

*75. THE PRINCE'S BADGE

1. On 9 March 1978, HRH The Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh KG KT, to mark the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his appointment as the Captain General Royal Marines and in recognition of the service provided for him by the Royal Marines Band Service, directed that the best all-round Musician III or Bugler III from each annual intake should be awarded the Cypher 'PP' surrounded by a lyre and referred to as 'The Prince's Badge'. He further directed that this emblem should be worn throughout the Badgeman's service in the Royal Marines in every rank. The award carries with it six months accelerated advancement to Musician or Bugler 1st Class and the recipient is eligible for an award of back-dated seniority as a candidate for promotion.

2. Full details of the award have been passed to HQ Training Group RM and will be incorporated in RMIs in due course. The first award will be made this year.