

The Defense of Jisr Al Doreaa
Practical Exercise 3 “Counter Sniper”
(Instructor Notes)

Practical Exercise Guidance

In the second dream one of 2LT Connors’ Soldiers is killed by an enemy sniper. Enemy snipers are a dangerous threat that requires deliberate planning and diligent security to defeat. What steps could 2LT Connors have taken to defeat the sniper threat?

Task: Discuss counter-sniper measures that may have helped 1st Platoon

Conditions: Given the same mission and troops that were available to 2LT Connors.

Standards: Discuss passive and active counter-sniper measures. Brief your battle drill for react to sniper.

Talking Points

1. Passive counter-sniper measures include
 - a. *Varying movement times and breaking patterns*
 - b. *Continuous individual movement*
 - c. *Sniper screens/camo nets*
 - d. *Armor and bulletproof glass*
 - e. *Satellite patrolling*
2. Active counter-sniper measures include
 - a. *Establishing a friendly sniper team or SDM in over-watch*
 - b. *Utilizing optics to scan potential sniper hide sites*
 - c. *Actively patrolling potential sniper infiltration routes and firing points*
3. React to sniper battle drill
 - a. *Does the drill include a means of obscuring or protecting personnel when in the kill zone? Smoke or armored vehicle cover for CASEVAC?*
 - b. *Does the drill address finding and isolating the sniper if possible?*