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OPERATIONS BRANCH

3\* AMALGAMATION OF CARPENTERS AND ASSAULT ENGINEERS BRANCH

1. From the 1 April 1990, the Carpenters Branch will be amalgamated into the Assault Engineers' Branch, and will cease to exist as an independent specialisation. Despite this amalgamation, there remains a continuing, albeit reduced, need for carpenter expertise both at the grade 3 and grade 2 level. This will now be provided by suitably qualified Assault Engineers. The CARP1 level of specialisation will be disestablished.

2. In future, operational units will be provided with CARP support from the AE troop with equivalent numbers of AEs holding the CARP Adqual to replace the present CARP establishment. In UK based units, CARP support will be provided by Directly Employed Labour (DEL). The following CARP and DEL support will be complemented:

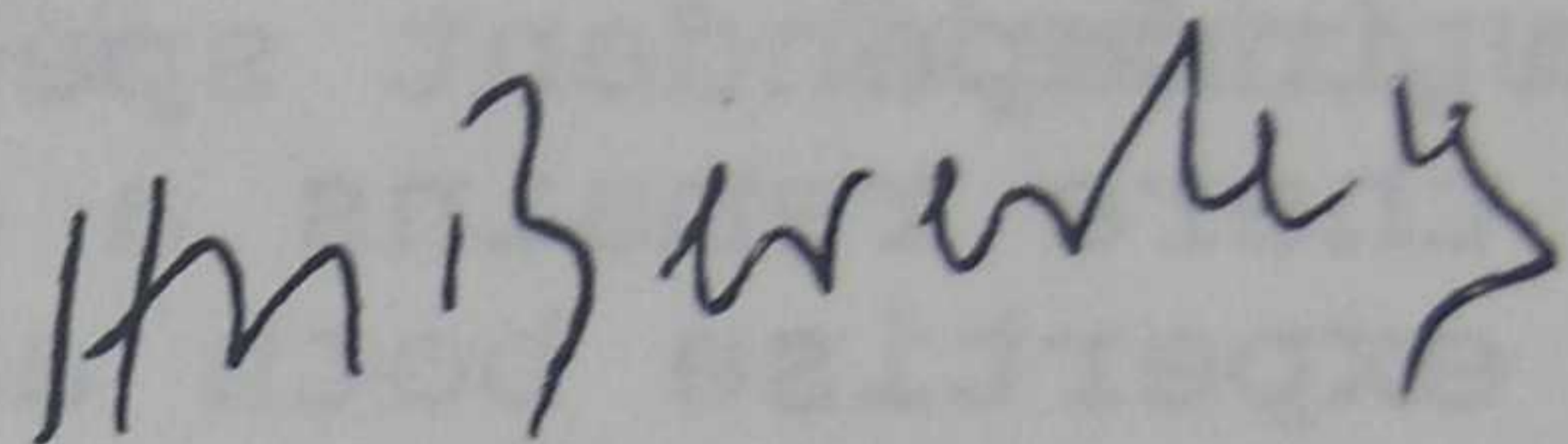
- a. Each Cdo - 3 x AE (CARP) (one of whom must have passed the CARP2 course).
- b. HQ and Sig Sqn - 1 x AE (CARP2).
- c. Cdo Log Regt RM - 3 x AE (CARP) (one of whom must have passed the CARP2 course).
- d. RM Poole - 1 x AE (CARP) Instr (WO2/CSgt)  
3 x DEL.
- e. CTCRM - 2 x DEL.
- f. RM School of Music - 1 x DEL.

CARP3 and CARP2 courses will continue to be run at RM Poole under the WO2 AE (CARP).

3. All CARPs will be required to remuster in either the AE Branch or another SQ. To allow time to obtain specialist and command qualifications, there will be a 2 year transition period until 31 December 1991 during which CARPs are to qualify as follows:

- a. Mne CARP3 - Pass the AE3 course and thereby become an AE3 (CARP), or revert to Mne GD.
- b. Cpl CARP2 - Pass the AE3 and AE2 courses to become an AE2 (CARP), or retrain in another SQ.

c. SNCO CARP1 - Retrain as an AE1 (CARP), or select an alternative SQ.



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