

# Navy Service World War I

There were many different jobs for sailors on board ship:

Gunners, signal-men, stokers - supplied the ship's engines with coal

Armourer - prepared and maintained guns, ammunitions and shells

Steward - servant to officers and the Captain

Cooks

Buglers - a musician who would signal messages or warnings

Able Seamen - two years' experience, skilled in routine deck duties

Landsmen or Ordinary Seamen - men with less than two years' experience

Engineers - maintenance of ship's engines

Captain



**RECRUITS  
WANTED**



**VACANCIES FOR RECRUITS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 38**  
CHEST MEASUREMENT, 34<sup>IN</sup>. HEIGHT, 5<sup>FT</sup>. 3<sup>IN</sup>.  
PAYMENT FROM 1/3 PER DAY. FAMILY ALLOWANCES.

Besides serving in the above Battalions and for the Transport  
and Engineer Sections attached,

**MEN WANTED**

who are suitable for training as Wireless Operators,  
Signalmen, and other Service with the Fleet.

# Reading Comprehension

## Navy Service WW1

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1. What was the role of the armourer in the WW1 Navy service?

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2. What types of jobs do you think that a steward would have been required to do?

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3. Look at the image of the sailor. What do you think his role may have been and the jobs he was required to do?

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4. According to the ad, *Recruits Wanted*, they were looking for men of a certain size between the ages of 18 – 38. Why do you think chest size and height was important to recruiters?

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5. If you were the right gender, age and size, how would you feel if you had the opportunity to be a recruit? Would you apply? Give a reason for your answer.

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