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Excellent Behaviour of Chatham Band whilst  
serving in H.M.S. "Ophir."

The following copy of a letter addressed to the Colonel-Commandant, Chatham Division, R.M.L.I., by Commodore Winsloe, R.N., is published for information :—

H.M.S. "Ophir,"

Portsmouth, 2nd November 1901.

Sir,

I cannot allow the band of the Royal Marines to return to their head-quarters without informing you of their excellent behaviour on board H.M.S. "Ophir."

I understand that few of them have ever been to sea before, and on board ship they have to put up with some discomfort. Yet during the whole cruise I have not had one man brought before me, and their mess deck has been particularly clean and well kept.



Their playing, both on board and on shore, has given great pleasure to many officers and colonists ; and although when on shore they were, from the fact of their belonging to the Royal Squadron, subject to many temptations, they have always been a credit to the ship and also to the Royal Marines.

I have the honour to be,

(Signed)

A. L. WINSLOE,

Commodore.

Colonel-Commandant

Herbert St. George Schomberg, C.B.,

R.M. Barracks, Chatham.