

Royal Marine Labour Companies.

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The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved
of the Naval Labour Companies, Army Service Corps, in
France, being transferred to the Royal Marines.

2. They will be called the "Royal Marine Labour Companies," Officers will be given temporary Commissions in the Royal Marines; men will be enlisted for the Royal Marines for three years or the period of the War. Those already serving on Army Service Corps Attestations will be transferred to the Royal Marines.

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3. The Officers and men will be borne on Shore strength on Home Base Ledger at Deal, and will serve under the Army Act whilst in France.

4. A detachment will be stationed at each port and will be at the disposal of the Divisional Naval Transport Officer of the port. The complements will be as follows:—

	Capt.	Lieut. & 2nd Lieuts.	C.S.M.	C.Q.M.S.	Sergts.	Corpls.†	Ptes.
				R.M.L.I.			
Havre	1	3	1	2	*15	108	840
Rouen	1	2	1	2	*14	60	400
Fecamp	—	1	—	—	2	12	93
Boulogne	1	2	1	2	*14	62	490
Calais	1	2	1	2	*12	80	623
Dunkirk	1	4	1	2	*18	140	963
St. Valery	—	—	—	—	1	5	41

* Including 1 Sergeant R.M.L.I. as Police Sergeant.

† One per 8 Privates.

Any further increases to receive Admiralty sanction. The Company Sergeant-Major and Company-Quartermaster-Sergeant, R.M.L.I., will carry out the duties of administration, returns, pay, &c.

5. HEADQUARTERS STAFF OVERSEAS:

- 1 Major R.M.L.I., in command. To be attached to the Staff of the Principal Naval Transport Officer.
- 1 Acting-Adjutant (R.M.L.I.)
- 1 Sergeant Major (W.O.I.) for Q.M.S. duties (Returns and Clothing).
- 2 Sergeants (Clerks).
- 1 Marine Officer's attendant.
- 1 Major R.M. Officer i/c Labour.

6. HOME BASE STAFF FOR PAY AND RECORDS:

The Assistant Paymaster will assist the Paymaster, Deal, in charge of the Ledger.

- 1 Superintending Clerk (W.O.I.) } For Home Base
- 9 N.C. Officers as Pay Sergeants } Ledger.
- 2 Cr. Sergts. or Sergts. (Clerks) for Allotments and Separation Allowance.
- 1 Cr.-Sergt. or Sergt. (Clerk) } For Records,
- 1 Corporal (Clerk) } &c.

7. RECRUITING:

Recruits to replace wastage will be recruited by the Inspector of Recruiting, who will consult with the Director

- *2 pairs Boots.
- *2 pairs Drawers, woollen.
- *1 Jersey.
- *1 Greatcoat, grey.
- *2 Shirts, grey flannel.
- *2 Shirts, white flannel.
- *2 pairs Socks.
- *1 Kit bag W.P. Army Pattern.

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* Not to be issued until similar Articles now in their possession require replacement.

Necessaries on the same scale as for Short Service Recruits Royal Marines.

All clothing will be issued from the Dépôt R.M., Deal, in a similar manner to clothing issued to detachments in H.M. Ships.

Cap badges will be "Globe and Laurel," and shoulder badges "R.M.L.C." No collar badges will be issued.

Clothing at present in use will be retained until worn out, substituting "R.M.L.C." for "A.S.C." shoulder badges. All replacements will be as above. Each man will be issued with a waist-belt (buff or brown leather). Haversacks and Water-bottles will be requisitioned if required by Major as requisite.

Oilskins and Sou'-westers will be issued on loan to working parties exposed to weather in winter, and will be provided by D.N.T.O.

Bedding will be issued at each Base on loan, the Officer Commanding Detachment being responsible for its custody, and inquiring into losses and damage as directed in Article 1373 King's Regulations.

A small reserve stock of R.M. clothing and necessaries will be maintained at each Base to complete kits of men who may be sentenced to imprisonment, &c.

Necessary demands will be prepared by the Major R.M.L.I. in Command, the O.C. Detachment will have charge of the clothing, and be responsible for its issue and raising of any necessary charges, corresponding direct with the Dépôt, R.M., Deal, for this purpose.