

Headquarters Royal Marines



ROYAL MARINES ROUTINE ORDERS

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012* ROYAL MARINES INFORMATION SYSTEMS (IS) GROUP

1. Present IS management and training practices within the RMC are limited in structure and have not been formally developed to take account of the significant proliferation of IS that has occurred in recent years. The current strategy relies on unit support being provided by a cross section of personnel with a variety of backgrounds and training. These diverse practices place undue pressure on non-trained staff that distracts them from their primary task. The limited resources of the RM IT Support Section currently provide professional assistance.

2. A detailed study, entitled the "Management and Training for IS in the Royal Marines" (MATISM) has recently been concluded by HQRM. The main finding was that there is an urgent requirement to establish an IS Group to provide the functions of Systems Managers, Network Administrators and Systems Engineers for the RMC. The IS Group will be responsible for all non-BOWMAN IS within the RMC. The management of BOWMAN IS will be undertaken by the Signals branch following its introduction in 2004/05.

3. Annex A to this RMRO gives the new rules for Sgts and above who wish to apply for IS Group selection, together with the service conditions appertaining to career progression through the IS Group. These rules are effective from the date of this RMRO, except for individuals presently undergoing courses, for whom they are effective from the date they commenced training.

4. The contents of RMRO will be incorporated into BR 1283 Royal Marines Instructions (RMIs) and BR 1066 in due course. Until this time a copy of Annex A to this RMRO is to be placed in BR 1283.