

# ROYAL MARINE BAND SERVICE

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## Corps Crest, Corps Colours & Cypher

### The Corps Crest

This crest is also the main component of the Royal Marines Cap/Beret badge.

The Corps Crest comprises 6 elements: The Lion and Crown, Gibraltar, The Globe, The Laurels, Fouled Anchor and Per Mare Per Terram.



#### **The Globe**

Presented by King George IV in 1827 in place of the one hundred and nine battle honours which the marines honorable earned.

#### **The Laurels**

Granted for gallantry displayed by the marines in the capture of Belles Isle in 1761.

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The Cap Badge of the Royal Marines



The Brunswick Star worn on the front of the Pith Helmet

## The Corps Colours

The following are the Corps colours, in sequence and proportion:



### Blue

Navy blue is the primary colour in the combination selected. It marks the intimate connection of the Corps with the RN. Blue was the colour of the facings on the uniform for over 100 years.

### Red

Drummer red is the secondary colour in the design. This tint of red is the old historic colour of the British Army and was worn by the infantry of the Corps from early times down to the introduction of scarlet in 1876.

### Green

Light Infantry green was worn on the shako by the infantry of the Corps for some years. It was perpetuated in the bugle strings of the RMLI

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### **Yellow**

Old gold, rather than yellow, is the colour closely associated with the early history of the Corps, as it was the distinctive colour of the dress and ensigns of the Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot from which the Corps originates.

### **The Royal Cypher**

The Royal Cypher appears on the drums and also on the backing cards of the bands when on parade:

