

APPENDIX A. PATROL WARNING ORDER

The warning order is issued as soon as practical with all available information included to assist patrol members in preparation.

1. Situation. Friendly and enemy situation information necessary for initial preparation.
2. Mission. Statement of what the patrol is to accomplish, and the purpose for accomplishing it. When, how, and where will be discussed in the patrol order.
3. Execution
 - a. Task Organization. General patrol organization and assignment of responsibilities if known; otherwise, promulgate in the patrol order.
 - b. Tasks. Alert subordinate leaders to patrol tasks (e.g., stream crossing, helicopter rappelling, demolitions) requiring preparation prior to departure.
 - c. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) Time schedule and location for individual preparation, rest, briefings, in-spection, rehearsal, and departure.
 - (2) Time, place, uniform, and equipment for receiving the patrol order.
 - (3) Tasks for subordinate leaders to direct and supervise the initial preparation which may include drawing ammunition, rations, and special equipment; conducting immediate action drills or other necessary individual or unit training; meeting and briefing attachment personnel; reconnoitering the area for passage of lines; and coordinating with the necessary unit leaders.
 - (4) Preliminary guidance to specialists and key individuals regarding their roles and organization within the patrol.
4. Administration and Logistics
 - a. Individual uniform, equipment, weapons, and prescribed load of rations, water, and ammunition.
 - b. Crew-served weapons (if required) and guidance regarding distribution of weapons and ammunition during movement.

- c. Special equipment requirements (wire cutters, demolitions, radios, flashlights, infrared equipment, mines, binoculars) and their distribution during movement.
 - d. Restricted or prohibited items.
- 5. Command and Signal
 - a. Designation of assistant patrol leader and his role in preparation.
 - b. Designation of navigators and radio operators (if required).
 - c. Brief outline of patrol leader's schedule for preparation, and where he can be reached.