

13. As a rule payment of the purchase-money will not be required before the discharge has been approved, but the Captain may consider it desirable to require or to permit the applicant to deposit the purchase-money at the time of the application; if so, the Captain is authorized to do so. It is to be made clear, however, to the applicant that the deposit of the money is an incidental and that it does not signify a promise that the discharge will be granted.

14. *Kits on discharge*: Boys discharged on payment of £10 or less are not to be allowed to take away the whole of their kit. Other ratings who purchase their discharge within three months of entry or re-entry are not to be allowed to take away the whole of their kit if they received a free kit or a grant toward the provision of a kit on entry or re-entry.

It is left to the discretion of Captains to determine the actual articles of kit which the men or boys concerned may take with them, but as a general rule they should be allowed to take only such articles as are necessary to enable them to reach their homes decently dressed, the remainder being withdrawn and sold for the benefit of the Crown.

Insert new Article 62A:—

62A. Re-entry after discharge by purchase.—One-half of the purchase-money paid for the discharge of a continuous-service man from the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy will be refunded if he is allowed to re-enter the Service within two years of discharge, provided that on re-entry a fresh engagement is entered into for twelve years, or for five years if the unexpired portion of the original engagement be less than this latter period.

2. One-half of the purchase-money paid for the discharge of a boy, entered under a continuous-service engagement, from the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy will be refunded if he is allowed to re-enter within six months of discharge. No repayment will be made if the period of absence exceeds six months, whether he re-enters in a man's rating or not.

3. Should re-entry of a person who has purchased his discharge take place within five years of such discharge, previous service shall count in every respect as if no break in the original engagement had occurred.

4. Re-entries who comply with the conditions described in clause 1 of this article will normally be eligible for the re-credit of an amount of deferred pay not exceeding the amount which they forfeited when discharged by purchase, but each case will be considered on its merits.

Article 63: Cancel clause 1, and substitute:—

63. Promotion to commissioned rank.—Ratings of the following branches of the New Zealand Division are eligible to be considered for promotion to commissioned rank in the Royal Navy:—

Seaman Branch	} To Acting Sub-Lieutenant, Royal Navy.
Communications Branch	
Engine Room Artificer Branch	} To Acting Sub-Lieutenant (E), Royal Navy.
Stoker Branch	

Insert new Article 65:—

65. Promotion to warrant rank.—The provisions of King's Regulations, Chapter VI, Section VIII, will generally be applied in the New Zealand Division, except that the service qualifications and age limits for promotion to warrant rank will be as follows:—

Executive Branches (<i>i.e.</i> , Gunner, Gunner (T), Boatswain, Signal Boatswain, Warrant Telegraphist)	Candidates must be at least 28 years of age and not more than 37 years of age.
Non-executive Branches (other than Writer and Supply Branches)	Candidates must have at least 10 years' service, including time under training, and be not more than 40 years of age.
Writer and Supply Branches	Will be governed by special rules to be promulgated from time to time by the Naval Board.

2. Ratings who have been candidates for promotion to commissioned rank, but who have not been selected for such promotion after appearing before a Fleet Selection Board, will be considered for early promotion to warrant rank if they are recommended as specially deserving of early