

182 RM OBSERVERS FOR UNIT LIGHT AIRCRAFT

1. Approval has been given to equip Headquarters, 3rd Commando Brigade, Royal Marines and Commando Units with unit light aircraft.

Additional Pay for RM Observers

2. Units may train observers for these aircraft. One observer for each aircraft may be credited with 2s 8d per day additional pay whilst employed as a RM observer, providing the conditions of Annex 'A' are satisfied.

3. Commencing and ending dates for the entitlement to additional pay as a RM observer are to be promulgated in unit Part II Orders.

RM Observer Badge

4. The qualifications for the award of the RM observers badge are at Annex 'A'. The badge takes the form of a single wing pointing to the right, attached to an 'O' surmounted by St. Edward's Crown, both in gold. The badge will be worn on the left forearm and will be Gold/Silver wire embroidered pattern, for wear on Lovat Dress only.

5. The award of the RM observer badge is to be promulgated in unit Part II Orders. Ranks are not required to re-qualify in order to retain the badge.

6. Officers are not eligible to receive RM observers pay and are not eligible to wear the RM observers badge.

7. "Observers" are to be referred to as "RM observers" on all occasions to avoid confusion with the RN title "observer" defined in QR & AI Article 0610.

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Qualification for Pay as RM Observer

The RM observer must:

1. Complete 10 hours flying as observer - either training or duty.
2. Pass tests in :
 - a. Selection and recce of landing grounds.
 - b. General handling of aircraft.
 - c. Elementary voice procedure.
 - d. High and low level map reading.
 - e. Method of alerting pilot as practiced in theatre.
 - f. Elementary knowledge of camera working.
 - g. Problems of observation peculiar to the theatre.
3. Once qualified, a RM observer must reclassify annually in the various tests and complete a minimum of 20 hours flying in the 12 months immediately prior to reclassification.

Qualification for Award of RM Observers badge

The RM observer must:

1. Complete 25 hours flying as a paid observer.
2. Pass additional tests in :
 - a. Starting Drills for aircraft.
 - b. Marshalling signals and methods.
 - c. Concealment and camouflage of aircraft.
 - d. Track plans at landing grounds.
 - e. Flying control signals and methods.