



SMALL ARMS SCHOOL CORPS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first edition of the SASC Newsletter. Please distribute widely to all SASC within your Unit.



COMMANDING OFFICERS FOREWARD

The aim of this newsletter is to inform all members of the SASC of current issues across the G1 to G9 spectrum. It will highlight ongoing HQ SASC business and serve as a means of communication within the Corps. It will be published biannually and should not be quoted as an authoritative document however, if clarification of the content is required contact this HQ.

G1 – OFFICERS

Appointment Boards. All SASC E1 posts are boarded during the Inf E1 Appts Board at APC Glasgow. They are then ratified at the No 5 Board (Maj & Capt) with the results made public at a later date. Inf E1 Boards are held in Jan, Mar, May, Sep, typically one month before the No 5 Board. In addition to ratifying the E1 results, the No 5 Board will appoint to E2 and OCE. No 5 Board dates are as follows:

Board	Board Date	Covers Up To	Results
Gde 2 (Maj)	21-23 Apr 10	31 Dec 10	6 May 10
Gde 3 (Capt)	28-29 Apr 10	31 Dec 10	13 May 10
Gde 2	13-15 Jul 10	31 Mar 11	29 Jul 10
Gde 3	30 Jun-01 Jul 10	31 Mar 11	15 Jul 10
Gde 2	20-22 Oct 10	30 Jun 11	4 Nov 10
Gde 3	5-6 Oct 10	30 Jun 11	21 Oct 10

Personal Posting Preferences (PPPs). All Officers PPPs are to be submitted to the Corps Adjt in time to be boarded at the Inf E1 Board. It is due to the Appointment Board process that this HQ is unable to assign Officers 2 appointments in advance.

Officer Posting Plot. Listed below are the Officer Postings to be boarded/ratified by the No 5 Board:

- SO2 OSTT – Maj Cleminson, Jul 10.
- OC TAG (G) – Maj Riddell, Oct 10.
- RLO DTE W&W – Maj Gallagher, Nov 10.
- BMATT CZECH – Maj Skinner, Nov 10.
- SAAO RMAS – Capt Liddell, Oct 10.
- SO3 LAIT – Capt Upton, Oct 10.
- SO3 RTMC – Capt Green, Jul 10.
- SO3 DESO – Capt MacMahon, Jul 10.
- Trg Offr AFV Gnry Sch – WO1 Henderson, Aug 10.
- SO3 Distr Trg – Capt Kyle, Sep 10.
- SO2 LTAR (G) – Maj Anderson, Sep 10.
- BMM Kuwait – Capt Dorward, Jul 10.
- SO3 SWS – Capt James, Sep 10.
- Fleet SASC – Capt Marr, Nov 10.
- OCE – Capt Else, Oct 10.

LE ToS 10. All LE Officers are currently serving on LE ToS 06 unless commissioned in 2010. Apart from those who currently hold a Reg C (LE) commission, LE Officers who commissioned before 1 Apr 10 now have the opportunity to transfer onto the new LE ToS 10. An offer to transfer certificate has been sent to all eligible Officers and must be returned to the Corps Adjt by 30 Jun 10.

Manning. SASC Strengths and Liabilities;

- Corps strength -152+LSL x 5, NRPS x 1, SASC(V) x 6.
- Liabilities – 156.
- Temporary Compensating Reductions - DI LFTT Wing IWD, AFV Genforce Instr-SWS.
- Posts Closing - 52X, 1 PWRR, 11X and 19X temporarily.
- New posts – 20X, 5 RIFLES.

G1 – SOLDIERS

PROMOTIONS 2009-10.

To WO1;

- WO1 Owen.
- WO1 Doyle.
- WO1 Little.
- WO1 Robinson.
- WO2 Delieu – promoted on appointment as SMI OSTT.

To WO2;

- A/WO2 Baynton-Graham.
- WO2 Greene.
- WO2 Steele.
- WO2 Mather.
- A/WO2 Guerin.
- A/WO2 Hayward.
- A/WO2 Pattison.
- SSgt Wilson (A/WO2 on new appointment).

To SSgt;

- SSgt Blackett.
- SSgt Blair.
- SSgt Green.
- SSgt Hicks.
- SSgt Hutchinson.
- SSgt Liddy.
- SSgt O'Brien.
- SSgt Stewart.
- SSgt Tremain.

SASC Selection Course 0901;

- Sgt Arnott to IWD.
- Sgt Burnley to SWS (Mortar Div).
- Sgt Dickson to IWD.
- Sgt Edwards to IWD.
- Sgt Mellish to IWD.
- Sgt Poureza to IWD.
- Sgt Wareing to IWD.

Reporting Timelines and Promotion Dates;

Rank	Reporting Period	SJAR to APC by	Promotion Board Results
Sgt	1 Dec – 30 Nov	31 Jan	To SSgt – 7 Apr 11
SSgt	1 Oct – 30 Sep	30 Nov	To WO2 – 3 Feb 11
WO2	1 Jul – 30 Jun	31 Aug	To WO1 – 2 Dec 11
WO1	1 Jul – 30 Jun	31 Aug	To LE – 4 Nov 11

Sub Dates;

- Sgt – 2 Apr 10.
- SSgt – 2 Apr 10.
- WO2 – 30 Jun 10.
- WO1 – On appointment.

Versatile Engagement (Full) & (Long). Currently the Corps have 49 personnel on V Eng (F) and 14 personnel on V Eng (L). All personnel on either V Eng career have been boarded for their suitability and employability within the SASC. When boarded and successful with V Eng (F) a soldier will serve until the 24 year point. V Eng (L) will extend a soldier in 6 year blocks to a maximum retirement age of 55. Soldiers on V Eng (L) should total approximately 10% of the non-commissioned strength of the Corps.

Acting Rank. There are several Corps liabilities which are currently filled with personnel who hold an acting rank. Acting rank is granted for these positions and for the term of the appointment only and may be withdrawn at any time or on completion of the post. Acting rank can only be granted if an individual is recommended for promotion within that year and for a maximum of 12 months. An individual will be made well aware his situation and will formally sign paperwork to acknowledge the facts listed above. A soldier in acting rank will be boarded alongside his peer group (in his substantive rank) for promotion and will not necessarily gain any advantage over his peers for a substantive promotion to the next rank. This does not apply to Officers.

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URGENT OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS (UOR)

L128A1 Combat Shotgun



Characteristics

Primary Use – Lead man in the Green Zone (CQB)
 Semi-automatic – holds up to 7 rounds in magazine
 Ammo/range – buckshot (40 m) and slug (130 m).
 Sight – EOTech

L129A1 Sharpshooter Rifle



Characteristics

Primary Use – Section sharpshooter
 Semi-automatic – magazine of 19 rounds
 Ammo – 155 grain 7.62 mm
 Range – 600 m (kill) 800 m (suppress)
 Sight – ACOG x 6 and MUNS (II)

TRAINING ISSUES

Pam 21 Amdt One Key Points:

- Now issued.
- RCOs no longer need to be competent on all weapon systems and vehicle platforms for advanced LFTT and LFGT or when they are detached from the exercise (in the case of an observation tower for armoured exercises).
- Rank requirement for attendance on range management courses reduced.
- SA (B) (90) qualified LCpls can plan and conduct LFMT on NDA ranges.
- Safe distance for blank ammunition reduced when civilians are present to 30 m.
- The use of grenades for 'posting' has been re-introduced. The use of building facades for grenades on LFTT is included. The depth of cover for grenades has been reduced to 450 mm (only when correctly filled sandbag walls are built).

AOSP Amdt One Key Points:

- Due Aug 10.
- Vol 1 – Changes to CQM training. 'Turning and Pivoting' and 'Firing whilst Closing' now permitted on purpose built ranges.
- Vol 1 – Shoots included for fixed firing points on IBSR and MMTT (R) for B Qual RCO.
- Vol 3 – New section for Firing on the Move from vehicle platforms for GPMG and HMG.

Other Training Issues

- Marker Rounds (MR) training is now available for use by the Field Army without dispensation. The Training Publication is available on the BAEBB. Conversion kits and ammunition is available from respective Project Teams. Use is for those trained and competent in their use with activities planned and conducted by competent and qualified staff.
- FIST STA and Dismounted Close Combat Consolidation (DC3).
 - FIST STA rolled out in 2010. Equipment includes: Lightweight Day Sight (LDS), FIST Thermal Sight (FTS), CWS and Maxikite, HMNVS, Commanders

Target Locating System (CTLS) and others. IBS will see this equipment later this year.

- DC3 is the next phase and is designed to allow Bdes to 'Train as they Fight'. Alongside additional STA equipment there is also an uplift in vehicles and weapons. This will enable Bdes to train, deploy and recover with the same equipment.
- Lessons Learned (L2). The ability to adapt and amend our teaching methods based on operational L2 is integral to how we do business. The HQ Inf L2 Cell has a database of questions asked to and responses from Theatre. You should check periodically for issues that affect your work. Equally, any questions you want to ask should be passed to SO2 Trg Safety. The link to the Intranet site is:

<http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Teams/BrowseTeamCategories/Orgbased/Army/HqInfantryLessonsLearntL2ExternalValidationexval.htm>

TRAINING ACCIDENTS SUMMARY

- L29 SBN. Too many accidents are occurring with this pyrotechnic. Users continue to set it up incorrectly and initiate it with means other than the Shrike. Recently, they are being used as a VOIED without the necessary dispensation. Remain diligent and educate the User where you are able. Policy on this issue will follow in due course.

Note: The L29 is about to be withdrawn from service and replaced with the L36 Simulator Battle Sound (Electric) (SBS (E)). The initiation and set up remains

the same and a provisional publication is available on the BAEBB. Link:

http://www.baebb.dii.r.mil.uk/baebb/documents/6_Inf/4_Uncoded/L36A1.pdf

- The L111 Prac Grenade and L162 Fuze continue to cause problems due to grenadiers not using the grenade as intended. Additionally, instructors are not re-tensioning the fuze assembly as taught and the grenade is occasionally detonating in the hand.
- LFTT in operationally relevant environments is increasingly commonplace. The CALFEX in particular is providing important training prior to deployment but with that comes increased responsibility to plan and conduct the training in detail. Where you have influence you should ensure that the competency of the range staff is not in doubt.
- Finally, the importance of LFTT range staff being able to observe exercising troops by day and night and the ability to communicate with them is paramount. You should therefore continue to stress the need for the use of NVDs where applicable and effective communications. This requirement is ever greater when PRR is being used.

OPERATIONAL SHOOTING TRAINING TEAM (OSTT)

OSTT is currently commanded by OC IWD with SMI Jenkins and SMI Kerr providing the expertise. By Jul 10 OSTT will move to Bisley and be commanded by SO2 Operational Shooting, Maj Cleminson. Its aim is to provide a 'One Stop Shop' for all operational shooting matters from CQM Instructor courses, advice and support to the Field Army and the detailed planning of the Army Operational Shooting Competition (AOSC).

Note:

Col Ed Brown, Comdt SASC moves on in Jul 10 and will be replaced by Col PML Napier OBE Late R WELSH.

Susan Carpenter retired on the 26 Mar 10. She was presented with a SASC Statuette and she thanked the Corps with the following message:

Would you please pass on my sincere thanks and gratitude to all ranks of the SASC for the splendid gift presented to me on my retirement. The statuette will serve as a genuine reminder of my long and happy association with the SASC. My best wishes to you all. Regards, Susan.