

Optional Training. (*See article 35 and Appendix A of these regulations.*)**68. Qualifications for Promotion—Sub-Lieutenant to Lieutenant.—**

(1.) In order to qualify for promotion to Lieutenant a Sub-Lieutenant who has performed twelve months' naval training as a Sub-Lieutenant must—

- (a.) Have attained two years' seniority, including acting or probationary time :
- (b.) Hold a first mate's, and be qualified to sit for a master's, certificate of competency :
- (c.) Have satisfactory records and reports of service for the period under (a), including a watch-keeping certificate in the R.N.

(2.) In order to qualify for promotion to Lieutenant a Sub-Lieutenant who has *not* performed twelve months' naval training as a Sub-Lieutenant must—

- (a.) Have served for not less than three years at sea as Sub-Lieutenant, including acting or probationary time, service both in the Naval Forces and the mercantile marine to count :
- (b.) Have performed the requisite naval training (twenty-eight days biennially) :
- (c.) Hold a first mate's, and be qualified to sit for a master's, certificate of competency :
- (d.) Have satisfactory records and reports of service for the period during which he has served at sea as a Sub-Lieutenant, including a certificate to the effect that he has been continuously in charge of a watch in a merchant vessel for not less than twelve months, or junior bridge-keeping officer of the watch for a period of not less than two years in a large ocean-going steamer.

69. Lieutenants ("Qualified Officers")—Grant of Seniority.—

(1.) Lieutenants who have performed twelve months' naval training as Sub-Lieutenants and who become "Qualified Officers" within two years of promotion to Lieutenant shall be granted one year's seniority as Lieutenant.

(2.) Lieutenants who have not performed twelve months' training as Sub-Lieutenants but who become "Qualified Officers" within two years of promotion to Lieutenant shall be granted six months' seniority as Lieutenant.

(3.) Unless a Lieutenant obtains a master's certificate of competency before he is twenty-seven years of age he may, unless there is, in the opinion of the Naval Board, a satisfactory reason for his failure to obtain such certificate, be called upon to resign his commission.

70. Qualifications for Promotion to Lieutenant-Commander.—(1.) In order to qualify for promotion to Lieutenant-Commander a Lieutenant must—

- (a.) Have attained eight years' seniority as Lieutenant :
- (b.) Have completed twelve months' continuous naval training as a commissioned officer, and received satisfactory reports of conduct and ability :
- (c.) Have performed the requisite naval training in addition to (b) :
- (d.) Have satisfactory records and reports of service in the mercantile marine.

(2.) A Lieutenant qualified for the rank of Lieutenant-Commander except in respect of the requirements of subsection (b) of this article may apply for promotion to Acting Lieutenant-Commander on the understanding that he will commence his twelve months' training within one year of his acting promotion, failing which he will be placed on the Retired List.

71. Obligatory Naval Training—Lieutenant-Commander.—The obligatory naval training of a Lieutenant-Commander shall consist of twenty-eight days biennially for four years after promotion to Lieutenant-Commander, and subsequently twenty-eight days' naval training every three years.

72. Qualifications for Promotion to Commander.—Commanders shall be selected from among those officers who have—

- (a.) Attained three years' seniority as Lieutenant-Commander :
- (b.) Performed the requisite naval training satisfactorily :
- (c.) Held command of a British ocean-going steamer for two years, or been chief or first officer of a British ocean-going first-class liner for four years :
- (d.) Consistently good records of service in the mercantile marine, and, if not in command, hold a certificate from their shipping company to the effect that they are in all respects suitable for command of a ship as described in subsection (c) of this article.

73. Obligatory Naval Training—Commander.—The obligatory naval training of a Commander shall consist of—

- (a.) Courses in gunnery and torpedo within five years of promotion. Also signal and aircraft course within six years of promotion.
- (b.) Requalifying courses in these subjects, to be carried out at intervals of not less than four years from the date of qualification or requalification in that particular subject.