

8815.—Royal Marines—Qualification for A.A. Non-substantive Ratings

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With reference to A.F.O. 4936/43 Royal Marines are eligible for selection and training for A.A. non-substantive ratings under similar conditions to those laid down for seamen in A.F.O. 627/42.

2. In accordance with column 4 of the table in A.F.O. 627/42, candidates for A.A.1 and A.A.2 must be recommended from sea, but in order to build up the necessary numbers rapidly, Royal Marines may as a temporary measure be recommended from R.M. barracks.

3. When insufficient A.A.1's or A.A.2's are available to meet manning commitments, selected N.C.Os. should undergo a special course at a Naval Gunnery School, prior to embarkation, on the H.A. equipment to be manned by Royal Marines in the ship concerned. These ranks should be particularly suitable to be rated acting A.A.1 or acting A.A.2 in accordance with K.R. & A.I., Art. 428, while filling vacancies in complement.

4. On passing an examination in the ship Royal Marines can be rated A.A.1(U) or A.A.2(U) in accordance with A.F.O. 2845/42.

(A.F.Os. 627/42, 2845/42 and 4936/43.)