

Sandhurst Kriegsspiel

Ex Aldershot Skirmish

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Sandhurst Kriegsspiel

- The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst is the British Officer Training Academy (normally referred to as just "Sandhurst").
- Kriegsspiel is the German word for "wargame" and comes in 2 main types:
 - Free Kriegsspiel (no "rules" just the military experience of the instructors).
 - Rigid Kreigsspiel (comprehensive (and complex) rules for inexperienced instructors).

Tactical Exercise Without Troops (TEWT)

- Planning Exercise for Commanders.
- Taking place on the real terrain.





General Von Moltke

Process:

- Off-site.
- Seminar.
- Wargame.
- Verification.
- Records.

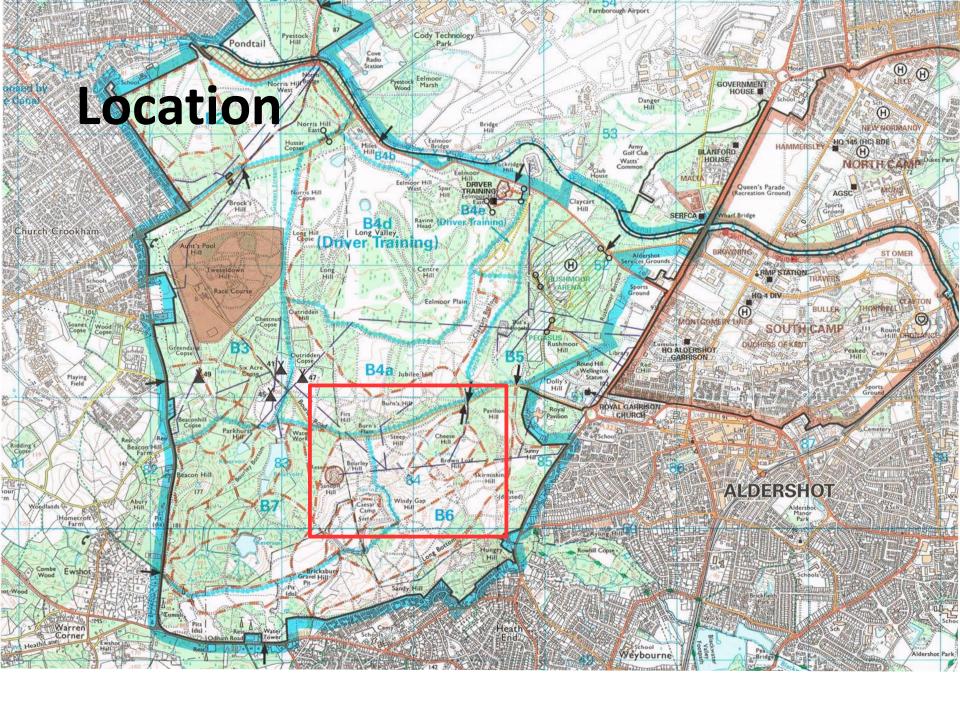


Lessons from General Von Moltke

- Plan.
 - Always ask the Junior Officer's opinion first.
- Wargame.
 - Always adversarial.
 - Always have equal teams.
- Validate assumptions.
 - Verify performance.
 - Record your results.

Exercise Aldershot Skirmish

- TEWT for Sandhurst Cadets.
- Visit Area.
- Examine Orders.
- Examine Terrain.
- Make Plan.
- Discuss.
- Kriegsspiel (Wargame).
- Discuss.



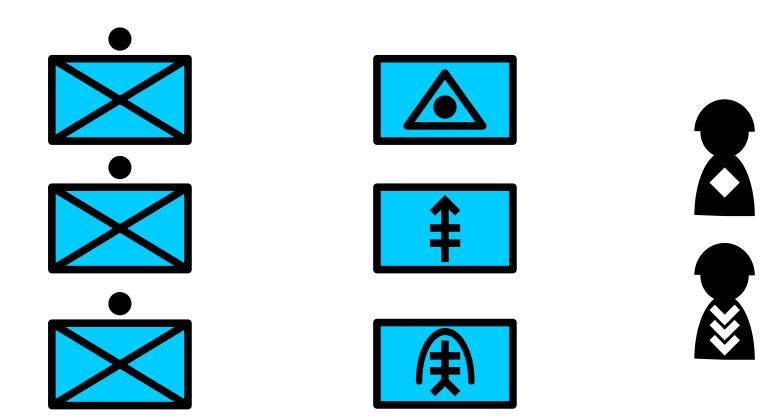
The Scenario

- "Redland" has invaded "Blueland". The British Army has been asked to help and have successfully defeated a large Redland attack.
- Redland forces are retreating in order to re-group and prepare a new attack. Small groups of Redland forces have been left behind to DELAY advancing British Troops.
- You are a Platoon of British soldiers required to capture a Redland Squad position as part of a Company operation.

Friendly Forces

- 3 x Sections of 8 men, each Section with 2 x LMG,
 2 x UGL and 4 x Rifles and LAW.
- 1 x Fire Support Team of 8 men with 1 x GPMG(SF), 1 x Javelin ATGW and 1 x FOO.
- To your Left Flank is another Platoon tasked with attacking the Section on Jubilee Hill.
- To your Right flank is another Platoon tasked with protecting your Right flank and acting as the Platoon Reserve.

Friendly Force



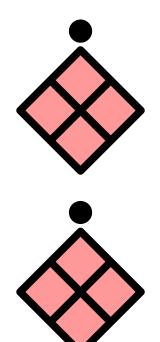
Enemy Forces

- The enemy delaying force is usually deployed in Sections of 10 men in a wheeled VAB APC.
- 1 x HMG.
- 2 x LMG (PKM).
- **2** x RPG.
- ² x UGL.





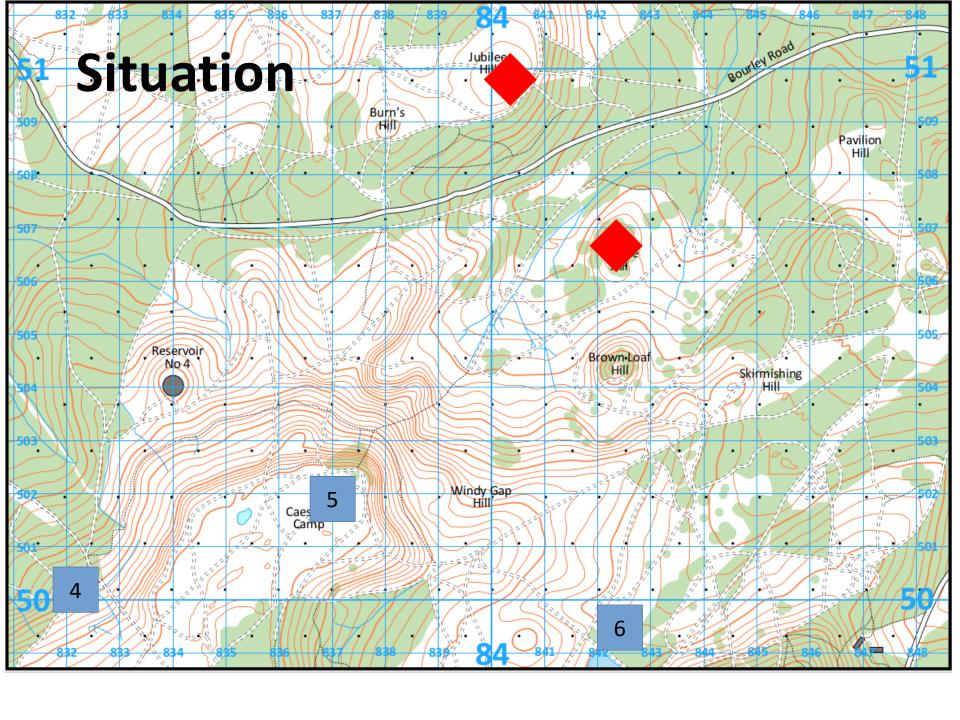
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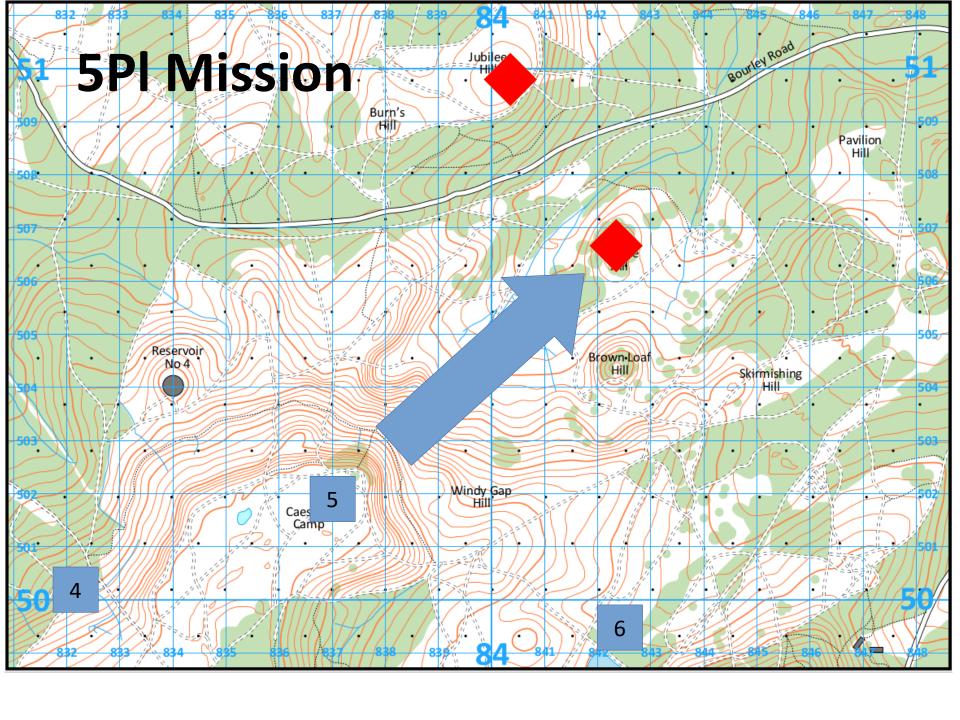


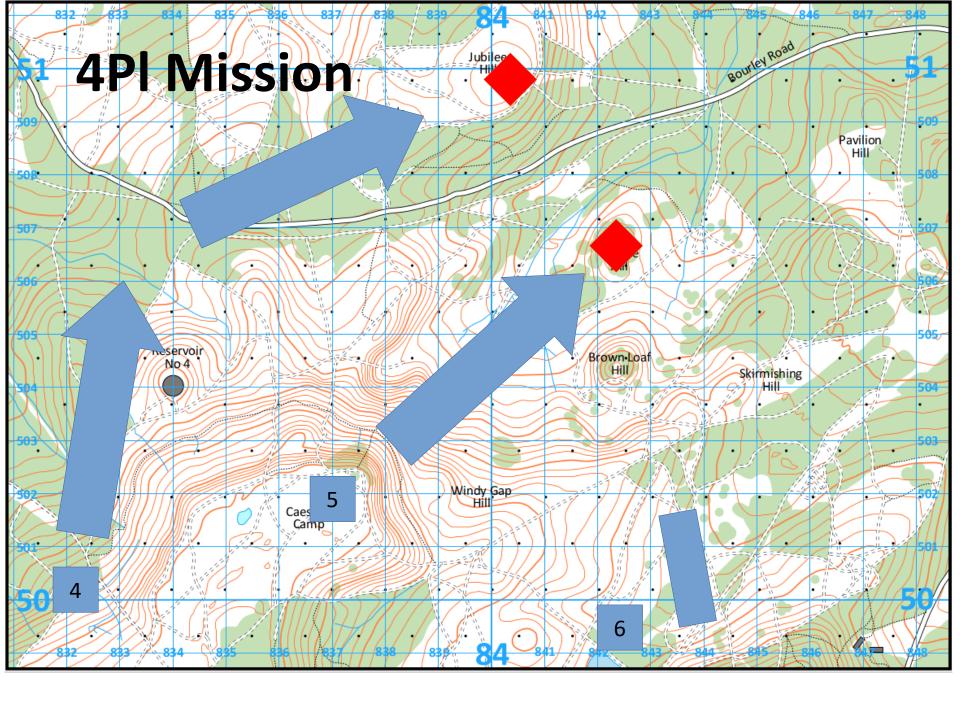


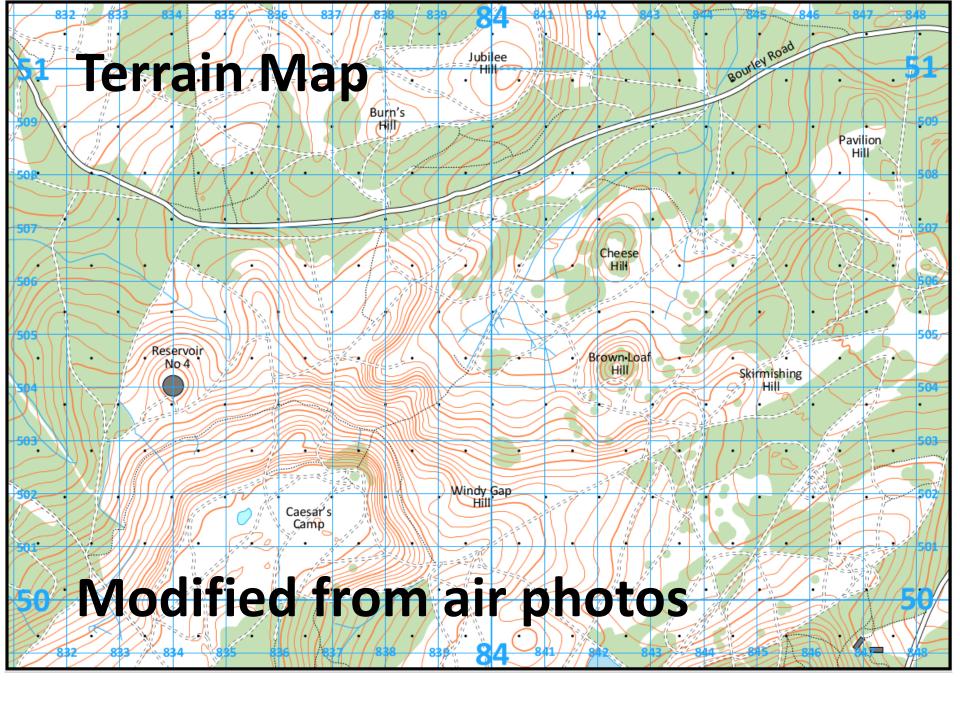




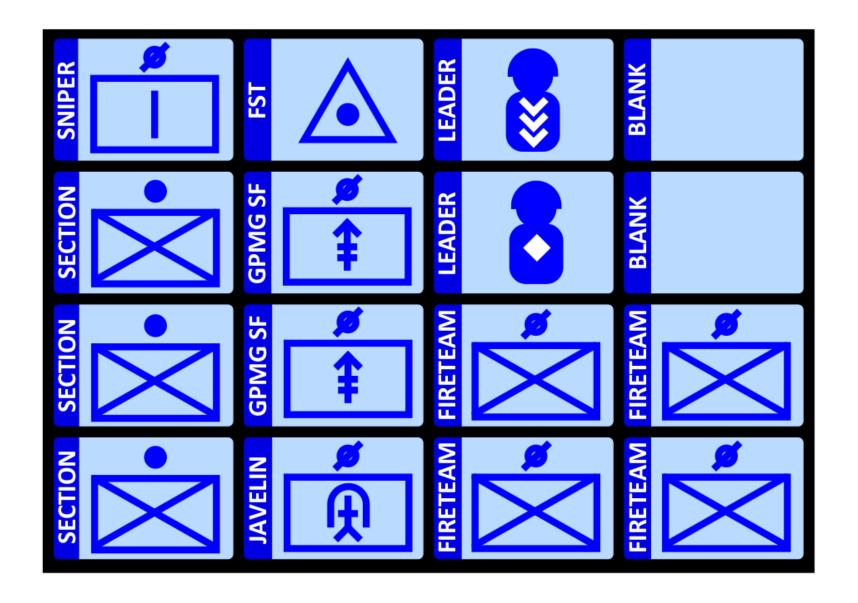








Counters



Guidance for Umpires

- Red must decide plan and layout of positions.
 - Red get 4 x Defensive Fire locations.
- Blue must decide order of march to enter map.
- Normal movement is 100m in 1 minute.
- Units are Detected, then Identified.
 - Moving before Stationary.
- Engaged units become suppressed.
- Outnumbered engaged units are killed.
- Dug-in units are only killed by close-assault.

Considerations for Umpires

- Time and Space
- Risk and Evidence
- **Realities of War**



He who can modify his tactics in relation to his opponent and thereby succeed in winning may be called a heaven born Captain

Sun Tzu

Summary

- In the determining the outcome of any battle, the enemy has a vote:
- "No plan survives contact with the enemy."
- "Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth."