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Intelligence Corps

Regular & Territorial Officer

Lead soldiers in the provision of military intelligence vital to national operations.

The Job

You will lead a Military Intelligence Section of 8 to 12 sharp and highly experienced Intelligence Corps soldiers in the gathering, assessment, and interpretation of vital information for a military formation of Brigade or Battlegroup size. You will be at the centre of the military activities – assessing a battlefield situation, identifying the threats and opportunities within a military scenario and briefing senior officers, - and it will be your job to decide what information is important and what intelligence is vital. Whether it is through interacting with people to obtain that information directly, or working on counter-intelligence operations to thwart the enemy, the military intelligence you provide will be vital to the success of the Army.

The Right Job For Me?

All officer jobs will call on your ability to lead and motivate the Intelligence Corps soldiers under your command, and you will need the maturity and sense of responsibility necessary for a role in which soldiers' wellbeing can depend on the outcome of your decisions. As part of a larger formation, an ability to take orders is essential, but you must also be able to act on your own initiative if the situation calls for it. Working in the Intelligence Corps can be pressurised, but the results are highly rewarding.

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What Skills Will I Learn?

Officers are expected to master the same basic military skills and tactics as the soldiers they command. This will include drill, basic fieldcraft, map reading, first aid and how to fire and maintain your personal weapon.

- In addition to your soldiering skills you will also learn the skills pertinent to being a Military Intelligence Section Commander, and how to command, and lead highly motivated soldiers on operations in the field and in barracks.

What Training Will I Do?

- **Initial Training**
The Commissioning Course takes place at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, arguably the most prestigious institution of its kind in the world, and lasts for 44 weeks. It is divided into three terms with periods of leave and adventurous training between them. As well as core military skills such as drill and weapon handling, it includes a rigorous physical regime. The course also has an academic component but the emphasis is on learning by doing, so you will take part in a range of exercises. You will also learn about the behaviour and self-discipline of an officer, and will be expected to act with integrity at all times.
- **Further Training**
Before joining your Military Intelligence Section you will complete the 17 week long Corps Intelligence Officer Course, which will give you all the knowledge you will need to begin your career as an Officer in the Intelligence Corps.

What Qualifications Could I Get?

The Commissioning Course is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Personnel Development and the Chartered Management Institute, while City & Guilds awards a Certificate in Human Resource Management on completion. It also counts towards the Edexcel/BTEC Certificate in Management Studies and towards Bournemouth University's Postgraduate Certificate in Human Resource Management. The Army prides itself on its continuing professional development and you will attend courses throughout your career, many of which translate directly into civilian life.

Future Prospects

Whatever you decide to do, your training and experience as a Military Intelligence Officer will stand you in good stead. If you choose to make a career in the Army then the Intelligence Corps, with its front-line roles and responsibility at the heart of the action, is the ideal start. Equally, should you decide to return to civilian life then your track record of leading troops and relying on your intellect under the most demanding circumstances will impress any civilian employer recruiting for senior managerial roles.