Intelligence Corps – Operator Military Intelligence (OPMI)

Manui Dat Cognitio Vires
Knowledge gives strength to the arm

The Intelligence Corps is one of the smallest Corps in the British Army with approximately 1850 serving Officers and soldiers.

What the Corps lacks in size, it more than makes up for in impact and influence.

Modern military operations are increasingly led by and dependent upon, the provision of accurate, timely intelligence. Effective intelligence gives commanders confidence while planning and executing operations. The Intelligence Corps provides commanders with this confidence through the maintenance of constant situational awareness and intelligence to support their decision making process, whilst at the same time protecting our own operations from hostile interests.

The Intelligence Corps covers the entire range of potential intelligence from strategic government level to operational contingency planning and increasingly, tactical support to ground units. The Corps is involved in many types of intelligence, including:

- **Operational Intelligence**
  Covers all aspects of an operation from enemy capability and tactics to the operating environment, including local culture, population and terrain in order to support commanders and inform operations.

- **Counter Intelligence**
  Identifies and counteracts the threat to operations and personnel posed by hostile groups or individuals, attempting to sabotage or subvert an operation or engage in espionage and terrorism.

- **Human Intelligence**
  Information obtained from interactions with human sources.

- **Imagery Intelligence**
  Interpretation of images captured by sensory assets, ranging from ground to remotely piloted aerial systems.

- **Signals Intelligence**
  Gained through the interception and potential translation of all forms of communications and electronic emissions.

- **Exploitation**
  Intelligence derived from both material and personnel using scientific, technical and specialist collection methods.

Intelligence Corps Officers and soldiers are employed in a wide variety of challenging and rewarding roles in many different locations. Intelligence Corps Operators are provided a unique opportunity to cross train in:

- **Materiel and Personnel Exploitation**
- **Specialist Debriefing**
- **Close Operational Intelligence Support**
- **Counter Intelligence Duties**
- **Cyber Threat Analysis**
- **Covert Surveillance Duties**
- **Imagery Analysis**
- **Strategic Level Assessment**
- **Electronic Warfare Support**
Operator Military Intelligence soldiers are employed in a variety of roles across the British Army, with a number involved in the Joint or wider Defence environments. The assessments made by the Intelligence Corps complete the transition from information to timely and actionable intelligence. As a soldier you will have the opportunity to become a subject matter expert in a particular area, adversary or capability.

You may find yourself writing documents which inform very senior military commanders about a situation in a potential conflict zone, or patrolling with the infantry in order to gain information about local dynamics. While it is important to understand what the enemy are doing, it is also vital to ensure that the Army remains protected from those wishing to collect information on us. Therefore, you could also find yourself screening locally employed civilians to ensure that they are not engaged in espionage or briefing a Commanding Officer in the UK about how a cyber-attack may affect their unit.

On completion of your training you will join your unit as a Lance Corporal. The average time in each rank is three years, and you could normally expect promotion to Corporal during your first tour. For those who become Senior NCOs and wish to become Warrant Officers you will be expected to work in a supervisory capacity, where you will be responsible for the training and welfare of junior soldiers.

Diversity is the key word when describing the career opportunities available to you. After a few years gaining experience in the role, you may wish to specialise in a particular intelligence discipline. The jobs are extremely varied, unusual and challenging.

What are we looking for?

- A minimum of 5 GCSE, or equivalents at C or above, with one coming in English Language and the other four in academic subjects
- GTI score of 55 or above
- British Army assessment grade A or B
- Flexibility and the ability to adapt to any situation
- Physical and mental robustness
- Communication skills
- Potential

What can we offer you?

- Real responsibility at a very junior level in your career
- A varied and challenging career
- Your work will impact on real time operations and campaign planning
- You will work with some of the brightest and most capable soldiers in the British Army

Developed Vetting is required for all Intelligence Corps personnel, and the majority of personnel require additional clearances. All security clearances are assessed on a case by case basis; there are certain criteria which must be met, including 10 years residency in the UK. Further advice on your individual background and circumstances is available from the Intelligence Corps representatives.

If you are interested please speak to a member of the Corps Engagement Team

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