

## Patrol Commander's Equipment - 2016



### 1 Map and Compass

The proper planning and conduct of a patrol depends upon familiarity of the ground where the patrol is to take place. Sufficient time must be allowed for the studying of maps. Maps should always be carried in a map case such as this one (MAP001HMTC - £6.99) as well as a lightweight compass (AN01 - £44.95)

### 2 Nyrex Orders Book

The preparation of orders by the patrol commander is an essential part of the sequence of action for patrolling. A nyrex note pad is weatherproof and with the Cadet Force Tactical Aide Memoire (CF TAM) inserts can help you structure your orders and remind you of important details. (AC445 - £8.45).

### 3 Commander's Model Kit

The Patrol 2IC will usually create a model to help brief the patrol and to familiarise them with the ground and execution. A model kit contains useful accessories to help you communicate your plan. The kit shown is the Commander's Field Model Kit (VAN2027 - £12.45).

### 4 Night Vision Aids

Some HQs are able to borrow night vision equipment from their parent unit and this should be tested prior to starting the patrol. Lower cost Generation 1 night vision technology is available to buy from Cadet Direct and can give your patrol a real tactical advantage. Consider a scope with a built-in IR source like this Patrol 4x50 model. (24083 - £199.95)

### 5 Radios

If your patrol is lucky enough to have access to radio communications such as the PRC 349 or Personal Role Radio (PRR) shown make sure

the network is tested and radio equipment adequately camouflaged during the preparation stage.

### 6 Sleeping, Shelter and Food

The patrol commander must ensure that adequate arrangements are in place in relation to shelter, dry clothing, a meal and hot drink both before and after each patrol (CN338 - £4.99)

### 7 Camouflage and Concealment

Before setting out on patrol each cadet should be properly camouflaged (including the face, neck and hands) using a camouflage cream such as Camtech Woodland Face Paint & Sunscreen (KD01 - £5.95). Suitable fieldcraft headwear, such as this knitted benny hat (AB5438 - £4.95), must not cover the ears.

### 8 Notebook and Pencil

Patrol Commanders should always carry a method of recording information. This Rite in the Rain notebook (AA64 - £5.95) is weatherproof. Chinagraph pencils (ST108 - £1.39) can be used to write in notebooks and on map cases and nyrex orders books.

### 9 Watch

Watches should have an illumination function like this Timex Double Shock (T49983 - £74.95). Watches with permanently luminous hands or faces should be worn in conjunction with a watch cover such as this lightweight MTP version (RLCW - £8.99).

### 10 Torch

Consider carrying a handheld torch such as the Web-tex Right Angle LED Flashlight (WTORANFL - £11.95) with its choice of red, blue, green or

white LEDs and/or a head torch with a red flip down filter (TOR110 - £9.95). Both are ideal for patrolling at night as the red light protects your night vision.

### 11 Medical Kit

Every member of the patrol team should carry a small first aid kit such as the BCB Personal First Aid Kit (BC30M). The Patrol Commander should also consider carrying a larger more comprehensive team kit such as the BCB Lifesaver 3 pack (AA38C shown). A stretcher (65260-0 - £45.95) is also worth considering & can also be improvised from a basha or poncho.

### 12 Emergency Rations

Snacks for consumption during the patrol can be scavenged from a 24 hour ration pack or alternatively an Emergency Belt Order 24 Hr Ration (CP003 - £10.95) can be carried.