

20. **Warrant Officers, Classes I. & II., Royal Marines.**

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved the establishment of the rank of Warrant Officer, Class II., in the Royal Marines, and of the Warrant Officers, Royal Marines, who were serving on the 27th August, 1915, being classed as Warrant Officers, Royal Marines, Class I., as follows:—

*To be Warrant Officers, R.M., Class I.*

Sergeant-Majors.

Bandmasters.

Superintending Clerks.

Schoolmasters (Warrant Officers).

*To be Warrant Officers R.M., Class II.*

Staff Clerks, London.

Quartermaster Sergeants, (including Barrack Q.M. Sergeants).

Quartermaster-Sergeant Instructors of Gunnery.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Instructors of Musketry.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Instructors of Physical Training.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Instructors of Infantry.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Instructors of Swimming.

Schoolmasters (Non-Commissioned Officers).

Colour Sergeants appointed as Company Sergeants will be placed under Warrant Officers, Royal Marines, Class II., with the title of Company Sergeant-Major.

2. Their Lordships further approve of Warrant Officers of both classes receiving the Royal Marine Pay and Allowances and Pensions at present authorised for the appointments which they hold, together with Lodging Money and Fuel and Light allowances as provided under Army Regulations, but Colour Sergeants who become Company Sergeant Majors (Warrant Officers, Class II.) will be advanced from Class IV. (a) to Class II. for pension purposes (Article 1196, King's Regulations). The scale and conditions as to Widows' Pensions is to be the same as for corresponding Army rank.

3. The character of Warrant Officers, Class II., is to be assessed annually on their Service Certificates as at present.

10. 20. 4. They will be treated in the matter of discharge on the  
 Feb., lines laid down for Non-Commissioned Officers and not on those  
 1916. for Warrant Officers, Class I

5. Their Lordships have also decided that these alterations shall take effect from the 27th August, 1915, for all purposes except so far as Widows' Pensions and Children's Compassionate Allowances are concerned, in which case they shall have effect as from the beginning of the present War.

6. Their Lordships have also approved of the following badges of rank being worn by the Warrant Officers specified:—

*Warrant Officer, Class I.*

*Badge.*

Sergeant-Majors*	Royal Arms.
Bandmasters	Lyre, Crown and Wreath (As at present)
Superintending Clerks	Royal Arms
Schoolmasters	Royal Arms

\* The Hospital Sergeant-Major at the Dépôt, R.M., Deal, to wear a Geneva Cross in addition.

*Warrant Officers, Class II.*

*Badge.*

Staff Clerks, London.	Crown.
Quartermaster-Sergeants.	
Barrack Quartermaster-Sergeants.	
Q.M.S.I. of Gunnery	Crown (Crossed guns in addition).
„ Musketry	Crown (Crossed rifles in addition).
„ Physical Training	Crown (Crossed clubs in addition).
„ Infantry	Crown.
„ Swimming	
Schoolmasters	
Company Sergeant-Majors	

All the above badges to be worn below the elbow.

7. No alteration will be made in the clothing of Warrant Officers, Class I., nor of N.C. Officers advanced to Class II., except Colour Sergeants appointed Company Sergeant-Majors, who will be clothed and equipped in all respects the same as other Warrant Officers of this Class, other than Schoolmasters.

8. Warrant Officers, Class II., will be issued with "Sam Browne" equipment.

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