

(U)1528.—Ratings—AB, SG “Star” (Seacat Aimer)—Award of Acting GL 2 Rate  
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1. The important and responsible duty of Seacat Aimer is properly one of those of the Gunlayer rating. However, as a result of the situation described in DCI (RN) CONF 53/66, a number of Able Seamen, Seaman Gunner\* already have, and more are likely to, qualify as Seacat Aimers.
2. Approval has therefore been given for Able Seamen, Seaman Gunner\* Qualified Seacat Aimers to be rated Gunlayer 2nd Class. A gratuitous issue of badges is to be made.
3. The award of the GL 2 Rate is to be dated from the day a man joins a ship as a Seacat Aimer or the date of this Instruction, whichever is the later.
4. The GL 2 Rate is to be relinquished on being drafted to a ship or establishment in which the Seacat Aimer qualification cannot be used. This will, however, not normally occur until the end of their period of sea service when the Commadore Naval Drafting is to draft those eligible to HMS EXCELLENT for 2nd Class Course.

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