

*456.—Royal Marines—Institution of New Gunnery Non-Substantive Rating “Q.G.” (Qualified in Gunnery).

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It has been decided that a new gunnery non-substantive rating, to be known as “Q.G.” (Qualified in Gunnery) and corresponding to the rating of Seaman Gunner, with pay at the rate of 3d. a day, is to be introduced as from 20th January, 1930, for Royal Marines below the rank of Corporal.

2. The qualifying and re-qualifying courses for Q.G. will be identical with those now laid down for Q.M., but 9 months' sea experience will be required in future before undergoing the qualifying course. The designation “Q.M.” will no longer be used.

3. Royal Marines below the rank of Corporal may hold the Q.G. rating in conjunction with such other non-substantive ratings as may be held by Seamen in conjunction with the Seaman Gunner rating (*vide K.R. & A.I., App. XVII, Part 3*), and Royal Marines below the rank of Corporal who, under former regulations, still hold the rating of G.L. 1st Class, will also be allowed to hold the new rating, if qualified.

4. Existing Q.M.'s, below the rank of Corporal are to be granted the Q.G. rating, with pay, as from the date of completing 9 months' sea service or from the 20th January, 1930, whichever date is the later.

5. The necessary amendments to the regulations will be promulgated in due course.

(*K.R. and A.I., App. XVII, Part 3, and the Gunnery Training Manual.*)

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