

(U)1530.—Royal Marines—Introduction of the Qualification “Yeoman of Signals”  
into Signal Branch of Royal Marines

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1. The introduction of new complex communications equipment with increased traffic handling capacity has led to a requirement for specialised signal knowledge in a limited number of SNCOs billets. This requirement is met in the Army by the provision of a SNCO in the supervisory appointment of “Yeoman of Signals”.

2. It has been decided that a small number of Royal Marines Signals SNCOs should now be trained as “Yeoman of Signals” for employment in Commando Brigade Headquarters. These SNCOs will be selected by the Chief Signals Officer, Royal Marines in consultation with the Director of Drafting, Pay and Records, Royal Marines.

3. A “Yeoman of Signals” will be required to be able to:—

- a. give detailed training to and supervision of all Royal Marines signallers;
- b. control and supervise communications centres, including switchboard and cypher offices at Brigade Headquarters;
- c. set-up and operate radio networks and line facilities;
- d. advise on operating techniques, procedures and communication security.

4. The present qualification of Royal Marines Signals Instructor is to be allowed to lapse, but existing holders will be permitted to retain the title and privilege.

5. The award of the qualification “Yeoman of Signals” will carry no financial benefit, but ranks so qualified will be entitled to wear the present distinctive badge of Royal Marines Signals Instructor.

6. This new sub-specialisation is to be introduced with effect from the date of this Instruction.

7. QR & AI and BR 1283 will be amended.

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