

## 26. THE SELECTION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OF ROYAL MARINES YEOMAN OF SIGNALS

1. *Application.* Any CSgt, Sgt or Cpl S1 may apply to his Commanding Officer to have his name noted as a potential Yeoman of Signals (Y of S) Candidate. His name must be forwarded by his unit with his Commanding Officer's recommendation to DRORM, copy to Signal and Clerk Training Wing (SCTW).
2. *Preparatory Training.* Potential Y of S candidates will be considered for preparatory training after serving 1 year as a SNCO S1 providing that they are still recommended by their Commanding Officers. Preparatory training will consist of:
  - a. *Mathematics Course at CTCRM.* CTCRM is to run 3 weeks Mathematics Courses as required for potential Y of S candidates who do not have GCE 'O' level mathematics. This course will conclude with the Army Y of S Mathematics Examination. CSO RM will arrange these courses and examinations direct with units, keeping HQ Training Group RM and DRORM informed. Candidates will attend this course without relief. CTCRM is to report the names of successful candidates to DRORM.
  - b. *Potential Y of S Preparatory Course.* The Potential Y of S Preparatory Course is a 6 week course run by the Royal Signals immediately before the Y of S Qualifying Examination. Its aim is to bring potential Y of S up to the standard required for the Y of S Qualifying Examination. CSO RM is to inform units which have potential Y of S candidates when a preparatory course is due. Units are to inform CSO RM of those candidates who are qualified and wish to attend the course. CSO RM will then co-ordinate the allocation of vacancies with 1 Signal Group. Candidates will attend this course without relief.
  - c. *Y of S Qualifying Examination.* The Y of S Qualifying Examination is run by the Royal Signals and lasts two days. The standards required for this examination are in Training Objective No. 31A of the Royal Signals Training Objectives. CSO RM is to apply to MOD Sigs 32a for vacancies to sit this examination, copy to OIC Manning and Records R Signals, HQ Training Group RM and DRORM.
3. *Selection.* The RM Y of S Selection Board will select Y of S candidates for the Army Telegraphists Course and Y of S Course from those who:
  - a. Have passed the Army Y of S Qualifying Examination.
  - b. Hold a PV clearance (to be arranged by DRORM).
4. *Training for Y of S Candidates Selected by the RM Y of S Selection Board.*
  - a. *Telegraphists' Crypto Course.* The Telegraphists' Crypto Course is a 7 weeks course run by 8 Signal Regiment Royal Signals.

- b. *Y of S Course.* The Y of S Course is a 7 months course run by the School of Signals, Blandford. Details of this course are shown in the Army Y of S Job Specification and Training Objectives.
- c. DRORM is to submit applications for both the Telegraphists' Crypto Course and the Y of S course to MOD Sigs 32a, copy to OIC Manning and Records R Signals, HQ Training Group RM, CTCRM and parent units.

5. *Withdrawal of Candidature.* Candidature may be withdrawn for the following reasons:

- a. At Candidate's own request.
- b. On Commanding Officer's recommendation.
- c. After candidate's third unsuccessful attempt at the Qualifying Examination.
- d. On the direction of the RM Y of S Selection Board.

6. *Employment.* The Corps will maintain 3 complement billets for Y of S as follows:

- a. HQ Commando Forces RM Signal Troop. — WO2/CSgt
- b. HQ and Signal Squadron 3 Commando Brigade RM. — CSgt/WO2
- c. CTCRM (SCTW) — CSgt/WO2

7. *Career Pattern.* The typical career pattern for Yof S will be:

- a. CTCRM.
- b. HQ and Signal Squadron 3 Commando Brigade RM.
- c. HQ Commando Forces RM Signal Troop.

with one tour as an S1 interposed between these 3 appointments as convenient and as decided by DODAR. In order to affect this pattern of employment there may be at any one time 4 trained Yof S.

8. *Promotion.* Qualified Y of S will be promoted Acting CSgt. In the event of a CSgt (Y of S) being drafted to HQ Commando Forces RM Signal Troop DODAR is to draft a WO2 (S1) to HQ Commando Forces RM Signal Troop as OC.

9. *Royal Marines Y of S Selection Board.* MGRM Training is to convene a Y of S Selection Board annually at CTCRM. The Board is to comprise:

President: CSO RM.

Members: An Officer from DRORM.

A Signal Officer serving in a Signals Appointment.