

WHitchall 9444 Extension 95.

RM 5/20/277.

12th February, 1963.

Portsmouth Group, Royal Marines (2) (1 for FRMC Home)
Plymouth Group, Royal Marines.
3rd Commando Brigade, Royal Marines.
The Director, Royal Marine Forces Volunteer Reserve.
Fleet Royal Marines Officer, Mediterranean Fleet.
Fleet Royal Marines Office, Far East Station.
Royal Marines Barracks, Eastney.
Depot Royal Marines, Deal.
Royal Marines School of Music.
Infantry Training Centre, Royal Marines.
Joint Services Amphibious Warfare Centre.
40 Commando, Royal Marines.
41 Commando, Royal Marines (2) (1 for Bickleigh Camp).
42 Commando, Royal Marines.
43 Commando, Royal Marines (2) (1 for Stonehouse Barracks).
45 Commando, Royal Marines.
Camp, Headquarters, 3rd Commando Brigade, Royal Marines.
Camp, Pay and Records Office, Royal Marines.
Senior Royal Marines Officer, Middle East.
Senior Royal Marines Officer, Reserve Ships.
Fleet Royal Marines Officer, South Atlantic and South America Station.

RANK, BRANCH, SQ AND MISCELLANEOUS BADGES

Reference: Items 7, 8 and 9b. of the 4th Corps Dress Committee Meeting.

1. Admiralty approval has been given to the general proposals for Rank, Branch, SQ and Miscellaneous badges submitted subsequent to the reference. Action is to be or is being taken on the following points:-

Item 7. Rank Insignia for the Bugler QMS - the present Bugler QMS and those promoted in the future may be issued with the split cap badge on the same scale as the QMS. In due course uniform regulations and the Manual of Victualling will be amended as necessary to cover the rank insignia and promotion issue of badges to this SNCO.

Item 8c. (2) Bandmasters of Staff Bands - present holders of this appointment may be issued with the leather wrist strap and metal Bandmaster badges. The scale of metal badges to be as for the QMS. Uniform regulations and the Manual of Victualling will be amended in due course.

Item 8d. Colour Sergeant (K) - arrangements are being made to provide an initial stock of red on white drill crowns. Details of availability will be promulgated later.

Item 8e. Bandmasters - stocks of red on blue serge Bandmasters badges are being disposed of. Any held by RM units should be returned to SVSO, South Western Area.

Item 8f. Drum and Bugle Majors - initial stocks of 4 bar gold on scarlet chevrons are being obtained. Details of availability will be promulgated later.