

An intake of 100 NS Musicians for the Royal Marines Band Service has now been approved for the financial year 1952/53. The intention is to recruit trained instrumentalists in the following categories of instruments :-

Flute and Piccolo	Bassoon	Trombone
Oboe	Horn	Violin
Clarinet	Cornet	Viola

2. All Candidates will normally join with Royal Marines NS Squads at ITCRM and will have an audition immediately after joining. These candidates who are successful at the audition will then be sent to RMSM Deal where they will be enlisted into the RM Band Service. Unsuccessful candidates will be enlisted as Royal Marines National Servicemen and will commence training with the NS Squad with whom they joined.

INITIAL TRAINING

3. This will last from 6 to 12 weeks and will consist of
- (a) Elementary Drill.
 - (b) Band Ceremonial Drill.

SERVICE.

4. On completion of training musicians will be drafted for service in RM Bands in the Middle East, Home Fleet, and Home Ships and Establishments.

5. During training selected musicians will be earmarked as possible candidates for promotion and during their service will be noted as candidates, if they are considered suitable by their Commanding Officer. Such candidates will be reported to the Commandant, RMSM, who will be responsible for accepting the names of candidates and promulgating the date of candidature. The final method of selection will be promulgated in due course. After a minimum of 12 months service a number of selected candidates will be sent to RMSM for promotion courses and if successful subsequently promoted to acting rank.

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