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***3351.—Royal Marines—Cooks Branch—Formation**

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In order to improve the standard of cooking in the Royal Marines all R.M. cooks will in future be enlisted specially as cooks on C.S. and S.S. engagements. They will be formed into a separate cooks' branch analogous to the Cooks' Branch in the Royal Navy, with N.C.Os. proportionately.

2. On enlistment, R.M. cooks will undergo the normal basic recruit training, followed by cookery courses at Naval and Army schools. Subsequently they will be employed solely on cooking duties for the remainder of their service.

3. All *qualified* R.M. cooks will be transferred to the new branch with effect from 1st December, 1947, and all records, drafting, pay and promotion of N.C.Os. within the branch will be undertaken by the Pay and Records Office, Royal Marines, Chatham.

4. *Volunteers*.—In addition, volunteers to transfer to the Cooks' Branch are urgently required from Marines now employed as cooks, but who are not qualified, and from Marines (GD) (except M/T drivers).

5. It is stressed that the proportion of N.C.Os. in the new branch is higher than that obtaining among R.M. cooks at present. N.C.Os. for the Cooks' Branch will be found from qualified cooks now serving and from GD N.C.Os. who transfer to the branch.

6. Names of volunteers, both N.C.Os. and Marines, to include notations of any previous cooking experience, are to be submitted to reach M.G.R.M., Chatham, by 31st October, 1947.