

2999.—Mechanical Transport School, Alsager—Royal Marines

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A centralized organization for the training, holding and drafting of all Royal Marine Drivers, Internal Combustion (short title Driver I.C.) has been established at Excalibur Camp, Alsager (formerly H.M.S. "Excalibur"). This establishment is known as the "Mechanical Transport School, Royal Marines" (short title "M.T. School, R.M.") and is under the command of the Commander, Royal Marine Training Group (Wales).

2. The postal address of this establishment is:—

The Commanding Officer,
M.T. School, R.M.,
Alsager,
Nr. Stoke-on-Trent,
Staffs.

Telephone Number :—Alsager 286.

Telegraphic Address :—"Excalibur," Alsager.

Nearest Railway Station :—Alsager, via Crewe (L.M.S.).

3. The Commanding Officer, M.T. School, R.M., will be responsible for the training and drafting of all drivers I.C. Royal Marines. Similar responsibilities with regard to M.T. Tradesmen (vehicle mechanics and driver mechanics) will remain with the Commanding Officer R.M. Technical Training Depot, Fort Cumberland as heretofore.

4. The suffix "(D)" has been added to the official number on all service certificates of Royal Marine ranks serving as Drivers I.C. (e.g. Ply. X.10000(D)). In cases where this has not yet been done, Commanding Officers of R.N. and R.M. Establishments, Formations and Units are to add this suffix and report to the Commanding Officer, M.T. School, R.M., giving particulars of the personnel concerned and stating whether these drivers were trained in:—

- (a) R.M.T.T.D. or M.T. School, R.M.
- (b) Army Schools.
- (c) R.M. Formations, Establishments, etc.
- (d) R.N. Establishments.

Particulars, as above, are also to be given of R.M. ranks held, who have been trained in driving but who are not now employed in that capacity. Their present employment is to be shown. In addition, R.M. ranks employed as drivers without service training are to be included in reports.

5. In future, Forms S. 165 showing the movements of all Royal Marine drivers I.C. are to be forwarded to the Commanding Officer, M.T. School, R.M. Attention is drawn to A.F.O. 252/39.

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(A.F.Os. 636/42, 5271/44, 6269/44 are cancelled.)