

Chatham Group will cease to exist and the Royal Marine Barracks, Chatham, will be vacated by the Royal Marines during 1950.

2. PRORI and the Clothing Centre will remain in Melville Barracks and the Gun Battery. Both these units will come under administrative command of Portsmouth Group.

3. Portsmouth Group will also assume command of Royal Marines, Deal. The Commanding Officer, Royal Marines, Deal, will continue to communicate direct with CGRM in the capacity of Commandant, Royal Naval School of Music.

4. The programme is forecasted as under; executive orders will be issued in due course for each stage :-

1st May, 1950

- All formed Royal Marine detachments and drafts detailed for Sea-service after this date do pre-embarkation training at Portsmouth Group.

31st August, 1950

- Headquarters Chatham Group closes. All remaining units come under command Portsmouth Group (paras 2 and 3 refer).

30th September, 1950

- Chatham Barracks close.

1st December, 1950

- Chatham Barracks Rear Party disperses.