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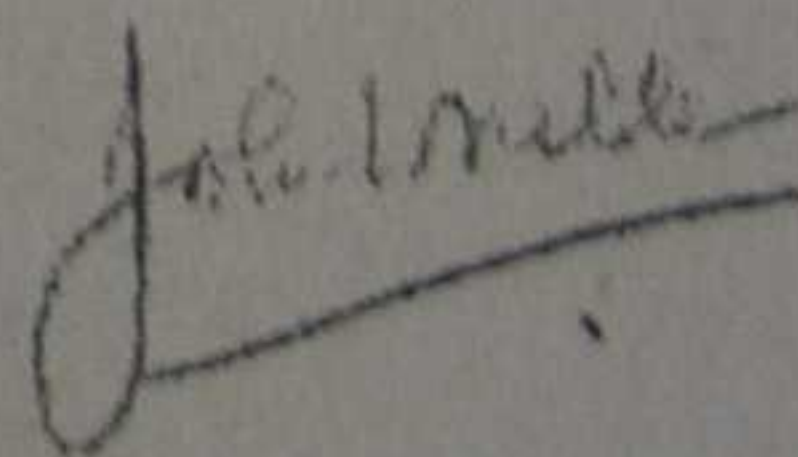
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Promotion - Sergeant Major, Warrant Officer and Quartermaster

In order to improve the general standards of Sergeant Major, Superintending Clerk (WO) and Quartermaster throughout the Corps and to accord promotion to those who merit it rather than to those whom chance places on the top of the lists, the following arrangements are being made.

2. After the war in addition to the present Commandants' Recommendations, educational and special examinations and service qualifications, candidates for Sergeant Major, Superintending Clerk (WO) and Quartermaster will appear for interview before Selection Boards. Promotions to these ranks will be based on the candidates' records and the recommendations of the Selection Board.
3. Promotion to the rank of Staff Sergeant Major (WO) will be by selection and will be based on the record and suitability of the candidate while serving in the junior rank.
4. Lieutenant (Quartermaster) will continue to be promoted Captain after three years service as Lieutenant but promotion to Major and higher rank will be by selection.
5. Instructions regarding the Selection Boards will be issued when the end of the war is nearer. In the meanwhile all the above promotions will generally be more selective, such selection being based on confidential reports. Reporting officers will bear these principles in mind when framing confidential, quarterly and special reports.

This instruction is to be brought to the notice of those concerned.
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Distribution: List "A".

- (i) Military training
- (ii) Landing craft
- (iii) Signals
- (iv) Motor transport
- (v) Clerical duties
- (vi) P. and R.T.
- (vii) Cooking
- (viii) Land artillery
- (ix) Tradesman's duties (Tradesmen only)
- (x) Music (Band only)

This list will vary from time to time in accordance with the requirements of the service.

6. Advancement

With the exception of R.M. Band ranks and Tradesmen, the qualifications for promotion in each rank will be as follows:-

- (a) In principle all N.C.O's must hold at least a 3rd Class Gunnery rate prior to embarkation. Marines 1st Class candidates for promotion must therefore qualify for 3rd Class Gunnery rate prior to taking the Junior Promotion Course.
- (b) To Corporal. Passed Junior Promotion class and be in possession of a 2nd Class Gunnery rate or an equivalent standard in one of the subjects in para. 5. above.
- (c) To Sergeant. Passed Senior Promotion class and be **in possession of a 1st class gunnery rate or an equivalent standard in one of the subjects in para. 5 above.**
- (d) To Colour Sergeant. By selection.
- (e) To Staff Sergeant and Sergeant Major. By selection and by educational examination.
- (f) The conditions of promotion of Band ranks and R.M. Tradesmen will be similar to the above except that the "professional" qualification will be in music or a trade respectively.

7. Allocation to subjects.

Other ranks will be given the option of choosing their ladder of qualification and advancement subject to the requirements of the service and their individual mental and physical attributes.

Conversion may be made at any stage of advancement to meet the requirements of the service or the physical deterioration of the individual e.g. eyesight becoming defective.

8. Staff Sergeant and Sergeant Major

There are no Naval equivalents to these ranks. Rates of pay will be :-

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- (a) Staff Sergeants. Basic 11/- per day plus increment at 3d. rate and badge pay
- (b) Sergeants Major. Basic 12/6 per day plus increments at 3d. rate and badge pay

Marriage allowance for Staff Sergeants and Sergeants Major will be 45/- per week with a qualifying allotment of 28/- per week. The provision of A.G.M. 484 20th May will apply.

9. Boy Buglers and Boy Musicians

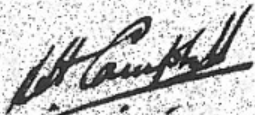
Rates which will be promulgated later will be the same as for Seaman Boys.

10. Application of the above

Details of qualifications and courses will be published shortly by A.F.O. Instructions will also be issued on the method of applying the above principles to other ranks who have not yet specifically qualified under the new scheme. In principle this system will be similar to the instructions already published in respect of Naval ratings and NS rates.

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