

General Orders, Royal Marines.

Marine Signallers, (Naval).

G.O. 78.

The following amendments are to be made to G.O. 70, of November, 1889 :—

ART. I. Substitute the following for the concluding paragraph, beginning with the words "The Course of" in 11th. line :—

The Course of Practice, which is to be as uninterrupted as possible during the Summer months, and the rule as to Standard of Efficiency, Returns, etc., and as to the system of obtaining the figure of merit, will follow the instructions laid down for the Army.

Add after Article II. :—

NAVAL SIGNALLERS.

12. Signallers are to be instructed in the Semaphore as used in the Royal Navy, this instruction, however, is not to curtail the Course of Army Signalling, but is to be in addition to it, and only men who have been trained in Army Signalling are to be instructed.

13. Such men as are selected are to be sent in the case of Plymouth, to the Signalling School at Devonport, and those from the other Divisions, to the similar establishment at Portsmouth, to complete their instruction, and for examination to fill ratings as Naval Signallers.

14. 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 will be afforded at the Coast Guard Stations specified below :—

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 halliards, 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.

15. Each Division named will be supplied with a worn 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.

16. 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.

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17. Gunners or Privates to the extent of 10 for each R.M. Division found qualified after examination at the Home Ports, will receive extra pay when embarked for duty as Signalmen at the following rates, viz :—

Rank in R.M.	When occupying Naval rating of	Additional pay for difference of rating.	Extra pay for Qualification.
Gunner or Private.	Qualified Signalman.	—	3d. a day.
"	Leading "	2d.	"
"	2nd. Yeoman of Signals.	—	"
Corpl. or Bombdr.	Chief " "	—	"
Sergeant.			

18. The qualifications of men as Naval Signallers are to be noted on their Parchment Certificates of Services in the usual column, and in Red Ink on the Embarkation Muster Roll, on their leaving Head Quarters for service afloat.

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

20. As Un-employed Marine Signallers (Naval) become due for ordinary embarkation they are to be reserved for Harbour Ships, in order to be at the disposal of the Captain of the Flag Ship at the Port for draft, and that, as far as possible, they may not lose their regular tour of duty afloat while awaiting disposal.

Care, however, is to be taken to inform the Captain of the Flag Ship when the full complement of 10 authorized for the Division is employed for Naval Signalling duties afloat, so that that limit may not be exceeded.

The numbers of men qualified are to be shewn in G.W. Return, on the Form laid down in G.O. 82, of Nov., 1889.

R.M.O. Circular 2710, (1) of 15th. August, 1889.

" " 2710, (2) " "

" " 4438, of 16th. December, 1889.

" " 3110, of 4th. July, 1890.

" " 3285, of 29th. July, 1890.

" " 5310, of 20th. October, 1890.

" " 5675, of 29th. " "

are hereby cancelled.

G.O. 36, of June, 1890, is hereby cancelled.

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