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MARINE CORPS ORDER 3590.14F

From: Commandant Of the Marine Corps  
To: Distribution List

Subj: ANNUAL RIFLE SQUAD COMPETITION

Ref: (a) FMFM 6-5, Marine Rifle Squad  
(b) FMFM 1-2, Marine Troop Leaders Guide  
(c) NAVMC 2694, Performance Objectives for Infantry Squad  
(d) FM 23-85, 60mm Mortar, M224  
(e) FM 6-30, Field Artillery Observer  
(f) MCO 3591.2J, Small Arms Marksmanship Competition

Encl: (1) Infantry Team Match Course of Fire

1. Purpose. To provide information/instruction on, and set forth responsibilities for the conduct Of the Marine Corps Annual Rifle Squad Combat Competition.

2. Cancellation. MCO 3590.14E.

3. Information

a. The subject competition will be conducted annually at all infantry regiments to the division level. The winning rifle squad from each Marine division will be honored at an evening parade conducted by the Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, DC during August each year.

b. The intent of the competition is to provide a Marine Corps-wide medium to stimulate operational proficiency of the rifle squad and to determine, under simulated combat conditions, which Marine rifle squads are most effective in demonstrating their capability for employment in combat. The competition will be designed to emphasize those tactics and techniques promulgated in reference (a).

4. Competition Rules

a. The competition will be based on appropriate portions of references (a), (b), and (c). References (d) and (e) will be the source for 60mm and 81mm mortar "call for fire" procedures. The marksmanship portion of the competition will be conducted per section 16, enclosure (7) of reference (f) and the enclosure. Specific scenarios and tactical evolutions for the competition are the prerogative of the force commanders; however, squads must be tested in the following general categories:

- (1) Offensive tactics
- (2) Defensive tactics
- (3) Patrolling
- (4) Marksmanship
- (5) Physical fitness

b. Competing squads' members will be designated prior to commencement of competition at the battalion level. No member of a squad will be above T/O grade upon commencement of regimental level competition.

c. One Marine, lance corporal or below, may be designated as an alternate and may accompany the squad throughout the competition. Use of the alternate will be determined by division level competition rules. A Marine who has served as the alternate for a winning squad will attend the Marine Corps recognition ceremony as a member of that unit.

d. Each squad, during all competition above battalion level, will be accompanied by one Navy corpsman of a grade no higher than petty officer, third class who is a member of the medical platoon of the squad's parent battalion. The corpsman will participate in all events except the marksmanship portion of the competition. Medical skills will not be evaluated beyond the immediate reaction to casualties.

#### 5. Administrative and Travel Instructions

a. Orders for travel to the Marine Corps recognition ceremony will provide for winning squads, and personnel designated to accompany them, to report as a unit to the Commanding Officer (CO), Headquarters Battalion (HQBN), Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC), Arlington, Virginia for duty no earlier than three days prior to the scheduled date of the ceremony. Orders will be terminated by appropriate authority on the Saturday following the parade.

b. The CO HQBN, HQMC, (information copy to the CG MCCDC (C 462), will be advised of transportation arrangements to and from Washington, DC at least 10 days prior to the recognition ceremony.

c. Each Marine division may designate one company grade officer and one staff noncommissioned officer to accompany the winning division squad to Washington, DC.

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d. Squad rosters showing the full name, social security number, grade, and T/O billet for each Marine of the winning division squad will be forwarded to the CO HQBN (information copy to CG MCCDC, (C 462)) 15 days prior to the date of the recognition ceremony. Rosters will indicate squad, platoon, company, battalion, and regimental designator. Additionally, upon arrival, each squad will submit to the CO HQBN (information copy to CG MCCDC (C 462)) a final corrected roster certified by its parent command.

e. Squad leaders will be thoroughly briefed by their command regarding transportation arrangements to and from Washington, leave authorizations, and other pertinent administrative details.

f. Direct liaison with the CO HQBN, HQMC is authorized. Furnish a copy of all correspondence to the CG MCCDC (C 462).

g. All TAD and travel costs will be borne by the parent commands.

#### 6. Action

a. CMC (PA). Coordinate coverage of the competition and the recognition ceremony, and ensure adequate national and Marine Corps-wide distribution of news stories and photographs.

b. CG MCCDC (C 462). Coordinate the procurement and engraving of the awards.

c. Commanding Generals, MARFORLant and MARFORPac

(1) Conduct an annual rifle squad combat competition at the division level to determine the most proficient rifle squad organic to the command. The spirit and intent of the competition is to identify and commend the most proficient rifle squad in each division, not the development of "Super Squads" in order to win.

(2) Ensure that the division competitions are complete by mid-July each year.

d. Commanding General, MARRESFOR. If participation is desired, notify the CG MCCDC (C 462) prior to 1 January and comply with the procedures outlined in this Order.

e. Commanding Officer HOBAN, HOMC

(1) Provide transportation, billeting, messing, and administrative support for the squads being honored at the annual recognition ceremony.

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(2) Coordinate the arrival and departure of the squads as well as their participation in the recognition ceremony and any other extracurricular activities in which they may be invited to participate.

(3) Provide a set of individual equipment for each member of the participating squads. Each set will consist of the following items of equipment:

- (a) First-aid kit
- (b) Bayonet-knife, w/scabbard for M-16
- (c) Canteen w/cover (2 each)
- (d) Canteen cup
- (e) M-16 Rifle magazine, 30 round capacity (4 each)
- (f) Magazine pouch for M-16 rifle (2 each)
- (g) Belt, individual equipment, nylon, w/suspenders harness
- (h) Helmet and camouflage cover

(4) Direct liaison with the CO Marine Barracks, Washington, DC is authorized.

f. Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, DC

(1) Plan and conduct the parade and recognition ceremony for the presentation of awards to the winning squads of the division squad competition.

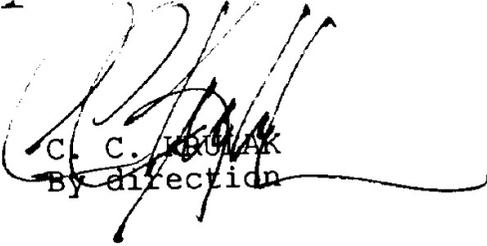
(2) Submit plan to CG MCCDC (C 462) for approval 30 days prior to the recognition ceremony.

(3) Direct liaison with the CO HQBN, HQMC is authorized.

(4) Provide news and photographic coverage of the recognition ceremony. Coordinate coverage and distribution of news stories and photographs with the CMC (PA).

(5) Provide T/O weapon with sling/holster for each member of the participating squads.

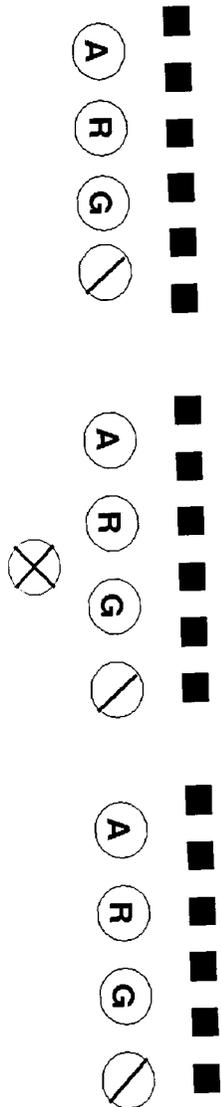
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## INFANTRY TEAM MATCH COURSE OF FIRE



ENCLOSURE (1)

### CONCEPT

Force on target, free play, infantry squad live FIREX.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Range with 600 yard accommodations.
- T/O infantry squad with T/E weapons and 782 gear.
- 800 5.56 rounds for riflemen.
- 600 5.56 linked rounds for M249 SAW.

### COURSE OF FIRE

| RANGE  | POSITION | TARGET                     | TIME   |
|--------|----------|----------------------------|--------|
| 600 yd | prone    | E silhouette               | 75 sec |
| 500 yd | prone    | E silhouette               | 75 sec |
| 300 yd | prone    | E silhouette & dog targets | 75 sec |
| 200 yd | knelling | dog targets                | 75 sec |

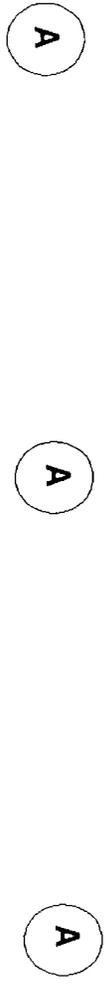
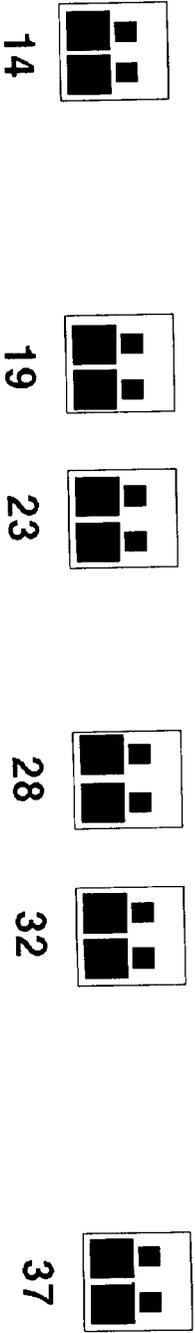
### SCORING

- 600 yard hits x 10 points
- 500 yard hits x 5 points
- 300 yard hits x 3 points
- 200 yard hits x 1 point
- Bonus is awarded by squaring no. of targets w/> = 6 hits at 500, 300, and 200 yds.
- Bonus at 600 yds is 50 points if each target has > = 1 hit.

### RULES

- There are no refires for any reason.**
- M249 SAW must engage at least two targets at each yard line.**
- Squad Leader carries an M16A2 rifle.**

# ANNUAL RIFLE SQUAD INFANTRY TROPHY MATCH



## TARGETS

Six double face E silhouettes, (only at 600 yd line).

## STRING OF FIRE

M249 SAW gunners will engage all targets.

Only SAW gunners will engage targets.

## SCORING

600 yd hits x 10 points per target  
if both silhouettes are hit once.

\* Bonus at 600 yds, 50 points  
if each silhouette has > = 1 hit

\* Total points: 110.

## RULES

There are no refires for any reason.

SAW must engage at least two targets each line.

ANNUAL RIFLE SQUAD INFANTRY TROPHY MATCH RELAY # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SCORE KEEPER: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST STAGE (600 YARDS), 75 SECOND TIME LIMIT, ALL ECHO TARGETS.

TGT#: 14 19 23 28 32 37  
 HITS:

TGTS THAT HAVE 1 HIT ON BOTH SILHOUETTES ----- X 10 = -----

IF ALL TARGETS HAVE MINIMUM OF ONE HIT, SQUAD RECEIVES 50 BONUS POINTS - BONUS POINTS -----

(ALL FLANK TARGETS ARE DOUBLE SILHOUETTED)

(TARGET IS HALF-MASTED ONCE BOTH SILHOUETTES HAVE 1 HIT) TOTAL POINT FOR 1ST STAGE -----

SECOND STAGE (500 YARDS), 75 SECOND TIME LIMIT, ALL ECHO TARGETS.

TGT#: 14 15 16 17 18 19 23 24 25 26 27 28 32 33 34 35 36 37  
 HITS:

TOTAL NUMBER OF HITS FROM ALL TARGETS ----- X 5 = -----

TOTAL NUMBER OF TARGETS WITH 6 OR MORE HITS ----- X THAT # ----- = BONUS POINTS -----

TOTAL POINTS FOR 2ND STAGE -----

THIRD STAGE (300 YARDS), 120 SECOND TIME LIMIT, EVEN # TGTS ARE ECHO TGTS, ODD # TGTS ARE DOG TGTS.

TGT#: 14 15 16 17 18 19 23 24 25 26 27 28 32 33 34 35 36 37  
 HITS:

TOTAL NUMBER OF HITS FROM ALL TARGETS ----- X 3 = -----

TOTAL NUMBER OF TARGETS WITH 6 OR MORE HITS ----- X THAT # ----- = BONUS POINTS -----

TOTAL POINTS FOR 3RD STAGE -----

FOURTH STAGE (200 YARDS), 75 SECOND TIME LIMIT, ALL DOG TARGETS.

TGT#: 14 15 16 17 18 19 23 24 25 26 27 28 32 33 34 35 36 37  
 HITS:

TOTAL NUMBER OF HITS FROM ALL TARGETS ----- X 1 = -----

TOTAL NUMBER OF TARGETS WITH 6 OR MORE HITS ----- X THAT # ----- = BONUS POINTS -----

TOTAL POINTS FOR 4TH STAGE -----

NOTE: ON COMMAND, ALL TGTS WILL RUN FOR 75 SEC FOR MOVEMENT TO NEXT FIRING LINE AND RECEIVE FIRE (EXCEPT 3RD STAGE/120 SEC).

OVERALL TOTAL SCORE -----