

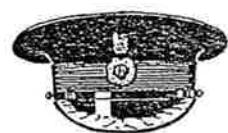
THE ROYAL MARINES

1923-1946

1923 saw the end of the 'Reds' and 'Blues' with the amalgamation of the RMA and RMLI to form the Corps of Royal Marines. In the twenties RM Battalions were formed for specific service in Ireland, Constantinople and Shanghai, but between the wars was really a period of consolidation and re-organisation for the Corps. When war was declared in 1939, it was only 12,000 strong but by 1944 it had risen to 78,500. The Second World War again gave full scope to the Corps to show its versatility, particularly in the Commando role. The first RM Commando (40) was raised early in 1942 and took part in the raid on Dieppe. By D-Day 1944, there were nine RM Commandos numbered from 40 to 48 inclusive and when the Army Commandos were disbanded in 1946, this role passed exclusively to the Corps.

1. Colonel Commandant (Review Order).	1928
2. Field Officer (Mess Dress).	1939
3. Officer (Fighting Order).	1941
4. Marine (Embarkation Order).	1938
5. Corporal (Khaki Drill, Review Order).	1939
6. Colour Sergeant (Review Order).	1935
7. Marine (RM Commando NW Europe).	1944
8. QMSI (First Drill) (Drill Order).	1938
9. Recruit (Khaki, Drill Order).	1939
10. Corporal (RM Provost Coy).	1943
11. Marine (Blue Battledress).	1944
12. Marine (RM Commando Far East).	1945
13. Musician (RM Divisional Band Review Order).	1935
14. General Officer (Review Order).	1936

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Field Officers



Other Officers
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Other Ranks



General



Lieutenant
General



Major
General



Brigadier



Colonel



Lieutenant-
Colonel



Major



Captain



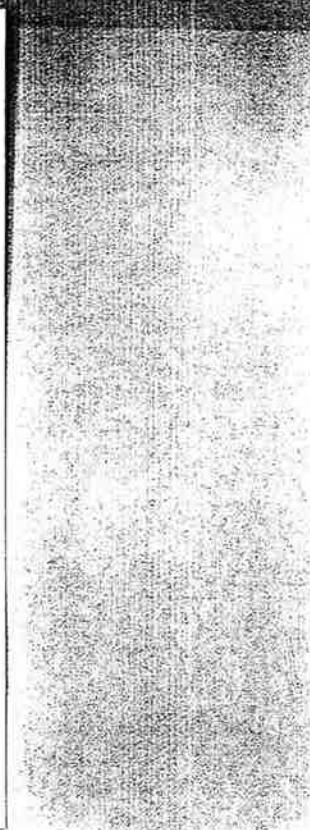
Lieutenant



Second
Lieutenant
and
Commissioned
W.O.



(No)



Sergeant-Major



Company Sergeant-Major
and
Quartermaster Sergeant



Colour
Sergeant



Sergeant



Corporal



Lance-Corporal



Provost Sergeant



Warrant Officer's
Badge



Drum-Major

Bugle-Major similar
but with Bugle
above Chevrons



Bandmaster,
1st Class



Bandmaster,
2nd Class



Band Corporal



Bugler