

Royal Marines Arm and Shoulder Patches of World War 2

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Top Row L to R:

1. 7th Royal Marines Battalion circa 1943-44. Shoulder title cut out from old RMLI red tunics. Arabic '7' was worn 1941-42. The battalion later became 48 RM Commando
2. Royal Marines Division 1941-43; later this sign was worn by the 116th RM Indep Brigade. Woven
3. Royal Marines Siege Regiment 1940-45. Woven
4. 117th (RM) Infantry Brigade (31st, 32nd & 33rd RM Bns). Woven
5. 104th Training Brigade which was re-designated in 1943 as RM Training Group
6. 34th Amphibian Support Regiment 1945-46. Woven.

Middle Row L to R

- 1&2 Combined Operations badge worn by Commandos and Beach Formations. Printed and woven in Tombstone shape – left arm and right arm
- 3&4 Combined Operations as above, printed and woven in circular shape – left arm and right arm
5. Royal Marines Engineers 1940-45

Bottom Row L to R

- 1&2 49th (West Riding) Division. Printed and woven. Worn for short period by two units of MNBDO 1 in Iceland from May 1940 until March 1941- left shoulder and right shoulder
- 3&4 Commando Fighting Knife. Printed and woven. Replaced Combined Operations badge November/December 1944
1. 12 Corps Formation sign was painted on a white oval on a khaki background and worn by the RM Siege Regt September 1940-end of 1942 when located in SE England under command 12 Corps
2. 33rd Indian Corps Formation sign worn by 1st RM HAA Regt, MNBDO 1 in India 1941-42 on pugaree

References:

Notes by the late John Bailey (RMHS member)
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