

\*2794.—Wardmaster Lieutenant—Rank Established and number of Commissioned Wardmasters increased.

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The rank of Wardmaster Lieutenant (relative rank of Lieutenant, R.N.) has been established, and the number of Commissioned Wardmasters allowed on the active list has been increased to four.

The establishment of Officers of the Sick Berth Branch is now as follows:—

- 1 Wardmaster Lieutenant.
- 4 Commissioned Wardmasters.
- 15 Warrant Wardmasters.

(The above number of Commissioned Wardmasters will be temporary pending the operation of the rule under which deserving Warrant Officers are promoted to Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank after 10 years' service as Warrant Officer.

The Wardmaster Lieutenant will be selected from the Commissioned Wardmasters, and will be appointed as Secretary to the Surgeon Rear-Admiral at one of the three Home Hospitals.

A Wardmaster Lieutenant on attaining eight years' seniority as such will have the relative rank of Lieutenant Commander, with the title of Wardmaster Lieutenant-Commander.

For the ranks of Wardmaster Lieutenant and Wardmaster Lieutenant-Commander the scales of pay will be those authorised for Lieutenants and Lieutenant-Commanders promoted from Warrant Rank (Non-Mechanical Branch).

Retired Pay, Widows' Pensions and Compassionate Allowances for children will be payable on the scales and subject to the conditions authorised for Lieutenants and Lieutenant-Commanders promoted from Warrant Rank.