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15th September 1943.

- 31.A Coloured Lanyards. Reference B.C.M.M. No.2 of 15th May 1943,
the following should be added:

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| R.N.B.C. "F" | White |
| R.N.B.C. "L" | Green |
| R.N.B.C. "Q" | Dark Blue |
| R.N.B.C. "R" | Red |
| R.N.B.C. "S" | Maroon |

- 32.A Service Certificates. It has been ascertained that the
quickest way to obtain True Copies of Service Certificates
from H.M.S. COPRA is to quote ratings' Ships Book Numbers.
It is requested, therefore, that all demands for ratings'
Service Certificates to H.M.S. Armadillo should include this
information.

- 33.A Sailing Lists. (B.C.M.M. 20 - Amendment)

For H.M.S. Quebec read H.M.S. Copra throughout.

- 34.A Promotion of Officers.

"(a) A.F.O. 4159/43. R.N.(A) and Reserve Officers - Minimum Age
Limit for Accelerated Promotion to Lieutenant or Acting
Lieutenant.

With reference to A.F.O's 424/42, 425/42 and 3899/43,
the minimum qualifying age for R.N.(A) and Reserve Officers
recommended for accelerated promotion to Lieutenant or
Acting Lieutenant is reduced to twenty one and a half as
from 1st September, 1943.

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(b) A.F.O. 4160. Midshipmen R.N.R. and R.N.V.R. - Promotion to Acting Sub Lieutenant.

As from 1st September, 1943 Midshipmen or Probationary Midshipmen, R.N.R. or R.N.V.R., will be eligible for promotion to Acting Sub Lieutenant or Probationary Acting Sub Lieutenant on attaining the age of nineteen and a half, or, in the case of Midshipmen qualified as Pilots or Observers, after six months service from the date of completion of S.F.T.S. training or the equivalent stage of training in the U.S.A., or Part II of Observer's course, if this date is earlier than their attaining the age of nineteen and a half.

2. Officers will be promoted by the Admiralty provided their records are satisfactory and no report is previously received stating that they are not recommended for promotion (vide A.F.O.'s 4583/42 and 5245/42).

3. Midshipmen who have already attained the age of nineteen and a half will be promoted by the Admiralty with seniority of 1st September, 1943, subject to the conditions referred to in paragraph 2 above.

4. The above does not alter the arrangements for the promotion of technical officers undergoing training as Midshipmen referred to in A.F.O.'s 6242/42 and 3378/43. They will be promoted on satisfactorily completing training, provided they are over nineteen and a half years and recommended."

H.M.S. Armadillo.
15th September 1943.

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