

4936.—Royal Marines—Institution of A.A. Non-Substantive Rates

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It has been decided to institute A.A. non-substantive rates for Royal Marines and subsequently to allocate one-quarter of the close-range armament in ships carrying Royal Marine detachments to the Royal Marines.

2. This alteration in quarter-bills and complements will be effected when these are revised to provide for the institution of R.C.R. and P.C. ratings.

3. The training of Royal Marines as A.A. ratings will commence forthwith, and, as an interim measure pending action as in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, authority is given for these men to be borne in the ships affected in lieu of a proportion of the Seaman A.A. ratings at present allowed.