

*390.—Royal Marine Police—Formation, etc.

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It has been decided to replace the Metropolitan Police employed at Royal Naval Armament Depôts and Magazines, and other establishments where their services are not required in the ordinary course for the prevention of crime, by a Force of Royal Marine Pensioners enlisted for this purpose, under the name of "Royal Marine Police."

This Force will be administered by the Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, and will be attached for Record, Pay, Clothing and Discipline to the several Royal Marine Divisions under the supervision of the Colonels Commandant. They are responsible for their own victualling arrangements.

2. The Royal Marine Police will form part of the Royal Marine Forces, but are additional to Fleet requirements, and will be subject to Military Law as applicable to Royal Marines on shore generally. It will be the duty of Officers and men to enforce all orders and regulations laid down for their guidance, and to ensure the safety of the Depôts, Magazines, and other establishments placed in their charge.

3. The personnel furnished by this Force will carry out the usual duties, and only exercise the authority of a Military Guard, but subject to this limitation will conform with the Police routine within the precincts of the various establishments. Pending the conferment of further powers, they will therefore only detain civil offenders until they can be handed over to the civil Police, who are to be communicated with at once.

4. The relation of the new Force to the Admirals Superintendent, and the Officers in charge of the Depôts will be the same as those now existing for the Metropolitan Police. R.M. Police will be accommodated at the Naval Ordnance Depôts, etc., in the same buildings and under the same conditions as the Metropolitan Police formerly employed.

5. Royal Marine Divisions to which stations are affiliated are as follows:—

<i>Station.</i>	<i>R.M. Division.</i>
Upnor	Chatham.
Lodge Hill and Chattenden	
Crombie	
Bandeath	
Bedenham	Portsmouth.
Priddy's Hard	
Frater Point	
<i>New</i> Portsmouth Gun Wharf	
Marchwood	Plymouth.
Holton Heath	
Bull Point	
Gun Wharf	
Floating Magazines	

6. All expenditure in connection with the R.M. Police is to be kept separate, and is chargeable as follows:—

Pay and allowances, including cost of uniform, etc. (~~except for Portsmouth Old Gun Wharf~~).—Vote 9, Subhead D.

~~Pay and allowances (for Portsmouth Old Gun Wharf).—Vote 8, Section I, Subhead C.~~

Contingent expenses.—Vote and Subhead to which chargeable in the case of civilian employees, e.g., Travelling, Vote 11.

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