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OPERATION TELIC 2 - WNG O 01/03

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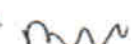
- A. HQ 19 Mech Bde Wng O 19/004/03/PH IV dated 031000 May 03.
- B. 1 QLR G3320 dated 10 May 03 (Recce report).
- C. 1 QLR G3319 dated May 03 (In-theatre Trg Request to Bde)

Time Zone Used Throughout: LOCAL (UK)

Task Org: See Annex A.

SITUATION

1. Background. Reference A warned 1 QLR to deploy to Op TELIC 2. Reference B is the 1 QLR main unit recce report and is to be read in conjunction with this Wng O.
2. Friendly Forces.
 - a. GOC 1(UK) Armd Div Intent. No change to Ref A.
 - b. Comd 19 Mech Bde Intent. Comd 19 Mech Bde intends to retain and improve upon the goodwill of the Iraqis throughout our tenure in theatre. This will be a very different operation from TELIC 1 and we must recognise this from the outset. 19 Mech Bde will be involved in post conflict operations that could involve limited warfighting, counter insurgency, humanitarian assistance and nation building. 19 Mech Bde is responsible for the security of the AL BASRAH and MAYSAN provinces thereby providing the stability required to re-establish IRAQ as a nation - economically, politically and socially. The mission will be complex, challenging but potentially hugely rewarding and great fun. The key element throughout is to retain the goodwill of the Iraqis and to demonstrate real benefits of the change in regime. Whereas we must not create military dependency among the Iraqi people, our responsibilities do include making things better than under the previous regime. There is a tricky dividing line here, but we must be clear about these responsibilities and manage expectations accordingly. Success in this will be achieved by good communications with the Iraqi people coupled with sensitivity to both their culture and their customs.
 - c. Atts and Dets. Nil.
3. MISSION.(tbc) 1 QLR is to relieve 1 BW of the BASRAH AO in order to maintain and enhance the effect of post conflict operations within bdrys.

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EXECUTION4. Concept of Ops.

a. Intent. I intend to reassure the BASRAH population by ensuring that post conflict operations continue to be conducted in a seamless manner on takeover. Essential to this intent is that all F Ech troops understand the op environment very clearly to avoid counter productive activity or reaction.

b. Scheme of Manoeuvre. A small G2/G5 pre-adv party will deploy early to understand the G2/G5 architecture, get to know the key players and adopt the successful practices of the current system. A G3 Trg/G4 adv party will deploy ahead of the main body to establish reception in KUWAIT, arrange acclimatisation and in-theatre training, before the G4 elm moves on to BASRAH to commence the stores, eqpt and infrastructure takeover. As soon after the main body arrives as possible, comds at all levels will move to BASRAH to complete acclimatisation whilst conducting task and area familiarisation. Once acclimatised and trained the main body will deploy to BASRAH to conduct a relief in place with 1 BW.

c. Main Effort. The Main Effort is the mental preparation of comds at all levels to understand the op environment, switching to comprehensive area and task familiarisation prior to takeover.

d. Endstate. The endstate sees 1 QLR deployed to the BASRAH AO in coy locs and providing security to the people of BASRAH, 1 BW having successfully extracted.

e. Missions and Tasks.

(1) G2/G5 Pre Adv Party. Composition: BG ISTAR Offr, IO, AIO, Int Cell staff, G5 Offr and G5 SNCO (latter tbn by OC Somme). Tasks to takeover and understand the G2/G5 architecture, to meet all key players and agencies, to know about key sources, to understand all procedures and constraints, and to takeover all databases/lists/'who's whos' that may by then be available.

(2) G3 Trg/G4 Adv Party. Composition see Annex A. Led by Bn 2IC, with QM. Tasks:

(i) Establish reception and accom arrangements for the main body in KUWAIT.

(ii) Set up in-theatre trg.

(iii) Once reception and accom is resolved and having completed minimum necessary in-theatre trg, deploy G4 adv party to BASRAH to commence stores, eqpt and infrastructure takeover.

(3) G3 Adv Party. Composition tbc by OsC. Task: on arrival in KUWAIT comds are to complete minimum in-theatre trg requirements ahead of rest of main body. Comds are then to deploy to BASRAH to acclimatise and familiarise themselves with the operational environment.

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f. Training. All pre deployment training is to continue as per the CO's direction. The Bn 2IC is to select and head a G3 Trg det to estb in-theatre training in conjunction with Bde assets. The initial requirement is detailed at Ref C, in addition:

(1) Recce Pl Training. 2 x CVR(T) Scimitar (to be provided by 7 Armd Bde) will be required in Camp EAGLE in order to complete E Spire conversion (currently 3 days) to include LF of L37 and 30mm.

(2) Op Shooting. Every F Ech sldr is to fire the GPMG from the DISA mount prior to deployment into BASRAH.

(3) ROE. Use of the White Card (JSP 398) 2000 edition is confirmed and ROE training is to include scenarios and recognition of local police.

(4) Tactical Questioning and Prisoner Handling (TOPH). Where possible each sub unit is to hold 2 x TOPH qualified staff. As a minimum the Provo Staff must complete this course. Should sufficient courses not be aval prior to deployment trg will be required during the in theatre trg package. Bn 2IC to arrange and OsC to nominate.

(5) Saxon Comd Trg. Combined foot and vehicle ptls will require that section 2ICs and others need to be able to comd Saxon. Prior to departure additional Saxon comd trg is to be organised by the MTO. Bn 2IC is to arrange for max Saxon comd trg to take place at Camp EAGLE during the acclimatisation phase.

(6) Saxon Dvr Trg. In addition to Saxon conversion of Cat C dvrs, in-theatre dvr trg will be essential to reduce the chances of a PR disaster on the streets of BASRAH.

g. Security.

(1) Counter Terrorist Measures. The terrorist threat is an area in which expansion is predicted. Each sub unit is to takeover 1 BW counter terrorism measure initially and conduct a review once established.

(3) Administrative Movement. Within the AOR all veh movement must be conducted in a minimum of 2 x vehs. This restriction may be reviewed prior to the arrival of 1 QLR but sub units should be prepared for this.

(4) ROE. The White Card (JSP 398) should be carried and fully understood by all.

h. Operational Profile. Regimental headdress and light scales will be the standard profile for framework patrolling under normal circumstances. Clearly a series of increasingly aggressive profiles will be needed to counter emerging threats. Each sub unit should be in a position to raise the profile at short notice in some or all of the AOR. The Ops Offr is to ensure that BG SOIs reflect appropriate options.

i. Legal. Whilst current operations do not seem to be constrained by the same level of legislation required in other PSO theatres, every soldier should understand the basics of evidence collection and handling. This will allow the BG to transition easily into a local legislative procedure should one be adopted during the tour.