

sea service falling below this proportion the deficiency must be made up by additional service at sea before the total time on articles can be accepted in full as qualifying service.

130. Harbour Training-ships.—Time served on board a training-ship will be allowed to count (subject to the condition in para. 132) as equivalent to one-half the same time spent in service at sea, up to a limit of two years (*i.e.*, no length of service will be allowed to count as more than one year at sea), provided that the candidate can produce a certificate from the committee or Captain Superintendent that he has conducted himself creditably, and passed a good examination in seamanship so far as it is practised in the training-ship, as well as in other matters down to the time of his leaving the ship. Harbour training-ship service will not be regarded as equivalent to service in square-rigged vessels.

A similar concession is allowed in the case of time spent at the Nautical College, Pangbourne.

131. Shore School for Nautical Training.—Time spent at a school for nautical training conducted on premises ashore may be allowed to count, subject to the age-limit laid down in para. 132, in some proportion, not exceeding one-half, as service at sea, provided that—

- a. The school is recognized under the appropriate regulations, by the Board of Education, or by the Scottish Education Department, as the case may be;
- b. After an inspection by one of their officers the Board of Trade is satisfied that the school gives a training that justifies time spent there being reckoned as part of the necessary qualifying-time for a certificate of competency; and
- c. The candidate produces a satisfactory certificate as regards conduct and proficiency from the authorities of the school on leaving it.

The schools to which these arrangements may apply are of three kinds—

- i. Schools at which a boy resides and receives training for a period of years. The maximum remission of sea service that will be allowed in respect of attendance at such a school will be fixed at the time of approval; it will never exceed twelve months.
- ii. Courses in navigation and seamanship at junior technical schools or similar non-residential institutions which boys attend before going to sea. The maximum remission of sea service in these cases will be fixed at the time of approval; it will never exceed six months.
- iii. Senior courses in navigation at technical or other similar non-residential schools which candidates attend after completing the whole or the larger part of the service required to qualify for examination for a second mate's certificate. The maximum remission of sea service in these cases will be fixed at the time of approval; it will never exceed three months.

In the case of schools of classes ii and iii the certificate which the candidate produces (para. c above) must in addition testify to the candidate's continuous and regular attendance at all the approved classes, and also, in the case of schools of class iii, must state the total number of hours during which he has attended the school.

A candidate who at different times has attended two or more approved schools of nautical training will be allowed a remission of sea service in respect of attendance at each of them, subject to the condition that the total remission of sea service in respect of attendance at approved schools will not in any event exceed twelve months.

Time spent at approved schools will not be accepted in lieu of any part of the officer's service required to qualify a candidate for examination for a certificate as first mate or master; or in lieu of sea service required in consequence of failure in seamanship (see para. 27).

A list of approved schools of nautical training is given in Appendix L.

132. Training Ships and Schools: Age-limit.—No allowance will be made in respect of time spent on board training-ships or at schools of nautical training after the 1st January, 1925, by boys younger than fourteen. Time so spent before the 1st January, 1925, will not be affected by this alteration, regardless of the date at which the candidates present themselves for examination.