

2442.—“ Distinction Badge ” for Best Man in “ King’s Squad ” at the Depot, Royal Marines.

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H.M. The King as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Marines inspected the Depot, R.M., Deal, on the 7th March 1918, and His Majesty to mark this occasion was pleased to approve the grant of the name “ The King’s Squad ” to the senior squad of recruits at Deal ; and each squad of recruits at Deal as it in turn becomes the senior is in future to be known by that name.

2. His Majesty has further been graciously pleased to approve of the best all-round recruit in each “ King’s Squad ” being granted a special badge, consisting of the Royal Cypher surrounded by laurel wreath.

3. The best recruit to be selected by the Commandant at Deal having due regard to his work and attainments throughout his recruit training. The recruit so selected to retain this badge throughout his service in any uniform and in any rank, a notation of the award being made on his Service certificate, the badge to be worn below the point of the left shoulder, and to be forfeited only for misconduct on the recommendation of the man’s Commanding Officer and with the approval of the Admiralty.

*(This Order will be included in the September M.O.’s.)*