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ROYAL MARINES DRESS PROPOSALS

Serial No. 15.

OTHER RANKS

ITEM

PROPOSAL

REASONS

GOLD BADGES

To seek approval for the general introduction of gold badges. This to include good conduct, instructor, specialist and special ceremonial Colour Sergeants Arm Badges.

Approx. total badges involved for initial issue:-

C/Sgts Arm Badges	-	255
Instructors and Specialist badges	-	4,092
GC Badges 1 Bar	-	3,730
2 Bar	-	1,170
3 Bar	-	1,205

Except for badges of rank gold badges have not yet been re-introduced in the Royal Marines. Although it is appreciated that supplies would not be available for some time, it is nevertheless considered that formal approval for their introduction should now be sought. The approval to cover also the specialist badges now being introduced for the first time. (See Serial 16).

OTHER RANKS

ITEM	PROPOSAL	REASON						
Specialist qualification Badges	<p>To seek approval to introduce badges on the lines of the old "M.G. in wreath" with the addition of a crown or two stars or one star to denote 1st, 2nd and 3rd class qualifications, respectively. In place of "M.G." the appropriate initials will be used e.g., "SC" for swimmer canoeist.</p> <p>Approx. total No. of badges involved for initial issue:-</p> <table data-bbox="720 839 1136 973"> <tr> <td>Red</td> <td>3,230</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K on K</td> <td>4,092</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K on KD</td> <td>12,276</td> </tr> </table>	Red	3,230	K on K	4,092	K on KD	12,276	<p>At present no badges exist for certain specialist qualifications introduced in recent years (e.g. swimmer canoeist, assault engineer, etc.).</p>
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ROYAL MARINES DRESS PROPOSALS

Serial No. 17.

OTHER RANKS

ITEM

PROPOSAL

REASON

Specialist Badge for RM  
Band Service.

To seek approval to adopt the Army pattern brass lyre for wear on the upper part of the right arm as a specialist or "symbolic" badge of the RM Band Service (the lyre at present worn by Boy Musicians on the collar is not considered suitable as it is too small for an arm badge). To be worn only by Band Sergeants and below.

Total No. involved at 2 per man:- 1870

There is no method of distinguishing RM Band ranks from other Royal Marines when blue uniform is not worn. The Army band ranks wear a brass lyre on the sleeve as a "symbol" of their profession. A similar badge is desirable for the RM Band Service.

OTHER RANKS

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Chevrons for Boy Musicians NCOs	<p>To seek approval for small arm badges to be worn by certain Boy Musician "NCO's" and for the badges to be provided at public expense. Number of badges estimated for initial issue:-</p> <table data-bbox="1066 609 1465 692"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>2 Tunics</u></th> <th><u>1 Greatcoat</u></th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>R on B</u></th> <th><u>R on K</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Crowns</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Bar Chevron</td> <td>8</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Bar Chevron</td> <td>18</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 Bar Chevron</td> <td>14</td> <td>14</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(Specimens available)</p>		<u>2 Tunics</u>	<u>1 Greatcoat</u>		<u>R on B</u>	<u>R on K</u>	Crowns	2	2	3 Bar Chevron	8	8	2 Bar Chevron	18	18	1 Bar Chevron	14	14	<p>In connection with a revision of the boys organisation at the Royal Marines School of Music "Boy NCOs" have been introduced on the lines of the "prefect" system. A crown will be worn by boys elected as "Company Sergeant Major" and chevrons by boys elected as "Sergeant", "Corporal" or "Lance Corporal".</p>
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