

- (b) Have qualified as "efficient" at Headquarters :
- (c) Have performed not less than fourteen days' Naval training in a cruiser :
- (d) Show that they possess a good knowledge of the subjects in which they have so far been instructed :
- (e) Have been recommended for Signaller or Telegraphist by the Commanding Officer of the cruiser in which training has been performed.

Signalmen and Telegraphists must qualify in branch and pass for trained operators as laid down in Article 37A, paragraphs (1) and (2), below before being eligible for further advancement.

(iii) **Advancement to Leading Signaller or Leading Telegraphist :** Ratings who have qualified for V/S 3 or W/T 3 are eligible to be rated Acting Leading Signaller or Acting Leading Telegraphist when vacancies occur, provided that—

- (a) They are recommended by the Commanding Officer of the ship in which their last period of Naval training was performed :
- (b) They have passed the provisional swimming test.

Advancement will be on the acting basis under conditions similar to those laid down for seaman ratings in clause (2).

(iv) **Advancement to Yeoman of Signals or Petty Officer Telegraphist :** Ratings who have qualified for V/S 2 or W/T 2 are eligible to be rated Acting Yeoman of Signals or Acting Petty Officer Telegraphist when vacancies occur, provided that—

- (a) They are recommended by the Commanding Officer of the ship in which their last period of Naval training was performed :
- (b) They have completed three years as Leading Signaller or Leading Telegraphist, including acting time :
- (c) Have performed not less than twenty-eight days' Naval training as Leading Signaller or Leading Telegraphist.

Advancement will be on an acting basis under conditions similar to those laid down for seaman ratings in clause (3).

(v) **Advancement to Chief Yeoman of Signals or Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist.**—Advancement to Chief Yeoman of Signals and Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist will be by selection, and will be made by the Naval Board. To be eligible for advancement a Yeoman of Signals and Petty Officer Telegraphist, must—

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

Remaining clauses of Article 37 to be numbered 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Add new Article 37A :—

37A. Communications Branch : Professional Qualifications.

(1) **Qualification in Branch :** Signalmen and Telegraphists will be eligible to qualify in branch on completion of fourteen days' Naval training in a cruiser as Signaller or Telegraphist. The examination will be conducted on board.

Men who fail to pass the examination, or are considered unsuitable at any time, may be reverted from the V/S or W/T branches at the discretion of the Commanding Officer of their Division.

(2) **Qualification as Trained Operator :** (a) Not less than one year's service as a Signaller or Telegraphist.

(b) Have carried out fourteen days' Naval training since qualifying in branch.

(c) To be recommended by the Commanding Officer of his Division.

(d) To pass the examination for Trained Operator. This examination, which is to be conducted on board one of H.M. ships, may take place at the completion of the course referred to at (b).

(3) **Qualification for V/S 3 or W/T 3 :** (a) Two years' service as a Signaller or Telegraphist.

(b) To have qualified as Trained Operator.

(c) To have been recommended by the Commanding Officer of his Division.

(d) To undergo a course in one of H.M. ships and pass the examination for V/S 3 or W/T 3.

(4) **Qualification for V/S 2 or W/T 2 :** (a) To have been confirmed as Leading Signaller or Leading Telegraphist, or have four years' service in the rating of Signaller or Telegraphist.

(b) To have qualified as V/S 3 or W/T 3.

(c) To have been recommended by the Commanding Officer of his Division.