

166. RECONNAISSANCE LEADERS—TRAINING

1. Two years experience of operations with reconnaissance troops has confirmed that changes are required in the training of Reconnaissance Leaders (RL). These reflect the increasingly important operational requirements for surveillance, specialisation in arctic warfare and cliff climbing. Cliff climbing being an essential part of adventure training, display work and an integral part of the Corps image.
2. *RL SQ.* RL will continue to be a three tier two course SQ, as follows:—
 - RL3 - Trained in a commando; SQ awarded by commanding officer.
 - RL2 - 8 week course at ITCRM.
 - RL1 - 6 week course at ITCRM.
3. Qualifications for these SQs are set out in annexes to this order.
4. *Cliff Climbing.* RLs who show an aptitude for cliff climbing during the RL2 course will carry out a 4 week climbing course. On completion they will be denoted RL2*. Provided these men retain their climbing skills they will be denoted RL1* on completion of the RL1 course. These will be the expert climbers but, as all RL1s will receive some instruction in climbing and will do the supervisors course, both they and RL2*s will be eligible to supervise and demonstrate cliff assault and roping techniques in accordance with the safety regulations required by RMRO 122/64.
5. *Surveillance Training.* Instructors for the surveillance devices now being introduced in units are provided by PW, and some of the devices are essentially part of the rifle company armoury. However all RLs must have a thorough knowledge of surveillance techniques and the equipment currently available.
6. *Arctic Warfare Training.* RL1s and RL2s will provide arctic warfare instructors for unit arctic warfare training. RL1s may be required to act as advisers in the absence of an RL officer. RL2 students will attend unit arctic warfare training on completion of their course.
7. *Parachuting.* RL1s and RL2s are required to parachute. Ideally RL3s should undergo the basic parachute course under unit arrangements before selection for a RL2 course; but this is not mandatory. Certain RL SNCOs may, in addition, be selected by commanding officers to qualify as Assistant Parachute Jumping Instructor (APJI).
8. *RL Officers.* Officers will be trained at ITCRM on the RL1 and RL2 courses, with supplementary parachute and arctic warfare instruction. They will be required to be able to supervise climbing and roping techniques. Some officers may be selected for Whifeshod courses.
9. *Introduction of Changes.* These changes were effective from 1st April 1969. Dates for courses will be embodied in the SQ training programme for 1969/70 in due course.
10. RMIs will be amended.