

Honours and Awards
8th Battalion, Royal Marines

The following is an appreciation of the 8th Battalion, Royal Marines, by the Commander-in-Chief, Western Approaches:

‘ Before the departure of the 8th Battalion, Royal Marines, I desire to express to Colonel Chichester, Officers and Men, my appreciation of the way they have carried out their duties under exceptionally difficult circumstances.

2. Guarding isolated stations, surrounded by people who were theoretically unfriendly and practically constrained to appear so, their high sense of discipline and studied moderation in carrying out their duties, enabled them to overcome all difficulties, and in most disturbed districts I was informed by the country people that they regarded the Royal Marine Detachments as their protectors.

3. With great regret I view their departure, and wish them all success and prosperity in their future careers. ‘

(Sgd.) E. F. A. Gaunt, Vice Admiral,
Commander-in-Chief.