

RM Officers Specializing in Flying Duties in the Naval Air Arm

AFO 1648 - RM Officers Specializing in Flying Duties in the Naval Air Arm - is reproduced below.

"Their Lordships intend that in the post-war Naval Air Arm Royal Marine Officers should play a larger part than hitherto and that the Corps as a whole should be able to take a greater share in the air activities of the Navy. Royal Marine Officers with flying experience will have a very real place in the Corps and in senior ranks, and officers already serving with the Naval Air Arm should not feel that they have been handicapped in their prospects of promotion by the time they have spent away from the Corps on air duties.

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2. In order to implement the above policy it has been decided to re-open specialization as pilots to Royal Marine Officers holding the rank of confirmed Lieutenant and who are under the age of twenty four. On successfully completing pilot training, officers will remain in air appointments for about four years and will then revert to Corps duties. Selected officers will, after a period of Corps duties, be employed in the Naval Air Arm for further periods of two to three years in more responsible appointments.

3. Names of volunteers should be forwarded through administrative authorities to C. G. R. M. accompanied by a report on the officer's suitability for specialization."

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