

RMRO 1999/45 will be amended as follows :

Delete sub paragraph 4(g) and insert new sub paragraph :

"(g) Snipers - Badge of Distinction

- (i) A Snipers' Badge has been approved for wear by Royal Marines who have qualified as stated below. It consists of crossed rifles surmounted by a letter S and is available from normal RM sources of supply in the following types :-

Khaki on khaki for wear on battledress.

Khaki on khaki drill for wear on tropical dress

Scarlet on blue for wear on blue uniform.

- (ii) To be entitled to wear the badge, a man must qualify at SA School RM by passing the tests given in SAT Vol I, Pamphlet No. 28, Appendix C. At a later stage it may be possible to delegate authority to Fleet Training Centres and other selected authorities to award the Badge but at present, it should be awarded only by SA School RM.

- (iii) The Badge will be forfeited if an interval of 4 years elapses from either the original award or from the last refresher course at SA School RM, whichever is the later. Authority for refresher courses is as for qualification.

- (iv) The refresher course (serial RSN), will be of two weeks duration and will include the Snipers Badge Test.

- (v) In order that men not entitled to the Badge should not wear it :-

Initial Issue will be made at SA School RM on completion of the Course.

Subsequent issues will only be made on indents marked by the man's Company or equivalent commander 'Entitled to issue of Snipers' Badge in accordance with RMRO 1430/46". Company Commanders will check Drill History Sheets before making this notification.

- (vi) The qualification does not carry any monetary grant or additional pay.
- (vii) Application for permission to wear the Snipers' Badge from NCOs and men who have qualified as Snipers previous to the issue of this RMRO should be forwarded to the Superintendent, SA School RM for confirmation. Approval will be given only to those who qualified as Company Snipers. NCOs and men awarded the Badge on these conditions will be subject to sub paragraph (iii) above. Men who have qualified as Section Sniper should be sent on a refresher course as soon as possible."