

ship, not bearing a commander, under the captain, secretary to the admiral of the fleet or admiral commanding in chief:—Thirty-five shares each.

Third Class.—Sea lieutenant, master, captain of marines, of marine artillery, or of land forces doing duty as marines, whether having higher brevet rank or not, secretary to an admiral, or to a commodore of the first class, not commanding in chief, chief engineer:—Twenty-eight shares each.

Fourth Class.—Lieutenant or quartermaster of marines, lieutenant of marine artillery, lieutenant, quartermaster, or ensign, of land forces doing duty as marines, secretary to a commodore of the second class, chaplain, surgeon, paymaster, naval instructor, mate, assistant-surgeon, second master, clerk in charge, passed clerk, assistant engineer, gunner, boatswain, carpenter:—Eighteen shares each.

Fifth Class.—Midshipman, master's assistant pilot, clerk (not passed), master-at-arms, chief gunner's mate, chief boatswain's mate, chief carpenter's mate, chief captain of the fore-castle, admiral's coxswain, chief quartermaster, seaman's schoolmaster, ship's steward, ship's cook:—Ten shares each.

Sixth Class.—Naval cadets, clerk's assistant, captain's coxswain, ship's corporal, quartermaster, gunner's mate, boatswain's mate, captain of the fore-castle, captain of the after-guard, captain of the hold, captain of the maintop, captain of the foretop, coxswain of the launch, sailmaker, ropemaker, caulker, leading stoker, blacksmith, serjeant of marines, of marine artillery, or of land forces doing duty as marines:—Nine shares each.

Seventh Class.—Captain of the mast, captain of the mizentop, yeoman of the signals, coxswain of the barge, coxswain of the pinnace, coxswain of the cutter, second captain of the fore-castle, second captain of the maintop, second captain of the foretop, second captain of the after-guard, sailmaker's mate, caulker's mate, musician, cooper, armourer, corporal of marines or of land forces doing duty as marines, bombardier of marine artillery, head krooman:—Six shares each.

Eighth Class.—Leading seamen, shipwright, second captain of the hold, able seaman, carpenter's crew, sailmaker's crew, cooper's crew, armourer's crew, yeoman of the store-rooms, steward's assistant, ordinary seaman, blacksmith's mate, private and fifer of marines, or of land forces doing duty as marines, gunner of marine artillery, painter, stoker, coal trimmer, second head krooman, sick berth attendant, bandsman, tailor, butcher:—Three shares each.

Ninth class.—Cook's mate, ship's steward's boy, admiral's domestic, superintendent's domestic, admiral's steward and cook, captain's steward and cook, ward-room and gun-room steward and cook, subordinate officers' steward and cook, commander's servant, secretary's servant, second class ordinary seaman, assistant stoker, barber, boy of the first class, first and second class krooman, supernumeraries, except as hereinafter provided, persons borne merely as passengers, and not declining to render assistance on occasion of capture:—Two shares each.

Tenth class.—Boy below first class:—One share.

All supernumeraries holding ranks in the service

above the ranks or ratings specified in the fifth class of this Our Proclamation, who have been ordered to do duty in any of Our ships or vessels, by the Lord High Admiral, or by our Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, by the senior officer of the fleet or squadron, or if none senior, then by the captain or commanding officer of the capturing ship or vessel, if not by special authority employed in higher capacities, shall share according to the rank which they respectively hold in the service; but in all cases to qualify them for so sharing, and not merely as supernumeraries in the ninth class, due notation of their being thus respectively ordered to do duty must have been made on the muster books.

And with respect to supernumeraries of ratings in the service, below the denominations of those specified in the fourth class of this Our Proclamation, and who at full victuals are engaged in the ordinary duties of the ship, it is Our will and pleasure that they shall always share according to the ratings which they bear in the service.

And, in order that Our Royal intentions herein may be duly carried into effect, We further direct that when any capture is made from the enemy, the captains or commanding officers of Our ships or vessels of war making the same shall transmit, or cause to be transmitted, as soon as may be, to the Secretary to the Admiralty, a true and perfect list of all the officers, seamen, and marines, soldiers and others, who were actually on board on the occasion, accompanied by a separate list, containing the name of those belonging to the crew who were absent on duty or otherwise at the time, specifying the cause of such absence, each list to contain the quality of the service of each person, together with the respective descriptions of men, taken from the description book of the ship or vessel, and their several ratings, to be subscribed by the captain or commanding officer, and three or four more of the chief officers on board.

And when the list of those actually on board, and the separate list of persons absent, though belonging to the ship or vessel, shall have been verified, on examination with the muster books lodged as official records, the Accountant-General of Our Navy shall, upon request, grant to the agent or agents, nominated or appointed by the captors, a certificate that such lists are correct, or have been corrected, as occasion may require, in order that distribution of the prize or other proceeds may be duly made.

And in the event of difficulty arising with respect to any of the regulations hereby ordered, or if any case should occur not herein provided for, or not sufficiently provided for, We are pleased her by to authorise the Lord High Admiral, or Our Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, for the time being, to issue such directions thereupon as may appear just and expedient, which directions shall have the same force and effect as if specially provided for in this Our Royal Proclamation.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham-Palace, this twenty-ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and in the seven-teenth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

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