

2231.—Ratings and R.M. Other Ranks—Titles, Specialist Qualifications and Abbreviations for such Titles and Qualifications—Standardization

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In order to achieve uniformity and to avoid the confusion which arises from the use in reports, returns, etc., of irregular or ambiguous abbreviations of the titles and specialist qualifications of R.N. ratings and R.M. other ranks, standard lists of the titles of ratings and R.M. other ranks, of specialist qualifications, and of official abbreviations for these titles and qualifications have been prepared and are promulgated for general guidance as Appendices A and B to this Order.

2. These titles and abbreviations are to be used in all communications, reports, returns, etc.

3. The order in which the branches appear is of first importance and the standard order, as given in the Appendices, is to be used for all purposes, schemes of complement, complement returns, nominal lists, regulations and mobilisation requirements. For instance, if a list of requirements commences with Seamen, Signalmen, E.R.As. Mechanicians, it should be safe to assume that Sailmakers and Telegraphists are not required. It should not be necessary to search through every list and form in case a Sailmaker has been inserted among the Artisans or Cooks. A further advantage will be that should the instructions be received with a part of the text mutilated, or with abbreviations misquoted, the meaning should be clear provided that the correct order has been maintained.

APPENDIX A

<i>Branch</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Abbreviation</i>
Seaman	Chief Petty Officer	C.P.O.
	Petty Officer	P.O.
	Leading Seaman	L.S.
	Able Seaman	A.B.
	Ordinary Seaman	Ord.
	Junior Seaman, 1st Class	J.S. 1
	Junior Seaman, 2nd Class	J.S. 2
	Boy, 1st Class	Boy 1
	Boy, 2nd Class	Boy 2
Sailmaker	Chief Sailmaker	Ch. Slmr.
	Sailmaker	Slmr.
	Sailmaker's Mate	Slmr. Mate
Signalman	Chief Yeoman of Signals	C.Y.S.
	Yeoman of Signals	Y.S.
	Leading Signalman	L. Sig.
	Signalman	Sig.
	Ordinary Signalman	Ord. Sig.
	Junior Signalman, 1st Class	J. Sig. 1
	Junior Signalman, 2nd Class	J. Sig. 2
Telegraphist	Signal Boy	Sig. Boy
	Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist	C.P.O. Tel.
	Petty Officer Telegraphist	P.O. Tel.
	Leading Telegraphist	L. Tel.
	Telegraphist	Tel.
	Ordinary Telegraphist	Ord. Tel.
	Junior Telegraphist, 1st Class	J. Tel. 1
	Junior Telegraphist, 2nd Class	J. Tel. 2
	Boy Telegraphist	Boy Tel.
Suffixes for ratings employed on special duties :—		
(Flying) and (S)		
Examples :—		
	Leading Telegraphist (Flying)	L. Tel. (F)
	Petty Officer Telegraphist (S)	P.O. Tel. (S)
Coders	Leading Coder (Special)	L. Coder (Sp.)
	Coder (Special)	Coder (Sp.)
	Probationary Coder (Special)	P. Coder (Sp.)
	Coder (Educational)	Coder (Ed.)
	Probationary Coder (Educational)	P. Coder (Ed.)

APPENDIX A—*contd.*

<i>Branch</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Abbreviation</i>
Royal Marines School of Music	Staff Bandmaster	Staff Bd/Mr.
	Bandmaster	Bd./Mr.
	Band Sergeant	Bd./Sgt.
	Band Corporal	Bd./Cpl.
	Musician, 1st Class	Musn., 1st Cl.
	Musician, 2nd Class	Musn., 2nd Cl.
	Boy Musician	Boy Musn.

APPENDIX B

Specialist Qualifications—Seaman Branch

1.	Gunnery Instructor	G.I.
2.	Quarters Rating, 1st Class	Q.R.1
3.	Quarters Rating, 2nd Class	Q.R.2
4.	Quarters Rating, 3rd Class	Q.R.3
5.	Gunlayer, 1st Class	G.L.1
6.	Gunlayer, 2nd Class	G.L.2
7.	Gunlayer, 3rd Class	G.L.3

(Obsolescent qualifications replaced by Nos. 5-7 :—

	Layer Rating, 1st Class	L.R.1
	Layer Rating, 2nd Class	L.R.2
	Layer Rating, 3rd Class	L.R.3
	Anti-Aircraft Rating, 1st Class	A.A.1
	Anti-Aircraft Rating, 2nd Class	A.A.2
	Anti-Aircraft Rating, 3rd Class	A.A.3
8.	Radar Control Rating, 1st Class	R.C.1
9.	Radar Control Rating, 2nd Class	R.C.2
10.	Radar Control Rating, 3rd Class	R.C.3

(Obsolescent qualifications replaced by Nos. 8-10 :—

	Control Rating, 1st Class	C.R.1
	Control Rating, 2nd Class	C.R.2
11.	Quarters Armourer, 1st Class	Q.A.1
12.	Quarters Armourer, 2nd Class	Q.A.2
13.	Quarters Armourer, 3rd Class	Q.A.3
14.	Control Armourer, 1st Class	C.A.1
15.	Control Armourer, 2nd Class	C.A.2
16.	Control Armourer, 3rd Class	C.A.3
17.	Torpedo Anti-Submarine Instructor	T.A.S.I.
18.	Underwater Weapons, 1st Class	U.W.1
19.	Underwater Weapons, 2nd Class	U.W.2
20.	Underwater Weapons, 3rd Class	U.W.3
21.	Underwater Control, 1st Class	U.C.1
22.	Underwater Control, 2nd Class	U.C.2
23.	Underwater Control, 3rd Class	U.C.3

(Obsolescent qualifications replaced by Nos. 17-23 :—

	Torpedo Anti-Submarine Instructor (T)	T.A.S.I. (T)
	Torpedo Anti-Submarine Instructor (D)	T.A.S.I. (D)
	Torpedoman Detector, 1st Class	T.D.1
	Torpedoman Detector, 2nd Class*	T.D. 2*
	Torpedoman Detector, 2nd Class	T.D.2
	Torpedoman Detector, 2nd Class (T)	T.D.2 (T)
	Torpedoman Detector, 2nd Class (D)	T.D.2 (D)
	Torpedoman Detector, 3rd Class	T.D.3
	Torpedoman Detector, 3rd Class (T)	T.D.3 (T)
	Torpedoman Detector, 3rd Class (D)	T.D.3 (D)
	Seaward Defence, 3rd Class	S.D.3
	Mine Defence, 3rd Class	M.D.3

APPENDIX B—contd.

Specialist Qualifications—Naval Airman Branch

56.	Aircraft Handler, 1st Class	A.H.1
57.	Aircraft Handler, 2nd Class	A.H.2
58.	Aircraft Handler, 3rd Class	A.H.3
59.	Safety Equipment, 1st Class	S.E.1
60.	Safety Equipment, 2nd Class	S.E.2
61.	Safety Equipment, 3rd Class	S.E.3
62.	Photographer, 1st Class	Phot. 1
63.	Photographer, 2nd Class	Phot. 2
64.	Photographer, 3rd Class	Phot. 3
65.	Meteorological Observer, 1st Class	Met. 1
66.	Meteorological Observer, 2nd Class	Met. 2
67.	Meteorological Observer, 3rd Class	Met. 3

Specialist Qualifications—Sick Berth Branch

68.	State Registered Male Nurse	(N)
69.	Radiographer	(X)
70.	Physiotherapist	(M)
71.	Hygiene Inspector	(H)
72.	Medical Laboratory Technician	(L)
73.	Mental Nurse	(P)
74.	Operating Room Technician	(O)
75.	Dental Attendant	(D)

Additional Qualifications which may be shown against the names of ratings of various branches who have successfully completed the appropriate courses :—

76.	Shallow Water Diver	S.W.D.
77.	Gunnery Officer's Writer	G.O.W.
78.	T.A.S. Officer's Writer	T.A.S.O.W.
79.	Navigator's Yeoman	N.Y.
80.	Engineer Officer's Writer	E.O.W.
81.	Air Engineer Officer's Writer	A.E.O.W.
82.	Air Gunnery Officer's Writer	A.G.O.W.
83.	Electrical Officer's Writer	El. O.W.
84.	Shorthand Typist (Higher Grade)	S.H.G.
85.	Shorthand Typist (Lower Grade)	S.L.G.

Examples :—

A.B., Q.R.3, G.O.W., P.O.S.M., E.O.W.,
P.O. Wtr., S.H.G.

*Specialist Qualifications—Royal Marines**General Duty Branch*

86.	Assault Engineer, 1st Class	A.E.1
87.	Assault Engineer, 2nd Class	A.E.2
88.	Assault Engineer, 3rd Class	A.E.3
89.	Cliff Leader, 1st Class	C.L.1
90.	Cliff Leader, 2nd Class	C.L.2
91.	Cliff Leader, 3rd Class	C.L.3
92.	Drill Instructor, 1st Class	D.L.1
93.	Drill Instructor, 2nd Class	D.L.2
94.	Heavy Weapons, 1st Class	H.W.1
95.	Heavy Weapons, 2nd Class	H.W.2
96.	Heavy Weapons, 3rd Class	H.W.3
97.	Landing Craft Helmsman, 1st Class	L.H.1
98.	Landing Craft Helmsman, 2nd Class	L.H.2
99.	Landing Craft Helmsman, 3rd Class	L.H.3
	(Includes Landing Craft Driver).	
100.	Parachutist	P.A.
101.	Platoon Weapons, 1st Class	P.W.1
102.	Platoon Weapons, 2nd Class (Weapons)	P.W.2 (W)
103.	Platoon Weapons, 2nd Class (Tactical)	P.W.2 (T)

APPENDIX B—contd.

*Speciality Qualifications—Royal Marines—contd.**General Duty Branch—contd.*

104.	Platoon Weapons, 3rd Class (Sniper)	..	..	P.W.3 (S)
105.	Platoon Weapons, 3rd Class (Night Guerrilla)	..	..	P.W.3 (N)
106.	Swimmer Canoeist, 1st Class	..	..	S.C.1
107.	Swimmer Canoeist, 2nd Class	..	..	S.C.2
108.	Swimmer Canoeist, 3rd Class	..	..	S.C.3

Note.—Specialist Qualifications for Gunnery and Physical Training are the same as in the Sea-man Branch.

Technical Branch

109.	Clerk, 1st Class	..	..	..	..	C.1
110.	Clerk, 2nd Class	..	..	..	..	C.2
111.	Clerk, 3rd Class	..	..	..	..	C.3
112.	Cook, 1st Class	..	..	..	..	K.1
113.	Cook, 2nd Class	..	..	..	..	K.2
114.	Cook, 3rd Class	..	..	..	..	K.3
115.	Instrumentalist, 1st Class Musical Instructor	..	..	..	..	M.1
116.	Instrumentalist, 2nd Class	..	..	..	..	M.2
117.	Instrumentalist, 3rd Class	..	..	..	..	M.3
118.	Royal Marine Signal Instructor	..	..	..	..	R.M.S.I.
119.	Signaller, 1st Class	..	..	..	..	S.1
120.	Signaller, 2nd Class	..	..	..	..	S.2
121.	Signaller, 3rd Class	..	..	..	..	S.3
122.	Driver, 1st Class	..	..	..	..	D.1
123.	Driver, 2nd Class	..	..	..	..	D.2
124.	Driver, 3rd Class	..	..	..	..	D.3
125.	Tradesman, 1st Class	..	..	..	..	T.1
126.	Tradesman, 2nd Class	..	..	..	..	T.2
127.	Tradesman, 3rd Class	..	..	..	..	T.3

Note.—The following trades are open to Other Ranks of the Royal Marines :—

Group A—

Armament Artificer (Vehicle)
Armourer, Small Arms
Draughtsman (Topographical)
Electrician (Vehicle and Plant)
Printer
Radio Mechanic
Telegraphic Mechanic
Vehicle Mechanic

Group B—

Bricklayer
Carpenter and Joiner
Clerk/Storeman Technical
Coachtrimmer
Painter and Decorator
Tailor
Welder/Sheet Metal Worker

(A.F.O. 2814/51 is cancelled.)