

2478.—Royal Marine Engineer Battalion

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The formation of a Royal Marine Engineer Unit is well advanced. The unit is of a technical nature employing officers of the Civil Engineering profession and skilled and semi-skilled tradesmen and labourers under the control of a Commanding Officer (Works) directly responsible to the Civil Engineer-in-Chief. It will supplement the existing facilities of the Civil Engineer-in-Chief's Department for execution of urgent works. The unit will be under the disciplinary control of a Royal Marine Officer and further details of organisation, etc., will be issued in due course to the authorities concerned.

2. The selection of works to be allocated to the Royal Marine Engineers will be made by the Civil Engineer-in-Chief. The unit is of a mobile character and will be liable to transfer to any sites to carry out selected works.