

***1748.—Aviation—Aircraft Servicing and Maintenance Branches and Other Ratings Concerned with Aircraft—Reorganization, Including Reconstitution of Naval Airman Branch**

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The following *amendments* are to be made to A.F.O. 4404/47 :—

Page 3, paragraph 8, line 9. *Amend* first sentence to read “ In special cases, selection for the Skilled Air Mechanic course or the Air Mechanician course may be made at a later stage.”

Page 11. Skilled Air Mechanic, 3rd Class. *Amend* B(i) to B(iii) as follows :—

(i) (a) have been provisionally selected for Skilled Air Mechanic training during Part II (technical) training (*see* Note 1), or

(b) have been specially recommended for the course by the Commanding Officer of a ship or station in which the rating has served as a Naval Airman (Aircraft Mechanic), (Ordnanceman), or (Air Mechanic (A) or (E)).

(ii) be recommended for transfer to Skilled Air Mechanic by :—

(a) previous Commanding Officer (*see* Note 2),

(b) training authority during the first six months of the Skilled Air Mechanic course.

(iii) have passed E.T.1, or an examination of equivalent educational standard.

Note 1. Candidates selected are to have a notation to that effect made on their History Sheets.

Note 2. Commanding Officers are to forward reports in accordance with (ii) (a) six months prior to the date on which candidates are due to commence Skilled Air Mechanic training.

Page 12. Appendix III, Section (A). *Amend* minimum of total instruction to 143 hours, and instruction in Aircraft Ordnance to 13 hours. *Under* “ Aircraft Ordnance”, *add* : “ (d) Knowledge of A/S weapons, Mines, Torpedoes and Sono-buoys.”

Page 18. Appendix IV, Section (B). Safety Equipment Rating, 1st Class: Syllabus of Instruction and Examination.—*Add*, “ Instruction in the description, method of use and maintenance of portable oxygen sets as given in A.P. 1275A, Volume I, Section VIII, Chapter 14.”

Page 18. Appendix IV, Section (B). Safety Equipment Rating, 2nd Class: Syllabus of course and Examination.—*Add*, “ Instruction in the description, method of use and maintenance of portable oxygen sets as given in A.P. 1275A, Volume I, Section VIII, Chapter 14.”

Page 23. Appendix V, Section C, paragraph 1. *Amend to read* :—“ The candidate is to be examined on his capability to take charge of and organize the salvage and handling of aircraft.”

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