

*2847. Ratings—Institution of the Specialist Qualification of Control Armourer and
Amalgamation of the Anti-Aircraft and Layer Rating Specialist Qualifications
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The types and qualifications of ratings required to man and fight efficiently the existing and future gun armament have been under investigation.

2. As a result of this investigation the changes in the structure of the Gunnery Branch as stated in the following paragraphs have been approved, and are promulgated for information. Details of complementing, badges, transfers from other specialist qualifications and syllabuses will be promulgated shortly.

Institution of the Control Armourer Specialist Qualification

3. In order to meet the requirements for the maintenance of modern fire control equipment, a new specialist qualification of seamen will be instituted and known as Control Armourer (C.A.).

4. There will be three classes—C.A.1, C.A.2 and C.A.3.

5. Advancement from C.A.2 and C.A.3 may be either to C.A.1 and C.A.2 respectively, or to R.C.1 and R.C.2 respectively, depending on the requirements of the Service and the technical abilities of the ratings concerned.

6. C.As. will be eligible to qualify for Gunnery Instructor.

7. Opportunity for promotion to Branch and Commissioned rank will be under the same conditions as for other Seamen.

8. The duties to be carried out by the Control Armourer will, as regards mechanical parts of fire control equipment, be similar to those of the Quarters Armourer as regards gun mountings. He will check the performance from an operational point of view, and, where necessary, call for technical assistance from the Electrical Branch maintenance staff for the electrical portions of the equipment.

9. Control Armourers will replace on the Quarter Bill a number of Q.As. who have replaced, or were due to replace, a number of R.Cs.

Advancement of Quarters Armourers

10. Advancement from Q.A.2 and Q.A.3 may be either to Q.A.1 and Q.A.2 respectively, or to Q.R.1 and Q.R.2 respectively, depending on the requirements of the Service and the technical abilities of the ratings concerned.

Amalgamation of the A.A. and L.R. Specialist Qualifications

11. A.A. and L.R. specialist qualifications will be amalgamated and become the new specialist qualification of Gunlayer (G.L.).

12. Conditions of advancement will be unchanged.