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58. SPECIALIST QUALIFICATIONS - CLIFF LEADERS (CL)

There is a requirement in the Royal Marines for Cliff Leaders. Such specialists will be employed in Commandos (dispersed in Fighting Troops) and at Commando School RM.

2. There are four standards for this specialist qualification.

(a) CL 1 (Cliff Assault Instructor)

- (i) Able to reconnoitre and climb a new climb of several pitches up to severe standard without assistance.
- (ii) Capable of instructing and supervising instruction on all aspects of troop cliff assault landing, including the use of air photographs, projection, simple haulage, rocky landings and canoe reconnaissance.

(b) CL 2 (Cliff Assault Leader)

- (i) Able to lead a climb of several pitches not previously known to him up to a very difficult standard without assistance or other guidances other than a general description of the route or an air photograph.
- (ii) Fully understand troop cliff assault procedure and the tactics of a sub section in cliff assault; capable of acting as No.1 on a complex cliff assault; reconnoitring and preparing sub section routes, ropes and covering positions.
- (iii) Able to prepare and operate 2 inch Mortar and Schermuly rocket equipment and to take charge of a team in simple haulage.
- (iv) Capable of instructing a rope of climbers and a class in rocky landings and in canoe reconnaissance.

(c) CL 3 (Potential Cliff Leader)

- (i) Able to lead a climb not previously known to him up to a moderate standard without assistance or guidance other than a general description of the route or an air photograph.
- (ii) Have a sound knowledge of cliff assault procedure and be able to act as No.2 in a difficult cliff assault.
- (iii) Able to prepare and use 2 inch Mortar and Schermuly rocket equipment and to take his place in simple haulage.
- (iv) Able to act as a No.2 in rocky landings and in a canoe reconnaissance.

(d) Passed Basic Cliff Assault Course

Able to climb up to a moderate standard and can take his place behind leaders on a cliff assault of a more difficult standard than practicable for normal commando troops.

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