

## 402.—Royal Marine Gunners—Promotion, &c.

(C.W. 33374/19.—16.2.1921.)

In order that the conditions of promotion, &c., of Royal Marine Gunners may be assimilated as far as possible to those applicable to Warrant Officers, R.N., and that they may be afforded similar opportunities of obtaining accelerated promotion the following regulations have been approved:—

1. As all candidates for Royal Marine Gunner must hold a first-class certificate of education obtained under R.M. Regulations, no further educational test will be imposed for promotion to that rank.
2. Royal Marine Gunners will be promoted to Commissioned Royal Marine Gunner on attaining 10 years' seniority, provided they are recommended, have a good record, and have served for five years at sea as Warrant Officer. They may be promoted before attaining 10 years' seniority so long as the number of Commissioned Royal Marine Gunners does not exceed 8 per cent. of the established number of Commissioned Royal Marine Gunners and Royal Marine Gunners combined.
3. Commissioned R.M. Gunners will be eligible for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant for long and zealous service. They will also be allowed to pass certain examinations for earlier promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, particulars of which are given below. Officers who have passed these examinations will be eligible for promotion to Lieutenant, R.M., by selection, in conjunction with seniority, provided they have three years' sea service as Commissioned R.M. Gunner.
4. Lieutenants, R.M., promoted under the foregoing rules may be promoted to Captain, R.M., on attaining 8 years' seniority as Lieutenant, R.M., without further examination, provided they are recommended by their Commanding Officers, have a good record, and have completed three years' sea service as Lieutenant.
5. Lieutenants, R.M., who have not passed the examination for that rank will be promoted automatically to Captain, R.M., on attaining 8 years' seniority as Lieutenant, R.M.
6. The number of Lieutenants and Captains, R.M., promoted under these regulations will be 8 per cent. of the combined total authorised numbers of Royal Marine Gunners and Officers promoted therefrom, exclusive of any specially promoted for war or other distinguished service. Vacancies up to a maximum of 4 per cent. (i.e., one-half) will, as a general rule, be reserved for the younger Officers who have passed the prescribed examination for Lieutenant, R.M., and the remainder will be filled by other Officers promoted for long and zealous service.
7. All Officers will be required to be medically examined and passed as fit before promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, R.M.
8. R.M. Gunners and Commissioned R.M. Gunners will continue to be eligible for special promotion for war or distinguished service, subject to the conditions applicable in the case of Warrant Officers, R.N., and for special promotion to combatant Commissions under the provisions of M.O. 85/13.
9. The syllabus of the examination for promotion to Lieutenant, R.M., will be as follows:—

### *Examination for Promotion to Lieutenant, R.M.*

The examination will consist of 2 parts, the first being an educational test of fitness which must be passed before a Commissioned R.M. Gunner will be allowed to proceed to the second part, which will consist of an examination in professional subjects, viz.:—

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7. All Officers will be required to be medically examined and passed as fit before promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, R.M.

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9. The syllabus of the examination for promotion to Lieutenant, R.M., will be as follows :—

*Examination for Promotion to Lieutenant, R.M.*

The examination will consist of 2 parts, the first being an educational test of fitness which must be passed before a Commissioned R.M. Gunner will be allowed to proceed to the second part, which will consist of an examination in professional subjects, viz. :—

(1) *Educational Test of Fitness.*—Candidates will be required to obtain the following certificates in subjects I, II, and III of the Educational Test as laid down in M.O. 4015/18 :—

1st Class (75 per cent.) in General Knowledge,

*or*

2nd Class (55 per cent.) in General Knowledge and

1st Class (75 per cent.) in either History or Geography,

*or*

1st Class (75 per cent.) in both History and Geography.

These examinations may be passed at any time in a candidate's career as man or Officer, but he will not be considered as qualified educationally for the rank of Lieutenant except if he has also obtained a First Class Certificate of Education under R.M. Regulations.

(2) *Professional Examination.*

PRACTICAL. Part I. Consisting of a tactical exercise in the field, without troops, embracing a knowledge of Cavalry, Artillery, Infantry and Tank Training, Field Service Regulations, Map Reading, Field Engineering and Military Hygiene. (Marks allotted, 100.)

Part II. Care and adjustment of searchlights as used in Royal Marine Garrisons. (Marks allotted, 25.)

WRITTEN.—K.R. & A.I., Chapters XXXIV and XXXV.

K.R. & O.A. } As for Lieutenants, R.M., before promotion  
Military Law } to Captain, R.M.

Training Manual of Landing Operations.

Instructions for R.M. Divisions.

General Standing Orders, R.M.

(Marks allotted, 100 for whole paper.)

(Time allowed, 3 hours for whole paper.)

For Part I and Part II, Practical, the standard for a " pass " will be as decided by the Examination Board.

In the Written examination, the proportion of marks required for a " pass " and for a " special " certificate will be :—

" Pass," 50 per cent. in each subject.

" Special Certificate," 75 per cent. in the aggregate, *i.e.* a candidate will be able to pass in all sub-heads without a failure.

(M.O.'s 85/13 and 4015/18.)

(This Order will be included in the March M.O.)