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ANNOTATED FORMAT

EXAMPLE, ORAL (ATTACK)

Warning Order

SITUATION Brief description of the enemy and friendly situations. Point out key locations on the ground, map, or sketch. Attachments and detachments to the squad/platoon.

"This is a warning order. Hold your questions until I finish.

"The scouts have identified a motorized rifle platoon with at least two BTRs defending Hill 876, vic GL123456. They are digging in and it looks like they plan to defend the road junction at GL126463. The rest of the enemy company is further to the west, around Hill 899.

"Captain Williams just issued a warning order for the company to prepare for an infiltration at 0200 11 July to seize Hill 876 in order to provide suppressive fires for the battalion's main attack on Hill 899.

"There are no attachments or detachments.

MISSION Concise statement of the task and purpose (who, what, when, where, and why). If not all information is known, state which parts of the mission statement are tentative.

"3d Plt attacks 11 0200 Jul 91 to seize Hill 876 (GL123456) in order to provide fires on Hill 899 in support of the battalion's attack.
Read-then go to visual aid and point out current location + objectives location.

EXECUTION Brief statement of the tentative concept of the operation.

"We will be one of the two assault platoons along with 2d Plt. 1st Plt will be the base of fire along with the company mortars and Dragons.

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EXECUTION (continued) Time schedule:
 Earliest time of move.
 Time and place of OPOD.
 Probable execution time.
 Inspection times and items to be inspected different from SOP
 Rehearsal time, location, and actions to be rehearsed.

"Time schedule is as follows:
 LD time is 0200.
 The earliest we will have to move is 2330.
 After 2330, we have to be ready to move within 10 minutes of the order to do so.
 My final inspection will be at 2300, here at the CP.
 We have a company rehearsal for team leaders on up, at 1600 at the company CP. We will meet here at 1530 and move together. I want a platoon rehearsal for team leaders, squad leaders, the aidman, the FO, and of course, SFC Fowler (the PSG) here at our CP at 1330. We will do a full platoon rehearsal at 2100 so we can do it at least once in the dark. Platoon rehearsals will be for actions at the objective. Squads rehearse breaching and react to contact drills on your own.
 My OPOD will be here at the platoon CP at 1030.

Cover special teams + instructions - what tasks or teams will be needed now to prep during movement + on the objective.

Tasks to subordinate key personnel:
 Platoon sergeant
 Squad leaders
 RATELO
 Aidman
 Attachments
 To soldiers helping prepare OPOD.
 As needed to others.

"SFC Fowler, talk to me about resupply after this warning order. I want you to plan for casualty evacuation and to give paragraph 4 of the OPOD.
 "SSG Crawford, you and your squad will be the lead squad. Make sure you recon the route from here to the LD.
 "SGT Brown (FO), I need you to get the fire plan from the FIST ASAP, so we see what additional targets we need.
 "SSG Steele, send SGT White and his team up here in 20 minutes to begin making the terrain model of the objective.

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SERVICE SUPPORT Additional general instructions.
COMMAND AND SIGNAL CSS tasks to be accomplished that are different from the TACSOP.
 Location of CP succession of command (if not SOP).
 SOI in effect.
 Signals/code words.

"Each squad will carry four AT4s to use against the BTRs or any bunkers we find.
 "No change to platoon organization. The platoon CP will stay here. SOI we have is still in effect.