

### 136 ORGANISATION AND ROLES OF COMMANDO RECONNAISSANCE TROOP

1. The revised organisation of the Commando Reconnaissance Troop is at Annex A to this Order. The technical ranks shown in this organisation are to be found from within the existing complement of a commando. One S3 from within the present complement will be required to be driver-trained in addition.

2. The troop has been complemented with 1 RL1, 2 RL2s and 4 RL3s. It is important that Commanding Officers should have the maximum flexibility in the selection of men for their Reconnaissance Troops. Commanding Officers should feel free to induct suitable ranks to the Troop and to post RL ranks to Rifle Troops in exchange. It should not necessarily be automatic for RL trained ranks to go only to the Reconnaissance Troop, and units may at times have an overbearing of RL ranks.

3. The Reconnaissance Troop should provide within the Commando a sub-unit of expert patrollers who can carry out tasks beyond the scope of the normal company reconnaissance patrols. In no way, however, must they replace these patrols. They will specialise in:

- a. Flank protection and the security of defiles.
- b. Diversionary operations.
- c. Deep reconnaissance.
- d. Protracted OPs in or close to enemy territory.
- e. Enemy identification.
- f. The selection of helicopter landing sites and the placement of aids by day or by night.
- g. Snow and mountain leading.
- h. Escape and evasion, to include resistance to interrogation.
- j. Parachuting.
- k. Provision of combat tracker teams.
- l. Use of surveillance devices.