

The Sea Cadets



Practical Leadership Tasks

“Special Forces Map”

Prior Training Required:

No prior training is required to participate in this task.

Equipment Required:

- Pencil & Paper per team
- 1 Map per team

Personnel List:

1 or more Cadet Teams (Approx. 4 – 6 Cadets per team)

Instructions for Organiser:

Split cadets into teams. Give each a copy of the map (face-down). When ready, tell all teams to turn the map over and to commit it to memory. Allow 5 minutes before telling them to turn the maps back again. Collect all of the maps in and hand out pencils and paper. Give them 10 minutes to reproduce the map from memory.

The maps should be of simple design, NOT OS-style maps. Features of the maps may include: Simplistic lines to represent Rivers (Blue), Roads (Black), and Railways (Black “+++++”). See chart below for examples.

Model Solution:

Reproducing the map as close to the original as possible. Team members memorise separate sections of the map and reproduce it as a team, rather than all of them trying to remember the whole map.






Points to Watch For:

- Cadets do not take notes while in possession of the map.

Further Notes:

Rather than issuing multiple small maps, you could display one large map using an OHP or Projector.

Example Symbols:

Road	
River	
Railway	
Radio Mast	
Building	

Situation:

Your team is about to enter enemy territory on a sabotage mission in approximately 15 minutes time. During the mission, you will be required to visit some of our hidden production facilities to pick up equipment vital for your mission. We cannot afford to let the enemy find these locations, so you will be unable to take any maps of the area with you. You must therefore commit the locations of these facilities to memory prior to departure.

Mission:

To be able to reproduce the area map from memory.

Execution:

You have 15 minutes from the end of this briefing to complete the task. Maps of the area will be shown to you for a period of 5 minutes. During this time, you should memorise the location and types of key features on the map. **NO NOTES MAY BE MADE AT THIS TIME.** When the 5 minutes are up, the maps will be withdrawn. You will then have a period of 10 minutes in which to test your memory by reproducing the map onto a blank sheet of paper.

Any Questions?

Check Understanding:

How long do you have to complete the task?

15 Minutes

How long do you have to view the maps?

5 Minutes

What can you not do whilst viewing the map?

Take Notes