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**INTRODUCTION**

I wish to remind all those leaving the Services that they should prepare well for their departure in very good time and certainly one year before your departure is a good idea. Key to leaving the Army is to contact your local Resettlement Clerk to start the process and they will brief you on the initial information you will require. This will lead you to an interview with an Individual Education and Resettlement Officer - JSP 534, the Tri-Service Resettlement Manual, refers. Also vital as soon as possible is to attend the free 3 day Career Transition Workshop (CTW), during which interview techniques are practised, an "employer friendly" CV is produced and self-marketing skills are considered. The CTW will also inform you about lots of other possible

resettlement training courses, so you will miss many free training opportunities if you do your CTW just a few weeks before you leave the Army.

Do try to document your training whilst in the Services, especially if there are opportunities to acquire formal certificates (you may have to pay for certain certificates). Nearly every month I am contacted by soldiers who left the Army some years ago and who are now trying to list and document the training they received whilst in the Army. There is very little we can do to help answer such enquiries. In my limited experience, it is impossible to acquire new certificates for past training.

Regular readers will know that we deliberately repeat the following warnings about the content of the Newsletter in each edition. It is important that you always have this at the forefront of your mind in handling your resettlement matters: "whilst I will never publish anything about which I have doubts, I do pass on a lot of information that I am unable to verify and I am reliant on contributors sending me both up to date and honest input. However, you must realise that neither the Corps nor I endorse the contributions and it is up to you to treat all your dealings with caution. This is especially relevant if you are being asked to pay either your own or the MOD's money on training, or other matters, when you must make sure that you have a clear indication of what you are getting for your money. You will not get a second chance or your money back".

As you may recall our other monthly plea is for you to keep us informed of your changes of address and let us know if you wish to receive this Newsletter via E-mail, either civilian or military. A particularly beneficial way to access this information is from our website at [www.army.mod.uk](http://www.army.mod.uk) see under "Corps & Regiments", then "Royal Corps of Signals", then "Royal Signals Resettlement". You will then see the most up to date list of Job Snippets, which we change weekly and consolidate at the end of the month into this newsletter.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tim Bryning', written in a cursive style.

Tim Bryning

Corps Resettlement Officer

## CURRENT INFORMATION

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Defence College of CIS & Royal School of Signals. There are currently vacancies available for Civil Service posts within the Royal School of Signals and DCCIS, in Blandford Camp. The posts are well suited to those leaving the Royal Signals. The posts are advertised on the MOD Website: [www.civilianjobs.mod.uk](http://www.civilianjobs.mod.uk) - see under Job Search, the "Dorset" option under Counties and "Submit".

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Job in RHQ Royal Signals There is a vacancy for a C2 grade Civil Servant post in RHQ Royal Signals, HQ SOinC(A), Blandford Camp which is likely to be advertised in the very near future. It is about to be advertised internally for MOD Civil Servants but the job is particularly suited to ex-Royal Signals Officers. The post is for the Museum Curator. When it probably reaches the External stage during the next few weeks this job will be advertised on [www.civilianjobs.mod.uk](http://www.civilianjobs.mod.uk) – see under Job Search, the “Dorset” option under counties and “Submit”. Further details can be obtained from RHQ Royal Signals:

E-mail: [rhq@royalsignals.mod.uk](mailto:rhq@royalsignals.mod.uk)

Telephone: 01258-48 (Mil Code 94371) xxxx:

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SO2 Staff Sp: 2077

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Olympic Jobs Anyone interested in employment within the 2012 Olympics organisation should log onto [www.london2012.com](http://www.london2012.com) for further information.

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New SC /DV NATO cleared professionals global networking group

Please find below a link to a networking group that has just been set up to allow SC/DV NATO cleared professionals to network, share ideas and source new job opportunities. Its free and easy to join.

<http://www.linkedin.com/groupRegistration?gid=2278799>

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The Land Information and Communications Services Group (LICSG) is one of the National TA units within the Specialist Group Royal Signals (SGRS). LICSG's role is the provision of expertise in information services, network design and operation, and communications security. Correctly designed secure systems are critical in assuring the passage of information between deployed commanders, PJHQ and Land Component HQs across the spectrum of conflict.

LICSG is recruiting now ex YofS, YofS (EW), FofS and FofS (IS) in the ranks SSgt-WO1, who wish to retain their personal links with the Corps, with opportunities for further promotion through to commissioning. All appointments in LICSG are for a three year tour of service. As members of the National TA, the minimum commitment is 19

days per year; however members can do more according to their availability. Most LICSG personnel will have the opportunity to carry out one or two short, three to nine days, tasks per year. These will range from UK based tasks within formation HQs and supporting MOD projects, to deployment to overseas locations including operational theatres, such as Afghanistan.

During a tour with LICSG there are opportunities to enhance technical skills and competences. There are also opportunities to undertake adventurous training such as skiing, sailing and expeditions.

All LICSG personnel need to have or attain security clearance at the higher level. For information about LICSG contact: LICSG, Basil Hill Site, Park Lane, Corsham, Wilts, SN13 9NR

Telephone 01225-814815 E-mail [licsgoffice@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:licsgoffice@armymail.mod.uk)

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Useful Websites

[www.ctp.org.uk](http://www.ctp.org.uk)

[www.rfea.org.uk](http://www.rfea.org.uk)

[www.cwjobs.co.uk](http://www.cwjobs.co.uk)

[www.hit-essex.com](http://www.hit-essex.com)

[www.angliait.co.uk](http://www.angliait.co.uk)

[www.theitjobboard.com](http://www.theitjobboard.com)

[www.gulftalent.com](http://www.gulftalent.com)

[www.careersadvice.direct.gov.uk/helpwithyourcareer/writecv/](http://www.careersadvice.direct.gov.uk/helpwithyourcareer/writecv/)

[www.civvystreet.org](http://www.civvystreet.org)

## Housing

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If you are thinking about buying or renting a house then the experts on the subject are the staff of the Joint Service Housing Advice Office (JSHAO). Their E-mail address is [jshao@hqland.army.mod.uk](mailto:jshao@hqland.army.mod.uk) or their telephone number is 01722 436575 (Mil 94331 2575), Fax Ext 2577. There is also the JSHAO magazine called Housing Matters which covers varied topics and it concentrates on different areas of the country throughout the year and also see [www.mod.uk/jshao](http://www.mod.uk/jshao). If housing is likely to be an issue with you it is worth seeking out copies of the magazine and looking through to see what is relevant to your situation. At the antepenultimate page of the magazine you will find the telephone

numbers for members of the staff - if you cannot find a copy ring me and I will give you details.

The JSHAO team also carries out briefings throughout the year, under the heading "One Day Housing Briefings - Housing the Options". They take place throughout the country, with some in Germany and Cyprus. They are primarily designed for Service Personnel and their partners who are shortly to leave the forces. However, you may still attend if you are not yet leaving but are considering your civilian housing future. Attendance at these courses does not count against the Resettlement entitlement. Dates for 2009 are:

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
RRC London	7 Oct 09	RRC Rosyth	13 Oct 09
Germany	20 Oct 09	Germany	21 Oct 09
Germany	22 Oct 09	RRC Catterick	3 Nov 09
RRC Cottesmore	5 Nov 09	Cyprus	9/12 Nov 09
Colchester	17 Nov 09	RRC Tidworth	18 Nov 09
RRC Northern Ireland	27 Nov 09		

All courses start at 0900 hours. Applications for these briefings should be made on MOD Form 363 and sent to the Tri Service Regional Resettlement Centre concerned for UK bookings, (Colchester to IERO 18 AEC Colchester and to RRC Rosyth for Lossiemouth); to IERO 34 AEC BFPO 40 (for Germany bookings); to IERO Cyprus, 55 AEC, BFPO 53 (for Cyprus bookings).

## **Job Briefings**

This is now a regular feature of this Newsletter included in case you do not have access to other sources of information about the briefing dates. This is another area where you can gain valuable information and assistance via the Job Fairs and Seminars that are run. If anyone has any information that they would like included, or can fill in any gaps, please let me know. Registration is normally on the MOD Form 363 to the Regional Resettlement Centre involved and information that I have on these fairs is as shown below. Remember I only give details of the MOD sponsored fairs and there are a lot of similar civilian gatherings but they will not be specifically targeting ex Service Personnel:

### **CTP EMPLOYMENT FAIRS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT and VENUE</b>	<b>CONTACT DETAILS</b>
13 Oct 09	RRC TIDWORTH Southern Employment Fair, Garrison Theatre	01980 603164

20 Nov 09	RRC PLYMOUTH South West Employment Fair, Plymouth Albion RFU	01752 553381
26 Nov 09	RRC ROSYTH Technical Employment Fair, Dewar's Conference Centre	01383 425225
8 Dec 09	RRC COTTESMORE Engineering Employment Fair	01572 812241
16 Mar 10	RRC Herford Germany Employment Fair, Stadtpark Schutzenhof	0049 5221 9953896
3 Jun 10	RRC ROSYTH Scottish Employment Fair, Dewar's Conference Centre	01383 425225
24 Jun 10	RRC CATTERICK Northern Employment Fair, Pavilions of Harrogate	01748 872905

#### INDUSTRY AWARENESS DAYS & COMPANY PRESENTATIONS

DATE	EVENT & VENUE	CONTACT DETAILS
01 Oct 09	RRC PORTSMOUTH Tesco Company Presentation	02392 724127
01 Oct 09	HMS NELSON, PORTSMOUTH Tesco Management Careers	02392 724127
6 Oct 09	RRC CATTERICK Sainsbury's Company Presentation	01748872905
08 Oct 09	RRC ALDERSHOT Teaching Awareness Presentation	01252 348337
14 Oct 09	RRC UXBRIDGE Tesco Company Presentation	01895 815658
19 Oct 09	RRC TIDWORTH Environment Industry Awareness Event	01980 603164
20 Oct 09	RRC CATTERICK Tesco Company Presentation	01748 872905
26 Oct 09	RRC TIDWORTH Tesco Company Presentation	01980 603164
3 Nov 09	RRC TIDWORTH/DE&S ABBEYWOOD Defence Industry Awareness Day, Bristol	01980 603164

06 Nov 09	RRC CATTERICK New Business Awareness Presentation	01748 872905
12 Nov 09	RRC COTTESMORE Commercial Pilot Brief	01572 812241
16 Nov 09	RRC TIDWORTH Emergency Services Industry Awareness Event	01980 603164
14 Dec 09	RRC TIDWORTH Telecoms Industry Awareness Event	01980 603164

Further information on the above briefings can be obtained from the CTP website at [www.ctp.org.uk](http://www.ctp.org.uk)

#### INTER SERVICE TRANSFER & TRADE SHOWS

DATE	EVENT and VENUE	CONTACT DETAILS
13 Oct 09	1 Div – HERFORD, Divisional Conference Centre	Mil 94872 2802
05 Nov 09	4 Div – LARKHILL, Newcome Hall	01252 348947
TBA 09	5 Div – TBA	Mil 94461 2554
10 Jan 10	4 Div - TBA	01252 348947
09 Mar 10	1 Div – REINDAHLEN, Globe Cinema	Mil 94872 2802
12 Oct 10	HQ 1 Div – HERFORD, Divisional Conference Centre	Mil 94872 2802
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#### FINANCIAL ASPECTS/HOUSING OPTIONS DAY

17 Nov & 1 Dec 09	COLCHESTER – 18 AEC	01206 815267
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EVENT NOTES: Although the above military events are primarily for Armed Forces personnel who have not yet left, any ex-Service person regardless of rank, service or time since discharge, is most welcome to attend, with their partner if they wish.

In Portsmouth there is a very complex security system and its best for Service leavers or ex-Service Personnel who wish to bring their spouses to the job fair, to speak to Mike Wilson on 02392 725605.

It is suggested that if the event has passed it is still worth contacting companies direct about their vacancies as they may still be recruiting or open to receiving CVs.

Again thanks to David McEntee-Taylor of RFEA Chelmsford for some of this information.

## Miscellaneous Information

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### The Royal Signals Resettlement Newsletter

The Royal Signals Resettlement Newsletter is produced monthly for the benefit of those members of the Corps that are about to leave the Army and will also be useful for members of the Corps who have recently left the Army but are still looking for a job. The main conduit for distribution is the Internet website:

<http://www.army.mod.uk/signals/resettlement/default.aspx>

In addition, the "Job Snippets" element of the Newsletter is updated weekly on the Internet website, based on new information provided by various potential employers.

Paper copies can also be obtained from: Registry, RHQ R SIGNALS, HQ SOinC(A), Griffin House, Blandford Camp, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 8RH, telephone: 01258-48-2083 (or mil: 94371-2083), fax extension 2084, E-mail: [rhq@royalsignals.mod.uk](mailto:rhq@royalsignals.mod.uk) Additionally, some local Resettlement Officers can provide paper copies.

The R SIGNALS Corps Resettlement Officer, Lt Col (Retd) Tim Bryning, can also be contacted by telephone on 01258-48-2077.

### Magazines

**Pathfinder:** As many of you will know, Pathfinder comprises a mixture of articles and advertisements, together with some job opportunities. The magazine is widely available throughout the resettlement system and you can order your own copy, if you wish, since it is distributed free of charge every month to people in the Ministry of Defence via the Fleet Support Services. You can also order Pathfinder by ringing 0191 442 4001 or E-mail [distribution@pathfindermagazine.co.uk](mailto:distribution@pathfindermagazine.co.uk)

Resettlement Focus is a new series of careers guides produced by the publishers of Pathfinder. On a bi-monthly basis, Resettlement Focus will present Service Leavers with a comprehensive and incisive guide to different industries and the variety of careers that each offers. The dynamic and wide ranging field of engineering will be the subject of the first Resettlement Focus. It will be distributed bi-monthly as a 32 page insert in Pathfinder Magazine.

Pathfinder's website, [www.pathfinderinternational.co.uk](http://www.pathfinderinternational.co.uk) has recently undergone a complete redesign and re-launch and hosts the online presence of Resettlement Focus.

**Quest:** This is another publication that deals with resettlement matters and is widely available. Regular readers will know that I say in each edition of this Newsletter that the content of Quest and Pathfinder complement each other well. I consequently suggest that you have a look at both magazines and "cherry pick" the bits of interest and relevance to you. The September 2009 edition of Quest has a good article on Computing and Information Technology. Quest too has a website at [www.questonline.co.uk](http://www.questonline.co.uk).

**Civvy Street.** There is a third magazine called Civvy Street, which is published every other month. As stated on its cover it is a "Resettlement and Careers Guide for the Armed Forces". It is published at Craven Publishing Ltd, 15-39 Durham Street, Kinning Park, Glasgow G41 1BS, (Tel 0141 419 0044) (E-mail [enquiries@cravenpublishing.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@cravenpublishing.co.uk)) from whom you can order a copy. It is similar in many respects to Pathfinder and Quest although each has its own characteristics providing information on different topics. I see this as another source of information for you that is worth scanning for the pieces that interest and may benefit you.

## Networking

**The List.** This is a network of some 12,000 former Armed Forces people and potential Service leavers of all Ranks including the appropriate Reserve Forces (RNR, TA and RAFVR) [www.thelistuk.com](http://www.thelistuk.com) Basic Membership of The List is free but life Membership that allows for active networking is £40. Registration and amendment action is taken via the web site. To support the activities of The List in helping Members with B2B activities and Job Search, the Liquid List network of monthly meetings was established in the early 1990s. These meetings are informal - perhaps best described as a 'cocktail party with beer' - and there is no requirement to pre-register. Further, attendance is free although loaded wallets are required for those who wish to buy a beer. Every effort is made to engage a relevant guest speaker for these meetings - normally former Service people who have lessons and career/job opportunities to pass on to attending job seekers. Liquid List meetings take place on the first Thursday of each month (except Januarys for post New Year's Eve liver reasons). Branch details are:

LONDON - the National Liberal Club, 1 Whitehall Place, London (Nearest Tube Station: Embankment). Contact Mike Nicholson 01483 200 863 [mike@thelistuk.com](mailto:mike@thelistuk.com)

SALISBURY - The Red Lion Hotel, 4 Milford Street, Salisbury, SP1 2AN. Contact Justin Potter Tel 01722 770 003 E-mail: [justinpotter@emailitis.com](mailto:justinpotter@emailitis.com)

LYTHAM ST ANNES - Sterling House, 1 - 2 Back St Annes Road West, Lytham St Annes, Lancashire. FY8 1RD. Contact Andy Tomkinson 01253 788 181, [andy.tomkinson@adtapt.com](mailto:andy.tomkinson@adtapt.com):

RUGELEY - Blithfield Hall, Admaston, Nr Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 3NL. Contact Charles Bagot-Jewitt 01889 500 668, [charlesbagotjewitt@btinternet.com](mailto:charlesbagotjewitt@btinternet.com);

**The Armed Forces Communications Electronic Association (AFCEA)** This organisation tends not to have the recognition it warrants among service leavers. It is of particular relevance to Royal Signals personnel, as it is the biggest worldwide networking organisation of its kind, bringing together people who work in the IS

community from industry, government, academia and the Armed Services. Enrolment in one of the three UK Chapters based in London, the South and the West and attendance at their functions can open the path to many new opportunities for job-seekers. See the official AFCEA UK website at [ww.afcea.org/uk](http://ww.afcea.org/uk) for full details.