

Complements of Ships' Marine Detachments

The following tables show the number of Marines carried in HM Ships towards the beginning and end of two centuries service as Sea Soldiers:

1747 Draft of Regulations and Instructions relating to the Marine Regiments:

<i>Guns</i>	<i>Cpts</i>	<i>Lieuts</i>	<i>Sgts</i>	<i>Cpls</i>	<i>Drums</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Total</i>
100/90	1	3	4	4	3	100	115
80/74	1	2	3	3	2	80	91
70/64	1	2	2	2	2	70	79
60/50	1	1	2	2	1	60	67
40	-	1	2	2	1	50	56
20	-	1	1	1	-	30	33
Sloops	-	-	1	1	1	20	23

This was implemented in the 1770s as follows¹:

<i>Guns</i>	<i>Cpts</i>	<i>Lieuts</i>	<i>Sgts</i>	<i>Cpls</i>	<i>Drums</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Total</i>
100	1	3	4	5	2	130	145
90	1	3	4	4	2	124	124
80/74	1	2	2	4	1	80	90
70/64	1	2	2	2	1	50	57
60	1	1	2	2	1	45	52
50	-	2	1	1	1	40	45
44	-	2	1	1	1	35	40
36/32	-	1	1	1	-	30	33
28	-	1	1	1	-	28	31
20	-	1	1	1	-	20	23
18/14	-	-	1	1	-	10	12

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1) Royal Marines:

<i>Ship (Class)</i>	<i>Major</i>	<i>Cpts</i>	<i>Lieuts</i>	<i>Sgts</i>	<i>Cpls</i>	<i>Bglrs</i>	<i>Mnes</i>	<i>Sub Total</i>
Nelson (B'ship)	-	1	2	8*	11	3	150	175
Hood (B'Cruiser)	1	1	1	8*	10	2	135	158
Exeter (8" Cruiser)	-	1	-	3*	4	2	45	55
Norfolk (8" Cruiser)	-	1	1	3*	8	2	56	71
Belfast (6" Cruiser)	-	1	1	4*	8	2	66	82
Ajax (6" Cruiser)	-	1	-	3	4	2	46	56
Cardiff (6" Cruiser)	-	1	-	2	4	1	35	43
Delhi (6" Cruiser)	-	1	-	3	4	1	38	47
Victorious (Carrier)	-	1	-	4*	6	2	55	68
Hermes (Carrier)	-	1	-	3	5	2	42	43

* Includes one Colour Sergeant, and in Nelson only a Staff Sergeant

2) Bandsmen and Tradesmen:

<i>Ship (Class)</i>	<i>Band Master</i>	<i>Bands Men</i>	<i>But- cher</i>	<i>Atten -dant</i>	<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>Total RM</i>
Nelson (B'ship)	2	22	3	1	28	203
Hood (B'Cruiser)	1	16	3	1	21	179
Exeter (8" Cruiser)	1	14	2	1	18	73
Norfolk (8" Cruiser)	1	14	2	1	18	89
Belfast (6" Cruiser)	1	14	2	1	18	100
Ajax (6" Cruiser)	1	11	1	1	14	70
Cardiff (6" Cruiser)	-	-	1	-	1	44
Delhi (6" Cruiser)	1	11	1	1	14	108
Victorious (Carrier)	1	14	3	1	19	87
Hermes (Carrier)	1	14	2	1	18	61

¹ RM 11/13/155 Lt William Ackroyd *Notebook* 1778