

7155.—Royal Marine Rangetakers

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In view of the new Rangefinder policy recently promulgated it has been decided that no more Royal Marine Rangetakers shall be qualified for Naval purposes and that this Royal Marine category be permitted to die out.

2. All Royal Marine Control Ratings are to relinquish their non-substantive rates.

3. On relinquishment, a C.R.3 will be considered as technically qualified for Marine 1st Class. In the same way C.R.2 will be considered as having 2nd Class gunnery rate for promotion to Corporal and a C.R.1 a 1st Class rate for promotion to Sergeant.

4. A Marine 1st Class may volunteer for 2nd Class courses in other gunnery categories; and when passed for Corporal for a 1st Class Quarter's rate.

5. It should be noted that relinquishment of rates in accordance with the above paragraphs involves no loss of pay under the new pay code.

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