

312. AMALGAMATION OF SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND GROUP BANDS (AFO 2333/50)  
AND DISBANDMENT OF CHATHAM GROUP BAND - TRANSFER OF RECORDS

The records of ranks of the Portsmouth and Plymouth Group Bands will be transferred, commencing 1st September, 1950, to the Royal Marine School of Music when new Official Numbers will be allocated from the present "RMB" series. The transfer and allocation of new Official Numbers will be promulgated in Part II Orders issued by FRORM. Ranks of these Bands will, in future, only be shown in strength returns of the amalgamated RM Band Service.

2. Ranks of the Chatham Group Band being posted to the Staff Band of the RM School of Music and C-in-C Nore's Band will similarly be transferred on 1st September, 1950.

3. Under the terms of AFO 2333/50, <sup>amended by AFO 3417/51.</sup> paragraph 3, members of the existing Group Bands will continue to serve under their old terms until their present engagements expire; i.e. they will remain immobile. Registers of service and drafting records are to be endorsed accordingly.

4. On transfer all ranks will wear the uniform appropriate to the Band in which they serve.

5. In accordance with AFO 2333/50, paragraph 4, as from 1st September, 1950, designations will be as follows :-

Royal Marine School of Music.  
Staff Band, Portsmouth Group, Royal Marines.  
Staff Band, Plymouth Group, Royal Marines.  
Staff Band, Royal Marine School of Music.

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