

139. Naval Training Colleges.—Time spent at the Naval College at Dartmouth will, subject to the conditions laid down in para. 131, be permitted to count as equivalent to one-half the same time spent in service at sea, and a similar allowance will be made in respect of time spent on courses on shore after promotion to acting sub-lieutenant, subject to the condition that the total remission of sea service in respect of all time spent on shore shall not exceed twelve months. Time spent in shore training will not be accepted in lieu of watch-keeping service.

140. Royal Naval Reserve.—Lieutenants, sub-lieutenants, and acting sub-lieutenants of the Royal Naval Reserve who perform sea service on board H.M. ships will, if accompanied by a good report, be allowed to count such service as if it had been performed in foreign-going merchant ships, and the service will rank according to the certificate of competency held by the candidate at the time.

The time spent in periodical training in the Royal Naval Reserve on board seagoing vessels of H.M. Royal Navy, if accompanied by a good report, will be accepted in full, but in the case of midshipmen will not count as officers' service. In the case of service in harbour ships and shore establishments of H.M. Royal or Dominion Navies, only half such time will be accepted as sea service, and no such service must amount to more than one-fourth of the time required for the particular grade of certificate applied for.

141. Admiralty Service.—All service afloat in H.M. ships or in auxiliary supply-ships, or any other ships in attendance on the Fleet between the 4th August, 1914, and the 31st December, 1920 (inclusive), will be accepted in full (subject to the ordinary conditions as laid down in these regulations) as qualifying sea service for the purpose of the Marine Department's examinations of masters and mates.

The Marine Department cannot undertake to accept the whole or any definite proportion of service in the Royal Naval Reserve which is *not* qualifying service in accordance with these regulations, but they will be prepared to consider sympathetically an application for examination from a candidate who has been prevented by his service in the Royal Naval Reserve between the 4th August, 1914, and the 31st December, 1920 (inclusive), from complying fully with the requirements of these regulations.

142. Army Service.—The Marine Department is anxious that, so far as it is reasonably possible, seamen or apprentices who served in the Army between the 4th August, 1914, and the 31st December, 1920, inclusive, should not be hindered in their ordinary profession; and it is prepared to consider sympathetically any application to be examined by a candidate who has been prevented from complying fully with the regulations owing to his service in the Army.

143. Interned Officers and Seamen.—A portion of the time spent by officers and seamen interned abroad between the 4th August, 1914, and the 31st December, 1920, inclusive, will be accepted in lieu of a portion of the qualifying sea service required to qualify them for examination for a certificate of competency. The amount of such time so allowed will be decided by the Principal Examiner to whom all such cases must be referred.

CONDUCT OF THE EXAMINATIONS.

144. Examinations, Conduct of.—The examinations will begin at 10 a.m. on each day. A luncheon interval of at least one hour will be given on each day at a suitable time. The order in which papers are given may be varied; the *viva voce* and practical parts of the examination being taken at such times as may be convenient.

The time allotted for each written part of the examination for each grade of certificate will be as follows:—

FOREIGN-GOING CERTIFICATES.

Second Mate.—Paper on—Navigation and nautical astronomy, 3 hours; Nautical astronomy and trigonometry, 2 hours; Chart, 3 hours; Essay, 1 hour.

First Mate.—Paper on—Navigation and nautical astronomy, 3 hours; Nautical astronomy and trigonometry, 2 hours; Chart, 3 hours; Position-line problem, 2 hours; Meteorology, 1½ hours.