

LETTER OF INSTRUCTION

EVENT: FA-90 Medley

RESPONSIBLE UNIT: HQ/A

TIME: 1300 hrs, 2 October 2004

LOCATION: High School Parking Lot

UNIFORM: BDUs

TASK ORGANIZATION:

- a. Staff Requirements: OIC, NCOIC, 4 O/Cs, 1 Commo Personnel
- b. Eligible Participants: Team of 8 per unit. All 8 team members are required to be licensed on and show proof of the 2.5 ton truck and the M998 HMMWV.

1. **SITUATION:** To explain the process that will be used to establish, conduct and evaluate the FA-90 Medley event. This event will consist of the following four tasks:

- Truck/Trailer Obstacle Course
- HMMWV Tire Change
- Treat for Shock
- Communicate via Tactical Radio/Call for MEDEVAC.

(Each of the tasks listed above will be completed by 2 of the 8-team members.)

2. **MISSION:** To complete the 4 required tasks to standard in the quickest time possible.

3. **EXECUTION:** The FA-90 Medley will consist of four stations that will operate simultaneously, though timed separately. Task assignments will be determined by draw by each team member. First, second and third places will be determined by the teams overall combined time to complete all four events. Any penalties called by the O/Cs will cost an additional 30 seconds per violation. One team will compete at a time. If a team fails to complete a task, their team automatically takes third place. In the event another team fails to complete a task, 2nd place will be determined by the quickest time completing the other 3 tasks. Ties will be broken by the team with the least amount of penalties taking 1st or 2nd place.

a. Concept of Station Operations:

1. **Truck (2.5 ton)/Trailer Obstacle Course:** Driver will be required to back up to trailer and correctly connect all attachments. A-Drivers will be allowed to assist and will act as ground guide when vehicle is backing up. Once trailer is connected, both driver and A-driver will get into vehicle and maneuver through the obstacle course.

Penalties: The following is a list of penalties that will cost an additional 30 seconds to overall time.

- (a) Failing to have appropriate licenses.
- (b) Hitting/knocking over stationary cones with truck or trailer.
- (c) Jack-knifing trailer.
- (d) Failing to clear finish line with trailer.

2. **Change HMMWV Tire:** Take a HMMWV tire off, replace with tire located in bed of vehicle and put away all tools (to include tire removed) used in the process.

Penalties: The following is a list of penalties that will cost an additional 30 seconds to overall time.

- (a) Unsafe placement of jack.
- (b) Jacking up the vehicle before loosening tire nuts.
- (c) Lowering vehicle without hand tightening tire nuts first.
- (d) Dropping vehicle instead of lowering it back to the ground smoothly.
- (e) Not tightening nuts with a 100-lb torque and in correct sequence.
- (f) Not placing removed tire back into vehicle bed and secured.

3. **Treat/Prevent Shock:** Soldiers will be required to state 4-5 signs and/or symptoms of shock and to perform this task to standard as stated in STP 21-1 SMCT. Task O/C will facilitate the situation and soldiers must react to changing scenario appropriately.

Penalties: The following is a list of penalties that will cost an additional 30 seconds to overall time.

- (a) Failure to complete all performance steps IAW STP 21-1 SMCT for Treatment/Prevention of Shock.
- (b) Incorrectly responding to changing conditions of patient.
- (c) Failure to state 4/5 signs or symptoms of shock.

4. **Communicate via Tactical Radio/Request for MEDEVAC:** Soldiers will be required to place SINCGARS radio into operation, enter the net and transmit a standard 9-line MEDEVAC request. The use of the SOI for appropriate pro-words, call signs, frequencies and authentication will be utilized. Soldiers will collect all applicable information to be transmitted using the TACSOP for encryption requirements, record information using authorized brevity codes and transmit MEDEVAC request in proper sequence. Letters will be pronounced phonetically when appropriate and numbers will be encrypted using the BN TACSOP field method. Transmission for the 1st 5 lines will not exceed 25 seconds and end by saying "over". Another 25 seconds will be allowed to transmit the final 4 lines of the MEDEVAC request. Soldiers will be required to keep radio on and listen for and follow any additional instructions or requests from the evacuation unit.

Penalties: The following is a list of penalties that will cost an additional 30 seconds to overall time.

- (a) Failure to place radio into operation correctly.
- (b) Failure to enter correct frequencies.
- (c) Failure to establish communications.
- (d) Failure to utilize correct pro-words, call signs, item numbers and authentication per SOI.
- (e) Failure to gather all necessary information prior to calling for MEDEVAC.
- (f) Using incorrect brevity codes.
- (g) Failure to encrypt grids using field expedient method IAW BN TACSOP.
- (h) Not completing transmission of lines 1-5 in 25 seconds.
- (i) Not completing transmission of lines 6-9 in 25 seconds.
- (j) Not utilizing proper radio procedures.
- (k) Not listening for further instructions/requests from MEDEVAC team.

4. **SERVICE SUPPORT:** The OIC/NCOIC will be responsible for coordinating the following equipment needed to conduct this event. This list is not considered to be all-inclusive but to be used as a guide when rehearsing event.

- Hand held radios for OIC/NCOIC
- 4 stopwatches
- Station Signs
- Mannequin
- 14 small orange cones/4 large cones
- 1 HMMWV with SINCGARS radio and with spare tire
- Training SOI and BN TACSOP
- 1 Duce and 1 trailer
- 1 Jack w/stand and Crowbar
- Torque Wrench
- Marking Tape
- Map/protractor/MEDEVAC request format, pens, scratch paper
- Poncho Liner
- Canteen
- Manpack radio
- Team scorecards

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

- a. Command:** Succession of command for this event is OIC, NCOIC, O/Cs (descending rank).
- b. Signal:** Hand-held radios will be the primary means of communication. OIC/NCOIC will hand receipt radios from the BN Commo NCO on Friday evening. Frequencies TBD.

RISK ASSESSMENT: Event OIC/NCOIC will complete a risk assessment for their event prior to Friday morning and submit to the BN XO during that evening's backbrief. Copy of risk assessment will be available at training site for review by participants while event is being conducted.