

**28. Lost Certificate, Copy of.**—Any master or mate who proves to the satisfaction of the Marine Department that he has lost or been deprived of a certificate already granted to him by the Marine Department may make application to the Marine Department for a certified copy to be issued to him. The applicant must make a declaration before a Stipendiary Magistrate in New Zealand, on form Exn. 17 (obtainable at a Mercantile Marine office), and submit the declaration and such evidence of loss or deprivation as he may be able to furnish, together with a fee of 10s., to a Superintendent of Mercantile Marine for transmission to the Marine Department. The onus of proof of loss or deprivation will rest entirely with the applicant, and he must state the means he has taken to trace and recover the certificate. The fee will be returned to the applicant if he is able to prove the loss of his certificate was caused by shipwreck or by fire.

**29. Certificates: Old-pattern may be exchanged for New-pattern.**—Any holder of an old-pattern certificate in sheet form may, by making application, and on payment of a fee of 2s. 6d. to a Superintendent of Mercantile Marine, exchange it for a new-pattern certificate in book form. In such cases the old-pattern certificate, which must accompany the application, will be retained by the Marine Department.

#### FIRST AID TO THE INJURED.

NOTE.—A list of the names and addresses of the local secretaries of the St. John Ambulance Association is given in Appendix C.

**30. First Aid to the Injured.**—(a) Every candidate for a certificate of any class or grade, other than a master of a river-steamer and a master of a harbour or river sailing-ship, must produce a certificate issued by the St. John Ambulance Association, the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association, the St. Patrick's Ambulance Association, the British Red Cross Society, the London County Council, the Glamorgan County Council, the Leith Nautical College, or other approved body, or by a medical officer of one of His Majesty's ships, to the effect that he has passed examination in first aid to the injured.

(b) The certificate must be an adult certificate—*i.e.*, obtained by the candidate when sixteen years of age or more—and the examination for it must have been passed not more than three years before the date of the examination for the certificate of competency. Certificates issued by the St. John Ambulance Association more than three years before the examination for a certificate of competency will, however, be accepted; provided that, at the expiration of three years since its issue, the certificate has attached to it the "voucher" or "label" of the association certifying that the holder has passed re-examination in first aid.

(c) If a candidate does not possess such a certificate of proficiency in first aid he should apply some time before he wishes to sit for examination for a certificate as master or mate to the local secretary of an approved association or other approved body, who will inform him of the available facilities for the instruction and examination of candidates in first aid.

(d) Besides the courses of instruction which are provided on shore at the ports in the United Kingdom at which examinations for certificates as master and mate are held, courses of instruction given by qualified surgeons on board merchant vessels will be accepted by the St. John Ambulance Association as qualifying the candidate for examination for their certificate of proficiency in first aid, provided the surgeon certifies that he has followed the syllabus of instruction laid down by the association.

(e) The St. Andrew's Ambulance Association will also accept instruction by a ship's surgeon on board ship as qualifying a candidate for examination for their certificates of proficiency in first aid, provided their syllabus is followed. In this case, the candidate must previously have enrolled and obtained an attendance-card, by applying to the local secretary of the association, or to the head office at 98-108, North Street, Glasgow.

(f) It will not be necessary for the candidate for a certificate as master or mate in all cases to produce the formal certificate of proficiency in first aid issued by the associations. In order to prevent delay in proceeding with the examination for the certificate as master or mate and in the issue of the certificates to successful candidates, the special Mercantile Marine linen certificate issued by the St. John Ambulance Association, and duly signed by the lecturer, the surgeon examiner, and the association's local representative, or, in Scotland, a certificate signed by the local examiner of the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association, to the effect that the candidate has passed the examination for a certificate of proficiency, may be accepted as showing that the candidate possesses the required knowledge of first aid.