

732.—Regulations for Gunlayer, 1st Class.

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The following rules are to be observed in the case of Seamen and Marines holding the rating of Gunlayer 1st class :—

- (a) A Chief Petty Officer, Petty Officer, or Leading Seaman, holding the rating of Gunlayer 1st class, who is reduced to Able Seaman, is to cease to hold any Gunnery rate above Gunlayer 2nd class.
- (b) On reinstatement as Leading Seaman or above, the Gunlayer 1st class rating is to be restored from the date of re-instatement in substantive rating. If a year has elapsed between the disrating and the reinstatement, the man is to requalify at the earliest opportunity, but he is to be rated and paid as Gunlayer 1st class from the date of re-instatement.
- (c) The rating of Gunlayer 1st class, R.M.A., is to be open in future, only to R.M.A. ranks above Gunner, and that of Gunlayer 1st class, R.M.L.I., only to R.M.L.I. ranks above Private. The suspension and restoration of the Gunlayer 1st class rate, in the case of men reduced to Gunner or Private and subsequently re-instated in rank, are to be conducted on the same lines as those laid down for Seamen in (a) and (b).