The Distribution of the Royal Marines on Lakes Ontario and Champlain, August 1814

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General Orders

Adjutant General’s Office, Montreal 18 August 1814

In compliance with instructions received from His Majesty’s Secretary of State that the 1st Battn Royal Marines is to be disposed of for Naval Service, Lieutenant-Colonel Williams will cause the following distribution for the Service of His Majesty’s Ships on the Lakes in the Canadas to be carried into effect:

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Lieutenant Colonel Williams will nominate the Officers for this Service and the Surgeon is to be directed to accompany the detachment to Lake Ontario.

The detachment for Upper Canada will march so as to arrive at Chateauguay to conduct them to Kingston and in the same day the Detachment for Lake Champlain is to be delivered over to the Senior Officer of the Royal Navy at that Station.

Lieutenant Colonel Williams with the Staff of the Battalion, and the Residue of Officers, Sergeants and Rank and File, not disposed of, as above directed and which are to comprise all the non-effective, and those least capable of active service are to repair to Chambly for the purpose of proceeding by Sorrel to Quebec, to embark for Halifax.

The Commander of the Forces in complying with the Orders of Government in this disposal of the Battalion of Royal Marines consider it an act of justice to that valuable and Respectable Corps, to declare his entire approbation of the correct conduct and steady discipline that has uniformly characterised the Royal Marines since their arrival in Canada … further praise at Oswego etc

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