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MEMORANDUM FOR Bn S3, Rotational Field Artillery Battalion

SUBJECT: Commander's Brief Back to the Senior Fire Support Trainer

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information to assist FSCOORDs and their S3s in the preparation of the commander's back brief to the Senior Fire Support Trainer. The FSCOORD will deliver this brief to Wolf 07 on RSOI 01, 1300 hrs, at building 590 "The Wolf Den."

2. The following information is required in the FSCOORD's back brief:

a. Battalion METL Assessment. Provide a current assessment on each mission essential task for each battery and an overall assessment for the battalion. Discuss tasks to sustain and those tasks the battalion desires to focus and improve on while at NTC.

b. Battalion Training Objectives. Discuss in detail those tasks the unit desires to accomplish during the rotation. The FSCOORD needs to determine what success for his unit equates to at the conclusion of the NTC rotation.

c. Recent training events (Road to NTC). Describe your units training in preparation for your rotation. Include at a minimum:

(1) The echelon of training (section, platoon, battery, battalion, brigade) the commander placed his primary emphasis on.

(2) Your unit leader development program at the institutional, organizational, and self-development level.

(3) The amount of time spent reviewing NTC take home packets from your unit or other units.

(4) Field training exercises to include live firing exercises.

(5) AFATDS/IFSAS sustainment training.

(6) Fire support training.

(7) Amount of time and type of training conducted at night.

(8) Amount of time and type of training conducted in MOPP IV.

d. Accurate predicted fires. What are your battalion's procedures for maintaining the five requirements for accurate predicted fires? Discuss at a minimum:

(1) Met management.

(2) MVV/lot management/calibration plan.

(3) Survey plan.

(4) FCAT/AFCS confidence checks plan.

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(5) Aiming circle declination plan.

e. Safety certification program. Describe your battalion safety certification program for Bn FDC, POCs, and howitzer sections.

f. Procedures for secondary checks. Describe your procedures for certifying Bn FDC, POCs, and howitzer sections.

g. Firing incident procedures. Describe what constitutes a firing incident for your battalion and your SOP for investigating firing incidents.

h. Fire Support. Describe the battalion's method for:

(1) Developing and disseminating a top-down scheme of fires and your system for bottom up refinement.

(2) Observation planning.

(3) Establishment and marking of triggers.

(4) Nets and call signs.

(5) Conduct of pre-combat inspections of FSEs, FISTs and COLTs.

(6) FISTs and COLTS GVLLD usage to include dismounted operations.

(7) Executing the scheme of fires.

(8) Transition from the deep to the close fight.

i. Battalion personnel status.

(1) List battalion key personnel, to include current duty position, months in position, and NTC experience.

(2) Confirm the total number of personnel you are bringing to NTC to include attachments.

(3) List crew status for howitzer, ammunition, FDC, POC, FIST, COLT, communication, survey, PLL/ULLS, mess, and medical section.

(4) List personnel strengths and weaknesses.

j. Battalion CSS Status.

(1) Describe the units current combat power, maintenance status of vehicles by type, and RSOI plan.

(2) Describe the FIST-V maintenance plan.

(3) Describe your equipment strengths and weaknesses. List any critical shortages.

(4) Describe your class IV Status.

(5) Describe your class V Status. Detail the amount of blank ammunition and HOFFMANs you plan to draw for force-on-force.

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(6) Describe your ammunition resupply method and plan to include your Bn CCLs.

(7) Medical support plan: Outline your combat life savers certification program, status of class VIII supplies/combat life saver bags, litters, and litter straps, medical equipment status, mass casualty/evacuation training, and MEDEVAC procedures.

k. Risk management. What are your plans or measures for tactical and accidental risk management.

1. Commanders concerns/issues. Identify specific things the commander may want Observer/Controllers to place special emphasis on during the rotation.

3. POC is CW2 Lancaster at DSN 470-6962.

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