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1. Following a study into the centralisation of Royal Marines Maritime Counter Terrorist (MCT) Forces, approval has been given for elements of Comacchio Group Royal Marines to move from Condor to Royal Marines Poole and form part of the Special Boat Service. On 28 July 1987 the Special Boat Squadron will be renamed the Special Boat Service (SBS), sub units of the SBS will be entitled squadrons and existing SB sections will be entitled troops. The SBS will be responsible for the Royal Marines MCT Force in addition to its other traditional roles.

2. The SBS will be commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel Royal Marines and be divided into C, M, T and HQ Squadrons each of which will be commanded by a Captain Royal Marines. C Squadron will be responsible for the existing conventional tasks of the Special Boat Squadron. M Squadron will be responsible for the MCT tasks currently undertaken by O Company of Comacchio Group Royal Marines. The roles of T (Training) and HQ Squadrons are self explanatory. The Commanding Officer, Royal Marines Poole will retain administrative, legal and disciplinary power over SBS personnel. Royal Marines Poole will be responsible for providing administrative and stores support for the SBS, as is the case at present.

3. From 28 July 1987 Comacchio Group Royal Marines will cease to have any MCT responsibility but will retain its other tasks.

4. Diagrams of the new SBS and Comacchio Group organisations are at Annexes A and B to this RMRO.