

## 80.—Royal Marine Police—Formation, &c.

It has been decided to replace the Metropolitan Police employed at Royal Naval Armament Depôts and Magazines, and other establishments where their services are not required in the ordinary course for the prevention of crime, by a Force of Royal Marine Pensioners enlisted for this purpose as "Royal Marine Police."

This Force is administered by the Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, and is attached for Record, Pay, Clothing and Discipline to the several Royal Marine Divisions under the supervision of the Colonels Commandant. The Force will be responsible for its own victualling arrangements.

2. ORGANISATION.—The new Force is organised in three Grades, and the establishment is:—

250	...	...	Grade III.
30	...	...	Grade II.
5	...	...	Grade I.

together with seven retired Captains or Lieutenants R.M. voluntarily re-employed under special conditions of service to Officer this Unit.

The R.M. Police forms an integral part of the R.M. Forces, additional to Fleet requirements, and is subject to Military Law as applicable to Royal Marines on shore generally. It is the duty of Officers and men to enforce all orders and regulations laid down for their guidance and to ensure the safety of the Depôts, Magazines, and other establishments placed in their charge.

The personnel furnished by this Force will carry out the usual duties and only exercise the authority of a Military guard, but subject to this limitation will conform with the Police routine within the precincts of the various establishments. Pending conferment of further powers, they will therefore only detain civil offenders in cases warranting detention until they can be handed over to the civil police, who are to be communicated with at once in such cases.

The R.M. Police and Metropolitan Police, when sufficiently near to work together, will co-operate in case of fire, and appliances held on charge by the Metropolitan Police are at the service of the R.M. Police when required.

Officers Commanding stations will exercise the powers of Officers Commanding Detachments under para. 457 K.R. & O.A.; serious offences are to be referred to the Colonel Commandant of the Division to which the station is affiliated.

The relation of the new Force to the Admirals Superintendent, and the Officers in charge of the Depôts, is the same as those which existed in the case of the Metropolitan Police.

R.M. Police will be accommodated at the Ordnance Depôts, etc., in the same buildings and under the same conditions as the Metropolitan Police formerly employed.

Royal Marine Divisions to which stations are affiliated are as follows:—

STATION.	R.M. DIVISION
Upnor	
Lodge Hill and Chattenden	Chatham.
Crambie	
Banstead	
Bedenham	
Priddy's Hard	
Frater Point	
New Gun Wharf	
Marchwood	
Holton Heath	
Bull Point	
Floating Magazines	Plymouth.

3. EXPENDITURE.—All expenditure in connection with the R.M. Police is to be kept separate, and is chargeable as follows:

Pay and Allowances, including cost of uniform.  
Contingent expenses.

Vote 9, Subhead D.  
Vote and Subhead to which chargeable in the case of civilian employees, e.g., Travelling, Vote 11.

4. RANKS.—The several ranks held by R.M. Police, which are to be used in all official correspondence, are as follows:

Grade III	...	...	R.M. Policeman.
Grade II	...	...	R.M. Police-Sergeant.
Grade I.	...	...	R.M. Police Inspector.

(a) GRADE III.—The third Grade will consist of long service pensioners, Royal Marines, enlisted under special engagements for successive periods of five years or less, under the terms of the Royal Marines Acts, 1847 and 1857, up to the age of 50 provided their services are so long required. In special cases they may, with Admiralty approval, be retained till the age of 55, if they so desire and their services are required.

These men will enlist in Grade III irrespective of the rank held on enlisting, and will be eligible for promotion in the R.M. Police by selection. They will, however, be liable to discharge at the end of their engagement or earlier if their services are no longer required, even though they may in the interval, have been promoted to another Grade.

(b) GRADE II.—The second Grade will consist in the first instance of long service pensioners, Royal Marines, pensioned with the rank of sergeant or above, who after enlistment in Grade III, are selected for promotion. Grade II. will be subsequently replenished, as vacancies arise, by men in Grade III. who have passed for Grade II. and are selected for promotion. They will be liable to discharge as in the case of Grade III.

N.C.O.'s and men who belong to Class "A" of the R.F.R. will be discharged from the Reserve on enlistment in the R.M. Police.

(c) GRADE I.—The first Grade will consist, in the first instance, of retired Warrant Officers, Royal Marines, and will be subsequently replenished, as vacancies arise, by appointment of suitable pensioners or by promotion from Grade II.

Grade I. Officers promoted from Grade II. are liable to revert to pension at any time at the discretion of the Admiralty, and in any case not later than on attaining the age of 57.

Retired Officers and Warrant Officers (in Grade I.) re-employed with this Unit will be liable to revert to the retired list at the discretion of the Admiralty, and in any case not later than on attaining the age of 57.

ACTING RANK.—When, owing to sickness or other causes, a R.M. Policeman (Grade III.) has to be detailed to perform duties normally performed at the Station by a R.M. Police Sergeant, such R.M. Policeman may be granted the rank of acting R.M. Police Sergeant, whilst he is actually employed upon these special duties. Such acting rank will not carry any extra pay, nor will it count as time in the higher grade. The appointment will be made at the discretion of the O.C. R.M. Police Unit. Special Armlets for the use of Acting R.M. Police Sergeants will be supplied on demand to the O.C. R.M. Police Unit, by the Division to which affiliated. These Armlets are to be held on charge by the O.C. Unit to whom issued.