



Appendix 2 – Session 2
O & R for Corps Officers Section 4

SECTION 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The commanding officer of a corps is responsible to God and his Salvation Army leaders - as represented by his divisional commander - for everybody and everything connected with the command, as set forth in *paragraph 3. (See Orders and Regulations for Officers, Volume One, Part 1, Chapter III, Section 4.)*

The CO's command will consist of:

- (a) a corps - a Salvation Army unit established for the propagation of the gospel, generally with its central meeting place and under the leadership of one or more officers; and sometimes
- (b) a society - a small company of soldiers working together in a district; and sometimes
- (c) an outpost - a locality in which Army work is carried on regularly and where it is hoped a corps will develop.

The second-in-command should, to the utmost of his ability, assist the CO with his various responsibilities, and share, as an assistant partner, the burdens and toil connected with every phase of corps operations, as indicated throughout this book, and also in *Orders and Regulations for Officers, Volume Two, Part 6, Chapter II, Section 3.*

2. The CO is expected to strive for the substantial progress of his corps. He should not be content for things to remain stationary. An officer who can go through a programme of activities, and be content to leave things much as he found them, has an imperfect understanding of his task.

3. The CO's responsibilities include:

- (a) The conversion of the unsaved people of the district, irrespective of their attendance at Army meetings. (*See Chapter II.*)
- (b) The soldiers, recruits, adherents, junior soldiers and converts. (*See Chapter III.*)
- (c) The securing and developing of candidates for officership. (*See Chapter V.*)
- (d) The effective visitation of both saved and unsaved. (*See Chapter VI.*)
- (e) The conducting of meetings. (*See Chapter VII.*)
- (f) Dealing with difficulties, whether such arise amongst Salvationists or are created by outsiders. (*See Chapters VIII and IX.*)
- (g) Local officers. (*See Chapter XII.*)
- (h) Property used in connection with corps operations. (*See Chapter XIII.*)



- (i) Arranging for the organisation and carrying through of special events. (See *Chapter XIV.*)
- (j) Finance, both for local purposes and connected with territorial and international appeals. (See *Chapter XV.*)
- (k) Corps business, including the proper keeping of books and records. (See *Chapter XVI.*)
- (l) The promotion and distribution of Army literature - among Salvationists and throughout the district. (See *Chapter XVII.*)
- (m) The various corps sections, both senior and young people's. (See *Chapters XVIII and XIX.*)

4. A corps officer is responsible to represent the Army in the locality, exemplifying its principles, making known its teaching, carrying out its systems, and observing, explaining and enforcing its regulations. Except in special circumstances, he should not appear out of uniform in the locality where he is stationed.

5. The commanding officer is responsible for the physical and general well-being of himself and his assistant. (See also *Orders and Regulations for Officers, Volume Two, Part 6, Chapter II, Section 2, paragraph 3.*)

6. It is essential to the successful discharge of his various responsibilities that a commanding officer shall know and observe the orders and regulations which affect his work. These include:

- (a) *Orders and Regulations for Officers of The Salvation Army*, to which frequent reference is made throughout this volume.
- (b) This book - *Orders and Regulations for Corps Officers.*
- (c) *Chosen to be a Soldier (Orders and Regulations for Soldiers of The Salvation Army).*
- (d) *Orders and Regulations, for Local Officers; for Corps Secretaries and Treasurers; for Bands and Songster Brigades; for Senior Census Boards; for the Work among Young People; for the Home League; and so on.*

7. Undivided attention to his corps is necessary if an officer is to fulfill his various responsibilities; therefore:

- (a) An officer may not be absent from his corps without the consent of his DC
- (b) The DC may not utilise the services of an officer for any other than the officer's own corps purposes without the consent of the field secretary.