

*Responsibility for Selections for Promotion*

In accordance with the provisions of A.F.O. 3173/47, paragraph 1 (c) all selections for substantive promotion to and in non-commissioned rank, with the exception for the present of R.M. Band ranks and tradesmen, will be made by the Director of Pay and Records, Royal Marines.

2. The selections for promotion of those branches excepted in paragraph 1 above will be made by the following authorities:—

Tradesmen ... The Commanding Officer, Technical Training Centre, R.M.

R.M. Bands ... The Commandant, R.N. School of Music.

R.M. Group Bands The Commanding Officer of the parent R.M. Barracks.

These exceptions will be subject to review in six months' time.

*Promulgation of Promotions*

3. The promulgation of all promotions will be made by the Director of Pay and Records, Royal Marines, in "Promotions of Other Ranks, Royal Marines". This will be the sole authority for Commanding Officers to effect individual substantive promotions. On receipt, Commanding Officers are to make the promotion with effect from the date shown unless:—

(a) The rank's conduct since his last quarterly report has shown him to be unfit for promotion.

(b) He has been permanently graded below medical category R.M.II. In such cases the Commanding Officer is to inform Director of Pay and Records by signal forthwith, so that the authority may be cancelled, and is to forward a full report by letter.

4. "Promotions of Other Ranks, Royal Marines" will also contain notifications of reductions and reversions; cancellations, qualifications and other matters affecting promotion. Issues will be made to Commanding Officers of all R.M. Establishments and Units, and H.M. Ships and Establishments in which a Royal Marine detachment is borne. "Promotions of Other Ranks, Royal Marines", are to be made accessible for scrutiny by all concerned.

*Corps Rolls of Non-commissioned Officers and Candidates*

5. All the substantive non-commissioned officers in the corps, with the exceptions already referred to in paragraph 2, will eventually be listed in order of seniority on a Corps Roll of Non-Commissioned Officers, with separate lists for each rank. The following are the lists which will form the corps roll:—

(a) Regimental Sergeants Major.

(b) Staff Sergeants.

(c) Colour Sergeants (excluding bugle ranks, signallers and cooks who have special lists, see below) on the following four lists.

(i) Chatham List—promoted before 28th October, 1947.

(ii) Portsmouth List—promoted before 28th October, 1947.

(iii) Plymouth List—promoted before 28th October, 1947.

(iv) Corps List—promoted on and after 28th October, 1947.

(d) Sergeants—as above for Colour Sergeants.

(e) Corporals—as above for Colour Sergeants.

(f) Bugle Majors.

(g) Sergeant Buglers.

(h) Corporal Buglers.

(i) Colour Sergeants (Signals).

(j) Sergeants (Signals).

(k) Corporals (Signals).

(l) Colour Sergeants (Cooks).

(m) Sergeants (Cooks).

(n) Corporals (Cooks).

6. The Corps Roll of candidates for promotion will contain the names of all Marines with the exception of those named in paragraph 1 and those on the following four special lists:—

(a) Probationary or provisional candidates, so long as these continue to exist.

(b) Marines (Signals).

(c) Buglers.

(d) Cooks.