

**133. Apprentices.**—The whole of the time claimed under indentures of apprenticeship will be accepted as actual sea service to qualify under para. 47 for a second mate's certificate, provided—(a) that the indentures have not been cancelled through some fault of the candidate, but are endorsed by the owner or master to whom he was bound to the effect that he has performed his service faithfully during the time he remained as apprentice; and (b) that the candidate had served at sea four-fifths of the time claimed—that is to say, has not spent more than one-fifth of the time in home ports.

In the case of cable-ships the time may be counted in full if two-thirds of this period of four-fifths—that is, eight-fifteenths of the whole time under indentures—has been spent in service aboard the ship out of the United Kingdom and away from the ship's base port (see para. 129).

In cases where an apprentice is qualified for examination before the expiration of his indentures—*e.g.*, where he has had training-ship or other sea service prior to being bound, which, together with his actual time as apprentice, makes up the required four years, or where his indentures are for a period of more than four years—a letter from the owner or master will be accepted in place of the endorsement referred to above.

In the event of the candidate being short of the required four-fifths of the time claimed as apprentice he will be required to show sufficient additional sea service to make up the four-fifths of the time claimed.

The above-stated general concession to apprentices cannot, however, be taken to cover a case in which, during a large proportion of the period of apprenticeship, the vessel on which the apprentice is serving has been laid up in a foreign port. The proportion of the period of apprenticeship which can be accepted as qualifying service in such a case is dependent on the actual circumstances, and each case will be considered on its merits. The Marine Department is prepared to make as generous an allowance for such service as it properly can, but it is unable to forego the essential condition that candidates for certificates of competency must have sufficient experience of actual sea service.

**134. Midshipmen and Cadets.**—The whole of the time served as midshipman or cadet under indentures will also be accepted, subject to the same conditions as those laid down for apprentices; and the same will be the case even when not bound by indentures, provided that the service as midshipman or cadet has been continuous, and that on the date of the termination of the period of service claimed in this capacity the candidate was on articles of agreement, and that he is able to comply with the requirements laid down in the matter of serving or making up the four-fifths period at sea during the time claimed.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS RELATING TO AN APPRENTICESHIP SERVED IN AN APPROVED SEAGOING TRAINING-SHIP WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTION IN THE SERVICE OF THE SAME EMPLOY.

**135. 1. Recognition of Service on the Training-ship as qualifying for Examination for a Certificate as Second Mate.**—The training-ship must be a seagoing, cargo-carrying, square-rigged, sailing-vessel, and the course of study and practical training which the cadet receives must be approved by the Board of Trade or the Marine Department.

At the end of four years' service in the training-ship the cadet will be qualified for examination for a certificate as second mate, provided (i) he can produce a testimonial to the effect that both his conduct and his ability have given satisfaction during the whole period, and (ii) that he has served *at sea* for not less than four-fifths of the time—that is to say, has not spent more than one-fifth of the time in home ports (see para. 134).

If the cadet has served previously for two years in either the "Conway," "Worcester," or "Amokura" training-ships, this time will be allowed to count as one year's qualifying-service (see para. 130), and he will be required to serve for three years only in the company's training-ship before he can be allowed up for examination for a certificate as second mate.

**2. Recognition of Service as Junior Officer as qualifying for Examination for a Certificate as First Mate.**—A candidate who