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General Orders, Royal Marines.

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Naval Signallers.

Guns. and Ptes. to replace certain Naval Signal ratings in ships. On and after 1st January, 1893, Gunners R.M.A., and Privates R.M.L.I., who are qualified as Naval Signallers will replace Naval Signal ratings on H.M.'s Ships, as shewn below, namely:—

- A. In ships having signal complements **7 to 9** in number, exclusive of Signal Boatswain, or Chief Yeoman of Signals:—
One Marine Naval Signalman to replace a Naval Qualified Signalman.
- B. In ships having signal complements **10 or more** in number, exclusive of Signal Boatswain or Chief Yeoman of Signals:—
Two Marine Naval Signalmen are to replace two Naval Qualified Signalmen.

As to Marines qualified as Leading Signalmen. 2. If a Marine Naval Signalman embarking to fill a Signal rating under B has already held the rating of Leading Signalman, or has been recommended for such rating from a sea-going ship, he is to be embarked as such, instead of a Leading Signalman.

Pay. 3. Gunners, or Privates, doing duty as Qualified Signalman or Leading Signalman, will receive the difference between their own pay and the pay of the rating they are filling, under Article 1253 of the Admiralty Instructions.

Qualifications. 4. The qualification of Leading Signalman, or qualified Signalman in the case of Royal Marines, is to be that at present ordered for Naval Signalmen.

Selection for training as Naval Signallers. 5. Such men as are selected from Army Signalling Classes at Head Quarters for further training as Naval Signallers, are to be sent, in the case of Plymouth, to the Signalling School at Devonport, and those from other Divisions, to the Signal School at Portsmouth, for the Naval Course of Signalling instruction.

Examination. 6. On completing this course, they will be examined, and a certificate of qualification for Leading or Qualified Signalman given, according to the degree of School efficiency arrived at, but the rating of Leading Signalman will not be conferred until sufficient

Rating to depend on practical experience. practical experience has been gained.

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7. Gunners R.M.A., and Privates R.M.L.I. on first being granted a Signal rating, will therefore be embarked as *Qualified* Signalman, and advancement to the rating of Leading Signalman will be made in existing vacancies, after sufficient experience has been gained.

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First embarkation to be as Qualified Signalman

8. Before re-embarking in their former Signal ratings, Marine Signallers are to pass through a re-qualifying course in the Signal School at the Ports.

Re-qualify before re-embarking.

9. In order that every means for gaining practical experience in Naval Signalling shall be within the reach of Head Quarter Signallers, before proceeding to the Naval Signalling Schools, facilities have been afforded at the Coast Guard Stations specified below:—

Facilities for instruction.

For R.M.A., Eastney:—Langstone Harbour.

„ Gosport Division:—Stokes Bay.

„ Plymouth „ Mount Batten.

for the Instructors, and four or five Signallers at each Division named being practised in the bending on and breaking of flags from halyards, it being understood that the use of the Station for this purpose must yield at all times, and at once, to local Coast Guard requirements, as determined by the Officer in charge of the Station.

With regard to the Chatham Division, arrangements are making for this preparatory instruction to be afforded at Head Quarters.

10. Each Division has been supplied with a set of flags for the purpose, and must keep them in repair, and the necessary Signalling Books must be provided from the Division, and not left at the Station.

Divisions supplied with Flags.

11. Divisions have been supplied with 2 copies of the Pendant Lists of Coast Guard and Signal Stations, and 2 copies of the Boat Signal Book; these will teach the men the flags in use in the Royal Navy.

Signal Books, etc.

12. A notification of the numbers qualified in Naval Signals is to be made periodically to the Capt. of the Flag Ship at the Port, and the men will be at his disposal for draft.

Numbers qualified to be noted to Capt. of Flag Ship.