

Reference A.F.O. 2333/50 para 4, there appears to be confusion regarding the N.C.O. ranks in the amalgamated R.M. Band Service, with particular reference to Staff Bandmaster.

2. The N.C.O. ranks of the Royal Marines and their equivalent ranks in the R.M. Band Service, together with old rank equivalents in the Group Bands are as follows:-

<u>NCOs, Royal Marines</u>	<u>NCOs, R.M. Band Service</u>	<u>Old equivalent in Group Bands</u>
Corporal	Band Corporal	Corporal
Sergeant	Band Sergeant	Sergeant
Colour Sergeant	Bandmaster	Band Sergeant
Q.M.S.	Staff Bandmaster	No equivalent

3. The old rank of Band Sergeant in a Group Band was a staff appointment; the rank wore the uniform of a Sergeant on the Staff and was paid as a Colour Sergeant. This rank now becomes a Bandmaster and the dress of this rank is under consideration. He has no connection with the superior rank of Staff Bandmaster referred to in A.F.O. 2333/50, para 4.

4. Henceforth the R.M. Band Service ranks are to be used for all purposes.

5. Drum Major is an appointment from Colour Sergeants and Sergeants of the GD Branch of the Corps.