

against him in respect of free kit issued on entry of £1 10s. per month in the cases of Classes I and III, and of £1 5s. per month in the case of Class II ratings, for each full month of the unexpired period of two years. This charge is first to be met by forfeiture of the Kit-upkeep Allowance standing to his credit in respect of the current quarter, the balance of the charge being communicated for recovery against his deferred pay, unless this is forfeited under regulation 13, clause 3. In the case of ratings discharged within two years of entry, other than by invaliding, who may be in debt or have insufficient credit of deferred pay to cover the charge referred to, the kit, or portion thereof as may be necessary to discharge the debt, except such articles as are necessary to meet immediate requirements, is to be recovered and sold. Any balance received for the sale of kit after recovery of debt and charges has been effected is to be paid to the rating.

(6.) Add an additional regulation No. 47A as follows:—

47a. Uniform Gratuities: Officers.—Uniform gratuities will be paid to officers on first joining, or on promotion to officer rank, as follows:—

Commissioned officers on first joining (except Chaplains or officers appointed for temporary service)	£	60
Chaplains or officers appointed for temporary service, on first joining	£	30
Paymaster cadets on promotion to Paymaster midshipmen	£	40
Warrant officers on first joining, or on promotion to that rank	£	40
Warrant officers on promotion to Mate or Lieutenant rank	£	25

2. In the event of discharge, except by invaliding, within twelve months of the grant of clothing gratuity, a proportionate part of the gratuity for the unexpired period is to be recovered from the officer concerned, on a monthly basis (*i.e.*, one-twelfth for each full month of the unexpired period).

3. In the case of officers who are appointed as “probationary” or “acting” for a period, half the allowance is payable on entry and the balance when the officer has completed his probationary or acting service and has been confirmed in rank.

4. Uniform gratuities are not payable to officers lent from the Imperial or a Dominion Navy.

5. Officers transferred permanently from the Imperial or a Dominion Navy, or from other branches of the New Zealand Division, will receive no uniform gratuity on transfer if transferred direct or within twelve months of such previous service.

(7.) Add an additional clause to regulation No. 53 as follows:—

3. The following officers shall be entitled to deck berths in steamers and sleeping-berths on trains at the public expense when travelling on duty:—

The Commodore Commanding.
Members of the Naval Board.
Naval Secretary.
Commanding Officers of H.M. ships of and above the rank of Commander.

Under special circumstances an extension of this privilege may be granted to an officer other than the above.

(8.) In Appendix I, cancel reference to Medical Branch, and substitute the following revised New Zealand rates of pay, which are approved with effect as from 1st July, 1921:—

<i>Medical Branch.</i>		Rate per Diem.	
Rank or Relative Rank.		£	s. d.
Surgeon Lieutenant, on entry	1 8 0
After three years	1 12 0
Surgeon Lieutenant-commander, on promotion	1 18 0
After three years	2 3 0
Surgeon Commander, on promotion	2 8 0
After three years	2 12 0
After six years	2 16 0
After nine years	3 0 0
Surgeon Captain, on promotion	3 5 0
After three years	3 10 0
After six years	3 15 0
After nine years	4 0 0

(9.) In Appendix III, under the heading “Seamen Ratings: Gunnery, Torpedo, &c.,” add:—

Bugler. To boys who qualify in bugling, from date of passing; payable only whilst in training-ship	Per Diem.	s. d.
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