

Call for Fire (Instructor Handout & Student Worksheet)

NO-GO: Candidate **does not bracket correctly** during adjustment. (Based on EIB doctrine.)

Purpose. Request and adjust indirect fire on a target using three transmissions, then adjust to Fire-for-Effect (FFE) and report effects.

Task, Conditions, Standards

Task: Transmit a call for fire and adjust rounds to FFE.

Conditions: Candidate plots/derives data, determines direction and distance, and transmits to FDC using three transmissions. (Wartime context implied by excerpt.)

Standards:

- **Transmit Call for Fire in three transmissions:**
 - Observer identification and warning order.
 - **Eight-digit grid** and direction (mills) to target (***must be accurate within 250 meters***).
 - 1. OR **POLAR Mission:** Distance + Direction (meters, mills)
 - Target description, **method of engagement**, and **method of fire and control**.
 - **Adjust Fire** IAW steps below; bracket correctly to a **100-meter** bracket or achieve range-correct spotting; maintain deviation on line; transmit all corrections **in meters**.
 - **Fire for Effect:** Upon achieving the standard, enter FFE and report effects.
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Candidate Preparation (before first transmission)

1. Plot/Note current position grid. (MGRS - GZD)
 2. Plot/Note enemy position grid/polar.
 3. Calculate direction in mills.
 4. Fill out CFF laminated card.
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Call for Fire — Three Transmissions

GRID MISSION:

First Transmission: Observer identification & warning order.

- Example: "FDC, THIS IS VIKING 2-1, ADJUST FIRE, OVER."

Second Transmission: Eight-digit grid to target (accurate within **250 m**).

- Example: "GRID 16T EG 1234 5678, DIRECTION, 1 600 MILLS, OVER."

Third Transmission: Target description, Method of Engagement, Method of Fire and Control (direction if desired).

- Example: "1 x INFANTRY SQUAD IN THE OPEN, FIRE WHEN READY, OVER."
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POLAR MISSION:

First Transmission: Observer identification & warning order.

- Example: "FDC, THIS IS VIKING 2-1, ADJUST FIRE, POLAR, OVER."

Second Transmission: **Distance and Direction **to target (accurate within **250 m**).

- Example: "Distance 1000 METERS, DIRECTION, 1 600 MILLS, OVER."

Third Transmission: Target description, Method of Engagement, Method of Fire and Control (direction if desired).

- Example: "1 x INFANTRY SQUAD IN THE OPEN, FIRE WHEN READY, OVER."
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Call for Fire sub-section:

MESSAGE TO OBSERVER:

The FDC will state their **Unit, # of Rounds, and Target Number**.

FDC (MTO):

"**MESSAGE TO OBSERVER:** MTO as follows, 2 guns, 1 in adjust, 2 in affect, TARGET #AB1006, OVER."

MAKE SURE YOU WRITE THE TARGET NUMBER DOWN!

Adjust Fire (per provided doctrine)

Spotting: For each impact, spot **Right/Left** and **Over/Short** of target.

Range correction (Over/Short) & Bracketing:

- When the **first range spotting** is observed, make a correction that results in a spotting **in the opposite direction** (start a bracket). **NO-GO** if not bracketed correctly.
- **Guide to establish bracket** (use the **estimated round impact distance to target**):
 - > 400 m → Add/Drop 800 m
 - > 200 and < 400 m → Add/Drop 400 m
 - > 100 and < 200 m → Add/Drop 200 m
 - < 100 m → Add/Drop 100 m
 - Add/Drop 50 m and announce **FIRE FOR EFFECT**

Shot/Shot: After each correction the Grader will state, "**Shot over**"; Candidate replies "**Shot out.**" The grader relocates to the new impact and indicates position; Candidate sends next correction.

Example: If first round is **50 mils left** and **250 m short** on a target at **2100 m**:

- Range: to get an **over** next, **ADD 400** to start successive bracketing.
- Correction to FDC: "**RIGHT 100 — ADD 400 — OVER.**"

Continue splitting the range bracket until a **100-meter bracket** is split or a **range-correct** spotting is observed; keep deviation on line; send all corrections **in meters**.

Fire for Effect & End of Mission

- Enter **FFE** when a **100-meter bracket** is split or a **range-correct** spotting is observed.
- **Observe results** and send a brief effects report.
- Example: "**EOM, TARGET #___, TARGET DESTROYED, ESTIMATE TWO CASUALTIES, OVER.**"

CFF — Example

Observer: "FDC, THIS IS VIKING 2-1, ADJUST FIRE, OVER."

FDC: "VIKING 2-1, SEND IT, OVER."

Observer	(2nd):	"GRID	16T	EG	1234
5678,	*****	*****	*****	*****	DIRECTION
1					680
MILLS,	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****

OVER."

Observer (3rd): "INFANTRY SQUAD IN THE OPEN, FIRE WHEN READY, OVER."

FDC (MTO): "MESSAGE TO OBSERVER: MTO as follows, 2 guns, 1 in adjust, 2 in affect, TARGET #AB1006, OVER."

Observer: "ROGER, TARGET #AB1006, OVER."

Adjustment Phase

FDC: "SHOT OVER."

Observer: "SHOT OUT."

FDC: "SPLASH OVER."

impact

Observer: "SPLASH OUT."

Observer: "RIGHT 100, ADD 400, OVER."

FDC: "SHOT OVER."

Observer: "SHOT OUT."

FDC: "SPLASH OVER."

impact

Observer: "SPLASH OUT."

Observer: "LEFT 50, DROP 200, OVER."

(Continue until 100-m bracket is split or range-correct is observed.)

Observer: "FIRE FOR EFFECT, OVER."

FDC: "ROGER, FIRE FOR EFFECT, OVER."

(FFE results observed)

Observer: "EOM, TARGET #AB1006, TARGET NEUTRALIZED, OVER."

Common Errors → Fix

- **Failure to bracket (NO-GO)** → Fix: force opposite-direction range spotting; apply bracket guide.
 - **Saying UP/DOWN instead of ADD/DROP**
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Pocket Card

CALL FOR FIRE — THREE TRANSMISSIONS

1 Observer ID & Warning Order

2 LOCATION (≤ 250 m accuracy)

3 Target Desc / Method of Fire & Control

MTO (from FDC)

- Unit(s) to fire; changes (if any); **# of rounds; target number**
- Acknowledge & record target number

ADJUST FIRE

- **Bracket Guide:** >400→±800; >200<400→±400; >100<200→±200; <100→±100; **±50 → FFE**
- **ADD/DROP + LEFT/RIGHT**
- **Shot over / Shot out**

FIRE FOR EFFECT → EOM, TARGET #____, [effects], OVER

Practice Lanes — 5 Situations with Answer Keys (Aligned to Doctrine)

Each lane provides a short **situation paragraph** followed by a **sample call & adjust** that follows the three-transmission format, includes an **MTO**, uses **meters** for corrections, maintains the **bracket guide**, and ends with **FFE → EOM**. DTGs and grids are placeholders for training maps.

Lane 1 — Squad in the Open Near Ridgeline

Situation. From OP VIKING 2-1 you observe an enemy squad moving in the open along a ridgeline saddle. You have clear LOS, map, compass, and binoculars. Estimated range ~2100 m, direction 1300 MILLS.

Lane 2 — Trucks at T-Intersection

Situation. Two light trucks halted at a rural T-intersection; dismounts pulling security. Terrain is flat farmland, sparse cover. ENEMY GRID: 16S EG 5492 1239, Direction: 1390 MILLS.

Lane 3 — Mortar Pit Behind Tree Line

Situation. Muzzle flashes observed from a suspected mortar position behind a tree line. Intermittent smoke; crew movement visible. Estimated range ~2600 m. Direction: 600 MILLS

Lane 4 — Dismounted Patrol Crossing Ford

Situation. Ten enemy dismounts moving in file to a shallow river ford; brief halt at near bank. Vegetation low; riverbanks open. Estimated range ~500 m. Direction: 1500 MILLS.

Lane 5 — Technical Vehicle in Orchard

Situation. A pickup ("technical") with mounted MG idling along an orchard lane; two personnel nearby. Partial foliage; limited crosswind. ENEMY GRID: 16S EG 3426 2356. Direction: 10 MILLS

Answer Key — Call for Fire Practice Lanes

Sample calls and adjustments for **Lanes 1-5**. These mirror the three-transmission format, include **MTO**, use **meters** for corrections, apply the **bracket guide**, and end with **FFE → EOM**.

Lane 1 — Squad in the Open Near Ridgeline

1st: "FDC, THIS IS VIKING 2-1, ADJUST FIRE, OVER."

2nd: "GRID 16T EG 1123 4578, OVER."

3rd: "INFANTRY SQUAD IN THE OPEN, HE/QUICK, AT MY COMMAND, OVER."

FDC (MTO): "MESSAGE TO OBSERVER: 2 GUNS, 1 IN ADJUST, 2 IN EFFECT, TARGET #AB1010, OVER."

Obs: "ROGER, TARGET #AB1010, OVER."

Obs: "DIRECTION 1680, OVER."

Adj: SHOT OVER / SHOT OUT → **L 50 mils, S 250 m **** → RIGHT 100, ADD 400 → **next:** R 10, O 300 → LEFT 20, DROP 200 → On line, S 120 → ADD 100 → Range correct → FFE → EOM, TARGET #AB1010, TARGET NEUTRALIZED, OVER**.

Lane 2 — Trucks at T-Intersection

1st: "FDC, THIS IS VIKING 2-1, ADJUST FIRE, OVER."

2nd: "GRID 16T EG 1290 5325, OVER."

3rd: "TWO LIGHT TRUCKS WITH DISMOUNTS, HE/QUICK, AT MY COMMAND, OVER."

FDC (MTO): "BATTERY ONE ROUND, HE/QUICK, TARGET #AB1011, OVER."

Obs: "ROGER, TARGET #AB1011, OVER."

Obs: "DIRECTION 1420, OVER."

Adj: R 30 mils, O 250 → LEFT 50, DROP 400 → **L 10, S 180** → RIGHT 20, ADD 200 → On line, S 80 → ADD 100, FFE → EOM, TARGET #AB1011, TARGET SUPPRESSED, OVER.

Lane 3 — Mortar Pit Behind Tree Line

1st: "FDC, THIS IS VIKING 2-1, ADJUST FIRE, OVER."

2nd: "GRID 16T EG 1018 5482, OVER."

3rd: "MORTAR POSITION IN TREES, HE/QUICK, AT MY COMMAND, OVER."

FDC (MTO): "2 GUNS, 1 IN ADJUST, TARGET #AB1012, OVER."

Obs: "ROGER, TARGET #AB1012, OVER."

Obs: "DIRECTION 1760, OVER."

Adj: L 60, S 500 → RIGHT 180, ADD 800 → R 20, O 300 → LEFT 60, DROP 400 → On line, S 150 → ADD 200 →

Range correct → FFE → EOM TARGET NEUTRALIZED.

Lane 4 — Dismounted Patrol Crossing Ford

1st: "FDC, THIS IS VIKING 2-1, ADJUST FIRE, OVER."

2nd: "GRID 16T EG 1376 5199, OVER."

3rd: "DISMOUNTED SQUAD AT FORD, HE/QUICK, AT MY COMMAND, OVER."

FDC (MTO): "BATTERY ONE ROUND, TARGET #AB1013, OVER."

Obs: "ROGER, TARGET #AB1013, OVER."

Obs: "DIRECTION 1200, OVER."

Adj: R 20, S 120 →** ADD 200** → On line, O 150 → DROP 200 → Range correct → FFE → EOM TARGET SUPPRESSED.

Lane 5 — Technical Vehicle in Orchard

1st: "FDC, THIS IS VIKING 2-1, ADJUST FIRE, OVER."

2nd: "GRID 16T EG 1452 5055, OVER."

3rd: "TECHNICAL VEHICLE WITH CREW, HE/QUICK, AT MY COMMAND, OVER."

FDC (MTO): "2 GUNS, HE/QUICK, TARGET #AB1014, OVER."

Obs: "ROGER, TARGET #AB1014, OVER."

Obs: "DIRECTION 1580, OVER."

Adj: L 40, O 220 *****→ *******RIGHT 100, DROP 400******* → **R 10, S → 150 *******ADD 200** → On line, S 60 → ADD 100, FFE → EOM TARGET NEUTRALIZED*.