

(b) An Acting Leading Seaman is required to undergo a period of not less than seven days' Naval training in the acting rate to be eligible for confirmation.

(c) Acting Leading Seamen may also be ordered to revert before the expiration of the one year probationary period, but, except for misconduct, this is not to be done without the approval of the Naval Board, to whom the circumstances should be fully reported.

(d) Ratings disrated for misconduct or reverted for unsuitability, and subsequently readvanced, will be subject to the provisions of this article without regard to their previous service as Acting Leading Seamen.

(e) To be eligible for advancement an Able Seaman must—

- (i) Have completed two years' service as an Able Seaman :
- (ii) Have performed not less than fourteen days' Naval training in a seagoing vessel as an Able Seaman :
- (iii) Have qualified in gunnery and mine-sweeping :
- (iv) Have passed in seamanship for Leading Seaman before a Board of Active Service Officers :
- (v) Have passed the provisional swimming test.

(f) The professional and mine-sweeping examinations for Leading Seamen may be taken by an Able Seaman at the conclusion of any period of sea training.

(3) **Leading Seaman to Petty Officer.**—(a) Advancement to the rating of Petty Officer will be by selection, and is to be on an "acting" basis for a minimum period of one year, during which the rating is to be regarded as on probation. At the end of this probationary period the rating may, at the discretion of the Commanding Officer of the Division, be confirmed as Petty Officer, provided that he has carried out the training laid down in clause (b), or be required to serve further probationary acting time, or be reverted to Leading Seaman.

(b) An Acting Petty Officer is required to undergo a period of not less than seven days' Naval training in the acting rate to be eligible for confirmation.

(c) Acting Petty Officers may also be ordered to revert before the expiration of the one year probationary period, but, except for misconduct, this is not to be done without the approval of the Naval Board, to whom the circumstances should be fully reported.

(d) Ratings disrated for misconduct or reverted for unsuitability, and subsequently readvanced, will be subject to the provisions of this article without regard to their previous service as Acting Petty Officers.

(e) To be eligible for advancement, a Leading Seaman must—

- (i) Have completed three years' service as Leading Seaman, including acting time :
- (ii) Have performed not less than twenty-one days' Naval training in a seagoing vessel, including fourteen days' training (seven days obligatory and seven days voluntary) in a cruiser, as Leading Seaman :
- (iii) Have passed in seamanship for Petty Officer before a Board of Active Service Officers, the examination to be held at the conclusion of the training laid down in clause (ii) :
- (iv) Have been recommended for Petty Officer by the Commanding Officer of the cruiser in which Naval training has been performed.

(4) **Petty Officer to Chief Petty Officer.**—Advancement to Chief Petty Officer will be by selection, and will be made by the Naval Board. To be eligible for advancement a Petty Officer must :—

- (a) Be recommended by the Commanding Officer of the ship in which the last period of Naval training was performed :
- (b) Have completed at least three years in present rate including "acting" time.

(5) **Signal and Telegraphist Ratings, Class D.**—(i) **Ordinary Signalman and Ordinary Telegraphist :** Ratings who on enrolment volunteer for the communications branches under the provisions of Article 30, paragraph 2, will at the first opportunity perform seven days' obligatory followed by seven days' voluntary training in a cruiser. On completion of this period of training they may be rated Ordinary Signalman or Ordinary Telegraphist with their original seniority as Ordinary Seamen, provided they attain the necessary standard. They are not to wear branch distinguishing badges nor are they to be sent to sea as V/S or W/T ratings until they are so rated.

(ii) **Advancement to Signalman or Telegraphist :** To qualify for advancement Ordinary Signalmen or Ordinary Telegraphists must—

- (a) Have completed one year's service as Ordinary Seaman, Signalman, or Telegraphist :