

1 QLR G3316

06 Apr 03

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PRE-OP TELIC TRAINING 28 APR -30 JUN 03

Reference:

A. 1 QLR G3301 dated 14 Mar 03.

SITUATION

1. For sound operational, political and O&D reasons, the chain of command remains reluctant to formally warn us for a deployment to Op TELIC. Nevertheless our deployment at some stage in the middle of this year now seems highly likely.
2. Given the current state of the war it would appear that, on deployment, we will face an unstable post-conflict environment where emerging political factions and remnants of military resistance operate in an environment generally unfriendly towards the west. The need for us to be able to operate effectively and safely in a counter-terrorist, counter insurgency role, whilst being able to quickly transition to warfighting at the lowest levels, demands that we undertake some very specific training.

AIM

3. The aim of this instruction is to outline the training requirements to be met and the training regime that is to be adopted between the period 28 Apr 03 to 30 Jun 03.

GENERAL OUTLINE

4. In outline I intend that the first week after Easter leave will remain broadly the same, 2 days of administration before we carry out 3 days of leadership training as previously briefed. The leadership training is to be condensed to just 3 days and is to finish on Friday afternoon.
5. From the 5 May 03 we are to begin Op TELIC training in earnest. The Battalion will work long days to preserve weekends and each day will include language training aimed at creating the capability at one level to communicate and at the lowest level to show some attempt to respect the host country. Fitness training will continue, Tuesday afternoon NBC training will continue and each day is to include a period of vehicle preparation.
6. The week 5-9 May will concentrate on ITDs with a theatre specific focus and will be followed by a week (12-16 May) of internal security (IS) training. The week 19-23 May is reserved for Brigade led training and will probably include OBUA training, media training and mine awareness. Other than mine awareness the Brigade led training will only really involve the Battalion O'Group members, therefore the remainder of the Battalion will conduct team medic training, vehicle preparation,

COURSES

15. With the exception of SCBC and PSBC, all courses that impinge on the period 5 May to 30 Jun are to be cancelled. Driving courses, medical courses and NBC courses are to continue. I will take the decision to recall people from Brecon and JCSC when we are formally warned for deployment. If OsC have particular reasons for wishing an external course to go ahead, they are to clear it with me before 11 Apr 03 or it will be automatically cancelled by the Bn 2IC.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES

16. Company training programmes are to be cleared with the Bn 2IC who is to ensure both compliance with this instruction and de-conflict resources where necessary. Companies are to use the instructions at Annexes A to C to devise their training programmes.

ADMINISTRATION

17. During the period 28 and 29 Apr 03, all companies are to conduct thorough personal equipment and clothing checks to identify damages and deficiencies early enough to rectify over the following weeks. OC Corunna is to devise a Battalion packing list, to be cleared by me and issued for compliance by all on 5 May 03.

SUMMARY

18. Preparation for deployment will be demanding and require considerable inventiveness, initiative and detailed lesson planning. This instruction merely provides the direction and the scope of the training; all addressees are to examine this instruction in detail, particularly the Annexes, to determine and action their specified and implied tasks. I envisage company officers and NCOs preparing their allocated lessons over Easter leave in order to produce well researched, high quality training.

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Annexes:

- A. Syllabus for ITD Week 5-9 May 03.
- B. Syllabus for IS 12-16 May 03.
- C. Syllabus for Bde Trg Week 19-23 May – to follow.
- D. Syllabus for IS/Kemp Cup Week.

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