

(3) Eligibility to take examinations for further promotion or advancement, following promotion or advancement achieved in accordance with paragraph 4b, is to be determined as follows:

(a) The date of eligibility to take examinations for further promotion or advancement is to be calculated from the adjusted seniority in rate.

(b) The effective date of passing the examination is to be antedated as in Para 6921 d (2) [sub para \(b\)](#).

(4) Where a rating was selected before internment, ACOS(PCap) may authorise promotion to the higher rate. Time-based advancement (e.g. to PO or CPO) may be approved by Commanding Officers provided that the rating concerned:

(a) Applied to take the examination(s) within a reasonable period of return to duty (excluding prisoner of war leave or foreign service leave).

(b) Passed the examination(s) at the first attempt.

(5) Where a rating is eligible for selective promotion, he/she will be considered by the first Selection Board, subject to normal selective promotion procedures. This Board may exceptionally recommend to ACOS(PCap), for confirmation by Second Sea Lord (2SL), any retrospective promotion that it may feel to be justified.

(6) In cases where no professional qualification is required, further promotion or advancement may be authorised with similar retrospective effect as in Para 6921 [sub para b](#).

(7) **Acting Higher Rate.** The acting higher rate held at the time of capture or internment may be retained during captivity and for a period of 61 days after repatriation or of rejoining Ratings ships whichever is earlier. Ratings will then revert to their confirmed rate.

(8) **Ratings Reported Missing or who Die in Captivity**

(a) Ratings who are reported missing, and of whom no more is heard, may be advanced from the due date on official presumption of death, provided that the advancement was due prior to the date on which the rating was reported missing.

(b) Ratings who are first reported missing and who are subsequently reported to be prisoners of war or interned will be dealt with in accordance with paragraphs 1-4g.

(c) Ratings who are reported missing, of whom it is discovered that they died at a later date, and prisoners of war and internees who die in captivity, will be dealt with as in Para 6921 d (8) [sub para \(a\)](#), except that the period of service performed subsequent to the date on which they were reported missing, taken prisoner of war, or interned, will be taken into account. They will be promoted or advanced to any rate for which they would be qualified by service alone prior to the known or calculated date of their death, it being assumed that they would have obtained the necessary professional qualifications within that period.

(d) Any rating who dies in captivity or is presumed to have died in captivity, whose record of service is such that they would have been selected for promotion, is to be considered by a Selection Board for promotion. This Board may recommend to ACOS(PCap), for confirmation by 2SL, any retrospective promotion that they may feel to be justified.

6922. Special Forces - Shadow Rank Assessment Board

Badged RN/RMSF ranks (either SBS/SAS) are only entitled to SF pension and Terminal Benefits on becoming Permanent Cadre (PC) at six years SF service. If a rank dies or leaves the service for medical reasons prior to achieving PC, his terminal benefits will be based on his assessed Shadow rank, which is that rank he could have been expected to achieve had he remained in his previous SQ. The RM Branch Manager can advise on the SRAB procedures.