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COLONIAL MEN AND BOYS IN HER MAJESTY'S NAVY

(REGULATIONS AS TO ENTRY, PAY, ETC., OF).

*Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 9th July, 1895.**Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a copy of the regulations as to the entry, pay, &c., of colonial men and boys in Her Majesty's Navy."—(Mr. JOYCE.)*[From *New Zealand Gazette* No. 52, 30th June, 1892.]

REGULATIONS AS TO THE ENTRY, PAY, ETC., OF COLONIAL MEN AND BOYS IN H.M. NAVY.

Defence Office, Wellington, 28th June, 1892.

THE under-mentioned regulations as to the entry, pay, position, and prospects of colonial men and boys in Her Majesty's navy, received from the Admiralty, are republished for general information.

R. J. SEDDON.

Admiralty, October, 1891.

PAY, POSITION, AND PROSPECTS OF SEAMEN AND BOYS OF AUSTRALIAN, NEW ZEALAND, AND TASMANIAN BIRTH, ENTERED IN THE ROYAL NAVY.

1. MEN can be entered by order of the Commander-in-Chief on the Australian Station to fill vacancies as ordinary seamen or A.B.s in Her Majesty's ships employed on that station. They must be between the ages of eighteen and twenty-eight, of very good character, able to read and write, physically fit for continuous service, and up to the following standard of measurement—viz., height, 5ft. 4in.; chest, 32in.; and they must have a fair knowledge of the ordinary duties of the rating in which they are entered.

2. These men will be entered as non-continuous service men for six months' trial, and will then, if found suitable, be allowed to join the Royal navy as continuous service men, and will be paid and count time as such from date of original entry.

3. Information as to the necessary forms to be filled up, &c., can be obtained by reference to the Commander-in-Chief.

4. The first continuous service engagement is for twelve years.

5. Men so entered will be sent to England by first convenient opportunity for training in gunnery, &c., after which the Admiralty will endeavour to allow a fair proportion of their time to be served on the Australian station, should the interests of the service admit.

6. Boys must be from fifteen to sixteen years of age, of good character, able to read and write, and have the written consent of parents or guardian.

7. Boys must come up to the standard of height and chest measurement, and undergo a medical and educational examination.

The standard is altered from time to time. At present it is,—

Age.		Height (without shoes).		Round Chest.
15 to 15½	...	5ft. 0½in.	...	30½in.
15½ to 16	...	5ft. 1½in.	...	31in.

Information as regards the standard in force, the necessary forms to be filled up, and other points can be obtained by reference to the Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's ships on the Australian station.

8. Boys who are accepted for entry will be sent to England by convenient opportunity, and, after undergoing the necessary training, they will be dealt with in regard to service on the Australian station as in paragraph 5 relating to men.

ON BOARD THE TRAINING-SHIP.

When entering in a training-ship, a boy is credited with £6 on account of expenses of clothing and bedding: this more than covers the cost of kit supplied on entry. Kit on entry comprises, amongst other articles of clothing (and bedding)—2 serge frocks, 2 serge trousers, 1 serge jumper, 2 duck working jumpers, 2 duck working trousers, 2 blue jerseys, 2 check shirts, 2 night-shirts, 2 flannels, 2 flannel drawers, 1 cap and ribbons, 1 black-silk handkerchief. Other articles are gradually added to the kit supplied on entry.