

It has been found that the status of Staff Sergeants RM has been confused with that of Army Staff Sergeants to the detriment of the former. The Army Staff Sergeant is equivalent to the Royal Marine Colour Sergeant, whereas the true relative rank in the Army of Royal Marine Staff Sergeant is WO II.

2. It has accordingly been approved to alter the title of "Staff Sergeant" to "Quartermaster Sergeant", which title will be applicable to all RM ranks of equivalent status to the Army WO II (i.e. all those on the 12/6 rate of pay).

3. The title "Staff Sergeant" on pages 2, 3 and 4 of the Service Certificates of all ranks concerned is to be amended to read "Quartermaster Sergeant" (short title "QMS") wherever it occurs.