

**53. Class of Accommodation.**—The following shall be the classes of accommodation by rail and sea when travelling on duty in, or to and from New Zealand :—

Rank, or Relative Rank, or Rating.	Class of Accommodation.	
	By Rail.	By Sea.
Commissioned, subordinate, and warrant officers	1st class	1st class.
Chief petty officer .. .. .	1st class	2nd class.
Other ratings .. .. .	2nd class	3rd class.

2. Commanding Officers may assign a superior class of accommodation to invalids upon medical recommendation, and, in special cases, to others when suitable accommodation of the lower class is not available in merchant vessels.

**54. Cab-hire.**—Cab-hire shall be allowed to officers and men only when travelling with baggage, or provided no other and more reasonable mode of conveyance is available, and the distance and service warrant the use of such conveyance.

2. Claims for cab-hire must be supported by a statement showing the necessity for using cabs and the distance travelled.

3. Cab-hire for the paying of official calls will be permitted only for such calls as are compulsory for official purposes, and in the case of officers not in command claims must be certified by the Commanding Officer on the voucher.

4. When cab-hire for more than 5s. is claimed a receipt for payment must accompany the claim.

**55. Subsistence Allowance.**—The following are the rates at which subsistence allowance is payable when travelling on duty :—

Rank or Relative Rank.	Daily Allowance.	Hourly Rate.
	£ s. d.	
Captains and higher ranks .. .. .	1 2 6	} 1/24th of daily rate for each hour. (The minimum period of absence for which payment is to be made is 6 hours.)
Commanders .. .. .	1 0 0	
Lieut.-commanders .. .. .	0 18 0	
Other commissioned officers (including commissioned gunners)	0 16 0	
Warrant and subordinate officers .. .. .	0 14 0	
Chief petty officers .. .. .	0 12 0	
Petty officers .. .. .	0 11 0	
Seamen and others .. .. .	0 10 0	

2. Subsistence allowance is payable only up to a maximum period of fourteen days, except in such special cases as may be approved by the Naval Board. Officers and men travelling on duty involving a longer absence than fourteen days shall, at the end of that period, draw the rates of lodging and provision allowances specified in these regulations in lieu of subsistence allowances. When, however, a person in receipt of subsistence allowance is travelling from place to place the allowance may be continued throughout the period of absence from his ship or permanent place of duty, except when the stay at any one place exceeds fourteen days.

3. Subsistence allowance is not payable concurrently with lodging and provision allowances unless the absence does not exceed fourteen days and the person concerned returns to the same permanent quarters as he previously occupied before leaving on detached duty. In such cases provision allowance only is to cease during the period that subsistence allowance is payable.

4. The above rates of subsistence allowances are exclusive of any cost of conveyance by rail, coach, or steamer; and in computing the period of absence on duty the time shall be counted from the hour of leaving ship or other place of duty to the hour of return. Subsistence allowance shall not, however, be payable when travelling by steamer or other vessel in which quarters and rations are provided.

5. When it is proved to the satisfaction of the Naval Board that the rates of subsistence allowances payable do not cover the actual expenses incurred, the Board may recommend payment of an increased rate; or the Board may reduce the rates laid down when circumstances appear to justify such a course.