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ROYAL MARINES ROUTINE ORDERS

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86. 41 COMMANDO ROYAL MARINES

1. Ministers have approved that the rundown of 41 Commando RM is to cease and that the unit is to be reformed. This was announced by the Secretary of State for Defence in the House of Commons on 28 June 1977.
2. 41 Commando RM will reform at the Depot RM Deal on the following time table:
 - a. 19 July — Reconnaissance Party joins.
 - b. 6 September — Advance Party joins.
 - c. 20 September to 18 October — Drafts join.
3. Initially the unit will be at a strength of 500 at Deal. 41 (SALERNO) Commando Company Group in Malta will count as part of the unit strength and when the company withdraws from Malta, 41 Commando RM will be brought up to Commando War Establishment strength at Deal.
4. The primary unit task will be as part of the NATO amphibious force. The unit will also be available for United Kingdom national tasks.
5. 41 Commando RM will be commanded by Lieutenant Colonel T. Seccombe, RM and will be under the full command of MGRM Commando Forces.
6. A final decision on the location of the Royal Marines School of Music has not yet been taken but it will remain at Deal for the next few years. The School will remain under the command of MGRM Training.
7. Junior recruit training will be moved to CTCRM starting with the troop at present due to join Deal on 13 September 1977. The PT Wing will be moved to CTCRM when the gymnasium and sports centre have been completed.
8. The Depot RM Deal will be renamed Royal Marines Deal on 1 October 1977.