

Advancement and Promotion Regulations

Royal Marines.

Chapter 1.

Explanation of Terms and General

Provisions

Grading of Other Ranks.

1. Other Ranks, Royal Marines will be graded as follows :-

<u>Serial.</u>	<u>General</u> <u>(Including</u> <u>Tradesmen)</u>	<u>Drums</u>	<u>Royal Marine</u> <u>Group Bands</u>	<u>Royal Naval</u> <u>School of Music.</u>
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
(1)	-	Boy Bugler 2nd Class.	Boy Musician 2nd Class.	Boy Musician 2nd Class.
(2)	-	Boy Bugler 1st Class	Boy Musician 1st Class	Boy Musician 1st Class.
(3)	Marine (Recruit.)	-	Musician (Recruit)	Musician (Recruit)
(4)	Marine 2nd Class	Bugler 2nd Class	Musician 2nd Class	Musician 2nd Class
(5)	Marine 1st Class	Bugler 1st Class	Musician 1st Class	Musician 1st Class
(6)	Corporal	Corporal Bugler	Band Corporal	Band Corporal
(7)	Sergeant	Sergeant (Bugler)	Band Sergeant	Band Sergeant
(8)	Colour Sergeant	Drum and Bugle Major	Band Colour Sergeant	Bandmaster
(9)	Staff Sergeant	-	Band Staff Sergeant	Band Staff Sergeant
(10)	Regimental Sergeant Major	-	-	-

Equation of "Other Ranks", RM to Ratings RN.

2.	RM	RN
	Boy Bugler and Boy Musician 2nd and 1st Class	Boy 2nd and 1st Class
	Marine(Recruit), Musician(Recruit) and Boy Bugler and Boy Musician at 1, 1/2	New Entry

- (b) Group II is a course in more advanced military subjects which ranks in certain branches will be required to attend before confirmation in rank. Tradesmen, band ranks and, for the present, ranks in the following branches will not be required to attend this group :-

Signals Cooks Clerks Motor Transport

Until their future status is decided, printers, also, will be exempted from Group II.

Specialist Branches

11. The specialist branches are :-

- (a) Naval Gunnery (G)
- (b) Weapon Training and Fieldcraft (W)
- (c) Landing Craft (IH and LD)
- (d) Physical Training (PT)
- (e) Signals (S)
- (f) Clerical (C)
- (g) Motor Transport (MT)
- (h) Cookery (K)
- (i) Trades (Tradesmen only) (T)
- (j) Buglers
- (k) Group Bands
- (l) Royal Naval School of Music

Selection of a Branch for Advancement and Promotion.

12. As far as the requirements of the service and the attributes of the individual allow, "other ranks" may select their own branch of advancement and promotion and may opt at any time to transfer from one branch to another. Nevertheless, to maintain Corps numbers and to meet service requirements, Marines and NCOs may be directed into a branch or transferred from one branch to another.

Transfer from one branch to another.

13. Once a Part II qualification is obtained in any branch, the individual is qualified in Part II for the appropriate promotion, although at the time he may have opted for, or been directed into, another branch. An individual who transfers for any reason from one branch to another will be required to obtain his new Part II qualification within a period of six months from date of transfer. This period will not be extended without reference to the Director of Pay and Records, RM, who will represent all cases to the Commandant General for decision. (For transfer from Bugler or Boy Bugler to Marine see paragraph 36.)

Part II Qualification in Naval Gunnery.

14. As all NCOs other than signallers, cooks, clerks, motor transport and tradesmen are liable to have a gunnery station in the quarter bill of HM Ships, Marines 1st Class in branches other than the above must obtain a 3rd Class Part II qualification in Naval Gunnery to qualify for promotion to Corporal.