

Adjutant General.
Royal Marines.

R.M.No. 1214/40.S.

Circular.

ADMIRALTY,
Rex House,
Regent St. S.W.1.

10th April 1940.

Royal Marine Engineers.

A Royal Marine Engineer Battalion is being formed and will consist of Headquarters and two Companies, each of four Platoons. R.M. personnel will be provided for administrative and disciplinary duties, the remainder being skilled or semi-skilled ranks specially enlisted for the Unit.

2. A copy of the War Establishment of the Battalion is attached.

3. The following R.M. Officers have been detailed :-

In command	Lieut. Col. H. Ozanne DSO.
Quartermaster	Lieut. A.C.Hood.

Remaining R.M. Officers will be detailed as required.

4. Technical Officers are being selected and will be appointed as requisite to complete establishment. Temp. Lieut. Col. O.R.Edge, A.M.I.C.E. has been appointed senior Technical Officer.

5. Other ranks R.M. are to be provided as follows :-

Chatham Division.	Battalion Headquarters.
Portsmouth Division.	"A" Works Coy. H.Q.
Flymouth Division.	"B" Works Coy. H.Q.

Ranks selected are to be pensioners or reservists except that H.O. marines may be detailed if available and suitable for the duty.

R.M. ranks are to be transferred to the unit as required by the Battalion Commander.

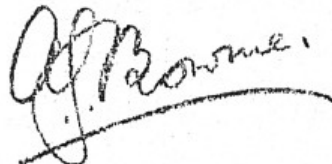
6. Formation - Recruiting of technical personnel is commencing forthwith and it is intended that two platoons shall form at a time and be drafted for service at intervals of a fortnight. Ranks will be given 14 days disciplinary training prior to draft. Company H.Q. will form with the first two platoons of their respective companies. Battalion H.Q. as required by the Battalion Commander.

7. Accommodation - A depot will be established at BRIGHTSTONE HOLIDAY CAMP near Freshwater, Isle of Wight as soon as possible. Pending the formation of this camp, Headquarters, R.M. Engineers will be established, and platoons under training will form at Portsmouth Division.

8. Administration - During the period the Battalion is in the Portsmouth Command, it will come under the general administration of the Commandant, Portsmouth Division, R.M., who will delegate the necessary powers of punishment to the Commanding Officer.

9. Pay - All ranks will be borne on the Home Base Ledger from date of joining the unit. The Paymaster, H.B.L. will please report what additional personnel he will require.

Technical Officers will be paid at Royal Marine rates and will be eligible for Marriage Allowance, etc., but not Technical Allowance. Royal Marine Officers, N.C. Officers and men employed with the R.M. Engineers will receive their normal rates of pay and allowances. Tradesmen and Pioneer (R.E.) will receive pay and allowances at the rates authorised for corresponding grades in the Royal Engineers.



Adjutant General, R.M.

Copies to :-

- Commandants, R.M.
- O.C. R.M.R.D.
- Paymaster H.B.L.
- O.C. R.M. Engineers.
- O.C. R.M. Labour Bn.
- O.C. R.M. Gp. M.N.B.D.O.
- D.N.R. (for information).