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Regulations for the enlistment, &c., of Boys as Drummers and Buglers in the Royal Marines.

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1. Boys are not to be enlisted under the age of 14.
 2. They must be able to read and write.
 3. No boy will be received from a Reformatory or Prison, nor if he has been committed by a Magistrate.
 4. They must be of sound constitution, not subject to fits, be free from any physical defects, or malformation, and offer from their appearance the promise of becoming eligible soldiers.
 5. The standard height, &c., will be as follows:—

				Height with-		Circumfer-
				out shoes.		
				Ft.	In.	ence of Chest.
From	14	to	14 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of age			In.
„	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	„	15	4	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	28
„	15	„	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	10	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
„	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	„	16	4	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	29
„	16	„	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$
„	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	„	17	5	1	30
		„	„	5	3	31

6. It must be explained to all boys before enlistment that they must engage to serve continuously for twelve years, from the date they attain the age of 18; also that their services for badges, pension, &c., will commence from the same date.
7. Each boy on approval will receive a Free Kit

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8. The following documents are to be produced G.O. 46.
before enlistment by each boy, viz:— *continued.*

- I. A certificate of birth, or a declaration made by his parents, or guardians, before a Magistrate, that he is of the proper age.
- II. The written consent of his parents, guardians or nearest relative.
- III. Certificates of character from his last Schoolmaster, and from some responsible person to whom he is known.
- IV. Reports from the Drum and Bugle Majors as to his ability to learn.
These documents are to be attached to his attestation.

9. Drummers under 18 are, to be required to attend school daily, until excused by order of the Commanding Officer.

10. As it is necessary to check misconduct on the part of Drummers, boys under the age of 16 years may be punished on the hand with the cane, but the number of stripes is not to exceed six. This punishment may be awarded by the Field Officer on duty, and is to be inflicted by the Drum Major in the presence of the Adjutant, and of the other Drummers who from their age are amenable to that punishment.

11. A book containing the following information is to be kept at each Divisional Head Quarters.

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12. Boys enlisted as Buglers are to be carefully instructed in the Bugle, Drum, and Fife, and before being reported fit for duty, are to be tested in each instrument before a Board consisting of—

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Training and
Examination
of Buglers.

A Lieutenant Colonel, *President*.

A Senior Major
Instructor of Naval Gunnery,
(for Ships' Calls)
The Field Adjutant

} *Members.*

The Bandmaster will attend to assist the Board as required.

13. The proficiency of each Bugler will be noted as "V.G.," "G.," "F.," or "Indifferent," and recorded in a book kept in the Adjutant's Office, and attention will be drawn in a column of remarks to the exceptional proficiency of any individual Bugler.

14. No Bugler is to be embarked unless his efficiency on the Bugle is classified as "Very Good," and where this classification is not obtained within a reasonable time after enlistment, a report of the case is to be forwarded to the D.A. General with a view to the propriety of discharging him, or of transferring him to the ranks, being taken into consideration.

15. Further, the degree of efficiency on the Drum and Fife is, as a general rule, to be never less than "Good," but this rule may be relaxed in cases of Buglers embarked for service in lieu of Bugler Boys.

16. On disembarkation all Buglers are to be similarly tested, and such as require to revise their instruction are to attend regularly for that purpose until passed for duty by the Board above detailed, when their qualifications are to be recorded.

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G.O. 46. 17. No Bugler is to be detailed for subsequent service afloat unless his efficiency on the Bugle is classified as laid down in Para. 13.
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Gratuities not on any pretext to be received from parents or friends of Buglers. 18. The practice of Drum and Bugle Majors, R.M., receiving money from the parents, or friends, of Buglers, under any pretext whatever, is forbidden, and should any instance of this description come to the knowledge of Commanding Officers it is to be severely dealt with.

Ill-treatment of boys to be guarded against. 19. The ill-treatment of Bugler Boys at the hands of the N.C. Officers under whose charge they are placed, is to be carefully guarded against, and the Field Adjutant is to exercise great vigilance to prevent it.

R.M. Office Circular No. 421, of 28th Oct., 1869, G.O. Sept., 1888, R.M. Office Circular No. ⁸⁰⁸₈₉, of 27th Feb., 1889, and G.O., April, 1889, are hereby cancelled.