers who have not been able to undergo the course for Leading Stoker are overdue for confirmation.

2. In order that these ratings may not be penalized, it has been approved, as a temporary measure, to waive the directions contained in C.O.R., Article 189, and to adopt the following procedure for advancement of ratings to Acting Stoker Petty Officer and confirmation of Leading Stoker :—

CONFIRMATION OF ACTING LEADING STOKERS.

If the Commanding Officer of a ship in which an Acting Leading Stoker is serving is satisfied that such rating is deserving of confirmation, and provided the rating has served twelve months in the acting rate, he may be confirmed notwithstanding that he has not undergone the course for Leading Stoker.

ADVANCEMENT TO ACTING STOKER PETTY OFFICER.

Leading Stokers who have not been able to undergo the course for Leading Stoker may be examined for the rating of Acting Stoker Petty Officer by a board of two Engineer Officers, one of whom must be of Commander or Lieutenant-Commander rank. The examination may be taken at any time after the rating has been advanced to Acting Leading Stoker. Promotion to Acting Stoker Petty Officer will continue to be made from the roster of ratings recommended for advancement.

3. When the course for Leading Stoker is re-introduced, all ratings promoted under this Order will be withdrawn to undergo the course as opportunity permits. Those who fail to attain the required standard for Stoker Petty Officer or Leading Stoker will be liable to be reverted to Leading Stoker or Stoker respectively.

4. Any rating confirmed as a Stoker Petty Officer (Temporary) who fails in the course and is reverted may receive a gratuitous issue of the articles of uniform in the compulsory kit of his confirmed rating which are not also common to the compulsory kit of a temporary higher rate, but no further outfit gratuity will be paid on subsequent advancement to a higher rate held temporarily.

5. Navy Orders 215 of 1940 and 147 of 1942 are cancelled.

(568/202/932.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

519.

RADAR BRANCH—ADVANCEMENTS, ETC.

In future R.D.F. Operator ratings are to be known as Radar ratings, e.g., Ordinary Seaman (Radar), Leading Seaman (Radar), Petty Officer (Radar), &c.

2. Radar ratings constitute a specialized section of the Seaman Branch but they are not required at present to qualify for advancement to Leading Seaman and Petty Officer in subjects normally required of seaman ratings and should be regarded until further orders as a separate branch. The sea service qualification for Leading Seaman and Petty Officer is similarly waived. In all other respects, they are to be considered as seaman ratings in so far as their knowledge permits, and they should be employed in suitable duties, e.g., patrols, cleaning ship, &c., *subject only to their Radar duties having priority.* In order to increase their usefulness as seamen, Commanding Officers should, when practicable, arrange suitable seamanship training for them.

NOTE.—Although part of the seaman branch, Radar ratings should not be allocated to normal parts of ship divisions. They should be allocated to the Communications Division, the Radar Officer being responsible for them under the Signal Officer.

3. Ratings will be transferred from present serving ordinary seamen at any time after passing out of New Entry School and from present serving able seamen, subject to successfully completing the necessary qualifying course at a school for Radar Operator. Date of transfer to Radar Branch is to be the date of qualifying as Radar Operator. Names of recommended volunteers should be communicated to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot.

4. Conditions of advancement are—

- (a) All former service in man's rating to count as if it had been served in Radar Branch.
- (b) Sea Service is NOT a qualification.
- (c) *Ordinary seaman (Radar) to Able Seaman (Radar)*.

Twelve months' service in a man's rating less time gained up to two months in Gunnery and Seamanship Courses at Flinders Naval Depot. (See Navy Order 355 of 1941 (a)). In exceptional cases, Commanding Officers may reduce the necessary service to eleven, ten or a minimum of nine months (in addition to allowing for time gained in Gunnery and Seamanship Courses at Flinders Naval Depot, thus making possible a minimum of seven months' service), according to degree of proficiency as Radar Operator in types of sets the rating has been operating. The due date for advancement is to be reckoned from the commencing date of service in a man's rating. If the Commanding Officer considers that an Ordinary Seaman (Radar) is not fit for advancement to Able Seaman (Radar) after twelve months' service—provided he has also completed six months in Radar Branch—the case is to be reported to the Naval Board.

Ordinary Seaman (Radar) although not qualified in Seamanship and/or Gunnery, may be advanced to acting Able Seaman (Radar) on completion of twelve months' service in man's rating. After qualifying professionally, date of confirmation should be date advanced to acting Able Seaman (Radar), or if time is gained as above, antedated for seniority and pay purposes from the date advanced to acting Able Seaman (Radar).

(d) *Able Seaman (Radar) to Leading Seaman (Radar)*.

(i) Six months' service as Able Seaman (Radar).

(ii) Provided that he is efficient professionally, and that he is fully conversant with the Radar organization of the ship and squadron, or flotilla, &c., in which he is serving, Able Seaman (Radar) may be recommended for advancement to Leading Seaman (Radar). Recommendations by Commanding Officers are to be forwarded monthly on Form A.S. 507 to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot.

(iii) Ratings will be placed on the roster, according to the date of *first recommendation*. Ratings will then be drafted by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, to a Radar School for a qualifying course. On completion of this course, results are to be forwarded to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, who will make advancements to fill vacancies in Fleet numbers from those who qualify. Advancement will be made to Leading Seaman (Radar), and dated back to date of *first recommendation*, when existing vacancies in Fleet numbers have been filled. Future advancements will be made as vacancies occur and will be dated accordingly.

(iv) Ratings who fail to pass the qualifying course for Leading Seaman (Radar) are not eligible for recommendation for a further course until a period of six months has elapsed since the date of failure. After the second and subsequent failures, there is to be a period of twelve months before a further recommendation is given.

(e) *Leading Seaman (Radar) to Petty Officer (Radar)*.

(i) Twelve months' service as Leading Seaman (Radar).

(ii) Must undergo a qualifying course, and pass examination in Radar School.

(iii) Recommendation from Commanding Officer to be forwarded to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, monthly on Form A.S. 507.

(iv) Ratings will be placed on roster according to date of first recommendation. Ratings will then be drafted by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, to Radar School for the qualifying course. Results are to be forwarded to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, who will then make advancements to fill vacancies in Fleet numbers.

(v) Ratings who fail to pass the qualifying course for Petty Officer (Radar) are not eligible for recommendation for a further course, until a period of six months has elapsed since date of failure. After the second and subsequent failures, there is to be a period of twelve months before a further recommendation is made.

5. All recommendations for advancement for courses are to be recorded on Radar History Sheet at the time they are made.

6. Rates of pay are to be the same as for relative ratings of the Seaman Branch, plus the non-substantive pay of 3d. per diem. No other non-substantive pay will be allowed in addition. The 3d. non-substantive pay will be retained after advancement to higher rating.

7. Navy Orders 183 and 398 of 1942 and 40 of 1943 are cancelled.

(568/202/906.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

520.

PREVENTION OF SPREAD OF MALARIA.

With reference to Navy Order 275 of 1943, all Naval personnel appointed for service in a malarial area should be given a short course of atebirin before taking up their appointments.

(527/201/840.)

521.

**KITS OF RATINGS DRAFTED TO DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND
AND NEW GUINEA AREA.**

Owing to the damaging effect of mould, &c., which accumulates on gear stowed permanently in tropical areas, all ratings on draft to Darwin, Thursday Island and the New Guinea Area, are to be warned to leave in *Cerberus*, *Penguin* or their Home Depot such portion of their kit as is not required to be taken with them.

(516/201/595.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

522.

**RATINGS' MADE-TO-MEASURE UNIFORMS—CONTRACT AT
BRISBANE.**

A contract for the supply of ratings' made-to-measure uniforms has been arranged with Messrs. Rothwells Outfitting Ltd., 237-241 Edward-street, Brisbane, for the convenience of ratings who desire to purchase made-to-measure uniforms.

2. The conditions of the contract are as follows:—

- (a) When ordering garments, the rating must present to the contractor an official intimation, signed by the Accountant Officer, stating the rating's name, official number, rating, and ship or establishment in which serving.
- (b) The ratings may declare an allotment in favour of the contractor to pay for garments ordered, or may pay cash, whichever is desired.
- (c) The rating shall sign the order book of the contractor when placing the order and shall state in writing in what manner he intends to pay for the garments ordered. He shall make an initial payment of at least five shillings.
- (d) The garments ordered shall be made by the contractor to the measurement of the rating and shall be tried on at the contractor's premises at least once in the "basted" or unfinished condition and again in the finished state.
- (e) The garment shall be made to the complete satisfaction of the rating, *but shall conform to Service requirements and specifications held by the contractor.*
- (f) Completion of garments shall be effected within at least fourteen days from date of measurement of the rating or as otherwise arranged by mutual consent between the rating and the contractor, the delivery period to be subject to the rating attending for "try on" on the date specified by the contractor.
- (g) Delivery of garments shall be taken at the contractor's premises or otherwise at the rating's expense.

3. The rates for the garments provided for under the contract are set out hereunder and are inclusive of the cost of all materials.

	<i>Prices.</i>	£	s.	d.
Jacket, double-breasted, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons— (Chief Petty Officer)		3	13	2
Jacket, double-breasted, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons— (Petty Officer)		3	12	8
Jacket, double-breasted, diagonal serge, with black horn buttons for other ratings		3	11	9
Waistcoat, diagonal serge, with gilt buttons		1	5	6
Waistcoat, diagonal serge, with black horn buttons		1	5	0
Trousers, diagonal serge, with fly		1	6	0
Jacket, single-breasted, seamen's serge, with gilt buttons— (Chief Petty Officer)		3	8	2
Jacket, single-breasted, seamen's serge, with gilt buttons— (Petty Officer)		3	7	8
Jacket, single-breasted, seamen's serge, with black horn buttons for other ratings		3	7	0
Waistcoat, seamen's serge, with gilt buttons		1	5	3
Waistcoat, seamen's serge, with black horn buttons		1	4	9
Trousers, seamen's serge, with fly		1	5	9
Tunics, white drill, with gilt buttons for Chief Petty Officer		2	1	3
Tunics, white drill, with gilt buttons for Petty Officer		2	0	3
Tunics, white drill, with white horn buttons for other ratings		1	19	11
Tunics, white drill, without buttons for Chief Petty Officer		1	19	7
Tunics, white drill, without buttons for Petty Officer and other ratings		1	19	7
Trousers, white drill, with fly		18	0	

4. In addition to the supply of personal requirements of made-to-measure garments, the contract provides for the supply of garments against official orders in circumstances where this may be necessary. In these instances the following conditions shall apply:—

- (a) Orders shall be placed by Accountant Officers on Treasury Form 21, accompanied by properly completed self-measurement form (if ratings are unable to attend for measurement) and Form N.A.4.
- (b) Garments shall be completed within fourteen days of receipt by the contractor of the official order and delivered by parcel post to the address shown thereon, postal charges being to the account of the ship or establishment concerned.
- (c) Unsatisfactory garments supplied against official orders shall be returned to the contractor to be altered to the complete satisfaction of the ordering officer, at the contractor's expense, including forwarding charges each way.

(434/216/90.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

523.

OERLIKON GUNS.

Care must be taken that oerlikon ammunition is properly greased. Ready use ammunition on which the grease has become hard or dirty must be cleaned and re-greased before use, otherwise stoppages will occur.

2. Attention is drawn to the possibility of fuzes working loose. Ready use ammunition is therefore to be inspected periodically to see that the fuzes are screwed hand taut.

3. When a stoppage occurs and the magazine cannot be removed without re-cocking the gun, it must be assumed that a live round has jammed and probably broken up in the breech opening, and the risk of an explosion exists. The magazine must, therefore, be lifted out with great care.

(408/206/1344.)

524.

GRENADES, DRILL No. 36.M.

Supplies of grenades, drill, No. 36.M, have now become available for use in connexion with the training of personnel of small craft.

2. Initial distribution will be effected as follows:—

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Brisbane	24
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin	24
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Townsville	24
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Adelaide	24
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne	24
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Cairns	24
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Thursday Island	24
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Geraldton	24
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Hobart	24
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Moresby	24
Armament Supply Officer, Fremantle—	
For Albany	24
For Fremantle	24

3. Reserve stocks of these drill grenades will be maintained at Sydney.

(471/208/797.)

525.

WAR COMFORTS.

Divisions of the Australian Comforts Fund are established in all States. In addition, Comforts Fund Commissioners have been appointed to Darwin, Milne Bay and Port Moresby, and further appointments will be made as necessary as the war situation develops. Naval personnel in the United Kingdom are serviced by the Commissioner in London, through the Australian Naval Liaison Officer, Australia House, Strand, London, W.C.2. Comforts Fund Commissioners are also operating in Alexandria, Egypt, Jerusalem, Palestine (for Middle East) and Colombo, Ceylon.

2. The following are the designations and addresses of the State Divisions of the Australian Comforts Fund:—

- (a) The Lord Mayor's Patriotic and War Fund (The Honorary Administrator, Town Hall, Sydney).
- (b) The Australian Comforts Fund, Victorian Division (The Honorary Administrator, Box 2258v, G.P.O., Melbourne).
- (c) The Australian Comforts Fund, Queensland Division (The Honorary General Secretary, 310 Adelaide-street, Brisbane).
- (d) The Fighting Forces Comforts Fund in South Australia, Inc. (The Secretary, Box 647r, G.P.O., Adelaide).
- (e) The Naval Welfare and Comforts Fund, Western Australia (The Honorary Secretary, Box H.587, G.P.O., Perth).
- (f) The Australian Comforts Fund, Tasmanian Division (The Honorary Secretary, Box 421b, G.P.O., Hobart).

3. War Comforts for personnel of H.M.A. naval services will be provided generally, by the Australian Comforts Fund. In some States special funds have been created to augment naval requirements but such funds will not affect Australian Comforts Fund activities. In addition to the above, a number of lesser patriotic bodies and groups make donations either in cash or in kind from time to time.

4. H.M.A. ships and establishments are allocated to State Divisions for war comforts purposes, such allocations being based generally on the areas in which they are operating or are situated. The former practice has been discontinued of allocating A.M.S. vessels to the State from which their names are derived. Ships and establishments are divided into the following classes:—

(A) Seagoing or deep-sea vessels,

and

(B) Shore establishments and auxiliary minesweeping vessels, gate and boom ships, channel patrol craft, &c., which, although seagoing, are in reasonably frequent touch with their administrative base parent ships.

Darwin, Thursday Island, Port Moresby, and advanced bases are classified under category "A". Details of and variations in the allocations are promulgated from time to time.

5. *Instructions for Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships, Establishments and Advanced Bases.*

(i) Applications for war comforts and amenities, giving details of requirements, are normally to be made to the Naval Officer-in-Charge at the capital city of the State Division to which the ship is allotted. Where, however, ships are detached from their normal stations, applications may be made to any of the Naval Officers-in-Charge referred to, or where there is no such naval authority, to any commissioner or representative of the Australian Comforts Fund. A copy of all applications for the supply of comforts is to be forwarded to the Director of Victualling. As a general rule, applications are not to be made more frequently than once a month. Direct application by individuals or small groups is not to be made to the Australian Comforts Fund, and that organization has been requested to return any such requests either to the sender or to the commanding officers of the ships in which applicants are serving. Commanding officers are to satisfy themselves that requests are kept within due bounds, in order that equitable distribution of articles, many of which are in short supply, may be achieved over all Forces, and that waste may be avoided. While no absolute restriction is placed on the items which may be applied for, it is desirable that articles of provisions, clothing (other than woollens and sheepskin articles) and furnishings normally available through Service channels should be excluded. In view of the acute shortage of material for making up woollen garments and in order to ensure that the fullest value is obtained from these donations, commanding officers are to take all possible steps to dispose of articles of woollen comforts which are not required, either by transferring them to vessels proceeding to cooler climates, or to a representative of the Australian Comforts Fund, or to the Naval Officer-in-Charge at the most convenient major area.

(ii) Particular attention is directed to Consolidated Orders and Regulations, Article 396, in regard to the acceptance of and accounting for presentations of a valuable and permanent nature, such as cinema outfits, plate, pictures, wireless equipment, &c.

(iii) Receipt of each consignment of war comforts is to be suitably acknowledged direct to the donors, a copy being forwarded to the Director of Victualling. This applies most particularly to gifts from smaller organizations and groups not affiliated with the Australian Comforts Fund. It is pointed out that not only does such letter of appreciation afford satisfaction and pleasure to the donors, but that it enables a check to be maintained on the actual receipt of supplies forwarded through Service channels.

6. *Instructions for the Naval Officer-in-Charge in the Capital City in each State.*

(i) Maintain contact with the Honorary Secretary or Administrator of the War Comforts Fund of the State in which the Naval Officer-in-Charge is located. If desired the services of a Voluntary Civil Liaison Officer may be used, in which case the Division of the Fund is to be informed and supplied with full particulars of such Honorary Officer.

(ii) Communicate to the honorary secretary or administrator details of comforts requested by ships and establishments.

(iii) On learning from the honorary secretary or administrator that comforts are ready for despatch, take action in accordance with the following general rules:—

(a) *Cruisers, Armed Merchant Cruisers, Destroyers, Sloops, Frigates and A.M.S. Vessels.*

(1) The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Sydney; the Director of Victualling, Navy Office; and Naval Officers-in-Charge, Brisbane and Fremantle, are responsible for the despatch of comforts to cruisers, armed merchant cruisers, destroyers, sloops, frigates and Australian mine-sweeping vessels, when such ships are not present in the ports to which they have been allotted. The Naval Officers-in-Charge, Port Adelaide and Hobart are to forward comforts for such ships to the most convenient of the above-mentioned authorities, who will then arrange despatch of the comforts to an appropriate Naval authority ashore for ultimate transmission to the ships. When any ship is in her allotted port, the Naval Officer-in-Charge concerned is to arrange to deliver comforts direct on board such ship.

(2) Inform the ship or establishment concerned of the number of packages to whom consigned, and any information available as to donors.

(3) Packages are not to indicate the name of the ship for which they are intended, but are to be marked with the secret identification numbers applicable to all consignments of naval stores. The interpretations of the code numbers are to be communicated to the consignee under separate secret cover.

(b) *Auxiliary A/S, M/S, Boom and Examination Vessels, &c.*
—Arrange for comforts for any such ships under his administration to be despatched direct to the commanding officer.

(c) *Shore Establishments.*—Arrange for comforts for shore establishments in his State to be consigned direct to the commanding officers or officers-in-charge of such establishments.

(d) Arrange to use free freight whenever practicable. If free freight is not available, instructions regarding despatch are to be sought from the Director of Victualling, Navy Office.

(e) *Ratings Serving in Defensively-equipped Merchant Vessels.*—Special attention is to be paid to the supply of war comforts to naval ratings serving in defensively-equipped merchant vessels, particularly in regard to woollens, sheepskin articles, warm clothing and reading matter.

(f) *British or Allied Naval Vessels or Parties.*—The constitution of the Australian Comforts Fund provides for the inclusion of Allied Naval Forces in its distributions. Requirements are to be represented direct to the State Comforts Fund organization.

(iv) Forward to the Director of Victualling copies of communications which contain details of articles requested and/or supplies, also other important communications with any patriotic or war comforts organization, and to represent to that officer any difficulties met with in the supply of comforts.

7. Careful observance by all concerned of the foregoing instructions will ensure that all personnel of the Royal Australian Navy and visiting British and Allied Naval Vessels will receive an adequate supply of comforts.

8. Navy Orders 321, 361 and 453 of 1942 are cancelled.

(552/201/1079.)

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Commonwealth Navy Orders.

Navy Office, Melbourne,
12th October, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,

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Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
Establishments, and others concerned.*

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526.

PORT DIRECTORS.

The Senior Australian Naval Officer at the under-mentioned places will, in future, be referred to as Port Director instead of Naval Officer-in-Charge or Beachmaster:—

BUNA	MOROBE
GOODENOUGH ISLAND	NASSAU
KIRIWINA ISLAND	ORO BAY
LAE	SALAMAUA
MILNE BAY	WOODLARK ISLAND.

2. Correspondence is to be addressed accordingly.

(1937/2/212.)

527.

APPLICATIONS FROM NAVAL PERSONNEL FOR RELEASE OR LEAVE.

During the period of the war, before applications for discharge or demobilization are forwarded to Navy Office, the man-power authorities of the State concerned are to be consulted as to the merits of the case and their recommendation incorporated.

(535/203/161.)

528.

ADVANCEMENT TO CHIEF RATE—ARTIFICERS, ETC.

As a temporary measure, the qualifying period of service required for advancement to Chief Engine Room Artificer, Chief Electrical Artificer, Chief Ordnance Artificer, and Chief Mechanician, is to be reduced to five years, other necessary qualifications such as possession of certificates and passing of examinations, &c., to remain as at present.

2. Navy Order 232 of 1940 is cancelled.

(568/202/798.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

529.

ISSUES OF CLOTHING TO SURVIVORS.

When loan issues of clothing are made by H.M.A. Ships to survivors, care is to be taken to ensure that the articles are, wherever practicable, withdrawn from men to whom they are lent before leaving H.M.A. Ships.

2. Navy Order 300 of 1943 refers.

(612/211/3306.)

530.

STORAGE OF OILSKIN CLOTHING AND RUBBER SEA BOOTS.

The following instructions for the storage of oilskin clothing and rubber sea boots are promulgated for information and guidance, and Commanding Officers are to ensure that these instructions are observed to the utmost extent possible. Under existing conditions, supplies of oilskin clothing and rubber sea boots are particularly difficult to procure and it is imperative that deterioration due to carelessness in storage be avoided.

Storage of Oilskin Clothing in H.M.A. Ships.

2. Oilskin clothing on board ships should be stored in as dry, cool, and airy a place as is available and as far as possible from boilers, galleys, &c. The articles should be hung up with free access of air around and through them as circumstances permit in order to avoid tackiness, which is more liable to develop when oilskins are packed in confined spaces. The best form of stowage is to hang coats, jackets, and trousers by means of two "S" hooks, to parallel wires or rails, twenty inches apart, the "S" hooks being passed through the hanging loops provided for the purpose on the garments. By this means the garments are opened out. Gloves, sou'westers, and hoods can best be hung by means of one hook.

3. If space permits, the garments should not be stowed closer than 10 items per foot (hoods, 7 per foot). It is, however, better to stow closer, and on single wires by the centre tab, than to leave the garments not hung up. They should not be left in cases or piled in heaps owing to the danger of spontaneous combustion.

Storage of Oilskin Clothing in Shore Establishments.

4. The garments should, whenever possible, be hung up. They should not be left in cases or piled in heaps owing to the danger of spontaneous combustion. If hanging is impossible, they should be spread out loosely so that air can get between them. Coats and jackets can best be hung on coat hangers, or, by means of "S" hooks, to two parallel wires or rails 20 inches apart, the "S" hooks being passed through the hanging loops provided for the purpose on the garments. It is better, however, to hang them by the central loop to a single "S" hook than not to hang them at all. Trousers can be hung by the loops provided to "S" hooks on wires or rails set 20 inches apart. Sou'westers, gloves, and hoods can be hung by "S" hooks on single wires or rails. If space permits, coats, jackets, trousers, sou'westers, and gloves (in pairs), should not be stowed closer than 10 items per foot when hung by means of "S" hooks, and hoods not closer than 7 per foot. It is, however, better to stow closer than this than to leave the garments not hung up. In low-pitched rooms it will be found economical to hang sou'westers, gloves and hoods above coats, jackets and trousers. The drier and cooler the store the better, except that it is desirable that the temperature should not fall below about 50°F. Windows admitting sunlight should be covered with hessian or other fabric, but a good circulation of air is essential.

5. All articles are to be inspected and restored every three months or oftener in hot climates or if the garments are stowed closely. The articles should be examined and any which have become tacky are to be removed and returned to the nearest Victualling Yard for reconditioning. Where storage is prolonged and circumstances permit, coats and jackets on coat hangers should periodically be hung by their loops (on "S" hooks) and vice versa.

Rubber Sea Boots—Storage in H.M.A. Ships and Shore Establishments.

6. Rubber sea boots should be stored in a reasonably dry place with subdued light and at a temperature of about 60°F. Subdued light is necessary since exposure to strong light causes the boots to perish. If kept packed in cases, which is to be avoided where possible, the boots should be inspected frequently as a precaution against unforeseen deterioration.

(434/214/521.)

531.

SUPPLY OF NAVAL ARMAMENT, NAVAL, AND VICTUALLING STORES FOR NAVAL DRAFTS.

Naval Armament, Naval, and Victualling Stores for Naval Drafts, are, whenever practicable, to be supplied suitably packed in wooden cases, the day before sailing if possible. Lids should be easily removable, so that the same cases can be used for the return of the stores.

(502/201/533.)

532.

CHINA, EARTHENWARE, AND GLASSWARE—SHORTAGE OF SUPPLIES.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced at the present time in securing supplies of china, earthenware and glassware to maintain reasonable stocks to permit of complying with demands for replacements received from H.M.A. Ships and Establishments, and of supplying first outfits to new ships commissioning.

2. The position in regard to these supplies is not expected to improve in the near future, and it is essential that all possible care be taken to reduce losses and breakages to a minimum.

3. It is appreciated that some losses and breakages are unavoidable, but Commanding Officers are to impress upon all personnel serving in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments under their command the importance of careful handling of these items with a view to reducing demands for replacements.

(530/201/525.)

533.

NAVAL STORE ACCOUNTING DOCUMENTS.

The procedure outlined in A.F.O. 2776/43 is not to be applied in the R.A.N. at present as it is anticipated that the examination of naval store accounts will be brought up to date in the near future.

2. In the case of H.M.A. Ships only, the vouchers referred to in the A.F.O. up to 30th September, 1942, but not including documents still in current use, should be bundled and placed on deposit charge at the nearest Naval Store Depot, i.e., Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, or Fremantle, the cases being clearly marked with the ship name and an inventory of the contents enclosed therein as a packing note. Vouchers in H.M.A. Naval Depots and Establishments should be retained for the present and stowed to minimize the danger of fire.

3. The vouchers so landed should be shown in detail on an inventory giving particulars of date of ships' bundles, &c., and also serial numbers of books of S.156, 149, 149A and 1091, &c., and dead ledger pages.

4. One copy of the inventory is to be enclosed in the case, one copy forwarded to the Naval Store Officer to whom the case is forwarded, and one copy to the Director of Naval Stores, Navy Office, Melbourne, a copy being also retained on board with the Naval Store Account.

(612/212/2866.)

534.

PAYMENT OF TRADERS' ACCOUNT FOR SUPPLIES TO H.M.A. SHIPS.

The Commonwealth Treasury has decided that, as from 1st November, 1943, payments for supplies and services due to individual traders will be made direct into the trader's bank account and not as hitherto by posting a cheque to the trader's address.

2. For this purpose, where, in accordance with Naval Account Regulations and Instructions, Article 57, accounts are forwarded under Form N.A.5 to be authorized for payment by a Certifying Officer in the State where the account is payable, the following information is to be shown on Forms A.S.22:—

Claimant's Bank .. .. .	.. .. .	(e.g., Commonwealth.
Branch .. .. .	.. .. .	367 Collins-street, Mel-
		bourne) (as the case
		may be.

3. In all cases where it is considered probable that payment will not be made before 1st November, 1943, arrangements should be made with traders to show such information on their invoices to enable it to be shown on Form A.S.22 immediately after the address of the claimant. A rubber stamp may be used for the purpose.

(401/201/3725.)

535.

GIRL GUIDES' HOLIDAY GIFT TO THE R.A.N. PATRIOTIC
FUND OF VICTORIA.

The Girl Guides Association of Victoria has given a sum of £2,000 to be known as the Girl Guides' Holiday Gift to the Royal Australian Naval Patriotic Fund of Victoria. The interest of this sum is to be used for the specific purpose of defraying the cost of yearly holidays in camp for children of naval ratings who reside in Victoria. The amount has been invested in Commonwealth War Bonds, and the interest, amounting to about £65 per annum, should eventually permit approximately 30 boys or girls to benefit each year.

2. The cheque for £2,000 was presented to Admiral Sir Guy Royle, First Naval Member, at a large gathering of Girl Guides and Brownies in the Melbourne Town Hall, at which also were present Lady Dugan, State President of the Girl Guides, Lady Chauvel, State Commissioner for Girl Guides, and the Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

3. Admiral Royle in accepting the gift on behalf of the R.A.N. Patriotic Fund undertook that the generous and thoughtful action of the Girl Guides would be brought to the notice of all naval personnel.

4. A certain number of girls will be invited to join the Girl Guides Camps in Victoria in January, 1944. Any parents wishing to obtain further information with regard to this holiday scheme for their children can obtain particulars from the R.A.N. Family Welfare Bureau, 5th Floor, 34 Queen-street, Melbourne.

(552/201/1090.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

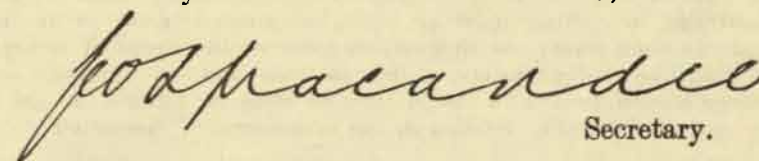
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Commonwealth Navy Orders.

Navy Office, Melbourne,
19th October, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,


Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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536.

DELEGATION OF MINISTER'S POWERS UNDER NATIONAL SECURITY REGULATIONS.

The following delegations of powers under National Security Regulations are hereby promulgated for information:—

(a) (*Commonwealth Gazette* No. 216, dated 1st October, 1943.)

NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

DELEGATION OF POWERS BY MINISTER.

Whereas by section 17 of the *National Security Act 1939-43*, it is provided that any Minister of State may, in relation to any matters or class of matters, or in relation to any particular State or part of Australia, by writing under his hand, delegate all or any of his powers and functions under the Regulations (except this power of delegation) so that the delegated powers or functions may be exercised by the delegate with respect to the matters or class of matters, or the State or part of Australia specified in the instrument of delegation:

Now therefore, I, Norman John Oswald Makin, Minister of State for the Navy, acting for and on behalf of the Minister of State for Defence, do hereby delegate to every officer who shall at any time during the continuance of this delegation be holding the office or performing the duties of the office of Chief of the Naval Staff the powers and functions conferred upon the Minister of State for Defence by Regulations 4 (in respect of areas under the control of the Naval Board), 24 (in respect of shipping only), 45, 45B (in respect of particular ships at ports or places in Australia only), 46 and 47 of the National Security (General) Regulations, in so far as the exercise of such powers and functions is necessary for Naval purposes.

Dated this twenty-first day of September, 1943.

NORMAN J. O. MAKIN,

Minister of State for the Navy, acting for
and on behalf of the Minister of State for Defence.

(b) (*Commonwealth Gazette* No. 216, dated 1st October, 1943.)

NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

DELEGATION OF THE POWERS OF THE MINISTER UNDER REGULATION 45D.

Whereas by section 17 of the *National Security Act 1939-43*, it is provided that any Minister of State may, in relation to any matters or class of matters, or in relation to any particular State or part of Australia, by writing under his hand, delegate all or any of his powers and functions under the Regulations (except this power of delegation) so that the delegated powers or functions may be exercised by the delegate with respect to the matters or class of matters, or the State or part of Australia specified in the instrument of delegation:

Now therefore, I, Norman John Oswald Makin, Minister of State for the Navy, do hereby delegate to every officer who shall at any time during the continuance of this delegation be holding the office or performing the duties of the office of Chief of the Naval Staff, the powers and functions conferred upon me by Regulation 45D of the National Security (General) Regulations with respect to the immobilization of vessels.

Dated this twenty-first day of September, 1943.

NORMAN J. O. MAKIN,
Minister of State for the Navy.

(c) (*Commonwealth Gazette* No. 216, dated 1st October, 1943.)

NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

DELEGATION OF MINISTER'S POWERS UNDER REGULATION 51A.

Whereas by section 17 of the *National Security Act 1939-43*, it is provided that any Minister of State may, in relation to any matters or class of matters, or in relation to any particular State or part of Australia, by writing under his hand, delegate all or any of his powers and functions under the Regulations (except this power of delegation) so that the delegated powers or functions may be exercised by the delegate with respect to the matters or class of matters, or the State or part of Australia specified in the instrument of delegation:

Now therefore, I, Norman John Oswald Makin, Minister of State for the Navy, do hereby delegate to every person holding any of the offices specified hereunder or performing the duties of any of those offices, the powers and functions conferred upon the Minister of State for the Navy by Regulation 51A of the National Security (General) Regulations, in relation to the arrest and holding in custody of seamen, not born in Australia.

LIST OF OFFICES.

Chief of the Naval Staff.
Naval Officer-in-Charge at any Port.

Dated this twenty-first day of September, 1943.

NORMAN J. O. MAKIN,
Minister of State for the Navy.

(d) (*Commonwealth Gazette* No. 216, dated 1st October, 1943.)

NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

DELEGATION OF THE POWERS OF THE MINISTER UNDER REGULATION 64.

Whereas by section 17 of the *National Security Act* 1939-43, it is provided that any Minister of State may, in relation to any matters or class of matters, or in relation to any particular State or part of Australia, by writing under his hand, delegate all or any of his powers and functions under the Regulations (except this power of delegation) so that the delegated powers or functions may be exercised by the delegate with respect to the matters or class of matters, or the State or part of Australia specified in the instrument of delegation:

Now therefore, I, Norman John Oswald Makin, Minister of State for the Navy, do hereby delegate to every officer who shall at any time during the continuance of this delegation be holding any of the offices specified hereunder or performing the duties of any of those offices, the powers and functions conferred upon me by Regulation 64 of the National Security (General) Regulations with reference to the traffic at ports in Australia.

LIST OF OFFICES.

Chief of the Naval Staff.

Naval Officer-in-Charge at any Port.

Dated this twenty-first day of September, 1943.

NORMAN J. O. MAKIN,
Minister of State for the Navy.

(e) (*Commonwealth Gazette* No. 216, dated 1st October, 1943.)

NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

DELEGATION OF THE POWERS OF THE MINISTER UNDER REGULATION 66.

Whereas by section 17 of the *National Security Act* 1939-43, it is provided that any Minister of State may, in relation to any matters or class of matters, or in relation to any particular State or part of Australia, by writing under his hand, delegate all or any of his powers and functions under the Regulations (except this power of delegation) so that the delegated powers or functions may be exercised by the delegate with respect to the matters or class of matters, or the State or part of Australia specified in the instrument of delegation:

Now therefore, I, Norman John Oswald Makin, Minister of State for the Navy, do, in relation to all matters necessary for the purpose of executing any naval operation or control, hereby delegate to every officer who shall, at any time during the continuance of this delegation, be holding any of the offices specified hereunder or performing the duties of any of those offices, the powers and functions conferred upon me by Regulation 66 of the National Security (General) Regulations.

LIST OF OFFICES.

Chief of the Naval Staff.

Naval Officer-in-Charge at any Port.

Dated this twenty-first day of September, 1943.

NORMAN J. O. MAKIN,
Minister of State for the Navy.

537.

SYDNEY COMMAND.

With reference to Navy Order 11 of 1943, it is pointed out that *H.M.A.S. Penguin* is the Base Depot for Sydney, and personnel on leave, absent on sailing and for disposal, should be discharged to that ship and not to *H.M.A. Ships Rushcutter* or *Kuttabal*.

(404/201/573.)

538.

CONFIRMATION AND PROVISIONAL PROMOTION OF R.A.N.R. AND R.A.N.V.R. OFFICERS IN TIME OF WAR.

The conditions contained in Naval Reserve Regulations and Instructions, Articles 51, 54, 56, 57, 59 and 67, concerning the confirmation and provisional promotion of R.A.N.R. and R.A.N.V.R. Officers in time of war are cancelled as from 1st October, 1943. The conditions for promotion as set out in the under-mentioned A.F.O's. will apply to officers who were appointed to the R.A.N.R. and R.A.N.V.R. (other than Special Branch) on or after the dates indicated:—

A.F.O. 489/40 as amended by A.F.O. 3237/41—1st September, 1940.

A.F.O. 3237/41, A.F.O. 2731/42 and A.F.O. 3963/42—1st December, 1942.

A.F.O. 6000/42—1st October, 1943.

2. The conditions governing promotion of officers of the Special Branch contained in A.F.O. 3237/41, pages 19 and 20, are adopted for the Special Branch, R.A.N.V.R., as from the 1st January, 1943, with the following exceptions, namely:—

(a) An officer of the Accountant Branch under 25 years of age, transferred to the Special Branch from the rank of Probationary Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant or Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant prior to the 1st October, 1943, may be promoted to Lieutenant (Sp.), if he is recommended by his Commanding Officer on attaining two years' seniority including probationary time, and has a satisfactory record and report.

(b) An officer over the age of 30 years, appointed to the Accountant Branch on or after 1st December, 1942, and transferred to the Special Branch from the rank of Probationary Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant or Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant prior to 1st October, 1943, may be promoted to Lieutenant (Sp.), on completion of nine months' mobilized service in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant or equivalent rank including probationary time, and if he holds the confirmed rank of Sub-Lieutenant (Sp.) and is recommended by his Commanding Officer.

(c) A Sub-Lieutenant (Sp.), appointed or promoted to that rank on or after 1st December, 1942, may be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant (Sp.), if he has attained the age of 30 years, holds the confirmed rank of Sub-Lieutenant (Sp.), has completed nine months' mobilized service as Sub-Lieutenant (Sp.) including acting and probationary time, and is recommended by his Commanding Officer.

3. Officers of the Special Branch, however, appointed on or after 1st October, 1943, will be promoted, in accordance with the conditions set out in A.F.O. 6000/42.

(586/201/807.)

539.

LANDING CRAFT SIGNALMAN (SIG. L.C.)—INSTITUTION OF NON-SUBSTANTIVE RATE.

It has been decided to introduce a new non-substantive rating of Landing Craft Signalman (Short Title—Sig. L.C.) carrying an allowance of 3d. a day.

2. Leading seamen, able seamen and ordinary seamen who qualify after a course in H.M.A.S. *Assault* may be granted the non-substantive rate and be credited the allowance while employed on these duties in landing craft. The rate, however, must be relinquished if a rating reverts to General Service.

3. Men holding this non-substantive rating will wear a distinctive badge, crossed flags with L.C. below, and necessary issues as provided for in paragraph 6 of A.F.O. 686/43 should be made when supplies become available.

4. Conditions of this Navy Order will be operative as from 5th October, 1943, and amendment to Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions will be promulgated in due course.

(349/16/337.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

540.

FAIRMILE PERSONNEL—PERIODICAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF.

In view of the nature of the accommodation provided in Fairmile vessels, a routine medical examination of personnel is to be carried out at intervals of not longer than two months.

2. Commanding Officers of these vessels are to make arrangements to have this carried out by Naval Medical Officers at the most convenient opportunity.

3. The examining medical officer is to forward a report on any abnormal condition of health found on examination, together with any suggestions for maintaining the health of the personnel.

(527/211/1936.)

541.

DRAFT ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS.

The attention of all concerned is drawn to paragraph 3 of Navy Order 441 of 1942.

2. The following new paragraph is to be added to that Order:—

“4. The granting of leave to ratings appropriated from one ship to another is entirely a matter for arrangement between the ships concerned. Only the fact that leave has been granted is to be reported to The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot.”

(520/201/1136.)

542.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION REGARDING CONJUGAL STATE OF SERVICE PERSONNEL.

Any inquiries which may be received in H.M.A. Ships, Establishments and Offices from Registrars of Marriages or Clergymen in Australia, seeking information regarding the conjugal state of Naval personnel are to be referred to the Secretary, Naval Board, for reply direct, an interim communication being forwarded to the inquirer to that effect.

(526/201/166.)

543.

ADDRESS OF R.N. SHIPS AND AUTHORITIES.

Arrangements have been made with the Post Office for mail addressed to all H.M. ships, and R.N. sea-going authorities located outside the United Kingdom, to be forwarded to the Australian Fleet Mail Officer, Navy Office, for onward transmission.

2. Correspondence for the above should be addressed c/o British Fleet Mail, e.g. :—

The Commodore (D),
Eastern Fleet,
c/o British Fleet Mail.

and *not* to any particular place.

(563/201/1053.)

544.

PTERYGIUM—CANDIDATES SUFFERING FROM TO BE MEDICALLY REJECTED.

In future, the condition of Pterygium is to be included amongst the conditions referred to in Recruiting Instructions, Appendix D, Section II (*d*), as "disease of the Eyes and Eyelids."

2. Applicants for entry into the Navy suffering from this condition are in future to be rejected as unfit.

(527/202/397.)

545.

MISALIGNMENT BETWEEN ENGINES AND PROPELLER SHAFTING.

In, small wooden vessels such as Fairmiles, H.D.M.L's., N.A.P.'s., C.P.B's. and miscellaneous types, misalignment of engine and propeller shafting may develop from shrinkage, warping, and settling down of hulls after commissioning.

2. To avoid trouble from this cause, the coupling between the engine and propeller shaft is to be parted, and the alignment checked periodically.

3. In new vessels, this is to be done one month after commissioning, and thereafter at intervals not exceeding six months.

4. In old vessels, the examination is to be made at the first suitable opportunity, and subsequently at periods not exceeding six months.

5. Prior to making this check of alignment, the tightness of the engine holding-down bolts is to be verified.

6. If the peripheries of coupling flanges are more than 1/16 inch out of line in any direction, or if the coupling faces are out of parallel by more than 1/1000 inch per inch diameter, the engine and shafting are to be re-aligned.

7. If any engines concerned are fitted with sleeve couplings, the coupling should be loosened and slid aft, clear of the joint. Alignment of the bare shafts is then to be checked with a steel straight-edge, and should be within the limits stated.

(656/201/262.)

546.

HEELING ERROR INSTRUMENTS FOR D.G. PURPOSES.

With reference to A.F.O. 2701/43, approval has been given to the supply of 1 No. Patt. 5 Heeling Error Instrument to the Naval Officer-in-Charge at the under-mentioned Ports for the use of the Degaussing Staff Officer in testing compass corrector coils:—

Sydney.
Port Melbourne.
Port Adelaide.
Fremantle.
Darwin.
Townsville.
Brisbane.

2. Supply of this instrument to the Naval Officers-in-Charge concerned will be effected without demand by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney, as early as possible.

(612/226/1193.)

547.

NAVAL STORES—INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS SHIPMENTS, AND CONSIGNMENTS BY RAIL AND AIR FREIGHT TO NAVAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN VICTORIA.

All interstate, intra-state and overseas shipments of Naval Stores forwarded to Melbourne for Navy Office; Flinders Naval Depot; Port Melbourne and Williamstown Naval Depots; Mine Depot, Swan Island; and H.M.A. Ships, are in future to be consigned to the Officer-in-Charge, Naval Store Depot, 344 City-road, South Melbourne, and not to the Director of Naval Stores, Navy Office, as hitherto.

2. Consignments by goods and passenger rail and air freight to the above-mentioned Establishments with the exception of Navy Office are, however, to continue to be consigned direct. Packages for Navy Office forwarded by rail and air freight are to be consigned to the Officer-in-Charge, Naval Store Depot, 344 City-road, South Melbourne. Packages intended for H.M.A. Ships and forwarded by rail are to be consigned to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne.

3. All consignments by sea or rail for the Naval Dockyard, Williamstown, are to continue to be consigned direct to the General Manager.

4. C.O.R., Article 531, clause 1, will be amended in R.I. Series in due course.

(612/201/5358.)

548.

OUTFIT GRATUITIES ON CHANGE OF CLASS OF UNIFORM.

The following increased outfit gratuities shall be paid on change of class of uniform and shall apply from the date of this Order.

	£	s.	d.
(a) to petty officers dressed as seamen on promotion to chief petty officer	13	3	0
(b) to petty officers, with one year's service as such and confirmed in that rating, required to change from Class II to Class III uniform	12	15	0
(c) to other men on transfer to ratings for which a change of uniform to Class III is required .. and	12	13	0
(d) to other men on transfer to ratings for which a change of uniform to Class II is required ..	7	14	9

2. When a rating is required to change class of uniform and is paid an outfit gratuity as prescribed in paragraph 1, articles of kit of the old rating which are no longer required as compulsory kit for the new rating are to be withdrawn and taken on charge by the Accountant Officer in his clothing account. Such of the articles as are in new condition and fit for sale at the fixed issuing price are to be dealt with accordingly and articles which are considered to be suitable for resale at two-thirds of the fixed issuing price are to be valued at that rate, taken on charge separately, and offered for sale at two-thirds of the fixed issuing price. The articles thus offered for sale are to be marked with the "Declared Clothing" stamp before sale. Articles unfit for issue and unsaleable are to be returned as unserviceable to the nearest Victualling Yard or Depot for disposal in the usual way. This procedure will also apply as far as possible to the kit recovered from any member, e.g. when discharged for disciplinary reasons.

3. The necessary amendment of Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Articles 51 and 52 will be promulgated in due course. In the meantime, Articles 51 and 52 are to be suitably endorsed.

(407/212/516.)

549.

RETENTION OF KIT ON DISCHARGE.

The revised procedure set forth below in regard to retention of kit on discharge is to be brought into operation forthwith and is to apply irrespective of length of service.

2. The instructions are applicable to all members of the Royal Australian Navy—male and female—appointed, enlisted or mobilized for full-time service.

3. The necessary amendment of Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 59 will be promulgated in due course. In the meantime Article 59 is to be suitably endorsed.

REVISED PROCEDURE.

- (a) Unless discharged for disciplinary reasons, all outer garments including head gear, greatcoats and waterproof coats may be retained. *Loan clothing issues (including items of bedding on loan issue to Reservists and of all ratings discharged within two years of entry or re-entry) are to be recovered.*
- (b) If discharged for disciplinary reasons, all articles referred to in (a) are to be recovered. Such personnel may, however, if they so request, be permitted to retain their waterproof coat, or, in the case of an officer, be issued with a second-hand waterproof coat if available.
- (c) All personnel including personnel discharged for disciplinary reasons may retain their personal issues of compulsory kit, i.e., underclothing, footwear, brushware, hosiery, towels, pullovers, shorts, shirts, collars, ties, kit bags, &c.

(434/201/3339.)

550.

FOOTBALL BOOTS.

H.M.A. Ships and Establishments may obtain requirements of football boots for Service needs by special demand on Royal Edward Victualling Yard, Sydney.

(420/201/1004.)

551.

SUPPLY OF BREAD AT MELBOURNE.

With reference to Navy Order 511 of 1943, appended are details of contract rates for the supply of bread at Melbourne—

Period 1st June—30th November, 1943.

Contractor—Northern Bakeries Pty. Ltd., Edward-street, East Brunswick.

Bread, white—100 lb., 13s. 6d. net.

Bread, wholemeal (made from 50 per cent. wholemeal flour)—100 lb., 13s. 3d. net.

Price Fluctuation.—The above prices shall be deemed to have been based on the price of flour at £12 17s. 6d. per ton of 2,000 lb., and the price of bread shall be subject to an increase or decrease at the rate of 9d. per 100 lb. for each £1 per ton rise or fall in the price of flour and proportionately for any greater or lesser increase or decrease in prices.

(668/201/2612.)

552.

H.M.A. VICTUALLING YARD, PORT MELBOURNE.

The headquarters of the Victualling Store establishments located in Melbourne have been transferred to H.M.A. Victualling Yard, Station-street, Port Melbourne.

2. Correspondence is to be addressed to the Officer-in-Charge.
3. Telephone numbers are MX5626 and MX1745.

(563/201/1224.)

553.

PAYMENT OF CONTRACTORS' CLAIMS IN CONNEXION WITH FUNERALS.

Provision has been made in Army Estimates 1934-44 to cover all expenditure in connexion with the functions of the Directorate of Graves Registration, including funeral expenses of Naval personnel.

2. Funeral Directors will continue to render their claims direct to the Naval Officer-in-Charge and, after certification as to correctness of the services, the claims should be forwarded to the local office of the Directorate of Graves Registration, Department of the Army, for settlement.

(446/201/761.)

554.

SUSPENSION OF ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN WAR DEPARTMENTS AND STATE RAILWAYS.

The Treasury has approved that all War Departments may dispense with claims on State Railways for loss of or damage to stores whilst in transit, provided the amount involved in respect of such loss or damage in any one instance does not exceed ten shillings.

(401/221/965.)

555.

LIFE SAVING APPLIANCES—REPORTS.

Ships and Administrative Authorities which have not already complied with Navy Order 252 of 1943 are to do so at the earliest possible date.

(612/231/301.)

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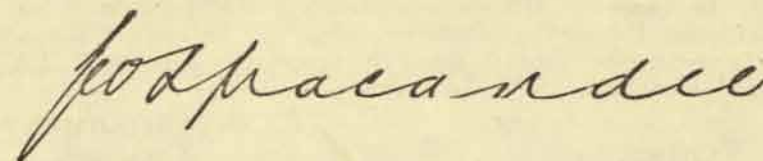
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Navy Office, Melbourne,

26th October, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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556.

INSPECTION OF SERVICE CERTIFICATES.

It has been brought to notice that the Service Certificates of personnel contain many discrepancies such as assessments omitted, good conduct badges not awarded when due, &c.

2. With reference to K.R. and A.I. Article 608, clause 5, Naval Officers-in-Charge should ensure that Service Certificates are inspected in order to rectify any irregularities therein.

(453/202/930.)

557.

BRITISH—U.S. COMMUNICATIONS—FLAGS.

In connection with the introduction in the Royal Australian Navy of joint British-U.S. Communications, the authorized allowances of American type Signal Flags of the appropriate sizes for H.M.A. Ships and Establishments are as follows:—

SHIPS.

Cruisers, 2 sets each.
L.S.P's, 2 sets each.
Leaders and Destroyers, 2 sets each.
Sloops, 2 sets each.
Platypus, 2 sets each.
Bungaree, 2 sets each.
Frigates, 2 sets each.
A.M.S. Vessels, 2 sets each.

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Fairfax, 2 sets, each.
Oro Bay, 2 sets each.
Ladava, 2 sets each.
Basilisk, 2 sets each.
Port War Signal Stations, 1 set each.
War Signal Stations at Darwin, and in Torres Strait and New Guinea Areas, 1 set each.

2. A "set" of U.S. flags referred to above consists of the following:—

Corpen	1	Sopus	1
Deploy	1	4th Repeat ..	1
Desig	1	One	1
Emerg	1	Two	1
Form	1	Three	1
Posit	1	Four	1
Speed	1	Five	1
Turn	1	Six	1
Div	1	Seven	1
Sect	1	Eight	1
Squad	1	Nine	1
Flot	1	Zero	1
Ans	1	B.U.S.	1

3. Supply of flags to complete the authorized allowance will be effected by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney, as soon as stocks become available.

(476/201/711.)

558.

PIONEERS' TOOLS FOR LANDING PARTIES.

As from the date of this Order the following stores are to be transferred from the Naval Armament Store Account to the Naval Store Account.

2. Stocks in Naval Armament Depots are to be transferred to the nearest Naval Store Depot.

3. Admiralty Fleet Order 2273/43 refers.

LIST OF STORES TO BE TRANSFERRED.

Augers, screw, bullnosed or solid wing, eyed 2 in. 17½ in. long.	Handles, for Augers.
Augers, screw, common or solid wing eyed 1 in. x 17 in. long.	Handles, file, large.
Axes, felling (helved).	Handles, file, small.
Axes, hand 2 lb. (helved).	Hooks, bill, (handled).
Axes, pick, 8 lb. with 36 in. helve.	Hooks, reaping, large (handled).
Bars, pinching, 2 ft. 10 in.	Mauls, Mk. V, with 34½ in. helve.
Cases, axe hand.	Pliers, side cutting 7 in. pairs.
Cases, tools, Pioneer No. 1.	Rules, 2 ft., four-fold.
Cases, tools, Pioneer No. 2.	Saws, cross-cut, 3 ft. single handed.
Chisels, cold.	Saws, hand, 18 in. or 20 in.
Cutters, wire.	Screwdrivers, 12 in.
Files, bastard 10 in. halfround.	Sets, cold (large or small).
Files, saw, 3 square, hand 5 in.	Sets, saw, hand.
Frogs, cutter wire.	Shovels, G.S. (helved).
Gloves, hedging, pairs.	Shovels, R.E. or Universal (helved).
Hammers, claw, 20 oz. or 24 oz. (handled).	Spanners, adjustable, 11 in.
Hammers, miners, boring, 5 lb. (handled).	Tapes, measuring, metallic, woven, 100 ft. (in leather box).

(402/201/222.)

559.

GUN MOUNTINGS—40 M.M. BOFORS.

In future a mixture of glycerine and distilled water in equal parts is to be used in the buffer cylinders of single 40 m.m. Bofors guns when mounted in ships.

2. The periodical test of liquid, and the inspection of buffer cylinders are to be carried out by ordnance staffs as for other gun mountings.

(490/212/918.)

560.

DEPTH CHARGE TRAPS—MODIFICATION TO CHECK PAWLS.

With reference to Admiralty Fleet Order 2388/43, H.M.A. Ships fitted with depth charge rails are to insert an item in their pink defect list to cover the modification of check pawls of depth charge traps, in accordance with A.F.O. diagram 170/43, during their next refit.

2. Ships are to render a report to Navy Office when this work has been completed.

(471/205/1912.)

561.

A.M.S. VESSELS—LANDING OF AWNINGS, ETC.

Approval has been given for the forecastle awnings supplied to A.M.S. (Bathurst class) Vessels, to be returned to store at the appropriate Naval Store Depots. The awnings should be surveyed in the usual manner, and brought to arisings in order that the canvas may be utilised for other purposes.

2. Curtains, carpets and cretonnes already landed from these vessels in connection with the reduction of inflammable materials to avoid risk of fire, should also be surveyed in the usual manner.

(603/267/1330.)

562.

WARRANTY PERIOD FOR CANNED MEATS.

The conditions of warranty of canned meats produced for Service requirements on and after 1st July, 1943, have been amended to read as follows:—

“1. The Supplier warrants that the goods supplied under this contract shall keep sound and wholesome in any place or ship for a period of * from the last day of the month in which the goods are finally inspected, cased and passed on account of the Commonwealth. Provided that the Commonwealth may (without being under any legal liability so to do) release the Supplier from any breach of the said warranty if the Supplier satisfies the Commonwealth that in all the circumstances there are reasonable grounds for such release.

2. The Commonwealth may within the said period of * condemn any goods which fail to comply with the said warranty. The supplier shall thereupon remove the goods so condemned within such reasonable period as is specified by the Commonwealth and in default thereof or if removal by the Supplier is impracticable the Commonwealth may

* Canned Corned Beef, 2 years; Canned Corned Mutton, 2 years; and all other packs, 1 year.

dispose of the goods so condemned in such manner as it thinks fit, provided that wherever practicable the Commonwealth will return to the Supplier a sample or samples of the condemned goods if so desired by the Supplier.

3. The Supplier shall where the amount involved in any condemnation is £1 or more and unless released from the said warranty as aforesaid, at the option of the Commonwealth forthwith on being requested in that behalf by the Commonwealth—

(a) At the Supplier's expense supply to the Commonwealth contract goods in full replacement of the goods so condemned and deliver such goods to such place as the Commonwealth directs, provided that the proportion (if any) of the expense of such delivery which exceeds the expense of delivery of the goods so condemned shall be borne by the Commonwealth or—

(b) Pay to the Commonwealth an amount being the cost to the Commonwealth of the goods so condemned together with all charges and expenses incurred by the Commonwealth in relation thereto.

4. The provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 hereof shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the contract goods delivered to the Commonwealth by the Supplier in replacement of the goods so condemned.”

(668/201/2299.)

563.

REVISED FIXED ISSUING PRICE LIST FOR PROVISIONS.

The fixed issuing price list for provisions (vide C.O.R., Article 420) has been amended and a revised fixed issuing price list became operative as from 1st September, 1943.

2. The following additional items of dry provisions have been included in this Revised Price List:—

Meat Extract
Fish Paste

Pure Fruit Juices:

Lemon
Orange
Pineapple
Tomato Juice
Lamb and Green Peas
Meat Paste
Meat and Vegetable Ration
Pork Loaf
Beef Sausages, Canned
Pork Sausages, Canned
Sausages and Vegetables, Canned
Powdered Milk
Icing Sugar
Vegemite
Marmite

Dehydrated Vegetables:

Carrots
Cabbage
Beetroot
Onions
Parsnips
Potatoes

Vegetables, Tinned:

Cabbage
Other Varieties.

3. The necessary amendments to C.O.R., Articles 420 and 433, are in course of issue.

(407/215/243.)

564.

SUPPLEMENTARY FIXED ISSUING PRICE LIST FOR PROVISIONS.

With a view to effecting an improvement in the standard of victualling for personnel on repayment victualling in certain areas where considerable fluctuation in costs of essential fresh provisions occur, the Naval Board recently decided to issue a Supplementary Fixed Issuing Price List operative as from 1st July, 1943.

2. Details of the items involved and the prices applicable are appended :-

Article.			Rate.
<i>Fruit, Fresh.</i>			
Apples, cooking	..	..	13s. 9d. per case.
Apples, eating	..	..	13s. 9d. per case.
Bananas	..	..	0s. 10d. per doz.
Lemons	..	..	22s. 9d. per case.
Oranges	..	..	23s. 0d. per case.
Pears, cooking	..	..	15s. 3d. per case.
Pears, eating	..	..	15s. 3d. per case.
Pineapples	..	..	0s. 9½d. each
<i>Meat, Fresh or Frozen.</i>			
Beef, corned brisket	..	..	0s. 5½d. per lb.
Mutton—			
Legs	..	..	0s. 6½d. per lb.
Loins	..	..	0s. 5d. per lb.
Lamb—			
Chops	..	..	0s. 8½d. per lb.
Legs	..	..	0s. 6½d. per lb.
Pork, corned	..	..	0s. 11d. per lb.
Sausages—Belgian	..	..	0s. 7½d. per lb.
Veal Cutlets	..	..	0s. 8½d. per lb.
<i>Vegetables, Fresh.</i>			
Beetroot	..	..	0s. 2d. per lb.
Celery	..	..	0s. 5½d. per lb.
Lettuce	..	..	0s. 5½d. per lb.
Silver Beet	..	..	0s. 2½d. per lb.
Tomatoes	..	..	0s. 4½d. per lb.
Yeast, compressed	..	..	0s. 8½d. per lb.

3. The above-quoted prices are maximum rates, and issues are to be effected at actual cost when such prices are lower than those shown.

4. The application of the foregoing prices is confined to the personnel indicated hereunder who are on repayment victualling:—

- (i) Personnel in ships and activities operating north of Brisbane.
- (ii) Personnel in ships operating in West Australian waters and in activities north of Fremantle, where regular replenishments of fresh provisions cannot be obtained from Fremantle.
- (iii) Personnel of War Signal Stations and Coast Watching Stations throughout the Commonwealth (excepting Thursday Island Group which is at present on the General Mess System).

(407/215/243.)

565.

DIAGONAL SERGE.

With reference to Navy Order 332 of 1943, as facilities now exist in Queensland for the purchase by ratings of made-to-measure diagonal serge suits, vide Navy Order 522 of 1943, the suspension of the repayment issue of diagonal serge is henceforth operative in all States.

2. Navy Order 332 of 1943 is to be suitably endorsed.

(433/201/761.)

566.

BOOKS AND FORMS.

First supplies of the undermentioned publications have been distributed. Further supplies of B.R. 646 Series are being obtained to complete distribution:—

B.R.663 (2).—Electrical Instructions for Searchlight Trial.
(A.F.O. 1387/43.)
(571/202/1640.)

B.R.235.—Medical Manual of Chemical Warfare.
(A.F.O. 1750/43.)
(571/202/1660.)

B.R.644.—Blank Grid.

B.R.644 (B).—Q.F. 4.7 in. Marks IX, IX*, IX**, and XII,
Gun, Fuze 206, to Range Table No. 405.

B.R.644 (E).—Q.F. 4-in., Mark XVI, Gun, to Range Table No.
373A.

B.R.644 (G).—Q.F. 4-in., Mark V, Gun, Fuze 198, Mark II, to
Range Table No. 429.

B.R.644 (H).—3-in., 20 cwt. Gun, Fuze 198, Mark III, to Range
Table No. 396.

B.R.644 (J).—Q.F., 12 pdr., 12 cwt. Mark I, Gun, with H.E.
Mark IXB, Shell Fuze 198, Mark II, to Range Table No.
480.

(C.A.F.O. 601/42.)
(571/202/1672.)

B.R.776.—Handbook for Vickers, 0.303-in., G.O. No. 1, Mark
I, Gun.

(A.F.O. 2207/43.)
(571/202/1714.)

- B.R.646.—Instructions for Glider Target Range using Thompson Gun.
(A.F.O. 1264/43.)
(571/202/1736.)
- B.R.824.—A.A. Equipment Maintenance Task Tables No. 7 (Light) Ordnance Q.F., 40 m.m. A.A.
(A.F.O. 1984/43.)
(571/202/1756.)
- B.R.630.—Handbook for Echo-Sounding Set Type 754.
(A.F.O. 1620/43.)
(571/202/1757.)
- B.R.232A.—Morse Card.
(A.F.O. 5474/42.)
(571/202/1698.)
- B.R.813.—Notes on the Smith and Wesson 9 m.m. Self-Loading Carbine.
(A.F.O. 2564/43.)
(571/202/1773.)
- B.R.788.—Drill for 4-in. Q.F. Mark V, Gun, on H.A., Marks III, III*, III**, and IV Mountings.
(A.F.O. 2320/43.)
(571/202/1780.)
- A.P. 1927 (Late C.D.75 (2).)—Air Force Code and Naval Section No. 1.
(571/201/3924.)
- Victory Magazine Vol. I No. 1.
(571/201/3945.)
- Aircraft Recognition Journal, Vol 1 No. 6.
(415/201/1879.)
- R.A.A.F. Diagrams.*
250 M 5 Japanese Aircraft—Operational in S.W.P.A.
250 M 6 Allied Aircraft—Fighters to Observation and Reconnaissance.
250 M 7 Allied Aircraft—Dive Bombers to Patrol Bombers.
250 P 1 Allied Aircraft.
250 P 2 Japanese Aircraft—Operational in S.W.P.A.
(480/201/2379.)

567.

CORRIGENDUM.

Paragraph 1 of Navy Order 404 of 1943 is to be amended as follows:—

For the words "Establishments other than in Sydney" read "all Establishments other than Garden Island, Darling Island, the R. E. V. Yard and Armament Depots, Sydney."

(612/217/1243.)

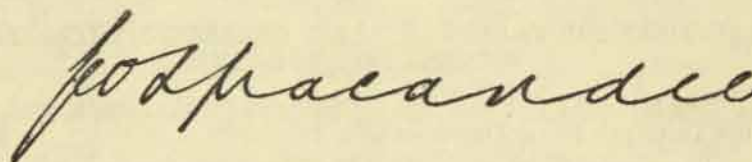
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Secretary.

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and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
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568.

USE OF UNION JACK OR AUSTRALIAN FLAG AT FUNERALS OF MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICES.

The use of the Union Jack as a pall at the funerals of members of the Australian Forces is a time-honoured custom, and, in view of the fact that this Flag is the common symbol of the nations comprising the British Commonwealth, it is appropriate that it should be used as a last honour paid to a deceased sailor, soldier or airman of any nation which is a member of that Commonwealth.

2. Any request by the next of kin of any deceased member of the Australian Forces for the use of the Australian Flag either alone or with the Union Jack should however be granted without question.

(476/201/704.)

569.

DIRECTIONS FOR PRINCIPAL NAVAL OVERSEERS, OVERSEERS AND INSPECTING OFFICERS.

1. The following directions are promulgated for the general guidance of the Principal Naval Overseers and their staffs.

2. The provisions of O.U.5332/37—"Procedure for Supervision of Ships and Vessels Building and Completing at Contractors' Yards"—are to be complied with, where applicable.

3. (i) It is the duty of overseers to render all possible assistance and advice to contractors for the purpose of procuring the efficient, economical and expeditious completion of the work. It is not sufficient to ensure that materials used and the standard of workmanship are satisfactory. They are to bring to the notice of the contractor, and report, if necessary, to the Principal Overseer, or to the Director of Engineering (Naval), any wastage or improper use of labour and/or materials which they may observe.

(ii) It is the responsibility of the accounts inspecting officer to check the accounts and records of the contractor, if payment for performance of the work is being made on a cost-plus basis, and provided that he is satisfied with the result of his examination to certify that the charges are correct and proper and in accordance with the books of the contractor. He relies upon recorded details and depends upon the overseers to safeguard the interests of the Commonwealth against improper or irregular practice on the part of the contractor.

4. (i) The Naval Board have rendered to a number of contractors financial assistance towards the procurement of building berth equipment, machinery and plant. All items, which have been purchased at the expense of the Naval Board, remain Commonwealth property. An inventory of such items is to be prepared and maintained by the contractor and one copy each is to be furnished to and retained by the Naval Board, the contractor and the Principal Naval Overseer.

(ii) The Ministry of Munitions through the Australian Shipbuilding Board has also provided similar equipment to contractors. The foregoing directions apply only to the items supplied and paid for by the Naval Board.

5. Items such as patterns, jigs, gauges, loose tools, shores, blocks, &c., especially acquired for the contract are chargeable as direct expenditure. Many of such items are only partially expended on the work. On completion of the work for which such items are acquired, their residual value is to be assessed by agreement between the contractor and overseer, and the Commonwealth credited with the amount so agreed upon.

6. It is the policy of the Naval Board to obtain, whenever practicable, firm quotations from contractors. For special reasons, however, the Naval Board sometimes agree to make payments for the first order on a contractor upon a cost-plus basis. Payment for repeat orders shall not exceed the ascertained cost of the previous order, subject to adjustments for variations in wages, cost of materials and alterations to specifications. For such orders, so that the cost of each order may be accurately determined, the overseer is to obtain from the contractor a list of the items of non-recurrent expenditure such as some of those referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5. A copy of the list is to be retained by the contractor, the accounts inspecting officer, and the overseer, who is to forward a copy through the Naval Officer-in-Charge to the Naval Board for retention. Such expenditure will be allocated against all the work upon which the items listed have been utilized and will not be treated as part of the cost of the first order.

7. (i) The present policy of the Naval Board is that contractors engaged on Naval Construction, including those manufacturing main engines, boilers, auxiliary machinery, boats and other equipment to be supplied to the shipbuilder by the Naval Board, and their sub-contractors, are not required to insure Commonwealth property. The Commonwealth indemnifies such contractors against loss or damage caused by insurable risks.

(ii) Attention is drawn to Appendix IV of O.U.5332/37 mentioned in paragraph 2.

(iii) All claims made by reason of the indemnity are to be forwarded through the Naval Officer-in-Charge to the Naval Board with a report by the overseer and accounts inspecting officer commenting upon the cause and circumstances of the loss or damage, the reasonableness of the amount claimed, and stating whether the contractors and/or their employees are considered to be culpable of negligence.

(iv) Conditions of contracts for Naval construction stipulate that the vessel and machinery as have from time to time been constructed, and everything belonging to them, and all materials, equipment, fittings, articles and things which shall have been bought or made for them, shall vest in and be the absolute property of the Commonwealth and the said materials, equipment, fittings, articles and things shall be and be regarded as part of the constructed hull and machinery.

(v) As soon as practicable after any materials, equipment, fittings, articles and things are acquired or made for the purpose of the contract, they shall, if capable of being so marked, be marked as the property of the Commonwealth to the satisfaction of the overseer.

8. The vesting clause quoted in paragraph 7 (iv) ensures that all work done and all materials acquired become from the outset Commonwealth property and as such are exempt from customs duty, primage and sales tax.

9. The foregoing directions are specifically applicable to Naval construction, but may be used for guidance in the supervision of all work for which the Principal Naval Overseer is responsible.

(404/201/629.)

570.

PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION FOR THE RANK OF WARRANT ELECTRICIAN. R.A.N.

The next professional examination for the rank of warrant electrician will be held in March, 1944.

2. The Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships and Naval Establishments are requested to forward to Navy Office, not later than 1st January, 1944, the names of candidates desirous of sitting for this examination. Blank returns are required.

3. Before a candidate is allowed to take the examination, his Commanding Officer is to ensure that he has fulfilled the conditions of K.R. & A.I. Article 314, clause 2.

(465/207/1225.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

571.

SUPPLY RATINGS.

The following amendment is to be made to paragraph 2 of Navy Order 484 of 1943:—

Delete the word "signal" and substitute "letter."

(349/19/116.)

572.

FITTING OF SPARE 20 M.M. OERLIKON BARRELS.

On receipt of spare 20 m.m. Oerlikon barrels in ships where no ordnance artificer is borne, arrangements are to be made with the nearest Naval Officer-in-Charge for the Base Ordnance Staff to fit the new barrels to allow interchangeability with all mountings on board.

2. When assembling Oerlikon barrels, a too liberal supply of oil or grease at the position immediately in rear of the interrupted threads will, after prolonged firing, cause difficulty in unshipping the barrel.

(490/212/894.)

573.

ISSUE OF CONSUMABLE NAVAL STORES TO H.M.A. MOTOR PATROL BOATS AND SMALL VESSELS IN WHICH ACCOUNTS OF CONSUMABLE NAVAL STORES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE MAINTAINED.

The following instructions are promulgated for the information of all concerned:—

A common counter book—Form A.S.149A—for all H.M.A. motor patrol boats and other small craft attached to parent ships or naval depots and in which consumable naval store accounts are not kept, or, alternatively, a separate counter book for each vessel so attached, whichever is considered better adapted to local conditions, is to be used for issues of all consumable naval stores.

2. A special common counter book—A.S.149A—is to be used for the casual demands of visiting vessels.

3. The signature of the person drawing the stores is to be obtained at the time of issue.

4. All entries in the counter book (including signatures) are to be recorded in indelible pencil and the book prepared in triplicate by the carbon process. The three copies are to be dealt with as follows:—

Original—sent to Director of Naval Stores, Navy Office, Melbourne, during the first week of each month for the previous month's transactions.

Duplicate—retained as the supporting voucher to the base Naval Store Account.

Triplicate—retained in the counter book.

5. The certificate at the foot of each completed sheet of the counter book is to be signed by the Accountant Officer or a responsible delegate. Whenever it is necessary to close an incomplete sheet, this should be done by drawing a horizontal line after the last entry and a diagonal line to the foot of the unused portion of the form, before it is signed.

6. Any repayment issues of consumable naval stores (e.g., to R.N. or Allied vessels) are to be made on demand form A.S.134D, and not through the counter book.

7. Supplies of consumable stores from dockyards and naval store depots also from H.M.A. ships and establishments not acting as parent ship or base for the motor patrol boats, &c., should continue to be made on the forms used at present, i.e., A.S.134D or A.S.549.

8. (a) Control of expenditure of consumable stores is to be exercised by means of scrutiny and adjustment of the demands by the store staffs on presentation, or where possible by the Group Officer or Base Technical Officer before presentation at the store. Only the minimum quantities necessary should be authorized for the particular work upon which the vessels are employed, to obviate accumulation of stocks on board and to minimize the risk of misappropriation and loss by deterioration.

(b) ~~A~~ bases where the common counter book is used for attached vessels, a separate record or index should be kept of the dates of periodical replenishments of the vessels in order to assist in the control of expenditure.

9. No change is involved in the method of dealing with issues of permanent stores.

(612/212/2167.)

574.

**STORES REMAINING ON BOARD REQUISITIONED VESSELS ON
TERMINATION OF CHARTER.**

The following procedure to be complied with in connexion with the disposal, &c., of stores remaining on board requisitioned vessels when being returned to owners is promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:—

Naval Stores.

2. Arrangements should be made for permanent naval stores in excess of those taken over with the vessels to be returned to store prior to the preparation of inventories of stores to be returned to the owners with the vessels. Care should be taken to ensure that any owners' stores "on deposit" are returned, and when a vessel taken up at one port is returned at another, the Naval Officer-in-Charge at the port where the vessel was requisitioned should be communicated with as necessary. Consumable naval stores should be returned to store with the exception of items required by the owners for immediate use in connexion with the return of vessels to peacetime use. The value of consumable naval stores returned to owners with the vessels will be recoverable from the owners.

Victualling Stores.

3. All permanent stores in excess of those taken over with the vessel are to be returned into store. Should there be any special stores, the property of the owners, in store "on deposit," they should be returned to the ship, by arrangement with the owners, and allowed for in the preparation of the inventory.

4. All consumable stores are to be returned into store, unless required by the owners for immediate use in connexion with the return of the vessel to her peacetime use. Any consumable stores supplied are to be charged for in accordance with Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 219, 2nd Schedule, Item 9.

Naval Armament Stores.

5. Naval armament stores are to be landed and taken on charge at the nearest naval armament depot or shore base, excepting, in the case of defensively equipped merchant ships, any stores that will be included in the authorized outfit.

Medical Stores.

6. As for victualling stores.

(612/201/5159.)

575.

**"PRICES OF CLOTHING, ETC., MAINTAINED FOR ISSUE ON
REPAYMENT TO SHIPS' COMPANIES DATED 1st MAY, 1943."—
AMENDMENTS.**

The following amendments are to be made to the above-mentioned publication:—

Page 2.—Add *Capes, anti-gas—£1 3s. each.

Caps, blue, with peak—11s. 7d. each.

Pages 3 and 4.—Delete asterisk against the items—shirts, tropical, khaki, with collar and shoulder straps.

Page 3.—Add *Sheets, ground—13s. each.

(434/201/3464.)

576.

**KITS OF RATINGS DRAFTED TO DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND
AND NEW GUINEA AREA.**

When kits of ratings on draft to Darwin, Thursday Island, and the New Guinea Area are deposited in accordance with the provisions of Navy Order 521 of 1943, details of the articles, comprising the kits deposited, are to be tallied and recorded and a receipt given to the rating by a responsible officer.

(516/201/595.)

577.

INCOME TAX RETURNS.

With reference to Navy Orders 169 of 1940 and 341 of 1942, the exemption from income tax of the pay and allowances (excluding marriage and/or dependant allowances) of members of the Forces has been fixed at £250 per annum.

2. A member serving in the Naval Forces, therefore, who is in receipt of income in excess of £250 per annum (excluding marriage and/or dependant allowance) in respect of any income year and is not exempt from tax under the provisions of Navy Order 341 of 1942, is liable to render a return of income received by him.

3. The return of income received should include all allowances except marriage and/or dependant allowance, which are not taxable.

4. Officers may claim an allowance for cost of uniform up to a limit of £18 per annum, and in the case of ratings, kit upkeep allowance may be claimed as a deduction to the extent of the amount actually expended on uniform. The amount claimed, however, must not exceed the amount of kit upkeep allowance credited.

Other deductions allowable, e.g., medical expenses, &c., are set out in the Income Tax Form.

5. In addition, rebate of tax is allowed in respect of a member's wife and/or children under sixteen years of age who are resident in Australia, and any other dependants resident in Australia of whom the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation may approve. Full particulars of all dependants for whom rebate is claimed should be included in the income tax return.

6. An amount of 2s. 5d. per diem for victualling and quarters has also been fixed for all Services, and in this respect members of the Naval Forces not borne in a seagoing ship or serving at sea or abroad, should include this amount in lieu of victualling allowance of 1s. 9d. previously shown as income. Where provision allowance of 3s. per diem is received, the full amount must be included, also amount of lodging allowance when received. Where both allowances are paid, the full amount received must be included as income for Income Tax purposes.

7. Where a return of income has been rendered and a member subsequently qualifies for exemption in the terms of Navy Order 341 of 1942, application for a refund should be made to the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation in the State in which the return was furnished.

8. All returns of income should be rendered to the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation in the State in which the member enlisted in or was appointed to the Royal Australian Navy.

9. The figures quoted above are those in force at the present time and are subject to variation.

(621/201/3028.)

578.

NAVAL, MILITARY AND AIR FORCE CLUB, ADELAIDE.

The Secretary, Naval, Military and Air Force Club, Grenfell-street, Adelaide, has intimated that, for the benefit of officers in transit to and from Adelaide, the Club will be open to them on Sundays from 1000 to 2200 hours.

2. Amenities available are showers, squash, billiards, periodicals, card games, writing facilities, light meals and beverages.

(462/201/2268.)

579.

REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

With reference to Navy Order 479 of 1943, Volume I only of the Regulations and Instructions for the R.A.N.V.R. has been printed.

2. Volume II covering the Naval Auxiliary Patrol is in course of preparation, and until further notice the Regulations and Instructions covering the Naval Auxiliary Patrol issued in R.I. 6/42 and subsequent R.I.'s. are to be regarded as still in force and are to be cited as Naval Volunteer Reserve Regulations and Instructions (N.A.P.), Article....., clause....., without any alteration in numbering of Articles.

(584/210/22.)

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Commonwealth Navy Orders.

Navy Office, Melbourne,
9th November, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,

J. O. Macdonald
Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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580.

IAN MACDONALD MEMORIAL PRIZE.

With reference to Navy Order 162 of 1942, the Ian Macdonald Memorial Prize for 1942 has been awarded to Sub-Lieutenant David J. Hamer, R.A.N.

2. The following officers, who gained first-class certificates in signals, were also considered for this award:—

Lieutenant Maxwell G. Pechey.
Lieutenant Kenneth H. Bryant.
Sub-Lieutenant John S. Austin.
Sub-Lieutenant Guido J. Willis.
Sub-Lieutenant Daere H. D. Smyth.

(635/201/1554.)

581.

R.A.N.R.(S) OFFICERS—PROMOTION TO SUB-LIEUTENANT.

As from the 1st July, 1943, acting sub-lieutenants R.A.N.R.(S) will be promoted sub-lieutenants irrespective of age provided they have served six months as acting sub-lieutenants and are recommended by their Commanding Officers.

2. Officers who have already completed six months' service as acting sub-lieutenants will be promoted with seniority on 1st July, 1943, provided their record of service is satisfactory and no indication of non-recommendation is received within 30 days from the date of receipt of this Navy Order. Subject to previous reports being satisfactory, future promotions will be promulgated by the Naval Board on the date on which the officer becomes qualified, provided that his Commanding Officer has not previously informed the Naval Board he does not intend to recommend the officer for promotion, otherwise it will be assumed that the officer is recommended.

3. As it will not be possible to revert officers promoted, it is essential that Commanding Officers should warn the Naval Board in good time that they do not intend to recommend an officer for promotion.

4. Navy Order 360 of 1943, paragraph 1 (c), is amended by deleting the words "except in the case of R.A.N.R.(S) officers who are to be reported upon immediately prior to attaining the age of 21 years".

(432/205/5826.)

582.

TEMPORARY COMMISSIONS—CODER RATINGS.

The Naval Board have decided that coder ratings may now be considered for promotion to commissioned rank for cypher duties. Selected ratings will be promoted to Acting Sub-Lieutenant (Special Branch), R.A.N.V.R.

2. The following conditions will govern selection for and promotion to commissioned rank:—

(a) C.W. Form 1 should be commenced for specially promising coder ratings at any time on or after completion of initial course at H.M.A. Signal School.

(b) On completion of six months' service, if rating is still recommended, a report on Form C.W.1A should be rendered. It is considered that, at the end of this period, a rating should have acquired a general knowledge of the fundamental principles of communication organization and message handling.

- (c) Ratings recommended must be in possession of the Intermediate Certificate or have attained an equivalent educational standard.
- (d) Ratings recommended must be not less than twenty nor more than thirty-five years of age.
- (e) Selected ratings will be drafted to Flinders Naval Depot for a course of approximately six weeks based on the standard of knowledge laid down for leading coder as set out on pages 23 and 24 of A.F.O. 885/43. During this course, candidates will appear before a selection board with a view to final selection for a commission.
- (f) Ratings finally selected will be promoted to Acting Sub-Lieutenant (Special Branch) R.A.N.V.R., and will then undergo a further two weeks' disciplinary course, on completion of which officers will be given cyphering instruction at Navy Office.

3. Those ratings not selected for commissions will, if recommended by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Flinders Naval Depot, be regarded as fully qualified by examination for leading coder.

(568/202/907.)

583.

ACTING LEADING STOKERS—CONFIRMATION AND ADVANCEMENT TO STOKER PETTY OFFICER.

The following amendments are to be made to paragraph 2 of Navy Order 518 of 1943:—

- (a) Substitute for the words "to Acting Stoker Petty Officer and confirmation of Leading Stoker" the words "up to the confirmed rating of Stoker Petty Officer (Temporary)".
- (b) Insert after the sub-paragraph headed "Advancement to Acting Stoker Petty Officer" the following sub-paragraph:—

"CONFIRMATION OF ACTING STOKER PETTY OFFICERS.

Subject to being considered by his Commanding Officer as deserving of confirmation and provided he has served not less than twelve months in the acting rate, an Acting Stoker Petty Officer may be confirmed notwithstanding that he has not undergone the course for Leading Stoker."

(568/202/932.)

584

DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL SERVICES OF NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES FORCES—CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

With reference to Navy Order 471 of 1943, paragraph 2, the address for disposal of Royal Netherlands Naval ratings discharged from Royal Australian Naval Hospitals or Sick Quarters in Melbourne is now as follows:—

The Territorial Senior Medical Officer,
Netherlands East Indies Army Headquarters,
Temple Court Building,
422 Collins-street,
Melbourne, C.1.

2. Navy Order 471, paragraph 2, is to be amended accordingly.

(479/201/262.)

585.

DISCHARGES TO HOSPITALS ABROAD.

With reference to Navy Order 257 of 1942, reports of discharges to hospitals abroad are to give the nature of the disability from which the member is suffering, and if possible are to include an estimate of the period required in hospital.

2. This information is of considerable advantage in discerning cases in which next of kin should be informed and for the addressing of mail. (527/211/1967.)

586.

PAID ACTING NON-SUBSTANTIVE RATINGS—CONDITION OF AWARD BY CAPTAIN.

The provisions of A.F.O. 2598/43, concerning conditions of award by Captain of the paid acting non-substantive ratings, have been adopted in the Royal Australian Navy.

(349/25/392.)

587.

GUNS MACHINE .30 inch—GAUGES PLUG BORE LOW LIMIT FOR PROVISIONAL CONDEMNATION M.G. MARK I AND RODS PLUG BORE .30 inch M.C. MK. I.

Gauges plug bore low limit for provisional condemnation and rods plug bore for guns machine .30-inch have been ordered, and when available will be distributed by the Armament Supply Officer, R.A.N. Armament Depot, Spectacle Island, Sydney, to the following bases:—

Fremantle	..	..	2 sets.
Maribryngong	..	..	2 "
Adelaide	..	..	1 set
Newcastle	..	..	1 "
Brisbane	..	..	1 "
Townsville	..	..	1 "
Cairns	..	..	1 "
Darwin	..	..	1 "
Port Moresby	..	..	1 "
Hobart	..	..	1 "
Flinders Naval Depot	..	..	1 "

2. A set comprises 1 No. gauge plug bore L.L. for P.C. and 2 No. rods plug bore.

(612/203/2783.)

588.

COMMERCIAL TYPE PYROTECHNICS LANDED FROM REQUISITIONED SHIPS.

The following amendment is to be made to paragraph 1 of Navy Order 21 of 1942:—

Delete sub-paragraph (i) and insert the following sub-paragraph in its stead:—

"The possibility of disposal of the stores by sale to private firms is to be investigated; if this is found to be impracticable, the stores are to be offered as a free gift to local organizations which might have a use for them, such as Auxiliary Patrol Service, Navigation Department, Harbour Trust, or other bodies controlling ships or harbour craft."

(471/208/1026.)

589.

FORM A. 0.5Z—WEEKLY AMMUNITION STOCK REPORT.

It has been decided to introduce Form A.O.5Z for use in the Royal Australian Navy in connection with the rendition of weekly ammunition reports. Instructions concerning these reports are contained in Navy Orders 190 and 300 of 1942, and 472 of 1943, and Confidential Commonwealth Navy Order 46 of 1943.

2. Initial distribution will be effected as follows:—

N.O.I.C., Darwin	..	500	Port Director, Milne Bay	200
N.O.I.C., Port Moresby	..	200	A.S.O., Sydney	.. 1,000
N.O.I.C., Thursday Is.	..	200	A.S.O., Fremantle	.. 1,000
N.O.I.C., Cairns	..	200	A.A.S.O., Maribyrnong	.. 1,000
N.O.I.C., Townsville	..	200	O.C., Mine Depot, Swan	
N.O.I.C., Brisbane	..	200	Island	.. 200
N.O.I.C., Hobart	..	100	A.S.I.S., Poyang	.. 200
N.O.I.C., Port Adelaide	..	100	A.S.I.S., Yunnan	.. 200

3. Further requirements of this form should be demanded from the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney.

(480/201/3205.)

590.

IGNITERS, TORPEDO, MARK XI—WITHDRAWAL.

(A.F.O. 4082/43.)

Igniters, Torpedo, Mark XI, of Lots Nos. 93, 266, 432 and 434 filled R.L. 5/39, 10/39, 2/40, and 2/40 respectively, are to be withdrawn from service and appropriated for "Range Use only".

2. Any igniters of these lot numbers on board H.M.A. ships are to be landed at the nearest Naval Armament Depot and others drawn in lieu.

(666/206/1478.)

591.

SPARES FOR RADAR SETS—PARTICULARS REQUIRED IN DEMANDS.

The attention of officers concerned is directed to the necessity, when demanding spares for Radar Sets, for indicating in the demand the type of set for which the items are required, in addition to the pattern number or part number.

(612/258/244.)

592.

FRESH PROVISIONS AT MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.

Appended are details of contract rates for supply of certain items of fresh provisions at Melbourne and Sydney:—

A. MELBOURNE.

Fish (Fresh and Frozen).

Period—1st October, 1943, to 31st March, 1944.

Contractor—David Hyland and Sons Pty. Ltd., 456 Flinders-lane, Melbourne, C.1.

Rates.—

Bream, sea—11d. lb.

Flathead—1s. 8d. lb.

Smoked Fish (Blue Cod)—1s. 8d. lb.

Smoked Barracouta—1s. 6d. lb.

Subject to rise or fall according to the Prices Commissioner's determinations from time to time.

Fresh Meat.

Period—1st October, 1943, to 31st March, 1944.

Contractors—F. Watkins Pty. Ltd., 184 Bourke-street Melbourne, C.1.

Rates.—

Tripe—5d. lb.
 Beef, fores—5d. lb.
 Beef, hinds—8d. lb.
 Beef, ribs, boned and rolled—9½d. lb.
 Beef, topsides—9½d. lb.
 Beef, thick flank—9½d. lb.
 Beef, corned, brisket roll—7d. lb.
 Beef, corned, rounds—10d. lb.
 Minced beef steak—9d. lb.
 Veal—8d. lb.
 Mutton, carcasses—5½d. lb.
 Mutton, chops—9d. lb.
 Lamb, carcasses—8½d. lb.
 Pork, sides—1s. lb.
 Pork, chops—1s. 3d. lb.
 Pork, corned—1s. 2d. lb.
 Sausages, pork—10d. lb.
 Sausages, mixed meat—7½d. lb.
 Brawn—1s. 4d. lb.
 Kidneys, ox—1s. lb.
 Kidneys, sheep's—2s. 6d. doz.
 Rabbits—2s. 6d. pair.
 Ice—3s. cwt.
 Sheep's fries—7d. lb.
 Dripping—5½d. lb.
 Saveloys—8d. lb.
 Frankfurt sausages—8d. lb.
 Extra for double wrapping ordered—1s. lb.

Fresh Vegetables.

Period—1st October, 1943, to 31st December, 1943.

Contractor—Bailey Bros. Shipping Provedores Pty. Ltd., Queens Wharf-road, Melbourne.

Item.—

Potatoes—market rates, plus amount allowed by Potato Board.
 Onions—market rates, plus amount allowed by Onion Board.
 Turnips, white—1½d. lb.
 Turnips, swede—2d. lb.
 Parsnips, 2d. lb.
 Marrows—1½d. lb.
 Pumpkins—1½d. lb.
 Cabbages—2d. lb.
 Cauliflowers—2d. lb.
 Carrots—2d. lb.
 Lettuce—4d. lb.
 Beetroot—2d. lb.

Charge for bags, other than potato and onion, if not returned—1s. each.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the period of the contract for vegetables at Melbourne as shown in Navy Order 511 of 1943 should read 1st July, 1943, to 30th September, 1943.

B. SYDNEY.

Bread.

Period—1st October, 1943, to 31st March, 1944.

Contractor—Gartrell White Ltd., 458 King-street, Newtown.

Item.—

White and wholemeal bread—13s. per 100 lb. net.

Vegetables.

Contractor—C. G. Kellaway and Sons Pty. Ltd., 22 Quay-street, Sydney.

Period—October, 1943.

Item.—

Beetroot—17s. 6d. cwt.
 Cabbage—20s. cwt.
 Carrots—24s. cwt.
 Cauliflower—40s. cwt.
 Lettuce—60s. 1d. cwt.
 Marrows—36s. cwt.
 Onions, spring—7s. doz. bunches.
 Parsnips—22s. cwt.
 Pumpkins—12s. cwt.
 Radishes—3d. bunch.
 Turnips, swede—11s. cwt.
 Turnips, white—10s. cwt.

Bags to be charged at 1s. each if not returned.

(668/201/2612.)

593.

ISSUE OF LONG KHAKI CLOTHING IN THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

Long khaki clothing is provided to personnel serving in the Royal Australian Navy for use as (a) battle dress, *vide* Navy Orders 151 and 285 of 1943, and (b) mosquito and sandfly bite prevention, *vide* Navy Order 168 of 1943. The garments concerned are as follows:—

Long sleeved khaki shirts for officers and ratings.

Long khaki trousers (with fly) for officers and classes I and III ratings.

Long khaki trousers (with fall) for class II ratings.

These garments are to be used for either battle dress or for mosquito and sandfly protection.

2. Issue of the long khaki clothing referred to is gratuitous to the following extent:—

- (a) All personnel serving in H.M.A. ships for use as battle dress—1 shirt and 2 pairs trousers.
- (b) All personnel serving on mainland in mosquito and sandfly infested areas—2 shirts and 2 pairs trousers *inclusive of the battle dress issue.*
- (c) All personnel serving in H.M.A. ships operating in and from Forward Island Areas—2 shirts and 2 pairs trousers *inclusive of the battle dress issue.*
- (d) All personnel serving ashore in Forward Island Areas—3 shirts and 3 pairs trousers *inclusive of the battle dress issue.*

Personnel who have received a gratuitous issue of collarless battle dress shirts may be issued on repayment with shirts with collar if considered necessary by Commanding Officers.

3. Care is to be taken to ensure that gratuitous issues made in accordance with the provisions of this Order do not exceed the

authorized issue. Issues which have been made as loan items in accordance with previous instructions are to be regarded as gratuitous for the purpose of determining to what extent personnel are entitled to further gratuitous issues.

(Navy Circ. 191219Z, October, 1943.)
(434/210/163.)

594.

ECONOMY IN THE USE OF PEPPER.

Advice has been received that the position in regard to future shipments of pepper to Australia is most uncertain.

2. All H.M.A. Ships and Naval Establishments are to ensure, therefore, that the utmost economy is exercised in the use of this commodity, and reduce demands on Victualling Yards proportionately so that issues from the stock available may be distributed as evenly as practicable.

(668/209/565.)

595.

NAVAL STORES—STOWAGE IN A.M.S. VESSELS.

Instances of excessive deterioration of perishable naval stores due to high temperatures in the main naval storerooms of A.M.S. Vessels have recently been reported to Navy Office.

2. The attention of responsible officers is drawn to the necessity for frequent inspections of perishable items, such as rubber goods, batteries, cells, &c., and reports should be furnished to Navy Office in those cases where deterioration of such items is apparently due to temperature fluctuations within the vessels' storerooms.

(612/201/5264.)

596.

CHOCOLATE AND CONFECTIONERY FOR NAVAL CANTEENS.

In accordance with an order issued by the Department of War Organization of Industry on 6th October, 1943, the manufacture of chocolate and confectionery may not be undertaken without the written approval of the Department of Commerce and Agriculture.

2. To obviate delays in securing requirements of these items, canteen managers in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments should submit orders to the Deputy Director of Service Foodstuffs in the State concerned prior to lodgment with manufacturers.

(668/204/90.)

597.

NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, NEW GUINEA, AND PORT DIRECTORS.

A Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea, has been appointed. He will exercise administrative and operational control over all R.A.N. activities in the New Guinea area, including Port Moresby, and also hold the appointments of Port Director, Milne Bay, and Commanding Officer, *Ladava*.

2. With reference to Navy Order 526 of 1943, it is not now intended to appoint Port Directors to Morobe, Nassau or Salamaua.

3. A Port Director has been appointed at Langemak Bay.

4. Correspondence previously addressed to the Port Director, Milne Bay, should now be sent to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea, Milne Bay.

(1937/2/212.)

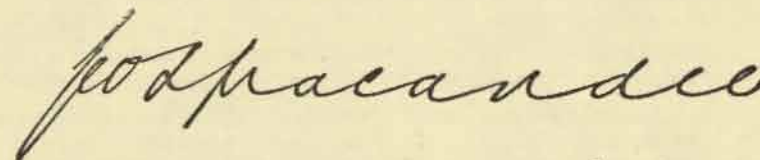
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Navy Office, Melbourne,
16th November, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
Establishments, and others concerned.*

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598.

ECONOMY IN EXPENDITURE.

The following is a paraphrase of a letter from the Prime Minister to the Minister for the Navy. The Minister has stressed the necessity for strict adherence to the Prime Minister's directions:—

“The draft estimates submitted for 1943-44 involved an increase of such magnitude over the previous year, that a large reduction in the 1943-44 figure had to be made, particularly in view of Australia's man-power difficulties.

It is thought that the impression might exist in some Departments that, because substantial sums can be made available for war expenditure, there is no need for economy. Such impression, if it does exist, must be removed.

The time has arrived when there must be unrelenting scrutiny and savings in all forms of expenditure because of acute man-power difficulties.

The Government has given its promise to eliminate waste and avoidable expenditure, and that promise must be honoured.

All departmental expenditure must be administered economically, and confined to absolutely essential expenditure under the Estimates presented to Parliament. Only in exceptional circumstances to meet unforeseen urgent requirements will the Treasurer approve of expenditure not covered by the Estimates.

All forms of non-essential expenditure are to be avoided.

The substance of this letter is to be brought to the notice of all responsible officers concerned.”

2. The Naval Board direct that all possible steps must be taken by all concerned to ensure that expenditure is kept strictly within the limits laid down by the Prime Minister.

(464/211/827.)

599.

LIAISON BETWEEN NAVAL AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS ENGAGED ON CONVOY PROTECTION.

It is important that Naval and Air Force officers should appreciate the difficulties of the other Service and thereby produce more effective co-operation between ships and aircraft employed on convoy protection. With this end in view, arrangements have been made with the R.A.A.F. for officers of escort vessels to embark in aircraft employed on convoy work, and for pilots and observers of aircraft to embark in escort vessels.

2. Commanding Officers of escort vessels should make application on behalf of their officers through the appropriate Naval Officer-in-Charge, who is to instruct the Naval Liaison Officer at Air Operations Room to make the necessary arrangements with the R.A.A.F.

3. The provisions of C.O.R., Article 41, clauses 1-3, are to apply to officers making use of this facility.

4. R.A.A.F. officers wishing to embark in an escort vessel will apply through R.A.A.F. channels to the appropriate Naval Officer-in-Charge via the Naval Liaison Officer at Air Operations Room. It is desirable that the R.A.A.F. officer should be accommodated in the ship of the Senior Officer of an Escort Group when possible.

5. R.A.A.F. officers embarked for this purpose will be regarded as being on Air Force duty during the period they are embarked.

(559/223/59.)

600.

PASSAGES TO AUSTRALIA FOR DEPENDANTS OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCES WHO HAVE MARRIED ABROAD.

In view of the improved war situation, the Commonwealth Government has lifted the suspension imposed on the free passage scheme, and the Repatriation Commission is authorized to provide passages to Australia, at limited cost, for the wives and children of members of the Forces who marry during the period of their active service abroad. Passages will include travelling facilities to the port of embarkation and from the port of disembarkation to the ultimate destination in Australia, and will be provided without regard to the financial means of the persons concerned.

2. The cost to the Commonwealth for the sea voyage must not exceed £55 sterling from the United Kingdom, £50 sterling from the Middle East, £40 sterling from South Africa, and from other ports of embarkation the amount of the normal pre-war third-class fare to the port of disembarkation in Australia. During the war, it is improbable that berths will be available at these rates, and, if a member desires his wife and children to travel at present, he or his wife must pay the difference involved. The number of passages which can be granted during the war, however, is restricted by the shipping accommodation available.

3. Copies of application forms for passages are printed in the appendices to this Order. An application must be made by a member himself, or, if deceased, by his widow; an application will not be accepted from a wife.

4. A member, who has returned to Australia, should direct his application to the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation in the Capital City of the State concerned. A member still serving overseas should apply through his Commanding Officer to the nearest Repatriation Agent. Agents appointed to act on behalf of the Commission are the Official Secretary, Australia House, London; the Australian Military Liaison Officer, General Headquarters, Middle East Forces, Cairo; and the Commissioner of Pensions, Pretoria, South Africa. A widow should apply direct to one of these authorities.

5. Commanding Officers, who receive applications, should certify the identity of the applicant, and, as far as possible, satisfy themselves that the particulars are correct, especially in regard to the applicant's conjugal condition upon his embarkation from Australia.

(632/211/973.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

APPENDIX I.

Form 28.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

REPATRIATION COMMISSION.

Application by Soldier for Free Passage to Australia for His Dependants.

I, (Full Name).....apply to the Repatriation Commission for a free passage to (Port of Disembarkation)..... Australia, for my wife (and children). I fully understand that, irrespective of my rank, only a third-class passage (or its equivalent) can be granted, and that, if I desire superior accommodation, I will have to pay the difference in cost myself. I also understand that excess luggage will not be paid for by the Department. In support of my application, I tender the following particulars:—

Regt. No..... Rank..... Unit.....

Full maiden name of wife.....

Present postal address of wife.....

Date of Marriage..... Place of Marriage.....

Proposed postal address in Australia of wife.....

Arrangements (if any) which have been made or will be made for wife to be met on her arrival in Australia (state full particulars).....

Name and postal address of the person (if any) who will meet wife on her arrival in Australia.....

Names and ages of any dependent children in respect of whom passage is also desired.....

Have you ever been married before?.....

If so, state if your first wife is deceased or divorced.....

If deceased, state date and place of death.....

If divorced, state date and place of divorce.....

and I solemnly declare that the foregoing particulars are true and correct in every respect.

Declared at..... / /19

Signature of Applicant.....

Witness.....

For official use only.

APPENDIX II.

Form 28A.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

REPATRIATION COMMISSION.

Application by Widow for Free Passage to the Commonwealth.

I, (Full Name).....apply to the Repatriation Commission for a free passage to (Port of Disembarkation)..... Australia, on behalf of myself (and my children). I fully understand that, irrespective of my late husband's rank, only a third-class passage (or its equivalent) can be granted, and that, if I desire superior accommodation, I will have to pay the difference in cost myself. I also understand that excess luggage will not be paid for by the Department. In support of my application, I tender the following particulars:—

Full name of Soldier.....

Regt. No..... Rank..... Unit.....

Date of death.....

My full maiden name was.....

My present postal address is.....

Date of Marriage..... Place of Marriage.....

My proposed postal address in Australia is.....

Arrangements (if any) which have been made with relatives or friends in Australia with regard to accommodation on my arrival in Australia.....

Name and postal address of such relative or friend.....

Names and ages of any dependent children in respect of whom passage is also desired.....

Rate of war pension (if any) payable to me in respect of my deceased husband.....

Government by which war pension is paid.....

and I solemnly declare that the foregoing particulars are true and correct in every respect.

Declared at..... / /194

Usual signature of applicant.....

Maiden signature.....

Witness.....

For official use only.

601.

REHABILITATION OFFICERS—INSTRUCTIONS.

With reference to paragraph 7 (c) of Navy Order 213 of 1943, Repatriation Form No. 2 has been superseded and Form Demobilization IA has been substituted in lieu.

2. Supplies of Form Demobilization IA will be distributed from Navy Office as required.

3. Full details of pension and other benefits to which members of the Forces are entitled are contained in a booklet entitled "Outline of Repatriation" (Revised: September, 1943), published by the Repatriation Department. Copies of these booklets are to be obtained by Rehabilitation Officers from that Department in their State, for issue to personnel prior to discharge.

4. Navy Orders 22 and 113 of 1941 and 304 of 1942 are cancelled.

(629/214/4.)

602.

PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION FOR THE RANK OF WARRANT ELECTRICIAN, R.A.N.

The next professional examination for the rank of Warrant Electrician will be held in March, 1944.

2. The Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships and Naval Establishments are requested to forward to Navy Office, not later than 1st January, 1944, the names of candidates desirous of sitting for this examination. Blank returns are required.

3. Before a candidate is allowed to take the examination, his Commanding Officer should ensure that he has fulfilled the conditions of K.R. and A.I., Article 314, clause 2.

(465/207/1225.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

603.

MALARIA—MEASURES FOR PREVENTION AND CONTROL.

1. It is the duty of all Commanding Officers to see that naval personnel in, or about to be drafted to, malarious areas, as defined by Navy Order 275 of 1943, are thoroughly instructed in anti-mosquito and anti-malarial measures. Medical Officers are to advise and assist in such training.

2. (a) At the port of embarkation for a malarious area, the Commanding Officer is to ensure that each individual is supplied with the following items of anti-malarial supplies and equipment:—

Atebrin Tablets (0.1 gm.), 12 in No. (1 tin); and
Mosquito Repellent Lotion;

and that he possesses the regulation long khaki clothing.

(b) The Commanding Officer is also to ensure that each individual proceeding to areas other than Port Moresby possesses a mosquito net, supply of which should be made in *Rushcutter, Penguin, or Moreton*. Personnel proceeding to Port Moresby will be supplied on arrival.

(c) At the port of disembarkation, the Commanding Officer is to ensure that mosquito nets are available for each individual and that mosquito veils and bush nets, which are the equivalent of the Army "Tent, Mosquito," are issued on loan where necessary (*vide* paragraph 5 (c) of this Order). Mosquito gloves are also to be issued if available.

3. (a) All naval parties in, or proceeding to, a malarious area are also to be supplied with the following articles:—

Sprayers, hand, small—10% of unit strength; and
Mosquito Spray (*vide* paragraph 14 of this Order).

(b) It is anticipated that arrangements will be made with the Department of the Army whereby mosquito spray, and possibly other items of naval stores required for anti-malarial measures may be drawn as required by naval authorities direct from army service depots at the ports or bases at which supplies are required. Further instructions will be promulgated in this regard.

4. Continuity of supply is to be ensured according to scale, *vide* paragraphs 7, 13, and 14 of this Order.

5. The Commanding Officer of a ship or party in a malarious area is to ensure that the following precautions for personal protection are carried out:—

(a) From sunset to sunrise, every member, except when protected by a mosquito net, is to wear slacks, boots web gaiters and long-sleeved shirt or jacket, with sleeves rolled down.

(b) Every member is to have a container of insect repellent lotion, and is to apply the lotion to exposed skin surfaces, as described in paragraph 12 (d).

(c) Every member sleeping on deck or on shore is to sleep under a mosquito net. A special type of net for use on decks of ships is provided, *vide* Navy Order 143 of 1943, and bush nets, *vide* Navy Order 193 of 1942, are provided for special shore operations.

(d) Guards and sentries are to be provided with veils and gloves, if available, which are to be worn from sunset until sunrise.

(e) All occupied quarters, tents, or bivouacs, are to be closed and sprayed with mosquito spray. The Medical Officer is to advise the Commanding Officer as to appropriate instructions for methods of spraying to be used locally and will be required to advise as to priority and method of screening buildings so as to render them mosquito proof.

6. Anti-mosquito measures to be adopted for ships in harbour in malarious or potentially malarious areas are as follows:—

- (a) The ideal anchorage for a ship in harbour in a malarious area is one mile to windward of the shore. Malaria-bearing mosquitoes have been known to fly almost this distance down wind. Mosquitoes may also be brought on board on clothing or in ship's boat, lighters, water tanks, native craft, &c., and have been known even to multiply on board during a wet season. They tend to cling to dark corners of cabins or other accommodation under clothing or bunks. Bright light also attracts mosquitoes. In the morning, mosquitoes which have entered compartments or flats during the night should be driven out, hanging clothing or curtains disturbed, and corners, clothing, and under bunks sprayed with insecticide.
- (b) No member should be allowed to sleep on deck unless a mosquito net is used (*vide* paragraph 5), if the ship is within mosquito range.
- (c) Care is to be taken that no uncovered pools of stagnant rain water (e.g., in boats) are allowed to remain.
- (d) Leave should be completed by sundown as far as possible, and any men remaining on shore must have suitable regulation clothing and mosquito repellent, in the use of which and in the danger of allowing mosquitoes to bite them, they should be fully instructed. Sentries on gang way or wharf duty are particularly vulnerable. Atebrin should be taken by the whole crew according to the instructions laid down in paragraph 7 (a).

7. Suppressive treatment (Prophylaxis) for malaria with atebrin routine:—

- (a) The Commanding Officer of each land-based naval party or of ships in harbour in malarious areas, is responsible for the administration of atebrin to every officer and rating under his command. Atebrin is, whenever possible, to be given under supervision of an officer. Strict supervision is necessary to guard against failure to swallow the tablets.
- (b) For all personnel proceeding to a Land Base in a malarious area, atebrin suppressive treatment is to commence one week prior to arrival in the malarious area and is to be continued under careful supervision. Such treatment will consist of one tablet of atebrin (0.1 gr.) taken daily after food (the evening meal), with a drink of water, on six days of each week, and will be continued according to sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) of this paragraph.
- (c) In highly malarious areas, the dosage of atebrin will be one tablet (0.1 gm.) for six days of each week, excluding Sunday.
- (d) In malarious areas, other than those designated as highly malarious, the dosage of atebrin will be one tablet (0.1 gm.) on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week. (Port Moresby area.)

- (e) (i) All personnel moving from any malarious area to a non-malarious area are to continue on suppressive atebrin treatment for one calendar month after leaving the malarious area and in the same dosage as that prescribed by this Order for the particular malarious area they have left (i.e., one tablet (0.1 gm.) for six days each week, or one tablet (0.1 gm.) on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week), as may be applicable.
- (ii) All personnel moving through urgent military necessity from any malarious area to a potentially malarious area are to continue on suppressive atebrin treatment for one calendar month after leaving the malarious area in the same dosage as that prescribed by this Order for the particular malarious area they have left. Thereafter, suppressive atebrin treatment is to be continued throughout the stay in the potentially malarious area in the dosage of one tablet (0.1 gm.) on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week until the Medical Officer is satisfied that treatment can be suspended.
- (iii) When such movements of personnel become necessary for reasons of urgent military necessity, due notice must be given to the Commanding Officer of the potentially malarious area of the impending arrival of personnel

8. The following precautions must be taken in respect of movement of individual persons who have served in malarious areas.

9. When a member on leave or on duty, who has served in a malarious area outside Australia for any period, however short, is about to leave the malarious area to visit or pass through a potentially malarious area on the mainland of Australia, the Commanding Officer is to—

- (a) Instruct the member immediately on arrival to report to the Commanding Officer of the potentially malarious area for the purpose of receiving instruction in any local regulations in regard to malaria control within the potentially malarious area.
- (b) So arrange that the member is instructed that, while he is in the potentially malarious area, he is to—
 - (i) take all possible measures of personal protection to prevent passage of infection to mosquitoes, as set out in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), and (d) of paragraph 5 of this Order;
 - (ii) take atebrin as laid down in sub-paragraph (e) (ii) of paragraph 7 of this Order;
 - (iii) report any illness occurring during his presence in the area to the nearest Naval Medical Officer or, if a Naval Medical Officer is unavailable, the nearest Medical Officer of any Service.

(c) Ensure that he is provided with the necessary atebrin, protective clothing, mosquito tent, and insect repellent.

10. When a member stationed in a non-malarious area on the mainland of Australia is about to visit or pass through a potentially malarious area, the Commanding Officer of the Depot concerned—

(a) is to ascertain, by direct inquiry—

(i) whether the member has been stationed in a malarious area during the last six months. In this regard it is pointed out that service with the Eastern Fleet involves service in a malarious area;

(ii) if so, whether any signs of malaria have been observed by the member subsequently;

(b) is to take action, as laid down in paragraph 9, sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) in respect of any member who has so resided in a malarious area.

11. (a) Personnel, arriving in Australia on leave from malarious areas, are to be given sufficient atebrin tablets (0.1 gram) to carry out suppressive treatment throughout leave and period of return to ship, and are to be impressed with the importance of regular dosage, as laid down in paragraph 7, sub-paragraph (e) (i).

(b) Any member suffering from active malaria is to be admitted to hospital for a diagnosis of the type of malaria present and a full course of treatment.

(c) All personnel are to be particularly instructed that, should any illness occur whilst on leave, they are to report to the nearest Service Medical Officer, or, should one not be available, to the nearest qualified medical practitioner. A certificate should be obtained from the Medical Officer treating the illness, as to the exact nature, type of malaria if present, and treatment employed.

12. Mosquito repellent lotion is to be used in malarious areas, according to the following procedure:—

(a) The lotion is to be applied by each member at sundown, and again on rising, if before sunrise.

(b) Members on night duty are to apply the lotion on commencing duty, and renew applications at three-hourly intervals, or more often if necessary.

(c) In the event of night air raid alarms, all members are to apply the lotion immediately on proceeding to shelters, and also carry all hand sprayers available with them to spray slit trenches.

(d) Method of application:—

(i) A small quantity (not more than half a teaspoonful) is poured on to the palm and, after rubbing the hands together, smeared all over all exposed portions of the face, neck and arms. Half quantity is sufficient for a renewal application, unless biting is particularly fierce.

(ii) For protection against mites (prevention of scrub typhus), the outside of the socks, inside and outside of the anklets or gaiters, inside of the shirt at neck, wrists, front opening and armpit region should be lightly smeared with the lotion. The lotion is first smeared on the hands, which are then rubbed over the parts of the clothing just indicated. Thorough treatment of the upper part of the socks is particularly important. Treatment should be repeated each time clothes are washed. While the effect of an application on the skin passes off in a few hours, the lotion remains effective on clothing for about three days.

13. Mosquito repellent lotion—This is to replace the anti-mosquito cream previously issued.

Scale of Issue—

(a) For prevention of malaria: 1 in No. 4 oz. bottle per member for 28 days. (Issue on the Australian mainland to be made only on the authority of the Medical Officer of the port or his representative.)

(b) For prevention of scrub typhus: 2 in No. 4 oz. bottles per member for 28 days—to be issued only in mite-infested areas on the authority of the Medical Officer or his representative.

14. Mosquito spray: Previously designated “fly-spray,” is to be issued only to ships and parties in malarious and potentially malarious areas, and for the control of dengue fever. It is to be used for mosquito control only, and is *not* to be employed for destruction of houseflies.

Scale of Issue—

(a) In malarious areas—9 gallons per 100 men for 28 days.

(b) In potentially malarious areas and areas where there is an outbreak of dengue fever—6 gallons per 100 men per 28 days, to be issued only on the authority of the Medical Officer of the port or his representative.

15. Separate instructions will be issued as to recording of cases of malaria, their treatment and statistical record.

(527/201/840.)

604.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETING TELEGRAMS.

The Post Office has requested that members of the Naval Forces should lodge their Christmas and New Year greeting telegrams, both overseas and within the Commonwealth, as early as practicable to ensure delivery of these messages before Christmas or New Year, as the case may be. In the case of overseas messages it is desirable that lodgment be effected not later than 6th December and, in respect of internal telegrams, not later than 18th December.

(443/201/484.)

605.

DEPTH CHARGES—PRESERVATION OF MARKINGS.

Reports have been received of depth charges returned to naval armament depots from H.M.A. ships having all painted markings obliterated by anti-dazzle paint.

2. If circumstances render necessary the repainting of outfit depth charges on board, care is to be taken to preserve all markings, *vide* C.B. 3063 (1941), Article 22 and O.U. 5485, paragraph 46 (c).

(471/205/1948.)

606.

ADMIRALTY FLEET ORDERS 1024 AND 1025/43—WEAPON MAINTENANCE.

Admiralty Fleet Orders 1024 and 1025/43 contain valuable information on weapon maintenance. Commanding Officers are to take steps to ensure that these orders are brought to the notice of all tenders and all Ordnance Artificers and A.B. (Q.O's). Ratings should be given facilities for extracting the information relating to the particular weapons for which they are responsible.

(412/201/76.)

607.

LUBRICATING OIL—ECONOMY IN USE OF.

Attention is drawn to the provisions of A.F.O. 3467/43 regarding the necessity for economy in the use of lubricating oil.

(545/201/487.)

608.

ECONOMY IN USE OF COAL, COKE, GAS, AND ELECTRICITY.

The Prime Minister in a recent letter to the Minister to the Navy has drawn attention to the necessity on the part of every Commonwealth instrumentality to make a determined and continuous effort to economize in the use of coal, coke, gas, and electricity, in whatever form and for whatever purpose it is used.

2. The Prime Minister's letter was accompanied by a number of suggestions prepared by the Commonwealth Coal Commission. These suggestions are as under:—

In addition to instructions concerning economy in the use of coal, definite administrative steps should be taken to ensure that the use of fuel is under control and that all sources of waste are tracked down.

Regular records of fuel consumption should be kept displayed, and any increase investigated.

One person should be made responsible for seeing that no waste occurs in each department or section of an establishment. A pamphlet "On the appointment of Fuel Watchers" is being circulated by the Commonwealth Coal Commission.

In office buildings—

- (i) Turn off lights when not required, e.g., corridors and conference rooms.
- (ii) Turn off radiators in the afternoon and in corridors and rooms not in use.
- (iii) See that radiators and steam heating are turned off when windows are open.
- (iv) Do not wash under running hot water—see that plugs are available for wash basins.

In Industrial Plant—

- (i) Survey plant regularly for avoidable losses, changing layout and operation of plant or processes where economy can be effected.
- (ii) For boiler plant, a booklet "Coal Economy Hints for All Steam Users" has been prepared by the Commonwealth Coal Commission, and is available on application.
- (iii) For process plant, check steam traps, insulation, and the possibility of heat recovery from exhaust steam, &c.

Set a fuel target for a period or for a unit of output. Plan production so that furnaces, &c., are used at full capacity while in operation and are then shut down.

Lower grades of coal are often more readily available than Maitland and other gas-making types, and fuel requirements should be adapted to the supply position.

3. The Naval Board direct that the attention of all concerned be drawn to the urgent need for taking all steps possible to economize in the use of coal, coke, gas, and electricity.

(482/204/849.)

609.

**PURCHASE OF NAVAL STORES—INTRODUCTION OF FORM A.S.133Z
IN R.A.N. SHORE ESTABLISHMENTS AND BASE DEPOTS.**

It has been decided to introduce a revised form of receipt note for naval stores purchased locally in all R.A.N. Shore Establishments and Base Depots, excluding Flinders Naval Depot, and on the receipt of locally-purchased supplies, the following procedure is to be put into effect.

2. Form A.S.133Z "Receipt for Naval Stores Purchased Locally" is to be prepared in triplicate and receipted, in the space provided, by the person receiving the stores. Original and duplicate copies are then to be detached from the bound book and referred to Accountant Officer (N.S.) for registration in a suitable register and completion as necessary after comparison with official order. At the same time, Accountant Officer (N.S.) should decide as to the necessity of a survey of the items being carried out by a professional officer. As a general rule, locally-purchased stores are to be surveyed and passed by the professional officer concerned before being stowed in the naval storerooms, and taken on charge in the naval store ledgers. In cases, however, where proprietary brands are ordered or articles are of a standard trade description, the question of survey may be left to the discretion of the Accountant Officer (N.S.). Care is to be taken, however, to ensure that stores supplied are in all respects satisfactory and suitable for service requirements, and it is the responsibility of the Accountant Officer (N.S.) to ensure that all stores supplied by contractors are surveyed by professional officers where necessary.

3. In those cases where a survey is required, the Accountant Officer (N.S.) will arrange, without delay, for the goods to be surveyed by the appropriate professional officer who is to complete "Certificate of Survey" on the reverse of the original copy of Form A.S.133Z. After survey, the quantities of stores rejected and accepted should be noted on original and duplicate of the form in columns 7 and 8 respectively. The person responsible for stowage of accepted items is to initial the form in the space provided. The quantities to be taken on charge are to be indicated by Accountant Officer (N.S.) signing the form in appropriate space.

4. Original and duplicate copies are then to be disposed of as follows:—

(a) *Original*.—To be used to bring authorized quantities on charge in naval store ledgers and subsequently bundled as a supporting voucher to the naval store account.

(b) *Duplicate*.—To be filed in naval store office, pending receipt of contractors claim for payment.

5. On receipt of a claim for payment from a supplier, the necessary action to complete the certificate as to receipt of the goods is to be prepared in accordance with R.A.N. Supplement to B.R.4, paragraph 25. In addition to the required endorsements on copies of the official order (Treasury Form 21), details as to the checking of the claim are

to be inserted in the appropriate space on original and duplicate copies of Form A.S.133Z. The duplicate copy which is to be compared and agreed with original is to be invariably attached to contractor's claim and included with relevant cash vouchers for despatch to Director of Navy Accounts.

6. The triplicate copy of Form A.S.133Z is to be retained in the bound book as a permanent record of deliveries made by contractors.

7. Form A.S.133Z is being printed and first supply will be made by Superintending Naval Store Officer, Garden Island, without demand.

(480/202/3868.)

610.

**NAVAL STORE ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTING—RESPONSIBILITY
OF STOREKEEPING OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL.**

With reference to Navy Order 444 of 1942, examination of naval store accounts carried out by officers of the staff of the Director of Naval Stores, indicates that in many cases naval store accounting is in arrears in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments.

2. The procedure to be followed in accounting for naval stores is clearly set out in the relevant Regulations and Instructions and the appropriate store accounting forms. Every precaution must be taken to safeguard Crown property and it is essential that the Regulations which have been framed with this object in view should be fully understood and adhered to by personnel concerned. It is realized that difficulties arise owing to the fact that allocation of fully-trained personnel for naval store accounting duties is not always practicable, and Commanding Officers should ensure that all possible assistance is given to personnel with limited experience in the care and accounting for naval stores, and to enable them to become fully conversant with pertinent Regulations and Instructions.

3. It is emphasized that the first duty of a storekeeping officer on taking charge of naval stores in a ship or establishment is to satisfy himself by verification and test that the stocks of naval stores are satisfactory and the storekeeping work is efficiently carried out and is up to date. He should furnish the certificate of transfer of change of naval stores within the stipulated period and where this is impracticable, or the condition of the storekeeping work is unsatisfactory, the matter should be reported to his Commanding Officer who should take appropriate action. In small ships in which the senior supply rating concentrates on victualling or naval stores, it should also be understood that notwithstanding this, the senior supply rating is responsible to the storekeeping officer for the supervision of the work of both victualling and naval stores.

(612/212/2670.)

611.

BRANDING OF DEPARTMENTAL BICYCLES.

Several instances have recently been reported of the loss owing to theft of Departmental bicycles at H.M.A. Naval Establishments. It has been decided that all Departmental bicycles should be branded with the letters R.A.N. and arrangements accordingly should be made forthwith.

2. The provision of locking appliances for Departmental bicycles is dealt with in Navy Order 426 of 1943.

(612/234/1531.)

612.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL WOMEN'S SERVICES—UNIFORM AND CLOTHING—AUTHORIZED KITS.

The following additional column is to be inserted in Navy Order 375 of 1943 on page 7—Scale of Measurements of Khaki Shirts (Revised Pattern):—

Chest Measurement of Wearer.

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2. All copies of the Navy Order held are to be noted accordingly.

(516/201/593.)

613.

PYJAMA SUITS.

Supplies of materials for pyjama suits are now being received from overseas and deliveries of pyjamas against outstanding demands of H.M.A. Ships and Establishments are being made.

2. In view of the shortage of civilian stocks of pyjamas and their much higher price than Service stocks, Commanding Officers are to take suitable action to ensure that issues to personnel are restricted to the absolute minimum for Service requirements.

(434/201/3457.)

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Navy Office, Melbourne,
23rd November, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,

J. O. Spacandee
Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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The following are promulgated for information:—

(Commonwealth Gazette, No. 237, dated 10th November, 1943.)

(a) COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

PROTECTION OF SHIPPING (ACCOMMODATION FOR DEFENCE PERSONNEL) ORDER.

Whereas by Instrument of Delegation dated the twenty-first day of September, 1943, and published in the *Gazette* on the first day of October, 1943, the Minister delegated, *inter alia*, the powers and functions conferred upon him by regulation 47 of the National Security (General) Regulations to every officer who shall at any time during the continuance of such delegation be holding or performing the duties of the office of Chief of the Naval Staff.

Now therefore, I, Guy Charles Cecil Royle, Chief of the Naval Staff, acting in pursuance of the powers conferred by the said regulation and delegation, do hereby order as follows:—

Citation. 1. This Order may be cited as the Protection of Shipping (Accommodation for Defence Personnel) Order.

Application. 2. This Order shall apply to all ships registered in Australia whose owners have been or may be notified by the Chief of the Naval Staff, or an officer authorized in that behalf by him, that they will be required to provide accommodation on board their ships for the use of personnel embarked for manning the defensive equipment.

3. A ship to which this Order applies shall not, except under permission granted by the Chief of the Naval Staff or an officer authorized in that behalf by him, proceed to sea from any port in the Commonwealth, unless there have been made on board such structural alterations (if any) as may from time to time be ordered, by notification to the owner or agent in Australia of the ship, by the Chief of the Naval Staff or an officer authorized in that behalf by him, for the purpose of providing accommodation for the use of personnel embarked for manning the defensive equipment.

Dated this fourth day of November, 1943.

G. C. C. ROYLE,
Chief of the Naval Staff.

(Commonwealth Gazette, No. 237, dated 10th November, 1943.)

(b) COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

AUTHORITY UNDER THE PROTECTION OF SHIPPING (ACCOMMODATION FOR DEFENCE PERSONNEL) ORDER.

In pursuance of the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Protection of Shipping (Accommodation for Defence Personnel) Order, I, Guy Charles Cecil Royle, Chief of the Naval Staff, hereby authorize every person who shall at any time during the continuance of this Authority be holding any of the offices specified hereunder or performing the duties of any of those offices, to exercise the powers under those paragraphs in relation to the provision of accommodation on board ships registered in Australia for the use of personnel embarked for manning the defensive equipment.

LIST OF OFFICES.

Naval Officer-in-Charge at any Port.

Naval Control Service Officer at any Port.

Dated this fourth day of November, 1943.

G. C. C. ROYLE,
Chief of the Naval Staff.

615.

REPATRIATION BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE NAVAL FORCES AND THEIR DEPENDANTS.

By virtue of the recent amending Act No. 22 of 1943, the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-43* (hereinafter called "the Repatriation Act") now has an extended field of application and the following information is promulgated:—

The Act provides for the grant of pensions on the death or incapacity of members of the Naval Forces in connexion with the present war.

In the event of death resulting from the war service of any member, his or her dependants may be eligible in certain cases for additional benefits other than pensions, e.g., assistance under the Australian Soldiers' Children Education Scheme.

2. The Repatriation Commission is the determining authority in all matters relating to the grant of war pensions. The Commission is represented in each capital city in the States of the Commonwealth by a Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation and overseas by the Deputy Commissioner of Pensions, London. Applications under the Act or the Regulations should be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner in the State in which the applicant resides.

No ship to proceed to sea without permission unless certain structural alterations made.

3. The following persons are within the scope of the pension provisions of the Repatriation Act:—

- (a) Members of the Permanent Naval Forces.
- (b) Members of the Citizen Naval Forces (i.e., R.A.N.R.(S), R.A.F.R., R.A.N.R. and R.A.N.V.R.) engaged on full-time service for the duration of, and directly in connexion with, the present war.
- (c) Members of the Royal Australian Naval Nursing Service.
- (d) Members of the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service.

4. (a) The basis of entitlement to war pensions is as follows:—

- (i) If the member was at any time employed on "active service"—upon incapacity or death resulting from any occurrence happening between enlistment and termination of service.
- (ii) In any other case—upon incapacity or death which has "arisen out of or is attributable to service as a member."

(b) "Active service" is defined for the purpose of the Repatriation Act as meaning (briefly) any active service—

- (i) in a ship of war engaged in sea-going operations beyond the territorial waters of Australia,
- (ii) outside Australia,
- (iii) within the mainland of Australia and Tasmania either in combat areas at prescribed times or at any place where injury or incapacity results from enemy action or actual combat against the enemy.

(c) "Arisen out of or is attributable to service as a member." The above expression is deemed to include death or incapacity—

- (i) resulting from an accident which happened to a member while travelling directly to or from his place of employment as such member; or
- (ii) which, in the opinion of the Repatriation Commission, is due to an accident occurring or to the contraction of a disease or infection which would not have occurred or been contracted but for being a member of the service or but for changes in environment consequent upon being such a member.

(d) If the origin or cause of a member's death or incapacity existed prior to his enlistment, pension may be granted if—

- (i) the member served in camp in Australia for at least six months or was employed on "active service"; and
- (ii) in the opinion of the Repatriation Commission, the incapacity from which the member suffered or died has been contributed to in any material degree or has been aggravated by the conditions of his war service; and
- (iii) such origin or cause was not due to the default or wilful act of the member.

(e) If, however, the incapacity or death of a member—

- (i) is due to the serious default or wilful act of the member, or
- (ii) arises from intentionally self-inflicted injuries, or
- (iii) arises from, or from any occurrence happening during the commission of, any serious breach of discipline,

the Commonwealth is not bound to grant any pension to the member or his dependants.

5. *Widows, children under sixteen, parents and other relatives of Male members—*

- (a) War pension payable to the widow or children of a male member is not affected by income from property, earnings or other means.
- (b) The widowed mother of an unmarried male member who loses his life as a result of service is entitled to war pension irrespective of whether there was prior dependence, provided she is widowed at the time of, or within three years after, the death of the member.
- (c) The parent of a male member who dies or becomes incapacitated as a result of service is eligible for war pension if he or she is at any time without adequate means of support.
- (d) Other relatives dependent upon the earnings of the member at enlistment or during service may be entitled to war pension.

6. *Widowers, children under sixteen and other relatives of female members.*

A war pension may be granted to a person who is a dependant of a female member and is within the following classes:—

- (a) In the case of a husband or widower, if—
 - (i) he was married to the member before or during her service or before her discharge or the termination of the war (whichever first happens),
 - (ii) he was wholly or substantially dependent upon her, and
 - (iii) he is unable to earn a livelihood, is without adequate means and is not separated from her.
- (b) In the case of a child under sixteen, if—
 - (i) such child was born of a marriage as mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) hereof,
 - (ii) the father of the child is a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) hereof or is dead or is separated or divorced from the member or has deserted her, and
 - (iii) such child was wholly or substantially dependent upon the member and is without adequate means of support.
- (c) In the case of other relatives of a female member, if the relative was dependent upon the earnings of the member at the time of her enlistment or at any time before her discharge or the termination of the war (whichever first happens).

- (d) War pension in respect of incapacity of a female member is payable to a dependant where the member is in receipt (or, in the event of her death subsequently, was in receipt) of a pension at a rate not less than 50 per centum of the rate for total incapacity.

7. Rates of War Pension—

- (a) Pension is assessed on rate of pay. "Pay" for the purpose of assessment of war pension includes active pay, deferred pay, badge pay and pay in respect of special qualifications.

(b) Death Pensions—

	<i>Minimum.</i>	<i>Maximum.</i>
Widows ..	Per fortnight. £5 (According to rate of pay at death.)	Per fortnight. £6 16s.
Widowed mothers of unmarried members	Per fortnight. £2 10s. (According to rate of pay at death.)	Per fortnight. £6 16s.
Children—		
Single Orphans	1st child, 35s. per fortnight. Remainder, 25s. per fortnight each.	
Double Orphans	Each child (14 and under), 35s. per fortnight. Each child (over 14), 40s. per fortnight.	
Other dependants—as assessed (maximum is variable— at present, £3 19s. per fortnight).		

(c) Incapacity Pensions—

Rate of Pay.	Assessment.		
	Member.	Wife.	Children.
	Per cent.	Per fortnight.	
To 19s. per day (min.)	100	£5	44s. 18s.
50s. 1d. and over (max.)	100	£6 16s.	44s. 18s.

The rate of pension where incapacity is assessed at less than 100 per cent. varies according to the extent of the incapacity.

- (d) There is no means test applicable in the cases of members, their wives or widows and children, or the widowed mothers of unmarried deceased members, but where the minimum pension payable to such widowed mothers is less than 100s. per fortnight, it may be supplemented if the financial circumstances of the claimant justify.
- (e) Special rates of pension to members are payable for certain specified disabilities and additional pensions with allowances for attendants in special disability cases.

8. The rights to a pension under the Repatriation Act are substituted for the rights under the Naval Defence Act of those persons referred to in paragraph 3 above, and they are, therefore, not entitled to claim compensation under the Naval Defence Act.

Decision as to the entitlement to pensions under the Repatriation Act of members, or their dependants, is a matter for the Repatriation Department, to which all claimants who have rights under the Act should submit their claims as in paragraph 2 above.

9. Navy Order 304 of 1942 is hereby cancelled.

(558/201/250.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

616.

MEDICAL ATTENDANCE OF W.R.A.N.S. AT MELBOURNE BY A FEMALE MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

Arrangements have been made for the services of Dr. Gladys A. Ferguson to be made available for members of the W.R.A.N.S. who may prefer to consult a doctor of their own sex.

2. Commencing from Thursday, November 18, Dr. Ferguson will attend H.M.A.S. *Lonsdale* every Thursday at 1400, unless information is given to the contrary.

3. Her services will also be available for visits to members of the W.R.A.N.S. who are sick on shore in Melbourne, and are suffering from conditions rendering her visit desirable.

4. Senior Medical Officer, *Lonsdale*, is, except in urgent cases, to be consulted prior to Dr. Ferguson's services being utilized, and all visits by Dr. Ferguson are to be authorized by him.

(527/211/1954.)

617.

RENDERING MINES AND BOMBS SAFE—ORGANIZATION ROUND THE AUSTRALIAN COAST.

Navy Order 448 of 1942 is to be amended as follows:—

APPENDIX III.

Insert—

- (a) against Darwin, Brisbane, and Cairns in column headed R.M.S. (B), the sign "√";
- (b) the words "Milne Bay" in column headed Port and "Special Outfit" in respect of that port under column headed Remarks.

APPENDIX IV.

Insert—"Milne Bay | 1 | 1 | —".

(Amendment No. 5 to Navy Order 448 of 1942.)

(549/201/100.)

618.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON RECEIPT OF NEW WEAPONS.

Instances have occurred where new machine gun barrels have been rendered unserviceable owing to portion of the preserving compound used by the factory having been left in the barrel when firing.

2. All barrels are to be inspected before firing, and particular attention is to be given to new weapons to ensure that the preserving compound is completely removed.

(490/212/885.)

619.

BOXES FOR GAS CYLINDERS.

Recently a cylinder of sulphur dioxide gas was jettisoned because of the danger attaching to the gas escaping through the valve which was damaged.

2. Valves of methyl chloride, sulphur dioxide and freon gas cylinders are frequently damaged in transit, and it has been decided, therefore, that in future cylinders containing these types of gases will be issued ex-Naval Store Depots in box containers.

3. The boxes will be issued as accountable items under sub-head E. Item 7, Part C, and will be shown on relevant vouchers when gas is issued.

4. Empty methyl chloride, sulphur dioxide and freon gas cylinders must be enclosed in the boxes in question when being returned to Naval Store Depots for recharging.

(421/201/916.)

620.

DEPTH CHARGE EQUIPMENT—MODIFICATION TO DEPTH CHARGE RAILS AND TEMPLATES.

The provisions of A.F.O. 2387/43 are to apply in the R.A.N.

(471/205/1914.)

621.

ASBESTOS CLOTHING FOR FIRE FIGHTING.

Approval has been given to the supply of light type asbestos fire fighting suits to H.M.A. Ships on the following basis:—

8-in. Cruisers	..	..	8 No.
6-in. Cruisers	..	..	6 No.
L.S.I's.	..	..	6 No.
<i>Platypus and Bungaree</i>	..	..	4 No.
Destroyers	..	..	2 No.
Sloops	..	..	1 No.
A.M.S.	..	..	1 No.
Frigates	..	..	1 No.

2. Supply to complete to the above-mentioned allowances will be effected by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney, as soon as stocks become available.

3. In connexion with the use of asbestos fire fighting suits, attention is drawn to the Appendix to A.F.O. 1970/40, and in particular to the following section thereof:—

IMPORTANT.*Limitations.*

It is absolutely essential that the wearers of this equipment should be made to realize its limitations.

Owing to the varying factors involved, the human endurance of the wearer, the degree of intensity of the fire, the wind and weather conditions, &c., it is impossible to lay down a hard and fast rule as regards the length of time for which a suit will give protection, and, therefore, the limit must in practice be fixed by the wearer himself. He must be trained to come out of the fire immediately he experiences any serious discomfort, whether it is due to heat, blistering, or difficulty in breathing.

(475/202/434.)

(475/202/429.)

622.

ANCHOR BUOYS IN A.M.S. VESSELS.

Cases have occurred of anchors and cables of A.M.S. Vessels being lost through attempts to recover them with gear of insufficient strength.

2. All concerned are reminded that the small anchor buoys attached to 2-inch or 3-inch manilla or sisal buoy ropes are intended solely to indicate the position of the anchor.

3. In circumstances where it may be necessary to slip in an emergency, the cable should, if weather permits, be broken and a dan-buoy and suitable length of flexible steel wire rope of adequate strength rigged ready for immediate release.

4. When recovering an anchor, care should be taken that the ship is manœuvred in such a way that the strain on the wire is not increased by part of the weight of the ship, in addition to the weight of the cable itself.

(612/223/691.)

623.

SPECIAL CLOTHING ISSUES FOR PERSONNEL IN FORWARD ISLAND AREAS.

The following is a summary of the special clothing authorized for issue to personnel in forward island areas:—

Heavy Boots.—Gratuitous issue (1 pair) to officers and men on being first drafted to forward island areas—not included in compulsory kit.

Mosquito Nets (for erection over sleeping quarters) and Ground Sheets—

Loan issue to officers and men for personal use while in the area.

Mosquito Veils (for wear on helmets) and Bush Nets (for use in the field)—

Loan issue to officers and men at discretion of local Commanding Officers.

Khaki long clothing—Gratuitous issue to officers and men (3 pairs of trousers and 3 shirts) *vide* Navy Order 593 of 1943.

2. Personnel drafted to Port Moresby will be outfitted on arrival. Personnel drafted to other than Port Moresby are to be outfitted with heavy boots, mosquito net, ground sheet, and long khaki clothing prior to leaving the mainland in H.M.A.S. *Penguin* where possible, otherwise in H.M.A.S. *Moreton*, and details of issues communicated to the Commanding Officer of the forward area.

(434/210/163.)

624.

KHAKI TROPICAL CLOTHING—ADDITIONAL SUPPLY TO RATINGS SERVING IN NORTHERN AREAS.

The additional gratuitous issue of khaki tropical clothing (tropical shorts, tropical shirts or singlets and stockings) authorized in Navy Order 170 of 1943 does not apply to ratings in forward island areas.

2. Paragraph 4 of Navy Order 170 of 1943 relating to khaki long clothing is cancelled. (*Vide* Navy Order 593 of 1943.)

(434/210/168.)

625.

THE LEGACY CLUB.

It is desired briefly to bring to the notice of naval personnel, the aims and objects of the Legacy Organization for the care of the dependants of ex-service men, as it is felt that individuals and canteen committees may feel disposed to help this cause.

2. Legacy was originally formed in 1923 by ex-service men of the 1914-18 war, who voluntarily undertook the care of the dependants of those men of the Defence Forces of the British Empire who died during the war or have since passed on. This work has been extended to embrace the dependants of members of the forces who lose their lives during the present war.

3. The obligation undertaken implies the duty of fathering the family and assisting the mother in its upbringing. This involves mental and physical training at organized regular classes; advice, and assistance where necessary, on matters regarding education, employment, and health; and guidance in the many problems which occur in the economic life of a family. All this is without cost to the family, though every effort is made to cultivate a spirit of independence in the children, keeping any thought of charity in the background.

4. All donations to or funds raised for the club are expended entirely for the benefit of the children, the administration costs being defrayed by the members themselves.

(552/201/1103.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

626.

MAIL BAGS—RETURN OF.

The Postmaster-General's Department is experiencing difficulty in procuring supplies of mail bags and has requested that action be taken to guard against improper use of bags, and to ensure the immediate return of surplus empty bags.

2. Officers-in-Charge are requested to take action accordingly. Surplus bags may be returned through any civilian post office, or through Army or Air Force Base Post Offices.

(563/201/126.)

627.

FORM A.S. 1246V—CODER'S HISTORY SHEET.

The under-mentioned form is being introduced for use in the Royal Australian Navy in lieu of the corresponding Admiralty Form S. 1246V:—

A.S. 1246V—Coder's History Sheet.

2. The attention of Commanding Officers is drawn to parts III. and IV. thereof.

3. On receipt of first supply, which will be issued without demand, H.M.A. Ships and Naval Establishments are to return to the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Garden Island, Sydney, all copies of Form S. 1246V.

(480/202/4480.)

628.

**VACANCY FOR LIBRARIAN (FEMALE), SECRETARIAT,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, MELBOURNE.**

Applications are invited for permanent appointment to the above-mentioned vacancy. Salary (£238-£304) is subject to cost of living adjustments, and the present rates payable are minimum £265 per annum to maximum £331 per annum.

2. Applicants, who should be graduates in Arts of a recognized University, should indicate their knowledge and experience in secretarial work, and in the classification and maintenance of files and documents.

3. The appointee, after confirmation of appointment, will be eligible for benefits under the Commonwealth Superannuation Act.

4. Preference will be given to members of the Forces in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1943*.

5. Applications, showing full name, date and place of birth, and full details of qualifications and experience, should be forwarded to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne, to reach him not later than 16th December, 1943.

(712/205/286.)

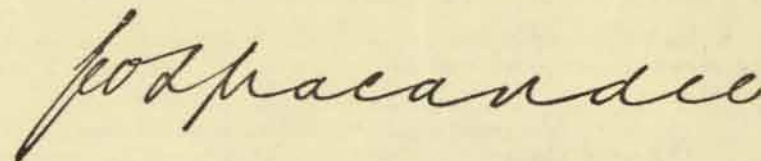
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Navy Office, Melbourne,
30th November, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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629.

H.M.A. SHORE ESTABLISHMENTS—NAME SHIPS.

With reference to Navy Order 177 of 1943, the motor boat H.M.A.S. *Kuttabal* has been renamed *Otter*. A formerly unnamed boat has been named H.M.A.S. *Kuttabal*.

2. H.M.A.S. *Jonjim* has been renamed H.M.A.S. *Ladava*.

(404/201/557.)

630.

EXAMINATION OF SERVICE CERTIFICATES.

The attention of Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships and Establishments is drawn to the provisions of King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, Article 605, clause 3, regarding the recording of a man's service on his Service Certificate.

2. Each Service Certificate is to be closely scrutinized on the following occasions to ensure that the man's service has been correctly recorded:—

- (a) when first received in the ship or establishment,
- (b) when character and efficiency assessments are recorded,
- (c) when a punishment is awarded,
- (d) on being discharged from the ship or establishment.

3. In the event of any errors or omissions being discovered on the occasions referred to above, the Service Certificates of the ratings concerned are to be forwarded to the Director of Navy Accounts for correction.

(432/205/5834.)

631.

MALARIA CASES—DESCRIPTION OF CATEGORIES.

With reference to paragraphs 5 and 6 of Navy Order 275 of 1943, attention is drawn to the fact that the classification of personnel as Category "M" prohibits appointment or draft to a potentially malarious area, but does not prohibit appointment or draft back to a malarious area, provided the general health of the individual justifies such action which is frequently desirable on account of the special knowledge of the member.

2. In the event of a Medical Officer considering that an officer or rating is unfit on general health grounds for return to a malarious area, the appropriate drafting symbol is to be notified in addition to the letter "M," e.g., Category "MY" for three months or Category "MX" in cases where conditions such as blackwater fever contra-indicate return to a malarious area for the duration of the war.

(527/201/840.)

632.

ACCOUNTING FOR NAVAL STORES—H.M.A. MOTOR PATROL BOATS AND OTHER SMALL VESSELS IN WHICH ACCOUNTS OF CONSUMABLE NAVAL STORES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE MAINTAINED.

The following method of accounting for naval stores in H.M.A. Motor Patrol Boats, and other small vessels in which accounts of consumable naval stores are not required to be kept, is promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

PERMANENT STORES.

2. (a) Permanent stores, including Books of Reference and O.U. Publications, are to be accounted for on inventories prepared by the storing yard on Forms A.S.1099 (inside) in triplicate for each vessel, the three copies being disposed of as shown below. The Permanent Stores and Books recorded in the inventories should not be taken on charge in the naval store account of the parent ship or base.

Original.—Standard copy for the store accounting officer of the parent ship. This copy should be held on ledger charge in the naval store account of the parent ship or base.

Duplicate.—Standard copy for the officer responsible for the stores in the Patrol Vessel.

Triplicate.—Working copy for the officer responsible, in the Patrol Vessel.

(b) The original and duplicate copies are to be enclosed in covers A.S.1099 (outside), and the certificates completed as necessary. The triplicate copy is to be enclosed in covers A.S.1099b.

3. After supply of the first equipment, subsequent supplies and replacements of permanent stores may be made as follows:—

- (a) through the naval store account of a parent ship or base;
- (b) direct from a dockyard, i.e., when a parent ship is not present;
- (c) from any other convenient ship.

4. The store accounting officer of the parent ship or base will be responsible for ensuring that the standard copies of the inventories are kept up to date. To enable this work to be carried out, the dockyard or ship concerned in making supplies should, for transactions under (b) and (c) of paragraph 3 above, forward the supply vouchers A.S.134b or receipted transfer voucher A.S.549, direct to the store accounting officer of the parent ship. Such transactions need not pass through the store account of the parent ship.

5. Vouchers for supply or return of stores (including those dealt with on Forms A.S.156 and A.S.1091 through the central store account of the parent ship or base), which involve a net addition or reduction in the quantity or description of stores on charge in the inventories, should be retained with the respective inventories in support of the amended quantity or description of stores. All other vouchers (i.e., those involving no change in the quantity or description) should be retained in suitable bundles on board the parent ship or at the base.

6. (a) The inventories are to be verified by muster of the stores as follows:—

- (i) Six monthly by the officer responsible in the Patrol Vessel. On the occasion of the yearly muster the accountant officer of the parent ship or base is to be represented at the stocktaking.
- (ii) On change of the officer responsible in the Patrol Vessel. On these occasions the outgoing and incoming officers are to be associated in the muster.
- (iii) On transfer of the Patrol Vessel from one parent ship or base to another. On these occasions by the officer responsible in the vessel concerned and the representative of the accountant officer of the parent ship or base is to be represented at the muster.

(b) The original and duplicate copies are to be compared every six months by the store accounting officer of the parent ship or base.

7. Deficiencies of stores and books are normally to be dealt with on Forms A.S.126 and A.S.1096. Where, however, they cannot be dealt with as losses, e.g., accounting errors), Forms A.S. 148 are to be used and forwarded to the Director of Naval Stores, Melbourne, quarterly. A separate series of A.S.148 numbers should be used for each vessel.

8. If the patrol vessel is subsequently transferred to another parent ship or base, the books of duplicate vouchers A.S. 156 and A.S.1091 appropriate to the particular patrol vessel are to be handed to, and retained by the store accounting officer of the parent ship or base from which the vessel is transferred. The original copies of A.S.156 and A.S.1091 vouchers (alterations in quantity or pattern number) enclosed in the inventory for such vessels should be compared with the duplicate copies of the vouchers and the inventory, together with the pertinent vouchers (including those referred to in paragraph 4), then transferred to the accounting officer of the new parent ship or base. A receipt for the inventory should be obtained on Form A.S.549 to clear the naval store account of the parent ship from which the patrol vessel is transferred.

CONSUMABLE STORES.

9. Supplies of consumable stores may be made as for permanent stores, see paragraph 3 above). Forms A.S.149A are to be used for supplies obtained from the central store of a parent ship or base. Forms A.S.134D for supplies direct from a dockyard and Forms A.S.549 for transfers from other ships.

10. Transactions between the patrol vessels and dockyards or between one patrol vessel and another are not to be passed through the parent ship's central store account for quantity. The vouchers are, however, to be sent to the parent ship or base for retention pending examination of the parent ship's account.

11. All supplies of consumable stores are to be regarded as issued outright to the patrol vessel, and are not to be accounted for in that vessel.

12. All vouchers are to show the names of the parent ship or base of the patrol vessel.

13. (a) All stores of a semi-permanent nature, e.g., tools, brooms, brushes, &c., are to be properly safeguarded and used with economy. Approximately equal quantities of broken or used articles are to be returned to the base accountant officer prior to replenishment being effected.

(b) Consumable stores, which from their nature could be utilized for other than authorized services, are to be carefully safeguarded. The following are examples of the stores referred to:—

calico, chamois skins, canvas, electric torches, leather, mopheads, sparking plugs, &c.

(612/212/2617.)

633.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL WOMEN'S SERVICES—UNIFORM AND CLOTHING—AUTHORIZED KITS.

The following amendments are to be made to Navy Order 375 of 1943:—

Page 3.—*Authorized Kit for Officers of the W.R.A.N.S. to be Supplied Gratuitously on Appointment.*

- (a) Amend the description "Shirt, khaki, with shoulder straps" to read "Shirt, khaki, officers."
- (b) Add the following item "Shoulder straps, blue for use on khaki shirts and safari jackets—two pairs."

Page 6.—*Measurement of Jacket at Waist with Jacket Buttoned:—*

Insert revised measurements as shown hereunder.

Size	No.	Measurement of Jacket at Waist with Jacket Buttoned.		
1	28-29
2	29-30
2A	29-30
3	30-31
3A	30-31
4	31-32
4A	31-32
5	31-32
6	32-33
6A	32-33
7	33-34
7A	33-34
8	33-34
9	34-35
9A	34-35
10	35-36
10A	35-36
10B	35-36
11	36-37
12	37-38

2. Care is to be taken that all copies of the Navy Order held are amended.

(516/201/593.)

634.

**ECONOMY IN THE USE OF CORDAGE AND COIR FENDERS—
“APPLE-RING” TYPE FENDERS—MANUFACTURE OF.**

As new cordage is in short supply, fenders, Patterns 307, 308, and 309 should, in view of their relatively short life, be conserved as much as possible and their use restricted to the protection of comparatively frail craft.

2. Fenders made up of old motor car tires, as formerly sometimes used in lieu of the above Patterns, are not now being made, in order to achieve economy in rubber. Fenders of the “Apple-ring” type as Patterns 897, 898, and 899 made up of old cordage locally or on board ship, are to be used generally in lieu.

3. These latter fenders are made up of lengths of old hemp, manilla, or preferably coir or grass hawser, coiled into a ring of the required size and weight, similar to a motor car tire, and completed with a binding in a series of half hitches with 2” or 3” tarred hemp.

4. No old or unserviceable cordage is to be wasted, and any quantities which cannot be utilized on board are to be returned to store so that they can be utilized towards meeting requirements of other ships and services.

(612/201/5145.)

635.

DEMANDS FOR NAVAL STORES.

Examination of demand vouchers (Form A.S.134D) received in Navy Office from Naval Store Depots other than Sydney, reveals that in many instances the forms are not being amended to show the locality of the storing base on which the demand is placed.

2. Ships, demanding stores from depots other than Sydney, should amend the forms as necessary, failing which, the amendment should be made by the establishment concerned.

3. The above procedure is also applicable to return vouchers (Form A.S.331).

(612/201/3755.)

636.

CINEMATOGRAPH PROJECTORS.

Particulars of all cinematograph projectors, Service or otherwise, held at shore establishments and in depot ships and R.A.N. vessels are required to be forwarded to Navy Office forthwith.

2. Reports should include make, size 16 mm. or 35 mm., whether silent or sound, source of supply and state of repair of the equipment.

3. Nil returns are required.

(560/201/1174.)

637.

**PATTERN VI TARGETS—REPLACEMENT BY “EXCELLENT”
PATTERN II.**

With reference to Consolidated Orders and Regulations, Article 63, as the Pattern VI Target has been superseded by the “Excellent” Pattern II Target, it has been decided that the latter pattern is to be supplied whenever the replacement of a Pattern VI Target at present in use becomes necessary in future.

2. C.O.R., Article 63, will be amended in due course.

(618/201/534.)

638.

MACHINERY FORMS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION VESSELS.

A.F.O. 2793/43 is to be followed for R.A.N. Vessels. Forms are to be distributed to the following Australian Naval Authorities instead of the Royal Naval Authorities quoted in A.F.O. 2793/43:—

<i>Royal Navy.</i>		<i>Royal Australian Navy.</i>	
S.N.S.O. of Storing Yard ..	..	S.N.S.O., Garden Island.	..
Engineer Manager of Storing Yard	..	Engineer Manager, Garden Island.	..
Admiralty	..	Naval Board.	..
E. in C. }	..	Naval Board (for Chief of Construction).	..
D.E.E. }	..		
D.N.C. }	..		

(480/201/3237.)

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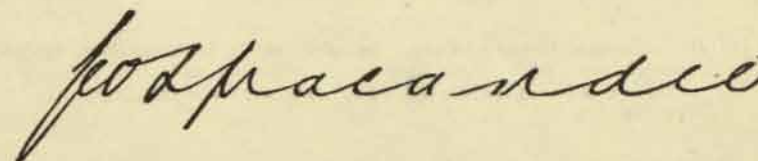
Commonwealth Navy Order.

Navy Office, Melbourne,

2nd December, 1943.

The following Order, having been approved, is hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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639.

LUBRICATING OILS AND GREASES—STANDARDIZATION AND PURCHASE.

Owing to the increasing difficulties experienced in meeting demands for lubricating oils and greases, consideration has been given to the standardization of lubricants generally in Australia, and it has been decided to classify and standardize, as far as possible, the various proprietary brands of lubricants which are at present being used in addition to standard Admiralty Pattern Lubricants in the Royal Australian Navy, and to arrange contracts to ensure that supplies will be available at Sydney, Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns, Fremantle, Adelaide, Melbourne, and Hobart, as and when required.

2. Particulars of the lubricants which have been approved for general use for machinery, &c., in charge of the Engineer Officer, and the services for which they are to be used, are shown hereunder:—

Lubricating Oil.

(a) *Oil Admiralty Compound* in accordance with Admiralty Specification C.369 as shown in Appendix "A"

(b) *Oil Mineral Heavy Filtered* in accordance with Specification C.378 R.A.N. as shown in Appendix "A".

(c) *Oil Special Mineral* in accordance with Admiralty Specification C.374 as shown in Appendix "A".

(d) *Oil Internal Combustion Engine.*

Light.
Medium.
Heavy.

In accordance with Specifications R.A.N. C.373, Light, Medium and Heavy as shown in Appendix "A" of this Order.

(e) *Mineral Oil* in accordance with Specification as shown in Appendix "A".

Service.

For external parts of reciprocating engines not fitted with forced lubrication, and for internal lubrication of air cylinders of air compressors, other than in E.A. Plants fitted with metallic packing throughout. Water will not separate readily from this oil.

For use in impermeators, cylinders, and on piston and slide rods. Water will not separate from this oil.

For main and auxiliary machinery (including forced lubrication reciprocating engines) and for shafting and general purposes. Water will separate readily from this oil. This oil may be mixed with heavy filtered mineral oil if a higher viscosity is desired for use in hot climates or for engines required to work in high surrounding temperatures, but water may not then separate so readily from the mixture.

For lubrication of diesel engines, air compressors and main engines in submarines.

For lubrication of hydraulic hoists, refrigerating compressors &c.

Note.—Refrigerators using special gases where separation does not take place require special oils.

(f) *Oils All-purpose S.A.E.*
All-purpose Engine Oil S.A.E. 30 } For lubrication of spark ignition engines
(Symbol marking DDOE 30). and small high-speed diesel engines.
All-purpose Engine Oil S.A.E. 50 }
(Symbol marking DDOE 50).
All-purpose Gear Oil S.A.E. 90 } For lubrication of gears.
(Symbol marking G.O. 90).

(g) *Greases*

No. 1—Calcium Base Grease.	<i>Service.</i> Slow-moving heavy duty plain bearings.
No. 2—Calcium Base Grease.	Ball and roller bearings operating at low speeds and low temperature. Gun lubricated bearings of general purpose machinery.
No. 3—Sodium Base Grease.	Ball and roller bearings, and especially high-speed or hot bearings, <i>not to be used in the presence of excessive amounts of water.</i>
Petroleum Jelly.	Base for acid cocks, grease cups of conveyors, general preservative.
Graphited No. 3/4 Calcium Base Grease.	Greasing water-end packing, and for grease cups requiring similar grease to underwater grease, but of a lighter consistency.
Underwater Grease.	Stern tubes, water glands, &c.

3. The above lubricants are to be used in all cases where practicable, in lieu of proprietary lubricants which have frequently been specified for supply in the past, and only in special circumstances should other oils be demanded, e.g., for making up oil in circulating systems where mixing is undesirable. It is to be understood that the above lubricants have been approved for use with a view of eliminating, as far as possible, the demanding of numerous proprietary brands of lubricants, and that the foregoing does not vary the instructions contained in the Engineering Manual (B.R.16) in regard to the use of lubricants Admiralty pattern oils and greases which should continue to be demanded in accordance with the instructions contained therein.

4. Demands for lubricating oils and greases are to be prepared accordingly, and, in cases where it is considered essential to obtain supplies of oils other than those specified, full particulars as to the necessity for supply are to be furnished on the demand. Whenever special lubricating oils or greases are purchased, details of the supply and the reasons therefor are to be furnished to Navy Office by the officer making the arrangement, to enable the case to be further investigated. Particulars of the better known proprietary brands of lubricating oils marketed in Australia, together with the equivalent standard oil which should now be demanded, have been shown in Appendix "A" to this Order, for guidance in the preparation of demands.

5. Departmental stocks of standard lubricating oils and greases will also be maintained at Darwin and Port Moresby and other Naval Establishments as may be found necessary, and Naval Officers-in-Charge at Establishments, other than those shown in paragraph 1 of this Order, are to forward demands to the S.N.S.O., Sydney; N.S.O., Brisbane; and N.S.O., Fremantle, as applicable, for such quantities as are required to replenish stocks in accordance with the reserves laid down.

6. Particulars of the specifications for the standardized oils are shown in Appendix "A" of this Order.

7. Samples of lubricants supplied by contractors should be drawn periodically at the discretion of the Naval Officer-in-Charge at ports of supply, and tested at approved laboratories to ensure conformity to specifications.

APPENDIX "A."

STATEMENT SHOWING PARTICULARS OF ADMIRALTY PATTERN OILS TOGETHER WITH THEIR NEAREST COMPARABLE PROPRIETARY BRANDS.

Note.—This statement is prepared solely for guidance in the preparation of demands, and it should not be accepted that the proprietary brands of oils shown herein conform entirely to the specifications of the Admiralty patterns against which they are shown.

<i>Proprietary Brand.</i>	<i>Admiralty Pattern which is now to be demanded in lieu.</i>
Vacuum Almo Engine Oil. Vacuum Kalif D.D. Vacuum Kalif E.E. Wakefield Heavy Marine Engine Oil. Wakefield Coral C. Shell A.F.2. Shell A.2. Caltex Aleph C. 10. Caltex Dolphin. Atlantic Altresco Marine Engine Oil. Atlantic Compound Bearing Oil "R". Neptune Y. 4A. Oil. Neptune Marine Engine Oil.	Oil Admiralty Compound Specification C.369.
Vacuum C.736. Vacuum Filtered Cylinder Oil. Vacuum 600S. Shell B.D. 12. Shell C. 4. Texaco 999 Oil. Texaco Regal Cylinder Oil K. Atlantic Union 1124. Neptune B.J. 06.	Oil Mineral Heavy Filtered C.378.
Vacuum Gargoyle D.T.E. Heavy Medium. Vacuum Perfect. Vacuum Medium. Vacuum C.C. Medium (Amber). Shell B.9A. Caltex Regal C. Caltex Regal E. Atlantic Teresso 58. Neptune V.2.	Oil Special Mineral C.374.
Vacuum Gargoyle D.T.E. Heavy. Vacuum H.E.H. or D.T.E. Extra Heavy. Wakefield Deusol A. Shell C.Y.1. Caltex Light. Caltex Algol. Atlantic Teresso 60. Neptune P. 13.	Oil Internal Combustion C.373 Light.
Vacuum Gargoyle D.T.E. Extra Heavy. Wakefield's Deusol "0". Shell C.Y. 2. Caltex Heavy. Caltex "Ursa". Atlantic Teresso 65. Neptune P. 11.	Oil Internal Combustion C.373 Medium.

*Proprietary Brand.**Admiralty Pattern which is now to be demanded in lieu.*

Vacuum Gargoyle D.T.E. Vacuum B.B. Wakefield Deusol "D" and "C". Shell C.Y.4. Caltex Heavy. Caltex "Ursa" Medium Heavy Caltex Teresso 85. Neptune P. 15.	Oil Internal Combustion C.373 Heavy.
Vacuum Hydraulic and Refrigerator Oil. Vacuum Arctic. Vacuum M.E. Refrigerator Oil. Wakefield's Hydraulic and Refrigerator Oil. Wakefield's No. 1. Shell A. 11. Shell A.C. 11 Caltex Capella. Atlantic Zerice 44. Neptune Y. 9.	Mineral for Hydraulic Hoists Refrigerators.
Various brands which have been previously purchased under their trade name for lubrication of Spark Ignition Engines.	All purpose Engine Oils to S.A.E. Specifications.

APPENDIX "B" SPECIFICATIONS.

SPECIFICATION FOR ADMIRALTY COMPOUND OIL—SPECIFICATION No. C.369.
(REVISED 1941.)

1. *Chemical Characteristics.*—The oil supplied under this contract shall be compounded from a refined pure mineral oil, and not less than 10/15 per cent. of blown refined rapeseed oil, in such a manner that it will not separate or break down in any way, either before or while it is in service.

2. It shall conform to the following characteristics:—

(a) Closed Test Flash Point.—"Pensky Marten," not less than 380° F.

The Naval Board is prepared to accept oil having a flash point of not less than 375° F., but an oil with a flash point of 380° F. and over will receive preference when tenders are being considered. In no circumstances will an oil with a flash point below 375° F. be considered.

(b) Viscosity by Boverton—Redwood Apparatus.—

70° F.—1,350–2,800 seconds.

140° F.—150–250 seconds.

200° F.—60–80 seconds.

(c) Setting Point.—Not exceeding 32° F.

(d) Free Fatty Acid (calculated as oleic acid).—Not exceeding 1.5 per cent.

(e) Neutralization Value.—300 mgms. KOH/100 gm. maximum.

(f) The oil shall syphon freely in an ordinary worsted lubricator as fitted in H.M. Ships, without clogging the worsteds.

(g) The oil shall be clear and free from suspended matter.

(h) The contractor whose tender is accepted will be required to furnish a half-gallon sample of the fatty oil and a half-gallon sample of the mineral oil used in the blending of the bulk oil.

ADMIRALTY SPECIFICATION FOR HEAVY FILTERED MINERAL OIL.
SPECIFICATION No. C.378—R.A.N.

3. The oil shall be pure genuine filtered mineral oil, free from paraffin scale, resin, water, mineral matter, and from any acidity soluble in water. It must not contain any admixture of any kind of tar or fatty oils.

4. The oil shall have a density between 0.905 and 0.925 at 60° F., a minimum close test flash point of 500° F. as measured with the "Pensky Marten" apparatus, and the viscosity, as measured with the Boverton-Redwood apparatus, shall lie between 300 seconds and 350 seconds at 180° F., and between 4½ hours and 7 hours at 70° F.

5. The quality of the deliveries shall not only conform to the above specification, but must be fully equal to that of the accepted samples.

ADMIRALTY SPECIFICATION FOR "SPECIAL" MINERAL LUBRICATING OIL.
SPECIFICATION C.374.

6. *Chemical Characteristics.*—(a) The oil supplied under this contract shall be a pure genuine mineral oil distilled by a non-cracking process with the paraffin scale extracted so that the oil, when tested by the I.P.T. setting point method, shall remain fluid at 32° F. It shall be free from any tendency to gum, and shall be clear, bright, and transparent when examined by transmitted light in an ordinary glass test tube and shall remain so when gradually cooled to 32° F. Opaque or turbid oils will be rejected.

(b) It shall conform to the following characteristics:—

- (i) Specific gravity at 60° F. Not exceeding 0.880.
(ii) *Closed test flash point (Pensky Marten) 400° F.
(iii) Viscosity—Redwood No. 1 at 70° F. Not more than 700 secs.
Redwood No. 1 at 140° F. Not less than 105 secs.
Redwood No. 1 at 200° F. Not less than 50 secs.
(iv) Acidity (expressed in mgs. KOH—100 grms. Oil)—
(a) Inorganic acidity Nil.
(b) Organic acidity Not exceeding 10.
(v) Sulphur Not exceeding 0.2 per cent.
(vi) Water Entirely free from.
(vii) Suspended matter Entirely free from.
(viii) Ash Not exceeding 0.01 per cent.
(ix) Demulsification test See sub-paragraph (c) next.
(x) Friction test By Thurston Testing Machine, or as may be otherwise approved.

* The Naval Board is prepared to accept an oil having a flash point of not less than 395° F., but an oil with a flash point of 400° F. or over will receive preference when tenders are being considered. In no circumstances will an oil with a flash point below 395° F. be accepted.

(c) *Demulsification Tests.*—The oil must separate readily from water after the two have been thoroughly mixed. This property will be determined as follows:—

(i) *Apparatus.*

The oil and water will be emulsified in a water-jacketed vessel containing a motor-driven stirrer. In addition to this agitation, the mixture will be circulated through the vessel by a motor-driven gear pump. The revolutions of the pump and stirrer will be 800 per minute.

(ii) *Method of Test.*

Mixing.—The water in the jacket of the vessel will be heated to 160° F. and 800 cubic centimetres of oil at air temperature poured into the vessel. To this will be added 400 cubic centimetres of distilled water at air temperature.

The pump and stirrer will be started and the temperature of the mixture raised to 160° F. in the course of half an hour.

Agitation and circulation will be continued at 160° F. for a further half-hour, after which two quantities of the emulsion, each of approximately 250 cubic centimetres, will be run into cylindrical glass vessels of approximately 1½ in. internal diameter which have been in the meantime maintained in an air bath at 100° F. Both glass vessels and their contents will be replaced in the air bath.

Separation of the oil and water should at once begin to take place.

(iii) *Centrifuge Test.*

One of the cylinders will remain in the air bath at 100° F. for 15 minutes. Fifty cubic centimetres will then be poured from the top into a centrifuging vessel, and will be centrifuged at a minimum speed of 1,500 revolutions per minute (at a radius of approximately 2¼ in.) for 15 minutes.

The oil, on examination, must show a sharp line of separation from the water.

At least 96 per cent. of only slightly damp oil must be shown, and the remainder must consist of at least 50 per cent. of water showing at the most only the slightest traces of opalescence. The balance, not exceeding 50 per cent. of the watery layer, may be unresolved emulsion.

Oil agreeing with this test will be considered as meeting the demands of the specification.

(iv) *Incubator Test.*

The second 250 c.c.s. of the emulsion will be left standing in the air bath at 100° F. for two hours, and oil which conforms to the centrifuge test will be examined for the nearest return of the oil to its original colour, the narrowest middle layer of emulsion and the clearest condition of the separated water.

7. The figures given in the above specification are to be considered as the limits beyond which oils will not be considered, and inside which preference will be given to oil showing superior qualities.

8. All deliveries under the contract will be tested, &c., and if the oil does not comply with the foregoing requirements the consignment will be rejected. If, whilst conforming with the specification, the oil is nevertheless inferior in any respect to the accepted sample and is not re-adjusted by the Contractor, the Naval Board reserve the right to enforce an abatement to compensate for the inferiority.

9. Except where otherwise detailed, the methods of test used will be those laid down by the Institution of Petroleum Technologists, Standard Methods of Testing Petroleum and its Products.

SPECIFICATION FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE OIL SPECIFICATION C.373
R.A.N.—LIGHT, MEDIUM, AND HEAVY GRADES.

10. The oil shall be a pure highly refined petroleum oil free from adulterants, dirt, suspended matter, water or other impurities—opaque or turbid oils will be rejected. It shall conform to the following characteristics:—

Property.	Light.	Medium.	Heavy.
(a) Specific gravity at 60° not exceeding ..	910	910	920
(b) Viscosity Redwood No. 1 at— 70° F. not more than .. 140° F. .. 200° F. not less than ..	1,450 secs. 135–160 secs. 55 secs.	2,200 secs. 165–190 secs. 64 secs.	4,000 secs. 260–285 secs. 75 secs.
(c) Flash Point closed not less than ..	400° F.	400° F.	400° F.
(d) Acidity expressed in mgs. KOH/gm. oil— (a) inorganic acidity .. (b) organic acidity not more than ..	Nil 0.1	Nil 0.1	Nil 0.1
(e) Sulphur	All grades to be free from deleterious sulphur compounds		
(f) Ash not above ..	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
(g) Coke Number (Ramsbottom) not above ..	0.7% 25° F.	0.7% 25° F.	0.7% 25° F.
(h) Pour Point not above ..	25° F.	25° F.	25° F.
(i) Oxidation Stability D.T.D. 109, Appendix IV.— (i) Ratio of Vis. at 100° F. in cs. after/before oxidation not above ..	1.75	1.75	1.75
(ii) Coke number after oxidation, not above ..	1.5	1.5	1.5

Method of Testing.—Except where otherwise detailed the methods of test used will be those laid down by the I.P.T. Standard Methods of testing petroleum and its products.

SPECIFICATION FOR MINERAL OIL FOR REFRIGERATORS, ETC.

11. Viscosity Red 1 at 100° F.—135-145 secs.
 Pour Point not above—30° F.
 Flash Point not below (closed)—330° F.

NOTE.—Refrigerators using special gases where separation does not take place require special oils.

(545/201/454.)

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Navy Office, Melbourne,
 7th December, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,

J. P. Macandee
 Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
 and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
 Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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640.

Flag of Vessels of Water Transport Units of the Australian Military Forces.

Authority has been given for vessels of the Water Transport Units of the Australian Military Forces to fly the flag specified in King's Regulations 985 (a), that is, the Blue Ensign defaced by crossed swords in the fly.

(476/201/724.)

641.

Photographic Records of H.M.A. Ships.

In order that a complete photographic record of all H.M.A. Ships may be obtained as soon as possible, Commanding Officers of major war vessels and administrative authorities of other ships are to arrange for the taking of photographs of all ships under their command (including auxiliaries, channel patrol boats, fairmiles, naval auxiliary patrol vessels, air-sea rescue vessels and harbour craft).

2. It is preferable that photographs be taken while the ship is under way. If possible, views on the bow and quarter, as well as on the beam, should be taken. If the appearance of a ship is altered materially at any time, except by camouflage, new photographs should be taken so that records may be kept up-to-date.

3. Photographs may be taken by a member of a ship's company or other suitable person.

4. When a ship is transferred to a new administrative authority, the authority relinquishing control is to indicate the date on which the ship was last photographed.

5. All negatives exposed under this Order (including any processed locally) are to be forwarded to the Director of Naval Intelligence, Navy Office, Melbourne, with an indication of the date on which the photographs were taken.

6. Out-of-pocket expenses incurred in obtaining the photographs may be reimbursed. (Finance Authority 4675.)

(560/201/1166.)

642.

Return of Vessels, Lighters, pontoons, Motor Launches, and Boats.

A return of all vessels (excluding those in Navy List) lighters, pontoons, motor launches and boats, both old and new, in the Naval Service, is to be rendered annually on Form A.D. 564Z, to reach Navy Office by 31st December, by H.M.A. Ships (including ships in reserve) and Establishments (including Naval Store, Garden Island).

2. When a new vessel, etc., is added to any Ship or Establishment, the following particulars are to be furnished in addition to the information required on the Forms:—

- (a) Weight, fully equipped.
- (b) Cost.
- (c) Name of builder.
- (d) Date when built.
- (e) Registered number.

3. When a vessel, etc., is lost, sold or transferred to or received from another Ship or Establishment, particulars of the transaction are to be reported to the Naval Board by letter.

4. A registered number will be allotted to each vessel, etc., by Navy Office, and this number is to be cut deeply into a conspicuous part of the structure of the craft, or, in the case of boats, on the top of the foremost thwart, in square figures 2½ inches high.

5. Every column of the return must be completed.

(603/201/1112.)

643.

H.D.M.L. Operating Hours.

Until further experience has been gained with Diesel engines fitted in H.D.M.L's, they are to be opened up for examination at the termination of each 500 hours of running. A normal top overhaul is to be carried out at the same time.

2. A report is to be forwarded to the Naval Board stating the result of this examination.

(603/246/3443.)

644.

Alarm Signals for A.M.S. Vessels.

Approval has been given to the addition of 1 No. of each of the undermentioned signal flags to the list of special allowances of naval stores for A.M.S. Vessels, for use when engaged in convoy protection:—

Patterns 310, 344, 349, 351, 352, 355, 357, 358, 362, 366 and 367.

2. First supply of the abovementioned flags will be effected without demand by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney, as early as practicable.

(476/201/719.)

645.

**Women's Royal Australian Naval Service—Uniform and Clothing—
Authorized Kits.**

The allowance of gowns and aprons for loan issue to cook ratings, W.R.A.N.S., is increased to 4 No. of each article, and loan issue to the increased scale may be made accordingly.

2. Additional purchases of gowns by Royal Edward Victualling Yard, Sydney, will be necessary to meet the increased issue and care is to be taken to ensure that issues are not made to the increased scale to the detriment of requirements of new entries.

3. All copies of Navy Order 375 of 1943, page 4, paragraph 4 (b) are to be amended accordingly.

(420/201/1092.)

646.

**Women's Royal Australian Naval Service—Uniform and Clothing—
Authorized Kits.**

Ratings of the W.R.A.N.S. are to wear badges on their loan issue overalls.

2. Non-substantive badges are to be worn on the right arm, and substantive badges on the left arm.

3. Gratuitous issue of non-substantive badges for attachment to the loan issue overalls as set forth in Navy Order 375 of 1943 may be made, i.e., ratings issued with one loan overall will be entitled to gratuitous issue of 1 No. non-substantive badge; if the authorized loan issue of overalls is 2 No., the gratuitous issue of non-substantive badges will be 2 No. badges.

4. Substantive badges are not to be issued gratuitously.

(416/201/993.)

647.

Flying Badges.

Supplies of the flying badges referred to in A.F.O. 4491/42 and A.F.O. 3663/43 are on order from the United Kingdom and will, on receipt, be available for repayment issue to officers and men entitled to wear the badges.

2. Requirements will be obtainable from Royal Edward Victualling Yard, Sydney, on demand.

(416/201/979.)

648.

Suits, Combination, Blulette—Issue to Supply Ratings.

One blulette combination suit is added to the compulsory kit of all supply ratings below the rating of Supply Petty Officer. The necessary amendment to Naval Financial Regulations and Instructions, Article 46, will be promulgated in due course.

2. A gratuitous issue of one suit is authorized to Supply Probationers entered as from 1st October, 1943.

(434/214/526.)

649.

Accounting for Articles Purchased from Canteen Funds.

The following method of accounting for items purchased from canteen funds is promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

2. Valuable items of a permanent nature should be treated as presentations and taken on charge on Form A.S. 146 in the ship's Naval Store Account, and, when worn out or otherwise rendered valueless, should be taken off charge by a certificate signed by the Commanding Officer. Items purchased in replacement of defective, etc., articles recorded in Lists of Fittings are similarly to be taken on charge on Form A.S. 146 and then written off charge as transferred to the appropriate Lists of Fittings. The quantities shown in the Lists of Fittings should not be altered, but a notation should be made therein indicating the source of supply of the replacement items and furnishing a reference to the voucher covering the disposal of the replaced items.

3. Items of little value or of a consumable nature need not be taken on official charge as the record of purchase, shown in the canteen committee minutes and canteen accounts, is sufficient to enable the Commanding Officer and the canteen committee to exercise adequate supervision of the use made of such purchases.

(483/201/1473.)

650.

Books and Forms.

First supplies of the undermentioned publications have been distributed. Further supplies of B.R.268 Series and B.R.791 are being obtained to complete distribution :—

B.R. 25 (43).—First Aid in the Royal Navy.

(A.F.O. 1748/43.)

(571/202/1397.)

B.R. 248 (Supplements Nos. 10–12, 14–19, 21, 27 and 30).—Zig Zag Diagrams for Single Ships and Convoys.

(571/202/1458.)

B.R. 268 (21) (late C.B. 1945 (1)).—Gyro Compass Balance.

B.R. 268 (22) (late C.B. 1945 (2)).—Electrical Manual, Volume 11, A.B.C. Gear.

- B.R. 268 (23) (late C.B. 1945 (3)).—Electrical Manual, Volume 11, Searchlight Control System, Mark V.
- B.R. 268 (24) (late C.B. 1945 (4)).—Electrical Manual, Volume 11, Synchronous Transmission.
- B.R. 268 (25) (late C.B. 1945 (5)).—Magship Indicator Transmission Gear.
- B.R. 268 (27) (late C.B. 1945 (9)).—Power Magship.
- B.R. 268 (28) (late C.B. 1945 (11)).—Electrical Manual, 36" Mark VIa Searchlight Lamp.
- B.R. 268 (29) (late C.B. 1945 (12)).—36" Mark V Searchlight Projector.
- B.R. 268 (31) (late C.B. 1945 (14)).—24" Mark II Searchlight Projector.
- B.R. 268 (32) (late C.B. 1945 (15)).—30" Mark III and IV Searchlight Projector.
- B.R. 268 (33) (late C.B. 1945 (18)).—20" Mark I Searchlight Lamp.
(A.F.O. 1388/43.)
(571/202/1716.)
- B.R. 295, B.R. 295A, B.R. 295B, B.R. 295C.—Handbooks for Naval Rangefinders and Inclometers.
(A.F.O. 2076/43.)
(571/202/1744.)
- B.R. 333.—Instructions for the Centralized W/T System.
(A.F.O. 1264/43.)
(571/202/1735.)
- B.R.'s 615A, 615B, 615C and 615D.—Lecture Notes for Instruction of Q.R., L.R., C.R. and A.A. Ratings.
(A.F.O. 759/43.)
(571/202/1710.)
- B.R. 629.—Handbook and Drill for the 37 mm., Q.F., French Gun, 1925 Model on Single 1925 Mounting, 1942.
(A.F.O. 5476/42.)
(571/202/1663.)
- B.R. 640 (5).—Combined Operations—Smoke.
- B.R. 640 (6A).—Combined Operations—Military Communications.
- B.R. 640 (6c).—Combined Operations—Naval Communications.
- B.R. 640 (9).—Combined Operations—Responsibilities for the loading and discharge of Ships and Craft.
- B.R. 640 (11).—Combined Operations—Landing Ships Infantry.
- B.R. 640 (14B).—Combined Operations—Landing Craft Signal Pamphlet (other than L.C.T.).
- B.R. 640 (14c).—Combined Operations—Landing Craft Tank and Flak (Large).
- B.R. 640 (14D).—Combined Operations—Major Landing Craft Signal Pamphlet.

- B.R. 640 (14E).—Combined Operations—R/T Procedure Pamphlet.
- B.R. 640 (17).—Combined Operations—Royal Navy Beach Commandos.
- B.R. 640 (33).—Combined Operations—Armoured Fighting Vehicles.
- B.R. 640 (42).—Combined Operations—Training at Home Stations.
(571/202/1679.)
- B.R. 642 (J) (supersedes B.R. 120 (4)).—Summary of Japanese Warships.
(A.F.O. 5483/42.)
(571/202/1482.)
- B.R. 643.—Handbook for 3", U.S., 50 Calibre Mark X, Gun on 3", U.S., Marks XI, XI*, XI**, Mountings.
(A.F.O. 93/43.)
(571/202/1705.)
- B.R. 782.—Small Arms Training, Volume I, Pamphlet No. 22, Sten Machine Carbine.
(A.F.O. 317/43.)
(571/202/1709.)
- B.R. 791.—Wireless Signalling Instructions.
(571/202/1808.)
- B.R. 798.—Notes on Diagnosis and Treatment of Gas Gangrene.
(A.F.O. 1006/43.)
(571/202/1792.)
- B.R. 809.—Handbook for the Hefah (V) Machine Gun on .303 inch Twin Mark I Mounting.
(A.F.O. 2432/43.)
(571/202/1774.)
- B.R. 811/43.—Guard Cover for Aircraft Torpedo Manual, Part III.
- B.R. 811 (3).—Aircraft Torpedo Manual Part III., M.A.T. Mark IV, 1943.
(571/202/1806.)
- B.R. 842.—Standard Technique for Blood Group Determination.
(A.F.O. 3007/43.)
(571/202/1789.)
- O.U. 5504 (1) (Addendum No. 1 to O.U. 5504).—Regulations for Maintenance of 21 inch, Mark IX-IX**, and IX**, N.A.B. Torpedoes.
(A.F.O. 1007/43.)
(571/203/2465.)
- O.U. 6092A (Errata No. 12).—Proportion Book of Naval Armament Stores, Part 1.
(A.F.O. 2204/43.)
(571/203/2427.)

A.P. 1480Z/2.—D.E.M.S. Aircraft Recognition Handbook.

(A.F.O. 1395/43.)

(571/201/3829.)

C.C.B.P.I.—Combined Radio Telegraph W/T Procedure.

C.C.B.P. 2.—U.S. British Combined Operating Signals.

C.C.B.P. 3.—Combined Radio Telephone R/T Procedure.

C.C.B.P. 1 and C.C.B.P. 3.—Combined W/T and R/T Procedure.

(571/203/2483.)

C.C.B.P. 5.—U.S. British Combined V/S Procedure.

(571/203/2484.)

Aircraft Recognition Journal, Volume 1, Nos. 10 and 11.

(415/201/1879.)

Ministry of War Transport, Circular No. 1740.

(584/201/3856.)

Army Security Publication G. 55.

(571/201/3921.)

A V M E T C O—W/T Weather Messages Between Aircraft and
Ground or Ship Stations.

(571/201/3974.)

Tables of Frequency Bands for Use by Ships and Aircraft—July,
August, September, 1943.

(571/202/1742.)

651.

Terne Iron—Use of—Service Buildings.

In all Naval Bases and Establishments where terne iron has been used for building purposes the following procedure is to be strictly observed:—

(a) Terne iron is not to be painted.

(b) No spouting or downpipes are to be connected to a terne iron roof, if avoidable.

(c) If the conditions necessitate spouting and downpipes from a terne iron roofing, the downpipes are to be clearly labelled "Poison," and such downpipes are *not* to be led to any receptacle that can contain water which might be used for drinking or cooking purposes.

(532/201/1127.)

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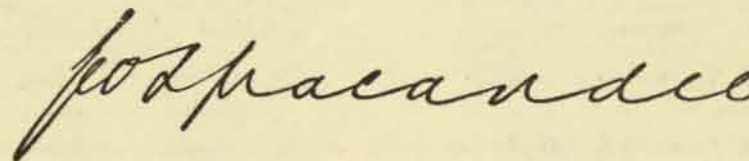
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Commonwealth Navy Orders.

Navy Office, Melbourne,
14th December, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance, and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,



Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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652.

EXAMINATION OF ENGINE ROOM RATINGS—APRIL, 1943.

With reference to Navy Order 437 of 1943, the following outstanding results are promulgated:—

O.N.	Name.	Present Rating.	Application Received From.	Result.
<i>E.R.A. a/4th Class for Confirmation. Mechanician II. for Mechanician I.</i>				
F/4203	Jennings, A. G.	E.R.A. a/4th Cl.	<i>Pirie</i>	Passed Supr.
S/3237	McClure, W. B.	" "	<i>Innisfail</i>	Passed Sat.
B/3431	Rowe, F. G.	" "	<i>Goulburn</i>	Passed Supr.
F/3805	Tychsen, H. Y.	" "	<i>Geraldton</i>	Passed Supr.
<i>Stoker Petty Officer for Chief Stoker.</i>				
8477	Hirst, G.	S.P.O.	<i>Penguin (Narani)</i>	Passed Sat.
20399	Jones, L. D.	" "	<i>Hobart</i>	Passed Sat.
19488	Marshall, G. F. T.	" "	<i>Ballarat</i>	Passed Sat.
20641	Menzies, J.	" "	<i>Bowen</i>	Passed Supr.

2. The necessary notation should be made on Forms A.S. 1233G and 1246A.

3. Forms A.S. 442 for successful and unsuccessful candidates have been forwarded to Ships and Establishments concerned for signature by the candidates. The original is to be retained by the candidate and the duplicate forwarded to the Commodore Superintendent of Training.

4. With regard to the examinations for confirmation of A/E.R.A. 4th Class, the attention of Commanding Officers is drawn to the requirements specified by K.R. and A.L, Appendix XVII., 28. (B). A number of ratings who sat in the recent examinations did not possess Stokehold Watchkeeping Certificates and are therefore not eligible for confirmation.

(465/207/1219.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

653.

CLASSES AND EXAMINATION FOR SEAMAN PETTY OFFICER AND LEADING SEAMAN.

The following amendments are to be made to Navy Order 215 of 1943:—

Paragraph 24—

(A) Syllabus For Examination Of Leading Seaman For Petty Officer.

Section II—Signals—

Delete existing clause (b) and substitute—

“(b) Sufficient knowledge of semaphore and Morse Lamp to make and read a message at the following rate:—

Semaphore .. 10 words per minute.
Morse .. 6 words per minute.”

(B) Syllabus For Examination Of Able Seaman For Leading Seaman.

Section II—Signals—

Delete existing sub-paragraph (b) and substitute:—

“(b) Sufficient knowledge of semaphore and Morse Lamp to make or read a message at the following rate:—

Semaphore .. 8 words per minute.
Morse .. 4 words per minute.”

(465/207/1207.)

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

654.

O.Q.F. 2-PDR. XIV—GAUGES TO BE MAINTAINED AT BASES.

The following Naval Armament Stores will be supplied by the Armament Supply Officer, R.A.N. Armament Depot, Spectacle Island, Sydney, to ports for the use of base staffs in connexion with Q.F. 2-Pdr. Mark XIV guns mounted in “Fairmile” Motor Launches:—

Adapter gauge striker eccentricity and testing blow of			
striker Q.F. 2-pdr. guns	..	..	1—No.
Gauge plug bore, low limit for P.C. Q.F. 2-pdr. and 40 mm.			
guns	..	..	1—No.
Gauge testing blow or contact 4” vent tube			1—No.
Coppers, gauge testing blow of striker	..	..	100—No.

2. The ports to which these stores will be issued are as follows:—

Darwin	Cairns
Thursday Island	Port Moresby
Townsville	Milne Bay
Brisbane	

(490/208/646.)

655.

FUZES No. 720 FOR USE WITH U 2” H.E. SHELL.

With reference to paragraph 12 of B.R. 816 (Handbook for the 2-inch Rocket, Mark II P, Pillar Box Mounting), supplies of R.D. Composition 1154 and Luting Mark VI (R.D. 1178) will be distributed, without demand, by the Assistant Armament Supply Officer, Maribyrrong, as follows:—

	Composition R.D. 1154.	Luting R.D. 1178.
	lb.	lb.
Fremantle	42	28
Adelaide	28	14
Darwin	28	14

2. Bases are to demand future requirements of these stores from the Armament Supply Officer, Spectacle Island, Sydney, or Assistant Armament Supply Officer, Maribyrrong.

(612/203/2719.)

656.

OERLIKON GUNS.

With reference to Navy Order 523 of 1943, paragraph 1, trials have shown that an oerlikon gun will invariably jam if ungreased or dirty ammunition is loaded.

2. Whenever a jam occurs and it is necessary to remove the magazine, the gun must first be laid horizontal to avoid the danger of a round dropping back and the cap being struck.

3. After a jam, the lip of the breech face is to be examined for signs of fracture before the gun is reloaded.

(408/206/1344.)

657.

ISSUE OF WHISTLES AND LANYARDS TO D.E.M.S. PERSONNEL.

The loan issue is approved to all D.E.M.S. ratings and Convoy Signalmen of a whistle with lanyard attached for attracting attention of rescue vessels to shipwrecked seamen at night.

2. Requirements should be demanded from the appropriate Naval Store Depot.

3. Navy Order 307 of 1941, which sets forth the various items authorized for special issue to D.E.M.S. ratings, is to be amended accordingly. The issue of these items is also to be noted on the Service Certificates of the personnel concerned.

4. Navy Order 505 of 1943 refers.

(612/231/309.)

658.

ECONOMY IN THE USE OF BRISTLE—DISCONTINUANCE OF PURCHASE OF PATTERN C. 280 AND C. 281 SASH TOOL BRUSHES DURING HOSTILITIES.

With reference to Navy Order 348 of 1943, owing to the shortage of supplies of bristle, it is not possible to obtain further supplies of sash tool brushes conforming to departmental specifications.

2. In the circumstances therefore, and as ordinary flat paint brushes may be used just as effectively for the services for which sash tool brushes are normally used, it has been decided to discontinue the purchase of Patterns C. 280 and C. 281 sash tool brushes during hostilities.

3. Patterns C. 280 and C. 281 sash tool brushes will continue to be issued until stocks are exhausted.

(612/222/550.)

659.

HEELING ERROR INSTRUMENTS FOR D.G. PURPOSES.

Navy Order 546 of 1943 is to be amended as follows:—

Add to list of ports in paragraph 1 to which 1 No. Heeling Error Instrument is to be supplied—"Hobart".

(612/226/1193.)

660.

OFFICERS' MESS TRAPS—REPLACEMENT ALLOWANCES APPLICABLE FOR 1943-44.

With reference to C.O.R., Article 488 and Navy Order 166 of 1943, the amounts to which free replacements may be made during the year ending 30th June, 1944, of articles in the consumable sections of the scales shown in A.F.O. 94/42 and of articles in the permanent sections of those scales which are marked with an asterisk, are:—

Mess.	In Stationary Ships and Shore Establishments.	In Sea-going Ships.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Flag Officer	19 0 0	19 0 0
Commodore or Captain	10 10 0	12 10 0
Flag Captain, Commander, or Lieut.-Commander in Command	7 5 0	8 5 0
<i>Ward Room.</i>		
Mess of one Officer	2 12 0	3 3 0
Mess of two Officers	4 7 6	5 5 0
For every Officer permanently borne in excess of two	0 13 6	1 0 6
<i>Gun Room.</i>		
Mess of one Officer	2 10 0	3 0 0
For every Officer permanently borne in excess of one	0 12 0	0 19 0
<i>Warrant Officers.</i>		
Mess of one Officer	2 19 6	3 11 0
For every Officer permanently borne in excess of one	0 10 0	0 15 6

2. All consumable stores drawn against these allowances are to be valued at the Victualling Rate Book Prices for 1943-44.

3. Where officers are borne supernumerary to complement for training, &c., the replacement allowances for such officers are to be calculated on the basis of the average daily numbers borne during each quarter.

4. When calculating replacement allowances, officers on permanent lodging and provision allowances are to be excluded.

(407/201/839.)

661.

MESS UTENSILS FOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS', PETTY OFFICERS' AND MEN'S MESSES—REPLACEMENT ALLOWANCES FOR 1943-44.

With reference to C.O.R., Article 489 and Navy Order 152 of 1943, the annual amounts to which free replacements of consumable items in the scale of mess utensils laid down in A.F.O. 94/1942, will be allowed for Chief Petty Officers', Petty Officers', and Seamen in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments for the year ending 30th, June 1944 are as follows:—

- | | | |
|---|---------|---------------------|
| (a) Chief Petty Officers' and Petty Officers' | .. | 7s. 6d. per head |
| (b) All other ratings | .. .. . | .. 6s. 6d. per head |

2. The articles drawn against these allowances are to be valued at the Victualling Rate Book prices for 1943-44, with the exception of earthenware mugs which are to be valued at the rate of 6d. each.

(530/202/444.)

662.

WOMEN'S ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL SERVICE—UNIFORM AND CLOTHING—AUTHORIZED KITS.

In future, ratings of the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service serving in tropical areas are, on entry, to be supplied with 4 pairs of stockings, drab, and 4 pairs socks, ankle, blue, in lieu of 6 pairs stockings and 2 pairs socks.

2. The authorized kit set forth on page 4 of Navy Order 375 of 1943 is to be amended accordingly.

3. Care is to be taken that all copies of the Navy Order held are also amended.

(434/201/3386.)

663.

TUNICS, DRILL, WITH BLUE FACINGS—SHEDDING OF DYE.

On the initial washing of drill tunics with blue facings, the dye from the blue material is not fast and has a tendency to shed and stain the white drill. Provided reasonable care is taken in subsequent washings, however, it will be found that the staining will disappear.

2. It is not possible under existing conditions to obtain material with a fast dye for the facings.

(434/201/3473.)

664.

REPAYMENT CLOTHING IN TENDERS.

With reference to C.O.R., Article 476, clause 1, stocks of repayment clothing, other than cap ribbons and soap, are not to be maintained in tenders without the prior approval of the Naval Board being obtained.

2. When tenders are unable to obtain supplies of repayment clothing from their parent ship, the Commanding Officer may arrange, as necessary, with any convenient H.M.A. Ship or Establishment, having an Accountant Officer in charge of clothing stores, to effect supply strictly on a cash purchase basis only.

(434/201/3447.)

665.

REGISTER SHEETS FOR C.B. FORM "R".

Demands for replenishments of Register Sheet for use with C.B. Form "R" are to be forwarded to Navy Office (C.B. Distributing Authority) instead of to the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney.

2. If required urgently, this form may be drawn from Naval Officers-in-Charge Ashore, who will hold small stocks for issue to ships.

(480/201/3256.)

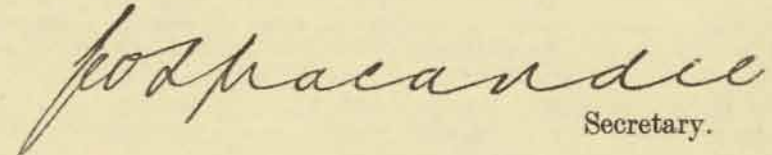
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Navy Office, Melbourne,
21st December, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,


Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
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666.

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H.M.A.S. *Lookout* has been renamed H.M.A.S. *Watcher*.

(563/201/1290.)

667.

MIDSHIPMEN, R.A.N.R. AND R.A.N.V.R.

The provisions of A.F.O. 4160/43 are adopted in the Royal Australian Navy as from the 1st October, 1943.

2. Navy Order 538 of 1943 is to be amended accordingly.

(568/201/873.)

668.

PAYMENT OF DEPENDANT ALLOWANCE—"DEPENDENT FEMALE" (FORMERLY TERMED "DE FACTO WIFE").

With reference to Navy Order 490 of 1943, payment of a Dependant Allowance will only be made in the case of a "Dependent Female" where it has been definitely established that the member concerned had lived with the person for whom allowance is claimed, as her husband, although not legally married, for a period of at least six months prior to his engagement in the Royal Australian Navy.

2. Application for Dependant Allowance in respect of a "Dependent Female" should not therefore be forwarded in future unless the above-mentioned condition has been fulfilled, except where children are involved.

3. Should, however, there be any children of an association contracted subsequent to a period of six months immediately prior to the engagement in the R.A.N., application for Dependant Allowance (including the child or children) should be made in the usual manner, and forwarded to Navy Office under a covering memorandum setting out the circumstances of the case, for the consideration of the Naval Board.

(407/214/4747.)

669.

A.M.S. VESSELS FITTED AS L.L. SWEEPERS—GARDNER 6 L.W. TYPE DIESEL ENGINES—MODIFICATION.

The provisions of A.F.O. 3583/43 as modified below are to be implemented in the R.A.N.

2. The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Sydney, is requested to arrange manufacture and supply of additional parts enumerated in paragraph 3 of the above-mentioned A.F.O. 3583/43, which are to be fitted by ship's staff.

3. An item is to be inserted in a Supplementary Defect List to cover the cost of manufacture of the additional parts.

4. On receipt of this Order, ships, whose 42 K.W. Gardner Diesel generating sets are fitted with aluminium lubricating oil sumps, are to inform the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Sydney, direct by letter, in order that arrangements can be made for the manufacture of the total number of parts required.

(603/267/1376.)

670.

LUBRICATING GREASE FOR A.M.S. VESSELS.

It has been found that the lubricating grease at present supplied for the lubrication of engine room fans in A.M.S. vessels has proved unsatisfactory, when these vessels are operating in tropical waters.

2. Approval has been given therefore to the addition of the following grease to the list of Special Allowances of Naval Stores for A.M.S. vessels:—

Pattern Number.	Description.	Quantity.	Remarks.
..	Grease, Lubricating Prices H.M.P.	As required	For Vessels operating in Tropical Waters.

3. Requirements of this grease should be demanded, as necessary, from the appropriate Naval Store Depot.

(545/201/482.)

671.

PACKETED BONE-OUT BEEF.

As a result of favourable reports on trials of packeted bone-out beef in certain H.M.A. Ships, supplies of this description of beef are available on demand from the following:—

At Melbourne .. Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne.
 At Sydney .. Victualling Store Officer, Sydney. (Copy to meet contractor who will arrange delivery.)
 At Brisbane .. Victualling Store Officer, Brisbane.
 At Townsville .. Naval Officer-in-Charge, Townsville.
 At Cairns .. Naval Officer-in-Charge, Cairns.
 At Fremantle .. Naval Officer-in-Charge, Fremantle.

2. For the time being, issues will be confined to destroyers, and other small ships, which do not carry a qualified butcher rating.

3. This description of bone-out beef is prepared by freezing the various cuts, after boning, in block form. Each cut of meat is wrapped in waxed paper and the whole block is covered with a cardboard container, and wrapped with hessian.

4. Containers are legibly marked on one end with the name of the contents, i.e., beef for steaks and roasts, or beef for stewing and boiling.

5. This meat should be obtained in the following proportion:—

67 per cent. beef for steaks and roasts.
 33 per cent. beef for stewing and boiling.

6. Approximate net weight of each container is between 50 and 60 lb.

7. The issuing price of packeted bone-out beef is 6d. per lb.

(668/211/723.)

672.

EXTRA ISSUES OF PROVISIONS—FRUIT AND TOMATO JUICES.

With reference to C.O.R., Articles 423 and 424, wherein the Admiralty instructions governing the extra issue of provisions are made applicable in H.M.A. Ships and Establishments, including Surveying Vessels, approval is given to the issue of orange, lemon, pineapple and tomato juices, on the basis of a daily issue of $\frac{1}{10}$ of a pint per man, in lieu of lime juice, if desired.

2. Stocks of the above-mentioned fruit and tomato juices are now maintained at all Victualling Yards.

3. In order to ensure turnover of stocks, demands should be placed for a proportion of each type of juice and, when supplies on hand permit, issues of each of the varieties and lime juice should be made in rotation periodically.

(668/202/176.)

673.

SUPPLY OF VICTUALLING STORES FOR A.M.S. VESSELS, FRIGATES, FAIRMILES AND H.D.M.L.'s. ON COMMISSIONING.

Standard demands for victualling stores, as detailed hereunder, for supply on first commissioning are held by all Victualling Yards.

2. Naval Officers-in-Charge are to ensure that demands for "commissioning stores" are lodged by the Accountant Officer concerned sufficiently in advance to permit of supply being effected by the date required:—

A.M.S. Vessels.	Frigates.	Fairmiles.	H.D.M.L.'s.
Loan Clothing	Loan Clothing	Loan Clothing	Loan Clothing
Implements and Seamen's Mess	Implements and	Implements ..	Implements
Utensils	Galley Gear		
Officers' Mess Traps	Officers' Mess	Officers' Mess	Officers' Mess
	Traps	Traps	Traps
Dry Provisions	Dry Provisions	Dry Provisions	Dry Provisions
			(as for Fair-
			miles)

(612/248/1330.)

674.

UNIFORM AND CLOTHING SUPPLIES—REPAYMENT ISSUES OF MATERIALS.

Repayment issues of the following materials included in the "Official Memorandum—Prices of Clothing &c., maintained for issue on repayment to Ships' Companies" dated 1st May, 1943, viz. :—

Drill, khaki.

Drill, white.

Duck, white.

Dungaree, blue.

Dungaree, brown.

Fearnought.

Flannel, heavy and light.

Cloth, beaver for greatcoats.

Cloth, blue No. 3 for greatcoats.

Cloth for Officers' Uniforms.

Serge, diagonal (*vide* Navy Order 565 of 1943).

Serge, seamen's.

Shirting, cotton, blue and white stripes.

Shirting, for tropical shirts, singlets, also for cotton flannels.

Shirting, khaki.

Serge, blue, lightweight.

are to be discontinued, except where specially approved by the Commanding Officer. Where special issue is approved, form A.S. 80 is to be endorsed accordingly.

2. Such restriction is not to apply to the issue of $\frac{1}{4}$ yard pieces of materials required for repair purposes which may continue to be issued on repayment.

(433/201/813.)

675.

WOMEN'S ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL SERVICE—UNIFORM AND CLOTHING—AUTHORIZED KITS.

With reference to Navy Order 646 of 1943, the following amendment is to be made to the authorized kit for ratings of the W.R.A.N.S. as laid down on page 4, paragraph 3, of Navy Order 375 of 1943 :—

Insert asterisk against item "Badges, arm" and add foot-note "5 No. badges for ratings entitled to loan issue of 2 No. overalls".

2. All copies of Navy Order 375 of 1943, held are to be amended accordingly.

(416/201/993.)

676.

SICK BERTH MANUALS AND ADDENDA. B.R. 888 AND B.R. 888 (1).

Copies of B.R. 888 "Manual of Instruction for the R.N. Sick Berth Staff" are now available for issue to members of the Sick Berth Branch who are not already in possession of this book, and also for Wrens who are members of the Sick Berth Branch.

2. Supply will be issued, on demand, by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Garden Island, Sydney.

(571/202/1674.)

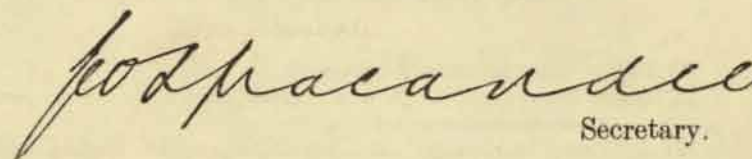
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Commonwealth Navy Orders.

Navy Office, Melbourne,
28th December, 1943.

The following Orders, having been approved, are hereby promulgated for information and guidance and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,


Secretary.

*The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval
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677.

LOSSES OF BAGS AND HAMMOCKS DURING RAIL TRANSIT.

Instances of loss of baggage by ratings travelling by rail are occurring with undue frequency, and greater care is necessary on the part of all authorities concerned, and of the ratings themselves, in order to ensure that losses are reduced to a minimum.

2. The principal cause of loss of baggage is inadequate labelling. Before baggage leaves the ship or establishment from which ratings are on draft, it should be inspected to make sure that the following instructions have been complied with:—

(a) The following details, and no others, should be noted on the labels—

Rating.....

Name.....

Rail Station.....

(Destination only.)

(b) Labels must be attached securely.

(c) Other out-of-date labels and railway stickers must be removed or effectively cancelled.

(d) All bags, hammocks, &c., should be clearly marked with the name, rating and official number of the owner.

3. Where practicable, supplies of coloured railway destination stickers should be obtained through the local Rail Transport Officer and pasted on the baggage as an extra precaution before delivery to the railway authorities.

4. Rail Transport Officers have received instructions as to the care of baggage in transit, particularly with regard to waybilling and recording of all particulars regarding receipt and despatch.

5. At Brisbane, where more than one railway station is concerned, special care must be exercised by the Rail Transport Officer's Staff and persons in charge of drafts.

6. A new label to conform to the requirements of paragraph 2 (a) will be printed as soon as present stocks are exhausted.

(631/201/974.)

678.

PLUGS FUZEHOLE 2" No's 11 AND 14.—RETURN OF.

Attention is drawn to the necessity for plugs fuzehole 2" No's 11 and 14 to be returned to the nearest Naval Armament Depot, as early as practicable after firings have been carried out on board H.M.A. Ships.

2. These plugs are constantly in demand in connection with the manufacture of H.E. shell and H.A. practice projectiles, and their expeditious return from H.M.A. ships and bases greatly facilitates production.

(612/203/2874.)

679.

80' H.D.M.L.—EXTRACTION OF FUMES FROM REFRIGERATOR.

A plywood screen, zinc lined, is to be fitted between the refrigerator and the upper berth extending up to the deck head. An exhaust trunk is to be led from the exhaust fan through a hole in the screen to draw off fumes from the flue of the refrigerator.

2. Where the fan has been fitted as a supply fan, it is to be reversed and used as an exhaust fan.

3. Commanding Officers are to include an item in the next defect list to enable work to be carried out and are to report through their Administrative Authority when the work is completed.

(603/297/122.)

680.

CHAPEL EQUIPMENT.

It has been decided to introduce a more complete set of Holy Communion equipment, for use in H.M.A. Naval Service, to replace the set at present allowed for this purpose to all ships and establishments whose complement includes a chaplain (*vide* Admiralty Printed Establishment of Naval Stores B.R's 358, 332A and 368).

2. Approval has been given, therefore, to the supply of the following items to all ships and establishments concerned:—

Chalice, E.P.N.S.	..	..	1 No.
Paten, E.P.N.S.	..	..	1 No.
Wine Cruet, Glass	..	..	1 No.
Water Cruet, Glass	..	..	1 No.
Wafer Box, E.P.N.S.	..	..	1 No.
Lavabo Bowl, Glass	..	..	1 No.
Altar Linen	..	..	1 Set.
Case for above items	..	..	1 No.

3. First supply of these items will be effected without demand by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney, as early as practicable.

4. On receipt of the revised set of equipment referred to in paragraph 2 above, arrangements should be made for the return of the undermentioned items, hitherto allowed by establishment, to the appropriate Naval Store Depot:—

Patt. 355 Chalice, Silver	..	..	1 No.
Patt. 356 Flagon, Silver	..	..	1 No.
Patt. 357 Paten, Silver	..	..	1 No.
Patt. 704 Box for Communion Plate	..	..	1 No.

(612/201/5007.)

681.

INDUSTRIAL GASES—CYLINDERS FOR.

The following contractors' cylinders for industrial gases which were issued at Melbourne on 30th July, 1941, cannot now be located:—

<i>Cylinder No.</i>	<i>Type.</i>
1443	Acetylene
2153	"
5564	Oxygen
9766	"
1346570	Hydrogen
11623	"
12004	"
12232	"
12536	"
13523	"
875833	"
1327354	"
8538	CO ₂
8122	"
8150	"
8341	"
8350	"
3524	"
3928	"
9791	"

2. Reports are required from H.M.A. ships and establishments indicating whether any of these cylinders are held.

(669/201/1040.)

682.

ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE FOR NAVAL STORES IN STATIONS AND/OR SERVICES ATTACHED TO H.M.A. DEPOTS AND BASES.

Consideration has been given to the question of accounting for naval stores in stations and services attached to naval establishments and depots but situated some considerable distance therefrom, and it has been decided that in the case of such stations, &c., permanent naval stores should be dealt with on inventories but the items should not be retained on charge in the serviceable and loan ledger columns of the ledgers of the naval depot or base.

2. The following procedure is, in future, to be observed in regard to accounting for naval stores in H.M.A. naval depots and/or bases:—

(a) *Services and/or stations attached to and situated within the area of a depot or base:—*

The existing naval store accounting procedure, in accordance with Naval Storekeeping Manual B.R. 4 and R.A.N. Supplement thereto, will continue to apply.

(b) *Services and/or stations attached to, but situated outside the area of a depot or base:—*

(i) *Permanent Stores* comprising items allowed by establishment or outfit as well as books of reference and O.U. publications are to be accounted for on inventories prepared by the depot or base on Forms A.S. 1099 (inside) for each service or station, the three copies being disposed of as shown below. The permanent stores and books recorded in the inventories should not be taken on charge in the naval store account of the depot or base to which the respective service and/or station is attached.

Original.

(ii) Standard copy for Accountant Officer of parent depot or base. This copy is to be held on ledger charge in the naval store account of the parent depot or base.

Duplicate.

(iii) Standard copy for the officer responsible for the stores in the attached service or station.

Triplicate.

(iv) Working copy for the officer responsible in the respective service or station.

(v) The original and duplicate copies are to be enclosed in covers A.S. 1099 (outside) and the certificates completed as necessary. The triplicate copy is to be enclosed in cover A.S. 1099B.

(vi) In the case of services, &c., established subsequent to the date of this Order, the first supply of equipment should be entered in the inventories referred to from the Supply Notes (Form A.S. 134D) received from the Naval Store Officer concerned and the vouchers then retained with the Accountant Officer's copy of the inventory.

(vii) After supply of the first equipment, subsequent supplies and replacements of permanent stores will be made through the naval store account of the parent base or depot, except in the case of large supplies of equipment which would not be normally held in a base naval store (e.g., where complete W/T outfits are ordered for installation at an out-station and supply is made direct). In those instances, the transactions need not be passed through the naval store account of the base. However, a copy of the issue vouchers will be forwarded from the source of supply to the Accountant Officer of the base in order that the latter officer may suitably record the supplies in the inventory store account of the respective service or station similarly to the first supply on the establishment of a new service. Where normal supplies of permanent items for replacement and/or

maintenance purposes are drawn from the base or depot naval stores, Form A.S. 156Y will be utilized and the items regarded as outright issues, written off charge in the base or depot's naval store account and recorded in the respective inventory account of the attached station or service.

(viii) Vouchers for the supply or return of stores (including those dealt with on Forms A.S. 156Y and A.S. 1091Y through the naval store account of the parent base or depot) which involve a net addition or reduction in the quantity or description of stores on charge in the inventories should be retained with the respective inventories in support of the amended quantity or description of stores. All other vouchers (i.e., those involving no change in the quantity or description) should be retained in suitable bundles at the parent base or depot.

(ix) The inventories are to be verified by a muster of the stores as follows:—

Six monthly by the officer responsible in the station or service. On the occasion of the yearly muster the Accountant Officer of the parent base or depot is to be represented at the stocktaking.

On the change of responsible officer in the station or service. On these occasions the incoming and outgoing officers are to be associated in the muster.

(x) The original and duplicate copies are to be compared every six months by the Accountant Officer (Naval Stores) of the parent base or depot.

(xi) Deficiencies of stores and/or books are to be normally dealt with on Forms A.S. 126 and A.S. 1096. Where, however, they cannot be dealt with as losses (e.g., accounting errors) Forms A.S. 148 are to be used and forwarded to the Director of Naval Stores, Navy Office, Melbourne. A separate series of A.S. 148 numbers should be used for each station or service.

Consumable Stores.

(xii) Supplies of consumable items of stores will be made through the naval store of the parent base or depot, on Form A.S. 156Y.

(xiii) All supplies of consumable stores are to be regarded as outright issues to the station or service concerned, and are not to be accounted for in that station or service.

(xiv) All stores of a semi-permanent nature, e.g., tools, brooms, brushes, &c., are to be properly safeguarded and used with economy. Approximately, equal quantities of broken or used articles are to be returned to the base or depot naval store prior to replenishment being effected.

3. In those depots and/or bases where permanent items of naval stores are on issue to services and/or stations outside the area of the depot or base, and accounted for in the loan columns of the naval store ledgers, the following action should be taken to implement the revised accounting procedure outlined herein:—

(a) Form A.S. 549, showing details of items appearing on the permanent loan lists of the respective stations and/or services, and accounted for in the loan columns of the base or depot's naval store ledgers, should be raised in quadruplicate and certified by the Accountant Officer as follows:—

“The quantities of Naval Stores shown hereon agree with the balances shown in the Permanent Loan List for as at / /19..... and have been written off charge in the Base Naval Store Account of in accordance with Navy Order No. /1943.

(Sgd.).....”

(b) The copies of Form A.S. 549 are to be disposed of as indicated hereunder.

Original.

(i) To be forwarded to Director of Naval Stores, Navy Office, Melbourne.

Duplicate.

(ii) To be used to write items off charge in base or depot's serviceable and loan ledgers and to be retained as a supporting voucher to those entries.

Triplicate and Quadruplicate.

(iii) To be retained with original and duplicate copies respectively of service or station permanent loan lists, which should be dealt with in future as inventory store accounts.

Forms A.S. 156Y and A.S. 1091Y.

4. (a) To facilitate accounting for naval store transactions between the naval store of parent base or depot, outlying stations and/or services, Form A.S. 156Y “Demand on Accountant Officer for Naval Stores” and Form A.S. 1091Y “Return Note for Naval Stores returned to the Accountant Officer” have been introduced.

(b) Numbered and stamped Forms A.S. 156Y and A.S. 1091Y will be supplied to officer-in-charge of outlying services and/or stations. The names and ranks of persons authorized to sign demands and return notes together with facsimiles of their signatures are to be furnished to the Accountant Officer of the parent depot or base.

(c) Demands on Form A.S. 156Y will be raised in triplicate by the station or service requiring supply, original and duplicate being forwarded to Accountant Officer at parent depot or base, and the triplicate retained in the bound book at the station or service originating the demand.

(d) (i) On the items being supplied by base or depot naval store the original and duplicate of Form A.S. 156y will be disposed of as follows:—

Original.

(ii) To be retained within base or depot naval store as a supporting voucher for entries in naval store account.

Duplicate.

(iii) To be forwarded to station or service requiring supply.

(iv) The officer-in-charge of the station or service should check the stores on arrival against the duplicate copy of Form A.S. 156y. After verification of quantities and description of items supplied, duplicate should be receipted and returned to Accountant Officer at parent base or depot, for attachment to original in its respective voucher bundle supporting the naval store account of the parent base or depot.

Form A.S. 1091y.

5. (a) When naval store items are returned to parent base or depot naval store, Return Note Form A.S. 1091y will be raised in triplicate by the station or service returning the stores. Original and duplicate will be forwarded to Accountant Officer of the parent depot or base, who will arrange for the forms to be signed by the person receiving stores. The forms will then be disposed of as follows:—

Original.

(i) Retained in base or depot naval store in support of respective entries in depot naval store account and inventory account (Form 1099) of the station or service concerned.

Duplicate.

(ii) To be returned to officer-in-charge of station or service from which the stores were received. This copy should be retained by the station or service concerned for reference purposes.

(b) The triplicate copies of Return Notes (A.S. 1091y) are not to be removed from the books but are to be held intact by the officers-in-charge of the outlying stations and/or services pending examination of the accounts by a Navy Office representative.

(c) When practicable, separate Return Notes (A.S. 1091y) are to be used for permanent stores, consumable stores, and fixtures.

(d) Completed books of triplicate Return Notes (A.S. 1091y) are to be retained in the custody of the respective officers-in-charge of stations and/or services. On completion of the examination of the accounts, these completed books will be withdrawn by the examining officer and forwarded to Navy Office, Melbourne, with the account to which they relate.

6. Forms A.S. 156y and A.S. 1091y are being printed and will be distributed by the Superintending Naval Store Officer, Sydney, without demand.

(612/212/2862.)

683.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL WOMEN'S SERVICES—UNIFORM AND CLOTHING—AUTHORIZED KIT.

The following is the authorized kit for personnel of the R.A.N. Nursing Service—Staff Masseuses—to be supplied gratuitously on appointment:—

	Admini- trative.	Australia Non- Tropical.	Australia Tropical.	Overseas and Territories.	Malarial Areas.
Hats, Officers, blue felt ..	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.
Hats, tropical khaki ..	..	..	1 No.	..	1 No.
Badges, Officers, cap, metal ..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Badge, letter "P" ..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Jacket, lightweight serge, made to measure ..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Skirt, lightweight serge, made to measure ..	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.
Summer dresses, blue, made to measure ..	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.
Jacket, safari ..	..	..	..	..	3 No.
Slacks ..	..	..	..	..	3 prs.
Greatcoat, cloth No. 3, made to measure ..	1 No.	1 No.	..	1 No.	..
Coat, waterproof, gabardine ..	..	..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Shoes, black, leather ..	2 prs.	2 prs.	2 prs.	2 prs.	2 prs.
Boots, leather, tropical ..	..	..	1 pr.	..	1 pr.
Jacket, cardigan blue ..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Shirts, soft white, double cuffs ..	6 No.	6 No.	6 No.	6 No.	6 No.
Collars, semi stiff ..	6 No.	6 No.	6 No.	6 No.	6 No.
Ties, black ..	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.	2 No.
Stockings, drab ..	4 prs.	4 prs.	6 prs.	6 prs.	6 prs.
Socks, ankle, blue ..	..	..	4 prs.	..	4 prs.
Gloves, leather ..	1 pr.	1 pr.	1 pr.	1 pr.	1 pr.
Case, attache ..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Trunk, cabin ..	..	..	..	1 No.	..
Badge metal for wear on summer dress ..	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.	1 No.
Coats, doctors, white, made to measure ..	3 No.	3 No.	3 No.	3 No.	3 No.
Veil, mosquito ..	..	..	1 No.	..	1 No.

plus cash allowance of £5 for the purchase of intimate garments and other necessaries plus Kit Upkeep Allowance.

2. All copies of Navy Order 375 of 1943 are to be amplified accordingly, a fresh page—page 2A headed "Authorized Kit for Personnel of the R.A.N. Nursing Service—Staff Masseuses to be supplied gratuitously on appointment" being inserted.

(516/201/593.)

684.

DISCREPANCIES IN STORES SHIPPED—REPORTS A.D. 690 AND O. 9.

Reports A.D. 690 and O. 9 in regard to the receipt of naval victualling and ordnance stores are to be rendered to Navy Office in future only in respect of those differences due to surpluses, deficiencies, and damages amounting to over £1 in value in any individual invoice. Differences of £1 or less in value are to be adjusted by the consignee.

2. In order to comply with statutory requirements, quarterly statements of differences adjusted locally are to be forwarded to the Directors concerned at Navy Office for covering approval, as necessary.

3. This does not apply to medical stores.

(612/254/162.)

685.

**SCALE "E"—CHEST OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT—
ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE.**

A new Form—A.M. 63C—has been printed to replace the Royal Navy Form S. 463C, and is intended for use in accounting for Scale "E" Chest of Medical Stores.

2. The Commanding Officers of parent vessels or bases from which small vessels are working are to forward to the Director of Naval Medical Services a complete list of such vessels as have had Scale "E" issued on loan to them from any source, provided it is still held on board, giving the date of issue of the chest to each vessel.

3. Sufficient Forms A.M. 63C will then be forwarded from Navy Office to enable issue of 2 copies (1 rough and 1 fair) to the Commanding Officer who has the chest on loan. The Commanding Officer or Senior Medical Officer who has issued the chests on loan is then to raise Form A.M. 165Z in detail according to scale, and transfer the stores to the charge of each Commanding Officer of the vessels concerned, who will then be responsible for accounting for them. Any temporary loan accounts referring to Scale "E" are then to be destroyed.

4. The store account is to be rendered to Director of Naval Medical Services annually—

(a) In the case of vessels previously supplied, from the date of the Commanding Officer's taking charge of the stores, and

(b) In the case of future issues of Scale "E" from the date the vessel was commissioned.

5. Future requirements of Form A.M. 63C are to be demanded as necessary from the Medical and Dental Store Officer, Royal Edward Victualling Yard.

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