

I DIVISION, DEPARTMENT 3  
UNITED STATES ARMY SECURITY AGENCY TRAINING CENTER AND SCHOOL  
Fort Devens, Massachusetts 01433

THE BASIC MORSE COURSE  
(Student Handout)

1. You have been enrolled in the Basic Morse Course of the United States Army Security Agency Training Center, and School. The following information will give you some idea of what will be expected of you and what you will be doing during your training in the Basic Morse Division,

2. Course Requirements

a. The Basic Morse Course is a prerequisite for enrollment in the following MOS training courses:

05H                      05D                      05G                      05K

b. To graduate from the Basic Morse Course a student must

- (1) have demonstrated the ability to copy International Morse code at the rate of 15 groups per minute using a telegrapher typewriter.
- (2) have demonstrated the ability to copy Internatioxml Morse code cut numbers and special characters at the rate of 8 groups per minute using a telegrapher typewriter.
- (3) have demonstrated a knowledge of International Morse code "Q" signals and procedure signs.
- (4) have received nine hours instruction in the characteristics and use of the R-390 radio receiver and the TNH/11 recorder.

3. Course Length and Daily Schedule

- a. The Basic Morse Course is 13 weeks long.
- b. On Friday of each week, the 7th and 8th hours of instruction are normally Company Commander's time.
- c. The normal school day is six hours except for the first and second week when the school day is eight hours,

#### 4. Course Outline

Week 1	Introduction to course Military subjects Basic Morse code learning tapes/typng
Week 2	Basic Morse code learning tapes/typing
Weeks 3 to 12	Morse code progress tapes 'Q' signals and procedure eigna
Week 13	Equipment instruction Morse code cut numbers Morse code special characters

#### 5. Morse Code Expectancy Rate

The student is expected to progress in the ability to copy International Morse code at the rates shown below:

<u>should be able to pass</u>	<u>By Friday of week</u>
4.5 groups per minute	2
6	3
8	5
10	7
12	9
15	11

#### 6. Remedial Training

a. Beginning week 3, students failing to progress according to code expectancy rates will be required to attend remedial training during the 7th and 8th hours of each school day. Students progressing satisfactorily will attend school only six hours daily, Monday through Friday,

b. Students failing to pass 13 GPM by the end of week twelve will not enter the normal thirteenth week of instruction with their class, but will instead be assigned to the special remedial class. The special remedial class attends school eight hours daily. Such students will be recommended for relief from the course upon assignment to the special remedial class. Students passing 15 GPM prior to being officially relieved from the course will then enter the normal thirteenth week of instruction with the next appropriate class

c. If necessary, any student failing to progress according to code expectancy rates may also be scheduled to take remedial training during the evening hours and on Saturdays and Sundays.

**7. Superior Performance Awards**

**a. All students who have**

**passed 8 GPM by Friday of week 3,**

**passed 15 GPM by Friday of week 8,**

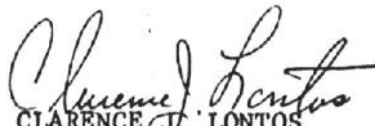
**passed 18 GPM by Friday of week 11,**

**will be recommended for a three day weekend pass. The pass will be for Friday , Saturday end Sunday.**

**b. Students attaining a code speed proficiency of 18 GPM or higher will be recommended for advanced promotion to the grade of PFC,**

**c. Students two or more code epeede ahead of expectancy may be granted free time during scheduled school hours at the discretion of their Instructor.**

**d. Students two or more code speeds ahead of expectancy may be released from school on Friday afternoons if not otherwise scheduled for weekend pass.**

  
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