

Navy Order 196 of 1946

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL BRANCH—ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

In view of the increasing importance of electricity to the Navy and the high specialised qualifications required in personnel of all ranks carrying out electrical duties, the Naval Board have approved of the formation of a separate branch of the Royal Australian Navy to be known as the Electrical Branch. The Electrical Branch will be responsible for all electrical installations in H.M.A. Ships and establishments except where special considerations require otherwise, e.g., it is not proposed to alter at this stage the responsibilities of the Engineering and Construction Branch at Navy Office and in the Dockyards.

2. The Naval Board hope that officers and ratings temporarily serving in the Royal Australian Navy who are carrying out electrical duties will be attracted to join this new branch for permanent service. Selected permanent personnel in existing branches of the Royal Australian Navy will also be transferred or afforded opportunities for transfer if they so desire.

3. Conditions of service, transfer, qualifications for promotion, and rates of pay in the Electrical Branch are under consideration and will be promulgated as soon as possible.

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