

CIRCULAR

ADMIRALTY,
SEA HOUSE,
REGENT STREET, S.W.1.
5th September, 1940.

Numbers of N.C.O.s and Men for 1940.

The following is the establishment of N.C.O.s and men, Active Service, Pensioners, R.F.R. and R.F.C. to be reached by 31.3.41 :-

Rank	Gen. Stc.	Chet.	Ports.	Ply.	Deal.	S of M	TOTAL
Staff Sergeant	6	18	24				
Colour Sergeant	1	95	111	17	14	5	223
Sergeant	-	272	345	100	1	-	508
Corporal	-	356	468	308	-	-	925
Bugler	-	69	108	35	-	-	120
Marine	-	2788	4077	35	-	-	1220 7/8
Bandmaster 1st Cl.	-	-	-	5418	6	-	262
Bandmaster 2nd Cl.	-	-	-	-	-	36	10287
Band Corporal	-	-	-	-	-	105	36
Musicians	-	35	44	-	-	145	105
TOTAL	7	363	517	5	435	9	21
Included in the above :-						1732	14925
Butcher	-	62	92	75	-	-	229
Lamptrimmer	-	1	2	-	-	-	3
Barber	-	3	2	3	-	-	8

NOTES :- 7/8 - Includes Bugler Corporals, 9 Chatham, 8 Portsmouth, 9 Plymouth. Higher ranks may be borne in lieu of additional dispensers authorised by R.M.No. 3424/40.A but the number of any higher ranks so borne should be shown by notes in Returns R.99, etc.

2. The following categories have been excluded from these numbers and all such ranks are allowed in excess :-

- (i) MHEDO & F.M. Units for which separate establishments have been issued.
- (ii) D.E.M.S. personnel
- (iii) All recruits and Band Boys
- (iv) Pensioner Recruiters
- (v) Ranks lent to Dominion Navies
- (vi) Prisoners of War
- (vii) Staff of the Home Base Ledger

3. The total number of permanent promotions, irrespective of Unit or where serving, is not to exceed the numbers shown in the 1939 Establishment (Circular R.M.No. 1600/38.A dated 6.10.39), the difference between the numbers shown therein and these 1940 numbers being made up by temporary promotions. Further instructions will be issued as to effective dates.

(and forwarded by Commandants & Supt. R.N.S.M.)

4. A return on the following lines is to be prepared to show the position on 10.9.40 with regard to N.C. Officers :-

Rank	(1) Total No. Corps 10.9.40.	(2) DEAC.	(3) Prisoner of War	(4) R.E.L. Staff
Staff Sergeant				
Colour Sergeant				
Sergeant				
Corporal				

In Divisional Returns, the figures shown in Column (1) are to be exclusive of those shown in Columns (2), (3) and (4), but are to include all ranks gained from the R.M. Reserve Depot in accordance with para. 5 below. No Return is required from the R.M. Reserve Depot.

5. All ranks lost transferred to the R.M. Reserve Depot vide para. 3 of Circular R.M.No. 5302/39.A. dated 29.9.39, are to be regained in Divisional Numbers and shown 'On Command RMRD' in appropriate Returns R. 99 commencing 21.9.40 and in the return required by para. 4 above. The Commandant, R.M. Emouth will, therefore, include all Retired Officers and Mobilised pensioners and R.F. Ranks, in the enclosure now rendered for Active Service personnel, differentiation being made between Active Service, Pensioners, R.F.R., etc. The H.O. Return will continue to be rendered by R.M.R.D. as heretofore.

6. The 1940 numbers are to be shown in the 'Numbers Authorised' Column of Returns R. 99 for 21.9.40, the numbers of D.E.M.S. personnel, Prisoners of War and the Staff of the Home Base Ledger being excluded from the numbers borne and shown as a separate enclosure to that and future Returns R. 99.

7. The numbers shown in para. 1 will be reviewed and brought up to date from the experience gained each quarter vide para. 3 of APO. 401/40.


Adjutant General, R.M.

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C. s R.M. Brigades

Brigade Record Section

Brigade Rein. Depot.

M. Aux. Bn.

M. Eng. Bn.

C., R.M.F. U.

C. R.M. Siege Regt.

Det. Hon. Bty.

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