

SPANISH NAVY—RE-ORGANIZATION OF CORPS OF ENGINEERS OF THE FLEET

The following proposed reorganization of the Corps of Naval Engineers of the Fleet in the Spanish Navy is of interest.

The Ministry of Marine has drawn up a project for a law on the reorganization of the Corps of the Naval Engineers for the Fleet. This project is at present being studied by the Commission for National Defence. The terms of the proposed law are as follows :—

The Corps of Engineers of the Fleet will be reorganized and in future will be known as the Corps of Naval Engineers of the Fleet and will be responsible for the following :—

- (a) The drawing up of projects or plans required for the construction of ships and all kinds of craft, their engines and machinery, as well as civil and hydraulic works necessary for naval arsenals, centres and factories.
- (b) Inspection from the technical point of view of ships and craft which the Navy acquires by purchase or by contract from Spanish or foreign firms. Inspection of works which are carried out on behalf of the Navy by State owned or private enterprises.
- (c) The direction of construction works, repairs of ships and transport materials which may be carried out in factories or workshops directly administered by the Navy.
- (d) Technical instruction of subordinate personnel belonging to the Corps of Naval Engineers of the Fleet.

Ranks in the Corps of Naval Engineers of the Fleet will be the following :—

Inspector General	equivalent to	Vice Admiral
Sub Inspector General	„	„ Rear Admiral
Colonel	„	„ Captain
Lieut.-Colonel	„	„ Commander
Major	„	„ Lieut. Commander
Captain	„	„ Lieutenant

An indispensable condition for entry into the Corps will be the possession of the Spanish degree of Naval Engineer from the Spanish School of Naval Engineers. Entry will be carried out by competitive examination arranged by the Ministry of Marine, who at the same time will announce the number of positions to be filled and the conditions with which candidates have to comply.

Promotion up to the rank of Colonel will be by seniority, to higher rank by selection. Retiring ages are the same as for other Naval Service Corps.