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Admiralty, S.W.1,
4th October, 1945.

The following Orders having been approved by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are hereby promulgated for information and guidance and necessary action.

By Command of Their Lordships,

To Commanders-in-Chief, Flag Officers, Senior Naval Officers, Captains and Commanding Officers of H.M. Ships, Vessels and C.O. Craft (see A.F.O. 1628/45), Superintendents or Officers in Charge of H.M. Naval Establishments, and Admiralty Overseers concerned.

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**SECTION I**

**Industry Group** XA Bread, Biscuit, Cake, etc., making.

**Occupational Classification** 385.4 Bread maker.

Crockett, J. ... D/MX.571688 Cook (O) ... H.M.S. “Drake”

Reynolds & Hughes (Bakers) Ltd., Belper, Woverhampton Street, Dudley, Wores.

Curtis, W. ... P/MX.64210 L/Cook (S) ... H.M.S. “Rye”

Scribbans Purity Bread Ltd, Huckley, Birmingham, 18.

Goode, E. W. ... D/MX.577372 Cook (O) ... H.M.S. “Drake”

Stroud Co-operative Society Ltd, Chapel Street, Stroud, Glos.

Maclain, G. ... D/JX.612037 L/Cook (S) ... R.N. Base, Aultbea

Galbraith’s Stores, Ltd., Craigtone Road, Govan.

Parish, A. ... C/MX.697561 Cook (S) ... H.M.S. “Liverpool”


Reid, J. ... C/MX.537006 Cook (O) ... H.M.S. “Cambrian”

R. Merriman & Sons, Ltd., 5th. Fullarton Place, Stevenston, Ayrshire.

Snellgrove, D. E. F. P/MX.121055 L/Cook (O) H.M.S. “Glengyle”

Portsea Island Mutual Co-operative Society, Ltd., Garnir Street, Portsmouth.

Standish, H. ... D/MX.106415 Cook (S) ... R.N. Air Station, Ballyhalbert.

W. Collier, Ltd., Duva Bakery, Leigh.

Thompson, J. S. ... C/MX.81937 L/Cook (S) ... H.M.S. “Belleville Forth”

Dykehead & Shotts Co-operative Society, Station Road, Shotts.

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**SECTION II**

**Industry Group** Not applicable.

**Occupational Classification** 385.4 Bread maker.

Reynolds & Hughes (Bakers) Ltd., Belper, Woverhampton Street, Dudley, Wores.

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**SECTION III**

**Occupational Classification** 385.12 Doughmaker

Baker, S. H. ... P/MX.105756 L/Cook ... H.M.S. “Frohisher”

Aldershot Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd., Halinmore Road, Aldershot.

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**SECTION IV**

**Industry Group** Not applicable.

**Supply and Secretariat Branch**

Bell, H. G. ... LT/MX.82456 P.O. Cook H.M.S. “Marshal Soult” (P.S.)

Dana Bell & Sons (Bakers), Ltd., 148, Shotts Kirk Road, Shotts.

Underwood, J. ... P/MX.72748 L/Cook ... H.M.S. “Lucia”

Dunnillif Bros., Albert Village, near Burton-on-Trent.

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**SECTION V**

**Occupational Classification** Not applicable.

Fraser, I. D. ... Temp. Lieut. (A), R.N.V.R. ... H.M.S. “President I”

Director of Recruitment (Colonial Service), 15, Victoria Street, S.W.1.
*5613.—Manpower—Re-allocation—Block Release in Class B—Distributive Trades

(C.W. 59061/45.—4 Oct. 1945.)

The Ministry of Food has nominated the ratings shown below for block release in Class B, and consequently B.R. 1281 (1), paragraph 67, does not apply. The ratings named, if they accept block release, are to report within seven days of dispersal to the firms whose names and addresses are shown, in accordance with B.R. 1281 (1), paragraph 157, Note, and not to the local Employment Exchange.

Industry Group ZE Distributive Trades.

SECTION I

Occupational Classification 434.2 General Assistant and Processor.

Boalch, A. H. ... Ply/X.120164 ... Sgt. ... ... R.M.T.G. (Devon).

Messrs. Boalch and Son, Marine Cottage, Beer, Devon.

SECTION II

Occupational Classification 437.32 General Manager, etc.

Jones, O. ... ... P/JX.337530 ... A.B.... ... H.M.S. “Safeguard”

Tickner and Jones, 146, Preston Drive, Brighton, 6.

*5614.—Manpower—Re-allocation—Block Release in Class B—Distributive Trades

(C.W. 59061/45.—4 Oct. 1945.)

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Industry Group ZE Distributive Trades.

SECTION I

Occupational Classification 437.33 Trade Supervisor, District Manager.

Thorburn, W. D. ... Temp. Lieut.-Com., R.N.V.R.... Admiralty, Bath.

Pumphrey & Carrick Watson, Ltd., 17/21, Blackett Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1.

SECTION II

Occupational Classification 501.34 Company Secretary.

Dawkins, W. A. ... Temp. Sub-Lieut. (S), R.N.V.R. H.M.S. “Blenheim”

Bennett’s (Southampton), Ltd., 257, Portswood Road, Southampton.

*5615.—Manpower—Re-allocation—Block Release in Class B—Far East—Civil Employment in

(C.W. 58084/45 ; C.W. 59013/45.—4 Oct. 1945.)

The Colonial Office has nominated the officers shown below for block release in Class B, and consequently B.R. 1281 (1), paragraph 67, does not apply. The officers shown, if they accept block release are to report within seven days of dispersal to the firms whose names and addresses are shown, in accordance with B.R. 1281 (1), paragraph 157, Note, and not to the local Employment Exchange.

Industry Group KA Rubber Manufacture.

SECTION I

Occupational Classification Not applicable.

Executive Officers—


Sheekleton, H. F. ... Temp. Lieut., R.N.V.R. ... H.M.S. “Chameleon”

Bertam Consolidated Rubber Co., Ltd., Hill House, Petersham, Surrey.

Wakefield-Gush, ... Temp. Lieut., R.N.V.R. ... H.M.S. “Hathi”

E. G.

Dunlop Malayan Estates, St. James House, St. James Street, London, S.W.1.

Special Branch Officers—

Moss, J. D. ... Temp. Act. Lieut.-Cdr. (Sp) ... H.M.S. “Monara”


SECTION II

Industry Group CD General Engineering.

Occupational Classification 503.9 General manager, etc.

Bland, R. D. ... Temp. Lieut. (E) ... H.M.S. “Whirlwind”


SECTION III

Industry Group Not applicable.

Occupational Classification 214.1 Forester.

Morley, C. P. ... Temp. Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R. ... H.M.S. “Victory”

Steel Brothers & Co., Ltd., London.

SECTION IV

Industry Group CN Electrical Engineering.

Occupational Classification 412.5 Superintendent.

Campbell, W. M. ... Temp. Lieut. (E), R.N.V.R. ... H.M.S. “Fitzroy”


*5616.—Manpower—Re-allocation—Block Release in Class B—Fish Processing

(C.W. 60390/45.—4 Oct. 1945.)

The Ministry of Food has nominated the ratings shown below for block release in Class B, and consequently B.R. 1281 (1), paragraph 67, does not apply. The ratings named, if they accept block release, are to report within seven days of dispersal to the firms whose names and addresses are shown, in accordance with B.R. 1281 (1), paragraph 157, Note, and not to the local Employment Exchange.

Industry Group XH Food Industries.

SECTION I

Occupational Classification L.383.2 Foreman and filletier.

Drury, C. M. ... PO/X.116561 ... Marine ... H.M.S. “Yeoman”

J. Proctor, Fleetwood.

SECTION II

Occupational Classification L.383.4 Splitter, smoker.

Butterfield, W. ... LT/JX.261674 Seaman ... H.M.S. “Europa”


*5617.—Manpower—Re-allocation—Block Release in Class B—Grain Milling

(C.W. 62279/45.—4 Oct. 1945.)

The Ministry of Food has nominated the ratings shown below for block release in Class B, and consequently B.R. 1281 (1), paragraph 67, does not apply. The ratings named, if they accept block release, are to report within seven days of dispersal to the firms whose names and addresses are shown, in accordance with B.R. 1281 (1), paragraph 157, Note, and not to the local Employment Exchange.

Industry Group XD Grain Milling.

SECTION I

Occupational Classification 055.5 Millwright, maintenance engineers, maintenance fitter.

Maslider, G. E. ... L/FX.89863 ... P.O. Air ... H.M.S. “Sanderling”

E. C. Robson & Sons, Ltd., Bishopwearmouth Mills, Sunderland.

SECTION II

Occupational Classification 209.2 Stockkeeper, Storekeeper.

Blair, A. ... D/MX.10021 ... P.O. Cook (S) H.M.S. “Albacore”

John Jackson & Son, Dock Mill, Ordsall Lane, Salford 5.
The Ministry of Food has nominated the rating shown below for block release in Class B, and consequently B.R. 1281 (1), paragraph 67, does not apply. The ratings named, if they accept block release, are to report within seven days of dispersal to the Chief Constable of the Police Force from which they were released, in accordance with B.R. 1281 (1), paragraph 157, Note, and not to the local Employment Exchange.

**SECTION IV**

**Seaman and Regulating Branch**

Cook, A. W. ... D/KX.22522 ... A.B. ... H.M.S. "Racehorse"

E. Marriage & Sons, Ltd., Colchester.

Supply and Secretariat Branch

Ackerman, N. C. ... D/LX.23943 ... Steward ... H.M.S. "Rocks"

Spillers Ltd., Roath Dock, Cardiff.

**SECTION V**

**Occupational Classification** 384.6 Rollerman.

**Zh Local Government Service**

Industry Group 443.1 Full-time member of public police force

Seaman and Regulating Branch

Beddow, W. H. ... P/JX.383061 A.B. ... H.M.S. "Victory"

Brown, F. H. ... D/JX.651179 Ord. Sea. ... H.M.S. "Valkyrie"

Byers, F. T. ... D/JX.650662 A.B. ... H.M.S. "Europa"

Cooper, C. F. ... D/JX.633818 P.O. ... H.M.S. "Raleigh"

Fisher, R. E. ... P/JX.382499 A.B. ... H.M.S. "Victory"

Flood, A. W. ... P/JX.623129 Ord. Sea. ... H.M.S. "Victoria"

Hyde, S. M. ... C/JX.366392 Ord. Sea. ... H.M.S. "Pembroke"

Jennings, G. ... P/JX.629259 Ord. Sea. ... H.M.S. "Victoria"

Johnstone, A. L. LT/JX.532345 Seaman ... H.M.S. "Porthondon"

Latter, W. T. ... D/JX.651653 Ord. Sea. ... H.M.S. "Arnhem"

Lovel, S. R. ... C/JX.651976 Ord. Sea. ... H.M.S. "Milne"

Ridge, D. ... P/JX.629030 Ord. Sea. ... H.M.S. "Victory"

Tait, J. ... C/JX.376999 A.B. ... H.M.S. "Tracker"

**Communications Branch**

Askew, G. H. ... C/JX.382842 Tel. ... H.M.S. "Pembroke"

Frazier, D. P. ... C/JX.376853 A.B. (Radar) ... H.M.S. "Cockatrice"

MacDonald, J. ... P/JX.383215 A.B. (Radar) ... R.N.A.S. "Rattray"

Russell, R. ... C/JX.382704 A.B. (Radar) ... H.M.S. "Parrett"

Rice, R. C. ... D/JX.327590 L/Sea. ... H.M.S. "Collingwood"

Smith, C. A. ... C/JX.629620 (Radar) ... H.M.S. "Swiftsure"

**Shipwrights, Electrical and Ordnance Artificers and Mechanics and Artisans**

Douglass, G. W. ... C/MX.387740 Prob. Ordinance Mech. ... H.M.S. "Copra" (Home)

**Engine-Room Branch**

Bryant, W. G. ... D/MX.501508 L/Motor Mech. (C) ... H.M.S. "Northney II"

Clarke, S. ... D/JX.650676 E.R.A. Act. 4th Cl. ... H.M.S. "Montclare"

Haney, F. ... C/MX.620508 P.O. Motor Mech. (D.L.P.) ... H.M.S. "Copra" (Home)

Howson, J. ... L/TX.180533 Stoker 1st Cl. ... H.M.S. "Golden Hind"

Howson, F. ... L/JX.523128 E.R. Mech. 5th Cl. ... H.M.S. "Kestrel"

Mayhew, J. H. ... L/MX.619903 E.R. Mech. 5th Cl. ... H.M.S. "Humming Bird"

Taylor, W. J. ... L/FX.632637 Prob. E.R. Mech. ... H.M.S. "Daedalus"

Twigg, C. ... L/JX.656823 Prob. E.R.M. (M.V.) ... H.M.S. "Dipper" (Home)

Underhill, A. ... P/MX.117812 Ch. Motor Mech. ... H.M.S. "Copra" (Home)

**Supply and Secretariat Branch**

Hemstead, H. R. ... P/FX.629037 Stores Asst. ... R.N.A.S., Hinstock
*5620.—Manpower—Re-allocation—Block Release in Class B—Seed Crushing
(C.W. 62276/45.—4 Oct. 1945.)

The Ministry of Food has nominated the ratings shown below for block release in Class B, and consequently B.R. 1281(1), paragraph 67, does not apply. The ratings named, if they accept block release, are to report within seven days of the dispersal to Joseph Crosfield and Sons, Ltd., Bank Quay, Warrington, in accordance with B.R. 1281(1), paragraph 157, Note, and not to the local employment exchange.

Industry Group XII Food Industries.

Occupational Classification L275.12 Seedcrusher (oil milling).

Seaman and Regulating Branch—

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*5621.—Manpower—Re-allocation—Block Release in Class B—Surveysor, Architects, etc.
(C.W. 59014/45.—4 Oct. 1945.)

The Ministry of Town and Country Planning has nominated the officer shown below for block release in Class B, and consequently B.R. 1281(1), paragraph 67, does not apply. The officer named, if he accepts block release, is to report within seven days of dispersal to the authority shown, in accordance with B.R. 1281(1), paragraph 157, Note, and not to the local employment exchange.

Industry Group ZK Local Government Service.

Occupational Classification 471.2 Architect.

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*5622.—Manpower—Re-allocation—Block Release in Class B—Wool Operatives
(C.W. 50547/45; C.W. 50251/45; C.W. 50548/45; C.W. 50259/45; C.W. 54820/45; C.W. 54821/45.—4 Oct. 1945.)

The Ministry of Supply has nominated the officers shown below for block release in Class B, and consequently B.R. 1281(1), paragraph 67, does not apply. The officers named, if they accept block release, are to report within seven days of dispersal to the firms whose names and addresses are shown, in accordance with B.R. 1281(1), paragraph 157, Note, and not to the local employment exchange.

Industry Group VB Woollen and worsted industry.

SECTION I

Occupational Classification 323.1 Foreman, Overlooker (wool spinning).

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5623.—Manpower—Re-allocation—Dispersal to Channel Islands on Release—Overseas Service Leave
(C.W. 38308/45.—4 Oct. 1945.)

With reference to A.F.O. 4229/45, it has been decided that Naval or Royal Marine service between 1st July, 1940, and 9th May, 1945, of officers and ratings who are bona fide residents of the Channel Islands shall count as overseas service for the purpose of entitlement to overseas service leave.

2. The claim to former domicile in the Channel Islands is held to be proved by admission of the right to return to the Channel Islands to take up residence on dispersal. Officers and ratings who are so entitled are therefore to be granted overseas service leave on the scale of one day for each month’s service outside the Channel Islands between 1st July, 1940, and 9th May, 1945, inclusive. This leave, maximum 58 days, cancels any foreign service leave due on dispersal, and is to start on the day following the last day of resettlement or transfer leave.

(A.F.O. 4229/45.)

*5624.—Manpower—Re-allocation—Compassionate Release for Business Purposes
(C.W. 66523/45.—4 Oct. 1945.)

With reference to statements in the Press about revised conditions for granting compassionate release for business purposes, the following are the conditions which should govern the consideration for any future requests.

2. Where an officer or rating can show that before the outbreak of war he was owner or partner in a business which has been carried on by relatives or friends since his entry into the Service, and it can be proved that the health of these relatives or friends has deteriorated to such an extent that the business will have to close down unless the officer or rating is indefinitely released, applications for indefinite release on compassionate grounds will be favourably considered.

3. To qualify for this concession, the officer or rating must have been away from the business for a long period, say about three years, and a period of temporary release, say three months, has been insufficient to solve the problem by alternative arrangements.

4. Releases will not be granted to reopen businesses which have already closed down.

5. Attention is drawn to the fact that persons granted indefinite release on compassionate grounds are not entitled to resettlement leave, see B.R. 1281(1), Release Instructions, paragraph 165.

(B.R. 1281(1.).)

5625.—Manpower—Re-allocation—Service Documents and Entries in Pay Books
(C.W. 53215/45.—4 Oct. 1945.)

Attention is again drawn to B.R. 1281 (1), Release Instructions, paragraphs 83 and 83A, which are not being complied with. Ratings are arriving in depot without their Service documents thereby hampering the release procedure.

2. In addition to ensuring that Service documents accompany every rating sent home from abroad, or discharged to depot for dispersal from ships and establishments at home, the following procedure is to be brought into force.
3. All ratings discharged to depot for dispersal are to have their Age and Service group numbers inserted in ink in their Naval Pay and Identity Books (Forms S.43A), the number being written in words and figures and signed and dated by an officer.

4. All ratings serving abroad are also to have the date on which they left the United Kingdom inserted in their Forms S.43A before they are discharged to a home depot for dispersal.

(B.R. 1281 (1).)

*5626.—Manpower—Re-allocation—Volunteers for Postponement of Release —REPORTS

(C.W. 58564/45.—4 Oct. 1945.)

The early termination of hostilities against Japan before much progress has been made in clearing up the aftermath of the war in Europe makes it necessary to review the conditions under which officers and ratings who are subject to the Release Instructions as defined in paragraph 2 of B.R. 1281 (1) can volunteer for postponement of release to assist in meeting the heavy responsibilities which will face the Navy in European waters and in the Far East.

The instructions in A.F.O. 5316/45 clarify the position of those who have already volunteered to postpone their release under the various schemes already promulgated.

Meanwhile, it is necessary to issue a further call for volunteers from those who have not yet applied to postpone their release. This scheme supersedes that contained in B.R. 1281 (1), Release Instructions, paragraphs 35, etc., which will be amended accordingly.

4. The conditions for volunteering under the new scheme are as follows:

(a) until 30th September, 1946, provided their services are so long required, or

(b) for so long as their services are required, but not beyond the expiration of the period of the present emergency, which will continue until terminated by Order in Council.

5. (a) This scheme is applicable to W.R.N.S. ratings other than those in the categories named in the Appendix to A.F.O. 4285/45, unless they are willing to be remustered on redundancy in accordance with paragraphs 8 to 10 of that A.F.O.

(b) This scheme is not applicable to officers and ratings on T.124 agreement and variants, including Commissioned Cable Ship agreement, to Controlled Mining or to Harbour Defence ratings. It is applicable to officers and ratings of the R.N. Patrol Service.

6. (a) The fact of volunteering under this Order will neither prejudice the eligibility of an individual for release in Class B nor will it affect his entitlement to Class A benefits.

(b) The provisions of B.R. 1281 (1), paragraphs 39 to 46 inclusive, will generally apply.

7. Volunteers under paragraph 4 (a) will be eligible for release by 30th September, 1946, provided they are eligible for release in Class A.

8. (a) Volunteers under paragraph 4 (a) are to sign a Form of Undertaking as shown in B.R. 1281 (1), Appendix B, but deleting the words „expiration of the period of the present emergency” and substituting „30th September, 1946”.

(b) Volunteers under paragraph 4 (b) are to sign the Form of Undertaking shown in Appendix B.

9. The forms are to be disposed of as stated in B.R. 1281 (1), Appendix B, the forms for Naval officers being addressed to Admiralty, Queen Anne’s Mansions (C.W. 708).

10. The option of volunteering under this Order is open until the dates indicated below, by which dates the officer or rating who wishes to volunteer for postponement of release must have signed the appropriate Form of Undertaking:

(Male) Officers serving on Pacific and East Indies 18th October, 1945 Stations.
W.R.N.S. Officers serving on Pacific and East Indies 30th October, 1945 Stations.
W.R.N.S. Officers in Age and Service Groups Nos. 31 to 50 15th October, 1945
Other officers 3rd October, 1945
Ratings (including other ranks R.M. and W.R.N.S.) 30th September, 1945

11. Reports of officers volunteering under this Order are to be forwarded to the Admiralty by signal from abroad, otherwise by letter to the Secretary of the Admiralty (C.W. 708).

Reports should state:

(1) Officer’s name.
(2) Christian names.
(3) Full rank.
(4) Whether R.N., R.N.R., R.N.V.R., etc.
(5) Age and Service Group No.
(6) Whether recommended for retention.
(7) Medical category.

Signals, which are to be coded in accordance with C.A.F.O. 391/45, are to commence with the word NEWVOL for volunteers under paragraph 8 (a) and with EMVOL for volunteers under paragraph 8 (b).

12. Up to the 30th September, 1945, the Admiralty have sent signals in accordance with B.R. 1281 (1), paragraph 24, and they should be understood as enquiring whether the officer volunteers under this Order.

Reports of ratings accepted as volunteers under this Order are to be made on Forms S.161R in accordance with B.R. 1281 (1), paragraph 24, and they should be understood as enquiring whether the officer volunteers under this Order.

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13. Reports of ratings accepted as volunteers under this Order are to be made on Forms S.161R in accordance with B.R. 1281 (1), paragraph 48. Section 4 is to be used by deleting the words “when eligible for release in Class A” and substituting “under A.G.M. 257A, paragraph 8 (a)” or “under A.G.M. 257A, paragraph 8 (b)” as appropriate.

14. Commanding Officers are to call the attention of all officers and ratings concerned to the provisions of this Order and particularly to the fact that the procedure for volunteering for postponement of release in B.R. 1281 (1), Release Instructions, paragraph 35, et seq., is now cancelled and that there is no further opportunity for the officers and ratings in the Age and Service Groups shown in paragraph 4 to volunteer for postponement of release except under the terms of this Order.

Persons concerned not volunteering under this Order must be regarded as not volunteering for postponement of release.

(B.R. 1281 (1).)

(A.F.Os. 5014/45 and 5214/45 and Admiralty General Message 467A of 26 Sep. 1945 are cancelled.)

(A.F.Os. 4285/45, 5316/45 and C.A.F.O. 391/45.)
The reduced number of women authorized for the W.R.N.S. and the implementation of the Re-allocation Plan resulting in a large overall reduction in the total strength of that Service, makes it impracticable to replace wastage in every W.R.N.S. rating category, and, to achieve the number of releases which must be made by the end of 1945, it is necessary to abolish a number of categories and to declare others obsolete.

2. As there will still be large requirements for ratings in the Writer, Stores, Domestic and Air Branch categories, it is inevitable that releases in these categories will be slower than in those in which the large reductions are being made. It is hoped, therefore, that W.R.N.S. ratings who have given good service in categories in which large reductions must be made, and for whom there is no longer employment in those categories, will accept remuster so as to help to even out the rate of release by Age and Service groups in all categories.

3. The categories to be abolished and those declared obsolete are listed in the Appendix to this Order, and are not to receive any further additions of strength either by allocation of newly recruited personnel or by transfer from other W.R.N.S. categories.

4. When the supply of W.R.N.S. ratings in these categories becomes exhausted, it will be necessary to meet requirements in one of two ways, viz.:—
   (a) by the recruitment of civilians where suitable and available; or
   (b) by drafting men of equivalent ratings as indicated in column 2 of the Appendix to this Order.

Where the requirements are for the filling of approved billets (e.g. replacement of wastage) it must be clear that the requirement is essential and that wastage cannot be absorbed by redistribution of duties over the remaining staff. Where the requirements are completely new, they must satisfy the conditions of A.F.O. 6373/44.

5. As a particular W.R.N.S. category diminishes in strength, it may be necessary to redistribute the ratings of the category serving in any one command, in order to simplify administration.

6. Where these arrangements involve alterations of Schemes of Complement, the facts should be reported to the Admiralty so that the necessary amendments may be issued. W.R.N.S. regulating and quarters staff should be reduced pro rata to reductions in W.R.N.S. personnel.

7. The categories to be abolished are now declared redundant and will be formally abolished on 31st December, 1945.

8. Ratings in the categories in the Appendix to this Order will be dealt with as follows:—
   (a) by the recruitment of civilians where suitable and available; or
   (b) by drafting men of equivalent ratings as indicated in column 2 of the Appendix to this Order.
   (c) Such ratings, if they fail their training course, are not to be reverted to their previous category, but are to be sent to the W.R.N.S. Central Training Depot, Burghfield, for further remuster. If not suitable for remuster in another category it is at the discretion of the Remuster Board to recommend that ratings should either—
      (i) be given any available employment until due for release; or
      (ii) be discharged "Unsuitable".
   (d) If dealt with under (c) (i) above, they are to be treated for release as being in the category to which they had been remustered, and in which they had failed.

9. As an exception to the general rule regarding transfers abroad, W.R.N.S. ratings serving overseas in the categories being abolished may be permitted to transfer, with local training, to the Clothing, Naval Stores, Victualling, Writer (General), Writer (Pay), and Writer (Shorthand) categories only. Remuster boards should be arranged by the senior W.R.N.S. Officer on the station, as necessary. Ratings not remustered on the station under these rules are to be returned to the United Kingdom, to arrive not later than 30th November, 1945, or, in the case of S.D.X. ratings, 31st December, 1945. Male ratings as reliefs should be provided, if necessary, from station resources, any additional male requirements being included in periodical requirements signals.

10. For the reasons stated in the first paragraph of this Order, it may not always be possible to maintain the strength of W.R.N.S. categories not now scheduled for abolition or obsolescence, and endeavour should always be made to absorb wastage by redistribution of duties over the remaining staff. Proposals for the employment of W.R.N.S. ratings on duties not covered by authorized categories, cannot be entertained.

11. Besides the categories listed in the Appendix, the following categories have already been declared obsolete or obsolete (A.F.O. 3810/45):—

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Note (ii):

Special Duties ("Pembroke V")
[(S.D.X.)]
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<td>Telegraphist and Telegraphist (S)</td>
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<td>Seaman</td>
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<td>Net Defence</td>
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<td>Special Operator (W/T)</td>
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<td>Air Mechanic (A), (E), (L) and (O)</td>
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<td>Photographic Assistant</td>
<td>Male Photographer</td>
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**Notes.**

(i) There are few of these ratings, and Commanders-in-Chief should propose suitable replacements where necessary.

(ii) It may be suitable to draft W.R.N.S. Writers (General) to some of these billets.

(iii) Separate instructions have been issued in A.F.O. 4440/45, regarding the remustering of the Messenger and General Duties categories.

(iv) Not applicable, as there are surplus Plotters.

(A.F.Os. 6373/44, 5610/45, 4440/45 and 4442/45.)

(A.F.Os. 4285/45 and 4869/45 are cancelled.)

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5629. — Manpower — Re-allocation — Release of W.R.N.S. Ratings in Class A

(W.R.N.S. ratings in Rating Groups and Age and Service Groups indicated are to be released in Class A in accordance with B.R. 1281 (1) Release Instructions.)

2. Dispersals are to commence on 1st October, 1945, and the target date for completing these dispersals is 31st October.


5. The provisions of A.F.O. 4232/45, paragraph 10, apply abroad.

(A.F.O. 4232/45.)

(A.F.O. 5461/45 is cancelled.)