

General

There is a requirement in the Royal Marines for ORs with a special knowledge of Platoon Weapons and in the method of teaching these weapons and for Snipers and Night Specialists in Commandos.

2. There are four standards for this specialist qualification:

- (a) PW 1 (Platoon Weapons Instructor 1st Class)  
Qualified to instruct in all aspects of platoon weapons and to organise and supervise the instruction of class instructors. Qualified to instruct and supervise in Commando training and in tactical training up to platoon level.
- (b) PW 2 (Platoon Weapons Instructor 2nd Class)  
Qualified to instruct a class in either platoon weapons or in commando and tactical training.
- (c) PW 3 (Platoon Weapons 3rd Class)  
This qualification is divided into two types :-
  - (i) Sniper - Qualified to take his place in a commando sniper section.
  - (ii) Night Specialist - Qualified for night patrolling and night commando operations requiring a high degree of individual skill.
- (d) The notification "Passed Basic Snipers Course" and "Passed Basic Night Course" will be awarded for men who have passed the relevant basic courses but have not been selected for and qualified on the 3rd grade courses.

Courses

3. Qualifying courses are carried out at Small Arms School RM and Commando School RM.

4. Details of courses are as follows : -

Type of Course	Where carried out	Duration (weeks)	Qualification obtained
Long Platoon Weapons	Small Arms School RM	18	PW 1
Short Platoon Weapons	Small Arms School RM	5	PW 2(V)
or			
Commando Cadre	Commando School RM	5	PW 2(T)
Advanced Sniper	Small Arms School RM	4	PW 3(S)
Night Guerrilla	Commando School RM	4	PW 3(N)
Basic Sniper	Small Arms School RM	3	Passed Basic Sniper
Basic Night	Commando School RM	3	Passed Basic Night

Documentation

5. (a) PRORM will keep a list of all ranks holding PW qualifications.

(b) Small Arms School RM and Commando School RM are to publish Part II Orders in respect of ranks attaining PW qualifications.

(c) Results of courses will be entered on Training and Employment Sheets.

Drafting

6. As laid down in RMRI.

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