

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 Sgt and C/Sgt.
- (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 :-

- (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 SLS 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 PROHM.
- 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.