

Fort Moore Advanced Training Scenario: Operation Blackhawk Engagement

EXERCISE DIRECTIVE

Classification: FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
Exercise Name: Operation Blackhawk Engagement
Location: Fort Moore, Georgia - Training Area Delta
Date/Time: [Insert Date] / 0700-1030 hours
Weather: Partly cloudy, 72°F, winds 5-10 mph from SW

SITUATION

General Situation

Intelligence reports indicate hostile forces have established a forward operating base near the Residential Compound and are planning to seize critical infrastructure at McKenna Tower. BLUE Forces must prevent enemy advance while securing the strategically important Blackhawk Trail corridor, which serves as a key supply route and observation point.

Enemy Forces (OPFOR)

- **Strength:** 2 reinforced platoons (~60 personnel)
- **Equipment:** Small arms, crew-served weapons, limited anti-armor capability
- **Position:** Residential Compound (Grid: [coordinates])
- **Likely COA:** Advance northeast to McKenna Tower via Blackhawk Trail
- **Morale:** High, well-trained insurgent force with local area knowledge

Friendly Forces

- **Higher:** Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion conducting area security operations
 - **Adjacent:** Alpha Company securing eastern approaches
 - **Supporting:** Indirect fire support available on call
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MISSION

BLUE Forces will conduct defensive operations to deny enemy access to Blackhawk Trail corridor and prevent enemy seizure of McKenna Tower NLT 0930 hours.

EXECUTION

Phase 1: Preparation and Movement (0700-0830)

0700-0730: Pre-Combat Preparations

- **Equipment Inspection:** Complete sensitive items inventory, communications check, weapons inspection
- **Intelligence Brief:** Updated enemy situation, weather, and terrain analysis
- **Medical Brief:** Casualty collection points, evacuation procedures, medical support locations
- **Final Coordination:** Confirm frequencies, call signs, challenge/password, and boundaries

0730-0830: Tactical Movement Phase

BLUE Forces:

- Depart General Field using traveling overwatch formation
- Primary route: [specific route description]
- Alternate route: [backup route]
- Reconnaissance element moves 400m ahead of main body
- Establish overwatch positions covering Blackhawk Trail approaches

OPFOR:

- Depart Residential Compound in tactical column
- Move toward McKenna Tower via most direct route
- Maintain aggressive posture with forward reconnaissance

Phase 2: Contact and Engagement (0830-0930)

0830: Initial Contact Phase

BLUE Force Actions:

- Forward observers report enemy movement at [grid coordinates]
- Platoon leaders receive SALUTE reports via radio
- Units establish hasty defensive positions along Blackhawk Trail
- Crew-served weapons positioned for maximum coverage

OPFOR Actions:

- Continue movement toward objective
- React to contact IAW standard battle drills
- Attempt to outflank BLUE positions

0845-0930: Decisive Action Phase

Key Training Events:

1. **Immediate Action Drills:** React to contact, return fire, seek cover
2. **Fire and Movement:** Bounding overwatch, flanking maneuvers
3. **Communications Under Fire:** Maintain command and control during combat
4. **Casualty Procedures:** Treat and evacuate wounded personnel
5. **Ammunition Management:** Resupply operations under pressure
6. **Leadership Decisions:** Adapt tactics based on enemy actions

Phase 3: Consolidation and Reorganization (0930-1000)

0930: ENDEX Procedures

- All weapons cleared and accounted for
 - Casualty assessment conducted by medical personnel
 - Personnel accountability by unit leaders
 - Equipment recovery and sensitive item inventory
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TRAINING OBJECTIVES

Primary Objectives

1. **Movement Techniques:** Execute tactical movement in varied terrain while maintaining security
2. **Reconnaissance Operations:** Conduct effective surveillance and early warning
3. **Battle Drills:** Demonstrate proficiency in immediate action upon enemy contact
4. **Sustained Operations:** Maintain combat effectiveness during extended engagement
5. **Medical Training:** Practice realistic casualty evacuation and treatment procedures

Secondary Objectives

1. **Leadership Development:** Exercise command and control under stress
2. **Communication Discipline:** Maintain proper radio procedures during combat

3. **Equipment Proficiency:** Demonstrate competence with assigned weapons and equipment
 4. **Team Cohesion:** Build unit confidence through realistic training
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COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

Safety Requirements

- **Range Safety Officer (RSO):** [Name/Contact] monitors all live-fire activities
- **Medical Support:** Two ambulances positioned at [locations], flight medic on standby
- **Emergency Procedures:** Any real injury results in immediate "SAFETY HALT"
- **Weather Contingency:** Exercise postponed if lightning within 5 miles

Control Measures

- **Boundaries:** [Specific grid coordinates for unit boundaries]
- **No-Fire Lines:** [Protected areas and friendly positions]
- **Checkpoints:** Alpha, Bravo, Charlie checkpoints established for control
- **Phase Lines:** Red, White, Blue phase lines for movement control

Administrative Details

- **Ammunition:** 120 rounds per rifle, training ammunition only
 - **Water:** Minimum 2 quarts per person, resupply at checkpoint Alpha
 - **Meals:** MREs distributed at 0630, hot meal following AAR
 - **Transportation:** Trucks available for casualty evacuation and equipment recovery
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EXPECTED TRAINING OUTCOMES

Projected Casualty Assessment (*Training Purposes*)

OPFOR Casualties: 65% total

- 40 personnel eliminated from exercise (50% KIA, 15% WIA)
- Demonstrates effectiveness of defensive operations

BLUE Force Casualties: 45% total

- 3 personnel KIA, 24 personnel WIA
- Realistic assessment of combat costs

Assessment Criteria

- **Exceeds Standard:** Mission accomplished with <30% casualties
 - **Meets Standard:** Mission accomplished with 30-50% casualties
 - **Below Standard:** Mission failed or >50% casualties sustained
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AFTER ACTION REVIEW (AAR)

Immediate Hot Wash (0945-1000)

Location: Blackhawk Trail assembly area

Participants: All exercise personnel

Format: Informal discussion of immediate observations

Formal AAR (1000-1100)

Location: Fort Moore Conference Room B

Participants: Leaders and selected participants

Discussion Topics:

1. **What was supposed to happen?** Review mission and objectives
2. **What actually happened?** Chronological event reconstruction
3. **Why were there differences?** Identify contributing factors
4. **What can we learn?** Extract key training insights

AAR Focus Areas

- **Movement and Positioning:** Tactical formation effectiveness
 - **Communication:** Radio discipline and information flow
 - **Decision Making:** Leader actions under pressure and time constraints
 - **Medical Procedures:** Casualty treatment and evacuation efficiency
 - **Weapons Employment:** Target engagement and ammunition conservation
 - **Team Coordination:** Unit cohesion and mutual support
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RISK ASSESSMENT

High Risk Activities

- Movement through difficult terrain (ankle injuries, falls)

- Weapons handling during high-stress situations
- Heat-related injuries during summer training
- Communications equipment in adverse weather

Risk Mitigation Measures

- Detailed terrain reconnaissance prior to exercise
 - Additional safety briefings for weapons handling
 - Hydration plan with mandatory water consumption
 - Backup communication systems and procedures
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APPENDICES

Appendix A: Detailed Maps and Overlays

Appendix B: Communications Plan (SOP)

Appendix C: Medical Support Plan

Appendix D: Equipment List and Accountability

Appendix E: Weather Contingency Procedures

Exercise Controller: [Name, Rank, Contact Information]

Safety Officer: [Name, Rank, Contact Information]

Medical Officer: [Name, Rank, Contact Information]

This training scenario is designed to provide realistic, challenging training while maintaining the highest safety standards. All personnel are responsible for safety and mission success.