

(DIN) EXERCISE CAMBRIAN PATROL 2012

References:

- A. SSSC DVD C 1985, Cambrian Patrol.
- B. HQ 160 (W) Bde 3725-4 – CP11 Unit PXR dated 10 Nov 11.
- C. <http://www.army.mod.uk/events/events/19821.aspx>

GENERAL

1. Cambrian Patrol is the premier patrolling event of the British Army. It is held in Wales and is organised by HQ 160 (W) Bde on behalf of HQ 5 Div, as directed by HQ LAND in the Land Command Plan. Cambrian Patrol is an exercise and not a competition. It is arduous and concentrates on leadership, teamwork, physical fitness and achieving the mission. The exercise is designed to be within the capability of any well-led and well-trained patrol from any Arm or Service and it also draws participants from foreign Countries. Cambrian Patrol is conducted for the benefit of units and there is no final order of merit and the exercise is the same for Regular and Reserve Forces patrols.

AIM

2. The aim of Cambrian Patrol is to provide a challenging patrols exercise in order to develop operational capability.

ELIGIBILITY AND COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

3. There are separate but identical phases for Regular and Reserve units:

a. **The Reserve Phases.** The Reserve event is run from a Friday to a Sunday and is open to patrols from the Territorial Army, Royal Marine Reserves, Royal Auxiliary Air Force and equivalent overseas Reserve units. Entry details are the same as for the Regular event.

b. **The Regular Phases.** The Regular event is open to patrols from Regular units of the Army, Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Air Force and foreign countries. Units may bid to enter more than one patrol. Units from the Territorial Army and University OTCs may also enter on a fill-up basis if they can release personnel to participate mid-week.

c. **Patrol Composition.** Each patrol is to have a non-participating Patrol Manager and two drivers. The drivers may be reserves. The composition of the patrol is to be:

- (1) Ptl Comd: Offr/WO/SNCO.
- (2) Ptl 2IC: JNCO.
- (3) 6 x Ptes: This group may include no more than one x JNCO*.

*This composition does not apply to University OTCs. Any other unit whose establishment makes adherence to these criteria exceptionally difficult can apply in writing to the CP Office, HQ 160 (W) Bde for dispensation.

d. **Eligibility.** The following rule applies:

No individual is to enter the Patrol more than twice in any one rank (not including Patrol Managers).

DATES

4. The exercise will be conducted in seven phases in order to allow the maximum number of units to enter. The Reserve Forces participate on Phases One and Seven. The phase dates are as follows:

- a. Phase One: Report Fri 19 Oct 12; ends Sun 21 Oct 12 (Reserve Forces).
- b. Phase Two: Report Sun 21 Oct 12; ends Tue 23 Oct 12.
- c. Phase Three: Report Mon 22 Oct 12; ends Wed 24 Oct 12.
- d. Phase Four: Report Tue 23 Oct 12; ends Thu 25 Oct 12.
- e. Phase Five: Report Wed 24 Oct 12; ends Fri 26 Oct 12.
- f. Phase Six: Report Thu 25 Oct 12; ends Sat 27 Oct 12.
- g. Phase Seven: Report Fri 26 Oct 12; ends Sun 28 Oct 12 (Reserve Forces).

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

5. Cambrian Patrol is a Mission and Task Orientated exercise. The fundamental criteria used to assess the performance of the patrol is by determining whether or not it completes the various tasks and achieves its Mission. This is assessed by awarding marks for:

- a. Military skills (approx 70% of total marks).
- b. Orders (approx 15% of total marks).
- c. Debrief (approx 15% of total marks).

6. The other Military skills that may be assessed during Cambrian Patrol are:

- a. Dismounted Close Combat Skills.
- b. Obstacle crossing drills.
- c. First aid and CasEvac procedures.
- d. Recognition of aircraft, vehicles and equipment.
- e. C-IED/Minefield Clearance drills.
- f. Patrol Techniques.
- g. Prisoner of War (PoW) Handling.
- h. Helicopter drills.
- i. Media handling.
- k. Radio communications skills.

7. Additional skills to be assessed may be notified in the future. Units may find References A, B and C useful when trying to plan pre-training programmes. Reference B can be supplied to units on request by CP Office, HQ 160 (W) Bde.

STANDARDS

8. The level of award will depend on the patrol completing all aspects of the exercise, in particular the mission phase. Awards are:

- a. Gold: 75% or more of the points available.
- b. Silver: 65-74% of the points available.
- c. Bronze: 55-64% of the points available.
- d. Certificate: Completed the exercise in the time allowed and scored less than 55% of the points available.

9. Certificates are awarded to all those that complete the Cambrian Patrol. However, teams or individuals who withdraw will not be awarded a certificate (teams that fall below 5 members will be withdrawn for safety reasons).

APPLICATIONS TO ENTER

10. Units should apply using the application form attached. Copies of the application should also be sent to the unit's Brigade or Divisional HQ. Units are welcome to bid to enter several teams, however, last minute withdrawals due to a failure to anticipate commitments or train adequately are extremely unwelcome and may prevent other units from participating.

11. Bids are to show preference for dates/phases. **The closing date for bids will be 07 Sep 12.** Receipts of all bids will be acknowledged. The organisers' decision on allocation will be final (Note: The patrol will fill up on a first come first allocated basis). Joining Instructions will be issued to units from 01 Sept 12. Reserve Forces units are to note that they must be prepared to report between 0400 hrs (earliest) and 1030 hrs (latest) on Fri 19 Oct 12 or Fri 26 Oct 12. Units must adhere to these timings. Exact timings for each unit will be contained in the Warning Order which will be issued nearer the date of deployment.

12. An entry fee of £60 per patrol made payable to 'HQ 160 (W) Bde Central Bank' should be enclosed with the application and is not refundable after the bid is accepted in August. Forms received without an entry fee will be returned. The entry fee for foreign teams is also £60, payable by UK cheque or by cash on arrival. (A contribution from these funds will be donated to the Army Benevolent Fund if any monies are left over once all exercise expenses have been paid).

13. Foreign units are encouraged to enter teams into Cambrian Patrol. There is a requirement for these teams to be hosted by British units. Wherever possible, allied and affiliated units should be used. However, there may be a requirement for units on the same phase as foreign teams to assist with hosting if the above arrangement cannot be met.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

14. Units that require additional information can telephone the HQ 160(W) Bde Trg WO (WO1 B Pratt) on 94351 2280 / 01874 613280, e-mail brian.pratt683@mod.uk, or visit <http://www.army.mod.uk/events/events/19821.aspx>

