COMMONWEALTH NAVY ORDERS

Navy Office, Melbourne.
15th December, 1953.

The following Orders are promulgated for information, guidance and necessary action.

By direction of the Naval Board,

[Signature]
Secretary.

The Flag Officer Commanding H.M.A. Fleet,
and Commanding Officers of H.M.A. Ships,
Officers in Charge of H.M.A. Naval Establishments, and others concerned.

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CENSUS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES.

Advice has been received from the Prime Minister's Department that a Census of the Commonwealth of Australia and External Territories will be taken, at the end of June, 1954, by the Bureau of Census and Statistics.

2. H.M.A. Ships and Establishments are to render all assistance possible to the Acting Commonwealth Statistician in response to any requests received in connection with the Census.

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492.

WAR SERVICE BENEFITS - KOREA.

An officer or man who was on war service (as defined in paragraph 2 hereunder) against the enemy in Korea on and after the 26th June, 1950, will be eligible to receive special benefits including the following:--

(a) Repatriation benefits in accordance with the provisions of the Repatriation Act and Regulations.

(b) Re-establishment and re-employment benefits as prescribed in the Re-establishment and Employment Act, Part XI inserted by Act No.48 of 1951.

(c) Operational deferred pay.

(d) Exemption from income tax and social services contribution as prescribed by the Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act.

Further details of these benefits are contained in Navy Order 341 of 1952.

2. For the purposes of this Order the following definitions will apply:--

(a) War Service means the service of an officer or rating of the Royal Australian Navy while--

(i) a member of, or attached to, a body, contingent or detachment of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia, allotted for duty in an operational area; or

(ii) allotted for duty in an operational area;

from the time of its commencement to the time of its conclusion as defined in sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) hereof.

(b) Operational Area means an area outside Australia that is prescribed as an operational area for the purposes of warlike operations in Korea after 26th June, 1950.
(c) **Commencement** means, in relation to the war service of an officer or rating -

(a) where he was in Australia at the time at which he was allotted for war service the time of his departure from the last port of call in Australia for that service; or

(b) where he was outside Australia at the time at which he was allotted for war service - the time at which he was so allotted.

(d) **Conclusion** means, in relation to the war service of an officer or rating, the time at which he -

(a) on returning from war service arrived at the first port of call in Australia; or

(b) having been allotted from war service to an area outside Australia other than an operational area -

(1) arrived in that area; or

(2) was allotted to that area at a time when he was in that area.

(c) **Port** - includes an airport.

3. Ships of the Royal Australian Navy were allotted for duty in the Korean operational area during the periods shown hereunder -

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4. On 28th April, 1952, the Royal Australian Naval Component B.O.F.K., which at that date comprised the following: -

- H.M.A.S. BATAAN
- H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA
- H.M.A.S. COMMONWEALTH

was allotted for duty in the Korean operational area.

5. Subsequent to 28th April, 1952, the following ships were allotted to the Royal Australian Navy Component B.O.F.K. during the periods shown hereunder: -

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6. Repatriation benefits extend to an officer or rating who, although not allotted for war service, suffers injury from enemy action in any area outside Australia and to an officer or rating who leaves Australia for war service but becomes a casualty for any reason before serving in the area to which he has been allotted.

7. Officers and ratings who are suffering from incapacity and who are granted a war pension become eligible for payment thereof from the day after "conclusion" of war service but payment will not be made in respect of any period which is more than three months before the date of lodgment of the claim for pension.

8. Operational Deferred Pay at the rate of 2s. 6d. per diem will be credited to an officer or rating whilst on "War Service" as defined in this Order.

9. An officer or man who, as a result of war service, is undergoing hospitalization in Australia and whose treatment is continuous with his qualifying service will, however, continue to be eligible for the credit of operational deferred pay and the income tax concession until the date he is discharged as fit for duty from hospital or convalescent depot or is placed on a repatriation pension.

10. Payment of Operational Deferred Pay will be authorized from Navy Office as soon as possible after a member ceases to qualify for further credits, except where it is envisaged that the member will be returning to an operational area within a period of 3 months.

11. Navy Orders 422 of 1951, 227 and 335 of 1953 are hereby cancelled.

(4016/101/5)

493.

TOOL KITS - SUPPLY TO RATINGS.

The arrangements set out hereunder in regard to supply, accounting, etc., for tool kits for R.A.N. tradesmen ratings will come into operation as from 1st December, 1953.

2. Composition of Kits.- The composition of Tool Kits for all R.A.N. tradesmen ratings will be in accordance with Admiralty scales as detailed in B.R.4, Appendix 32. Any future amendment to such scales will automatically apply in the Royal Australian Navy.

3. Initial Issues.- In future each R.A.N. tradesman rating will on entry or on qualifying receive on personal loan an initial supply of the tool kit appropriate to his trade. This kit will remain the property of the Commonwealth and each rating, on discharge from the Service, on promotion to officer or on transfer to another Branch will be required to return his complete kit to the Supply Officer.