

277. *Appointment of Lance Ranks.*—Colonels Commandant may appoint Lance-Corporals (Lance-Bombardiers, R.M.A.) for training as Non-Commissioned Officers, and, after being so trained, when placed in charge of men, for the purpose of ascertaining their capacity for command prior to promotion to substantive rank. Men not passed for promotion, or undergoing courses of instruction for promotion, or whilst serving afloat are in no circumstances to be given Lance Rank.