

GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING
ROYAL MARINES

R.M. No. 8963/3/43.A.1.

ADMIRALTY,

Queen Anne's Mansions,
St. James' Park, S.W.1.

7th January, 1944.

CIRCULAR

ESTABLISHMENT OF N.C. OFFICERS AND MEN FOR 1943-1944.

The Establishment of N.C. Officers and men to be reached by 31st March, 1944 is as shown in the following Appendices to this Circular:-

APPENDIX A	-	Substantive Ranks.
APPENDIX B	-	Non-Substantive ratings.
APPENDIX C	-	Inter Divisional Allocation of Non-Substantive ratings for extraneous Establishments.
APPENDIX D	-	Printers and Assistant Printers.

2. With reference to Appendix A - The difference between the numbers shown and those authorised for 1939 vide Circular R.M. No. 1600/38A. of 6.10.39, on which the number of permanent promotions are based, are to be made up by Temporary promotions to date 7th January, 1944. The numbers shown include all amendments to Complements of R.M. Divisions, etc. issued to date. New commitments approved by the Admiralty will entail an increase in the numbers shown whilst the lapsing of any appointments, the loss of ships or reduction of ships' Complements will entail a corresponding decrease.

APPENDIX "B"- The numbers authorised are based on existing Fleet commitments, and the additions allowed by the various sliding scales included in Appendices to "Complements of R.M. Divisions, etc." (R.M. 8963/1/43. A.1. of 27th August, 1943 refers).

APPENDIX "C"- The numbers shown under Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth represent the Ratings actually allowed in the Complements of the Establishments shown, and where applicable, the sliding scale. Although certain Complements allow the employment of 1st or 2nd Class instructors, a definite allocation under one or the other Class has been made for estimate purposes (See Notes to Appendix "C").

APPENDIX "D"- With reference to para. 2. When a requisition for the relief of a Printer or Assistant Printer is received at a Division other than that to which the commitment is now allocated, the Commandant concerned should be notified so that the necessary relief can be provided in accordance with the allocation.

3. With reference to Circular R.M. No. 8963/2/43.A.1. of 26th August, 1943, and replies thereto, the decision with regard to the additional permanent promotions for 1943-44 will be promulgated in due course.

J. H. Jones
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Brigadier 'A'.

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Distribution:-
Commandants, R.M.
Lymington
Supt., R.N.S. of M.
Supt. of Sigs.
O.C., R.M.M.S.
D.N.R.

SUBSTANTIVE RANKS :- Active Service, Pensioner, R.F. Reservist and H.O.

Rank	Gen Stf	Chet.	Ports.	Ply.	Deal.	Exmouth	SofH	TOTAL
Staff Sergeant	6	17	28(a)	21(b)	15	13	5	105
Colour Sergeant	-	107(c)	131(e)	96(e)	1	-	-	335
Sergeant	-	306	387	314	-	-	-	1007
Sergeant Bugler	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	3
Corporal	-	389	577	408	-	-	-	1374
Corporal Bugler	-	7	11	9	-	-	-	27
Bugler	-	85	110	99	-	-	-	294
Marine	-	3095(c)	4347(c)	3301(c)	6	-	-	10749(c)
Bandmaster 1st Cl.	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	38
Bandmaster 2nd Cl.	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	93
Band Corporal	-	-	-	-	-	-	141	141
Musician	-	35	44	35	-	-	1421	1535
TOTAL	6(a)	4042	5636	4284	22	13	1698	15701

Included in the above :-

Marine as Butcher	-	67	89	79	-	-	-	235
Marine as Lamptrimmer	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	3
Marine as Barber	-	4	4	2	-	-	-	10

- NOTES :-
- (a) Includes 1 for Malta and 1 who may be Acting Sergeant Major at Browdown.
 - (b) Includes 1 for DRAKE
 - (c) Excludes M.T. Drivers, M.O.A.s and Tradesmen (see (o) of para.2.)
 - (d) Ranks other than Staff/Serving at the R.M. Office excluded (see (p) of para.2)
 - (e) Hospital Staff Sergeant may be Q.M.S. (Ty) during war.

2. Royal Marines employed in the following categories are excluded from the above numbers and all such personnel are therefore allowed in addition :-

- (a) All R.M. Units for which separate establishments have been issued.
- (b) D.E.M.S. personnel
- (c) Recruits, Band Boys and Boy Buglers under training.
- (d) Pensioner Recruiters
- (e) Ranks loaned to Dominion Navies
- (f) Prisoners of War and Missing personnel
- (g) Ranks employed on duties not normally performed by R.M.s. e.g. RTO Assistants, Instructors to Minesweeping personnel, etc.
- (h) Home Base Ledger Staff. (App. IV Comp of RM Divns.)
- (i) Baldoon Camp Staff (App. XVI Comp. of RM Divns)
- (j) Ranks employed on defence of Naval Air Stations
- (k) F.A.A. Instructors
- (l) Cabinet and OGO Guards
- (m) V.P. Guards.
- (n) Observation Minefield Guards
- (o) Tradesmen, M.T. Drivers and M.O.A.s
- (p) Ranks, other than Staff Sergeants, serving R.M. Office
- (q) Combined Operation - Landing Craft and Commando personnel
- (r) R.M. Fire Force personnel authorised by Circular R.M.No.8816/42.A.3 of 12th November, 1944

NON-SUBSTANTIVE RATINGS - Active Service, Pensioner, R.F.Reservist and H.O.

Rating	Chatham	Portsmouth	Plymouth	TOTAL
Gunnery Instructor	40(a)	47(a)	40(a)	127(a)
Quarters Rating 1st Class	50)70	71)95	53)62	174)227
Control Rating 1st Class	20)(a)	24)(a)	9)(a)	53)(a)
Quarters Rating 2nd Class	118	148	116	382
Layer Rating 2nd Class	25	28	22	75
Control Rating 2nd Class	33	39	24	96
Quarters Rating 3rd Class(b)	315 c	392	347	1054
Layer Rating 3rd Class	166	229	173	568
Control Rating 3rd Class	22	22	21	65
Q.O. (e)	52	71	63	186
R.M. Signalling Instructor	17	15	16	48
R.M. Signaller 1st Class	139	161	233	533
R.M. Signaller 2nd Class				
M.T.I. 1st Class	36	40	32	108
M.T.I. 2nd Class	67	82	64	213
Staff P.R.T. Instructor	5	3	3	11
P.R.T. Instructor 1st Class	16	16	18	52
P.R.T. Instructor 2nd Class	26	31	19	76

NOTES :-

(a) The duties of 84 of these 1st Class ratings, viz. 25 Chatham, 32 Portsmouth and 27 Plymouth, are to be carried out by Gunnery Instructors so that the combined requirement of Gunnery Instructors and 1st Class ratings is 270, i.e. 85 Chatham, 110 Portsmouth and 75 Plymouth and the net requirement of 1st Class ratings is 143, i.e. 45 Chatham, 63 Portsmouth and 35 Plymouth.

(b) Minimum requirement and excluding Q.O.s.

(c) Excludes additional R.M. Q.O.s allowed to Capital ships and Cruisers (APO. 33367/40 and 3025/41).

2. Director Layers who have not been awarded a new 1st Class rate are to be borne in lieu of Layer Ratings 2nd Class.

3. Rangefakers 1st Class who have not been awarded a new 1st Class rate are to be borne in lieu of Control Ratings 2nd Class.

4. Any Control ratings 2nd Class surplus to requirements are to be borne in lieu of Control ratings 3rd Class.

5. Para. 2 of Appendix A is also applicable to the numbers of Non-Substantive ratings shown above, i.e., any non-substantive ratings employed under the categories stated are in addition to the above.

APPENDIX D - Circular R.M.No.8963/3/43.A.1 dated 7th January, 1944

PRINTERS AND ASSISTANT PRINTERS - ALLOCATION OF

Commitment

Commitment	Chatham		Portsmouth		Plymouth		TOTAL	
	Ptr.	A/Ptr.	Ptr.	A/Ptr.	Ptr.	A/Ptr.	Ptr.	A/Ptr.
C-in-C :-	1	3	-	-	-	-	1	3
Nore	-	-	1	6	-	-	1	6
Portsmouth	-	-	-	-	1	4	1	4
Plymouth	-	-	-	-	1	4	1	4
Western Approaches	-	-	2	5(a)	-	-	2	5
Home Fleet	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
South Atlant./o	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	2
Eastern Fleet	1	8	-	-	-	-	1	8
Rosyth	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Levant	-	-	-	-	3	4	2	4
Mediterranean	-	2	2(b)	1	-	-	2	3
A.C.O.S.	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	2
SEWO Western Atlantic	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
FOC West Africa (Eland)	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	6
Headquarters	1	2	2	2	-	-	1	1
Deal	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Exmouth	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Margin (a)	-	6	3	6	3	6	9	18
HMS Ashbury	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
F.O.N.S.S.	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1
TOTAL	11	23	14	22	10	25	35	70

NOTES :- (a) Includes 1 for 2nd In Command Home Fleet
 (b) Includes 1 for 2nd In Command Mediterranean Fleet
 (c) R.M. 8111/43.A.3 of 16th December, 1943 refered.

2. Whilst it is appreciated that the actual allocation of Printers is not in accordance with the above, no action should be taken to adjust unfill ranks are due for relief.