

General

There is a requirement in the Royal Marines for other ranks trained in Heavy Weapons. Such specialists will be employed in the Heavy Weapons Troops in Commandos or at Commando School RM.

2. There are four standards for this specialist qualification :-

(a) HW 1 (Heavy Weapons Instructor)

Able to command and to control the fire of 3 inch Mortars and MMGs. Able to instruct in all aspects of both weapons and the range finder.

(b) HW 2 (Heavy Weapons 2nd Class)

Fire Unit Commander of both 3 inch Mortars and MMGs and capable of exercising trained men in both weapons.

(c) HW 3 (Heavy Weapons 3rd Class)

Able to operate both weapons as No. 1. Limited knowledge of fire control enabling him to take charge of a MMG or 3 inch Mortar detachment as an understudy.

(d) Passed Basic Heavy Weapons Course

Trained in gun, sub-section and section drill in both weapons and able to take his place as a member of a Heavy Weapons Troop.

Courses

3. Qualifying courses are carried out at the Commando School RM.

4. Details of courses are as follows :-

| Type of Course | Duration weeks | Qualification obtained |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| HW 1 | 9 | HW 1 |
| HW 2 | 9 | HW 2 |
| HW 3 | 5 | HW 3 |
| Basic | 5 | Passed Heavy Weapons |

Documentation

5. (a) PRORM will keep a list of all ranks with HW qualifications.

(b) Commando School RM is to publish Part II Orders in respect of ranks attaining HW qualifications.

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

Drafting

6. As laid down in RMR&I.

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