

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

BY

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It has now been announced in Parliament that Royal Marine Barracks, Chatham, will be vacated by the Royal Marines. The details of the proposed re-organisation are being published today in Royal Marine Routine Orders.

2. Chatham is our oldest home. We have been there since 1705 and have recently been honoured by the grant of the Freedom of the Borough. Although some Royal Marines will remain in Chatham, we are vacating the main Barracks, which have been ours since about 1780.

3. Against the loss of this old and venerated home of the Corps must be set the creation of newer establishments in areas which allow for more advanced and progressive training. The tradition of the Corps must be perpetuated, not by bricks and mortar, but in the efficiency and morale of our active units.

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