STATUTORY RULES.

1923. No. 42.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE NAVAL DEFENCE ACT 1940-1918.

I THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulation under the Naval Defence Act 1910-1918, to come into operation forthwith.

Dated this sixth day of April, 1923.

FORSTER, Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

E. K. BOWDEN, Minister of State for Defence.

AMENDMENT OF NAVAL FORCES REGULATIONS.

(Statutory Rules 1921, No. 1, as amended to present date.)

- 1. Regulation 49 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-regulation:—
 - " (2) Officers of the Accountant Branch may also be entered:-
 - (a) as Paymaster Cadets who shall be selected from Cadet Midshipmen who have completed at least three years' training at the Royal Australian Naval College; or
 - (b) as Mates (A) who, subject to passing the required examinations, shall be selected from Writer and Supply ratings between the ages of 21 and 25 years, under the conditions laid down from time to time by the Naval Board, provided that for the first selection the limitation as to age shall not apply."
 - 2. After regulation 90, the following regulation is inserted:--
 - "(91) 1. A candidate for entry as Butcher, 3rd Class, must be competent, to the satisfaction of the proper Officers, to perform the duties of the rating. A Butcher, 3rd Class, will hold rating equivalent to Able Scannau.
 - Qualifications for advancement are as follows:—

For Butcher, 2nd Class (Leading Rate)-

- (a) Three years' service as Butcher, 3rd Class.
- (b) Character during immediately preceding two years must have been assessed as V.G.
- (c) Recommended for advancement, Authority to give rating—Captain of Ship.

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(a) Three years' service as Butcher, 2nd Class.

(b) Character during immediately preceding two years must have been assessed as V.G.

(c) Recommended for advancement. (d) Passed Education Test, Part I.

Authority to give rating-Captain of Ship.

For Chief Butcher (Chief Petty Officer)-

(a) Six years' service as Butcher, 1st Class.(b) Satisfactory character.

(e) Recommended for rating for at least three years consecutively immediately prior to advancement. Advancement will be subject to vacancy

Authority to give rating-Naval Board.

Note,-Ratings who entered as Leading Cook's Mate (Butcher) will be required to complete 12 years' Man's service, including 6 years as Butcher, 1st Class, before being eligible for Chief Butcher."

3. Regulation 143 is repealed and the following is inserted in its stend :--

"(143) In exceptional cases additional leave may be granted, subject to the approval of the Naval Board—

(a) to cover the period occupied in travelling.

(b) after a period of specially ardnous service."