

General

There is a requirement in certain RM establishments for NCOs with a special knowledge of foot and arms drill and in the method of teaching these drills.

2. There will be two drill instructor rates :-

- (a) Drill Instructor (DL 1) normally associated with the rank of S.t and C/S.t.
- (b) Rear Rank Instructor (DL 2) associated with the rank of Corporal.

Method of Selection and Training

- 3. (a) NCOs and candidates for promotion, who have done a tour of duty, may volunteer, or be selected, to be Drill Instructors.
- (b) Selected NCOs or Marines will be required to do the DL's course (12 weeks) at RM Deal. Those that pass will be rated DL 2.
- (c) DL2s will be advanced to DL 1 on fulfilling the following conditions :-

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- (i) Passed for DL 1 on completion of a short refresher course (2 weeks) at RM Deal. MGRM Portsmouth will assemble Boards for this purpose under the presidency of a qualified Adjutant. A candidate will not appear before the Board until he has completed one year's instructional employment as a DL 2.
- (ii) Passed SPW course at SIS RM.
- (iii) Six months service as an NCO or Acting NCO with a favourable report in HM Ships or a Commando.

#### Interim Measures

4. All ranks doing the Drill Instructors Course after the date this Order is issued will be assessed as described in this Order.
5. All ranks who have passed the Drill Instructors Course since 1st September, 1949, will be rated DL 2 and will be required to fulfill the qualifications needed by sub-para 3(c) before being upgraded to DL 1.
6. All ranks who have passed the DL Course between 2nd March, 1949, and 31st August, 1949, will be rated DL 2 and may be upgraded to DL 1 two years from the day they completed this DLs course, conditionally on passing the SPW Course within 1 year from the date of this Order.
7. All ranks who passed the DL Course prior to 1st March, 1949, may be rated DL 1 to date the ending date of this course, provided they are recommended by their Commanding Officer, otherwise they will be rated DL 2.
8. Drill Instructor qualifications will be recorded on Drill History Sheets and lists of ranks holding DL 1 and DL 2 will be maintained at PRORM.
9. Attention is directed to RMRO 224/50, paras 12, 13 and 14. The Order will be re-issued in due course with amended nomenclature.