

There is a requirement in the Royal Marines for NCOs and Marines with a special knowledge of Platoon Weapons and in the method of teaching these weapons.

2. Two Platoon-Weapon Rates are approved :-

- (a) Platoon Weapon Instructor (PW 1) normally associated with the rank of Sgt and C/Sgt.
- (b) Class Instructors (PW 2) associated with the rank of Cpl.

Method,

Method of Selection and Training

3. PW 2

- (a) NCOs and candidates for promotion who have done a tour of duty may volunteer or be chosen to be Platoon Weapon Instructors.
- (b) Selected men will be required to do either :-
 - (i) A SPW course at SAS RM
 - or (ii) A Cadre course at CS RM.
- (c) Those that pass these courses will be rated PW 2 as from ending date of their course.

4. PW 1

- (a) PW 2s will be advanced to PW 1 on fulfilling the following qualifications :-
 - (i) Qualification on LPW Course.
 - (ii) Six months service with a favourable report as an NCO or Acting NCO in a Commando.

Interim Measures

- 5. All ranks who have passed LPW Course may be rated PW 1 as from ending date of their course.
- 6. (a) All ranks recorded as passing SPW Course will be rated PW 2 as from ending date of their course.
- (b) All ranks who have passed the cadre since 1st January, 1948, at CS RM and have been employed for 3 months as Class Instructors at CS RM will be rated PW 2.
- 7. Platoon Weapon Instructor qualifications will be recorded on Drill History Sheets and lists of ranks holding PW 1 and PW 2 will be maintained at PRORM.
- 8. Attention is directed to RMRO 224/50, paras 12, 13 and 14. The Order will be re-issued in due course.

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