

643.—Gunnery Non-substantive Ratings—Revised Arrangements.

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The following changes in higher gunnery non-substantive ratings are to be brought into force forthwith.

2. The new gunnery non-substantive rates, to be termed Captain of Gun, 1st Class (C.G. 1 Cl.), and Captain of Gun, 2nd Class (C.G. 2 Cl.), will be instituted to provide men qualified to take charge of guns' crews and to deal with breakdowns. They will replace Gunlayers, 1st Class, and Gunlayers, 2nd Class, at the turret guns in new battleships and cruisers. These new ratings will not be trained as gunlayers, as no individual sights are fitted at the turret guns in ships of new construction. The laying of the guns by director will be carried out by a Seaman Gunner.

3. *Captain of Gun, 1st Class (C.G. 1 Cl.).*—The rating will be open to Leading Seamen passed for Petty Officer with at least one year's sea-going experience as Leading Seaman, higher ratings, and Corporals and Sergeants, R.M., holding the non-substantive rating of G.L. 1 Cl., C.G. 2 Cl., or G.L. 2 Cl. *Authority to give the rating*—Captain of Gunnery School. *Examining Officers*—Officers of Gunnery School. *Pay of rating*—1s. a day. Leading Seaman passed for Petty Officer, S.G., 3d. a day extra.

4. *Captain of Gun, 2nd Class (C.G. 2 Cl.).*—The rating will be open to Leading Seamen, higher ratings, and Corporals and Sergeants, R.M. Must be C.P.O. (G), P.O. (G), S.G., G.L. 2 Cl., or R.T. 2 Cl. *Authority to give the rating*—Captain of Gunnery School. *Examining Officers*—Officers of Gunnery School. *Pay of rating*—6d. a day. Leading Seaman, S.G., 3d. a day extra.

5. The present ratings of Turret Director Layer and Light Director Layer will be renamed Director Layer, 1st Class (D.L. 1 Cl.) and Director Layer, 2nd Class (D.L. 2 Cl.), with pay at the present rates for T.D.L and L.D.L. respectively, namely, 1s. 3d. a day and 1s. a day. In addition to the duties for which director layers are already allowed in complements, Director Layers, 2nd Class, will in future replace Gunlayers, 1st Class, as trainers