

Gunnery Training in the Royal Navy has been centralised in HMS EXCELLENT and HMS CAMBRIDGE. There will be no further gunnery training for Royal Marines at the Royal Naval Gunnery School, Chatham.

2. All Gunnery Instructors and First Class rates will in future be trained in HMS EXCELLENT.

3. The following instructions relate to training in HMS CAMBRIDGE.

Provision of Men for Training

4. The Commandant of the Gunnery School will act as the link between the Director of Pay and Records and the Captains, HMS EXCELLENT and HMS CAMBRIDGE, in the provision of men for gunnery training.

5. The Commandant of the Gunnery School is responsible for informing the Commanding Officer, RM Barracks, Plymouth, of the dates of the Gunnery courses between which accommodation will be required.

Instruction

6. **GA2, QA2, MG(Q) and MG(C) Courses.** Royal Marines will be included in Naval ratings' classes and a RM Gunnery Instructor will not be required.

7. **Initial Gunnery Courses.** Separate classes of between 10 - 15 other ranks will be formed, and an instructor will be loaned to HMS CAMBRIDGE by the Corps Gunnery School for the duration of the course (3 weeks). Instruction will be carried out in accordance with the syllabus forwarded by the Commandant of the Gunnery School. Ranks gaining the necessary standard will subsequently carry out the MG(Q) or MG(C) Course as in paragraph 6 above.

8. **Administration.**

(a) **GA2, QA2, MG(Q) and MG(C) Courses.** Ranks will be accommodated in HMS DRAKE.

(b) **Initial Gunnery Courses.** Ranks will be accommodated in RM Barracks, Plymouth, and will be transported to HM Gunnery School daily. The Captain of HM Gunnery School will detail an officer to supervise each course.

9. **Documentation.**

(a) The results of the courses will be reported by the Captain of HM Gunnery School to the Director of Pay and Records, with copies to the Commanding Officer, RM Barracks, Plymouth and the Commandant of the Gunnery School.

(b) Part II Orders for ranks serving at RM Barracks, Plymouth, will be raised by the Commanding Officer, RM Barracks, Plymouth, who will also complete all documents except Gunnery History Sheets. The latter will be completed by the Captain of HM Gunnery School.

10. RMRO 251/55 is cancelled.

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