

SQUADRON ADMINISTRATION THE ADULT WARRANT OFFICER'S DUTIES

1. The Adult Warrant Officer's relationship to the Squadron Commander is in many ways similar to that of the Station Warrant Officer's relationship to the Station Commander of an RAF Station. This consists essentially of the maintenance of discipline and ensuring that the Squadron Commander's orders regarding the general running of the squadron are carried out. The Warrant Officer's precise tasks vary from squadron to squadron, but his influence lies in 3 main areas: discipline, drill and armament. He may also be much concerned with security, although these days, when security is of particular importance, the Squadron Commander may well make this his personal task, or delegate it to an experienced officer. Nevertheless, as a member of staff likely to handle weapons frequently, and in his general task of the oversight of all squadron activities, the Warrant Officer must be thoroughly conversant with general security regulations and those for the security of arms and ammunition (ACP 26).
2. The Adult Warrant Officer must know the detailed aspects of drill and see that cadet NCOs are trained in handling varying sizes of cadet squads and in different situations from simple squad drill to a full-scale parade (ACP 19). He must insist on the highest possible standards of dress and deportment in cadets, and his attention to detail, coupled with fatherly advice, has a profound effect on the general 'tone' of the squadron.
3. On parade the Warrant Officer has his special place behind the Adjutant and the commanding officer. While the squadron is falling-in he is in command and takes pride in presenting a smartly formed squadron to the Adjutant before the squadron commanding officer takes over.