

R.M.No. 367/38.Q.

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CIRCULAR

Re-organisation of Gunnery non-substantive Ratings -
Approved New Badges.

With reference to R.M.O.circular No.367/38.A. of 17.8.38, an A.F.O. is about to be issued promulgating the description of the Badges which have been approved for the new non-substantive ratings, together with instructions as to issue. The Badges affecting Royal Marines are as follows:-

<u>Quarters Rating</u>	<u>Layer Rating</u>	<u>Control Rating</u>
Q.R.1. - Crossed guns, star above, star and letter Q below	-----	C.R.1 - Crossed guns, star above, star and letter C below.
Q.R.2. - Crossed guns, star above, letter Q below.	L.R.2. - Crossed guns, star above, letter L below.	C.R.2. - Crossed guns, star above, letter C below.
Q.R.3. - Single gun, star above, letter Q below.	L.R.3. - Single gun, star above, letter L below.	C.R.3. - Single gun, star above, letter C below.

The crossed guns and single gun in the new badges will be similar to those in existing gunnery badges. No change is made in the badge for G.I.

2. Store Instructions, Appendix V will be amended in due course.

3. Ranks whose new badge will differ from his old badge by the

addition of the letter Q, L or C only, will be issued gratuitously with the necessary letters to complete his present badge to the new type. Ranks who will be required to wear an entirely new badge, e.g., rangetakers, will be issued with new badges. It is considered that the background to the present Q.G.badge will not be suitable to take the addition of a letter, therefore men holding this rating are to be issued with new badges.

4. Free issues in accordance with S.I.Art.178 will be made as

soon as stocks permit, with effect from 23rd April next, but until the new badges or letters are available ranks are to continue to wear the non-substantive badges for which they are qualified under the old organisation.