

sea-service required before they commence their studies.

- (c) My Lords propose that successful Candidates for Commissions in the Royal Marine Light Infantry should, before receiving their Commissions, have the advantage of a term of study in the College. They also propose to assign a longer term of study to Officers of the Royal Marine Artillery; but the final arrangements with regard to Marine Officers have not yet been concluded.
- (d) All acting Second Class Assistant Engineers will in future be sent to Greenwich, after leaving the Dockyards, for a period of study before their appointment to sea-going ships.

As regards Officers on half-pay, my Lords are particularly anxious that young Lieutenants should at once, on their promotion to that rank, avail themselves of the advantages of the College before their turn would come for appointment to a ship. The regulations specify allowances which are intended to remove any pecuniary difficulties in attending the College; and special consideration for appointments will be given to Lieutenants who thus occupy in so useful a manner the time necessarily spent on shore.

Arrangements have been made for the admission of Naval Engineer Officers to the College, which will prevent time spent at the College from entailing any pecuniary loss upon them.

The School of Naval Architecture at South Kensington will be absorbed in the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. The regulations for the admission of Engineer Students and of Dockyard Apprentices have been so framed as to provide as nearly as possible the same aggregate time for their instruction as that which is now afforded at South Kensington. Further regulations will be issued by their Lordships in regard to the admission of private students to the course of study at the College on similar conditions to those now existing at South Kensington.

My Lords have further determined to admit a limited number of Officers of the Mercantile Marine as students of the College, enjoying the full advantages of the whole course of instruction and tuition by the Educational Staff, while Officers of the Mercantile Marine generally will, on application, be allowed to attend courses of lectures.

The paramount object which my Lords have pursued in the organization of the College has been to provide the most efficient means for the higher education of Naval Officers adequate to the constantly increasing requirements of the Service; but my Lords also anticipate great advantages from the results likely to accrue from the connection which will be established through the College between men distinguished in the various departments of mathematical, physical, and chemical science, and those practical problems which so vitally interest the navigator, the naval architect, and the naval engineer.

My Lords expect the College to become, not only an educational establishment affording the means of the highest training in theoretical subjects to Naval Officers of all classes, but also a nucleus of mathematical and mechanical science specially devoted to those branches of scientific investigation which have most interest for the Navy.

#### REGULATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE, GREENWICH.

##### 1. Captains and Commanders.

1. Twenty-five Captains and Commanders may be admitted annually as Students at Greenwich.

2. Those admitted for study must satisfy the Authorities at the College that they possess a fair knowledge of Elementary Mathematics on entry.

3. The term for study will commence on 1st October in each year, and will terminate on the 30th June following.

4. The President will be directed to ascertain whether Captains and Commanders admitted as Students are making satisfactory progress, and to report the result for the information of their Lordships.

5. A limited number may be allowed to remain a second Term for study, if they be desirous of doing so, on the recommendation of the President, to the Admiralty.

6. Captains will be on the half-pay of their rank, with 1s. 6d. a-day towards the mess.

7. Commanders will receive the highest half-pay of their rank with 1s. 6d. a-day towards the mess.

##### 2. Lieutenants.

1. Officers of this rank may be admitted to Greenwich as Students. The numbers to be admitted annually will be determined from time to time by their Lordships.

2. They will be required to pass an examination on entry.

3. The ordinary course of study will be for one term, at the conclusion of which an examination will take place.

4. A limited number, not exceeding 10, will be allowed to remain a second term for study, if they be desirous of doing so, on the recommendation of the Examiners to the Admiralty, with the concurrence of the President.

5. The Lieutenants will receive 3s. a-day in addition to half-pay during their first term, and 1s. 6d. a-day towards the mess. Those selected for a second term will receive the amount of their full pay and 1s. 6d. a-day towards the mess.

6. Lieutenants desirous of qualifying as Gunnery Officers must serve one year at sea as Lieutenants before commencing their studies. If they have not served afloat in that rank at the time they apply, they will, if their Lordships approve of their application, be appointed at once to a Sea-going Ship to complete their year's sea time. They will then proceed to Greenwich for one term, which will be devoted to theoretical instruction before commencing their practical course in Gunnery on board the "Excellent." They will receive full pay and 1s. 6d. towards the mess, during their course of study. They will be borne on the books of the "Excellent."

##### 3. Navigating Officers.

Four Staff Commanders and ten Navigating Lieutenants may be admitted annually, as Students, under the same regulations as for Commanders and Lieutenants.

##### 4. Naval Instructors.

1. Gentlemen who in future apply for appointments as Naval Instructors will be permitted to prepare for their examination at the College, at Greenwich, under the same regulations which have hitherto been established at Portsmouth.

2. During their subsequent service as Naval Instructors, they will be admitted as Students for one term if they be desirous of acquiring further scientific knowledge, and if their services be not required afloat.

3. They will, during that term, receive the half-pay to which they are entitled, and 1s. 6d. a-day towards the mess.