

**Small Unit Tactical Problems**

**MCI 7402**

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**Warfighting Skills Program**

## STUDENT INFORMATION

This information is provided to assist you in completing your course/program of study. For additional information, refer to the MCI Procedures Manual.

### 1. Course Procedure:

- a. Read each chapter and complete the problem at the end of the chapter. It's important that you take the time to answer each question in the chapter problems **thoroughly**. The exam questions are similar to those in the chapter problems. *You will not do well on the exam unless you do the chapter problems properly!*
- b. Once you complete the text and feel that you are ready for the exam, report to your commanding officer. Your commanding officer will designate a testing officer to both administer and grade the exam. The exam includes 4 problem-solving questions, and you will be allowed 1.5 hours to complete it. You will **not** be allowed to use your text or any notes during the exam. Your testing officer will notify both you and MCI of your score. To pass the exam, you need to score at least 75%.
- c. The appendix located at the back of the text is included only for your information. You are not responsible for this material in the course exam.

2. **Receipt of Examinations at MCI.** If you pass the primary exam, MCI enters the completion in the Marine Corps Manpower Management System (MMS). If you fail the primary exam, an alternate exam is automatically mailed to your commanding officer. If you fail **both** the primary and the alternate exams, an administration notice card (MCI-R6) is forwarded to your unit. The training officer makes an entry on the MCI-R5 card and has the SRB clerk note your Service Record Book/Officer Qualification Record (SRB/OQR). You are then administratively deleted from the remaining courses of the program. If you still desire to complete the program, you must enroll as a new student and submit copies of course completion certificates to receive prior credit.

3. **Disenrollment.** Disenrollment occurs upon reaching the Course Completion Deadline (CCD) date or the Adjusted Course Completion Deadline (ACCD) date (6-month extension) for the program. Reenrollment will be granted upon request within 3 months after disenrollment if a reenrollment was not previously granted for the program.

- a. You will be disenrolled if you do not complete your course by the course completion deadline (CCD). To avoid this, ask your training officer/NCO to request a six month extension allowing you more time to complete your course/program.
- b. If you already have a six month extension and still do not complete all courses by your adjusted course completion deadline, you will automatically be disenrolled from the program. If you wish to continue the program, ask your training officer/NCO to reenroll you. **You are allowed only one extension and one reenrollment!**

4. **Program Completion.** A certificate of completion and a letter of transmittal with the course grade are forwarded to the commanding officer of each Marine who successfully completes a WAFSKIP course. The commanding officer has the completion recorded in the student's SRB or OQR and presents the certificate to the student. Upon successful completion of **all courses**, a program diploma is forwarded to your commanding officer who presents it to you at an appropriate ceremony.

5. **Reserve Retirement Credits.** Reserve retirement credits are awarded **only** to inactive duty personnel upon successful completion of each course. Reserve retirement credits are earned at the rate of one credit for every 3 hours of estimated student effort. The total number of reserve retirement credits is indicated on the course title page and is awarded upon the successful completion of the course. Credits are not awarded for MCI study performed during drill periods if they are also awarded for drill attendance.

6. **Mail-Time Delay.** If you do not receive a requested service within 30 days, call or write to MCI.

7. **Information/assistance From MCI.** Further information is found in the current MCI Procedures Manual. If you have a question about the **content** of a course/program, call commercial (202) 433-4109/4110 or autovon 288-4109/4110. For **administrative assistance**, use the enclosed MCI-R11/14 or the Unit Activity Report (UAR) or call commercial (202) 433-2299 or autovon 288-4175.

8. **Student Data.** If you need to request a change to your student data in the MCI database, e.g., rank, change of address, use the MCI-R11k (Old MCI-R14 Student Request/Inquiry) located at the end of each text.

9. **Course Evaluation Questionnaire.** Please take a few minutes to complete and return the course questionnaire located at the end of this course.

**PROGRAM:** WARFIGHTING SKILLS PROGRAM

**COURSE:** *Small Unit Tactical Problems MCI-7402 (1989)*

**ESTIMATED  
STUDENT  
EFFORT:** 9 hours

**RESERVE  
RETIREMENT  
CREDIT:** 3

**PURPOSE:** To apply the fundamentals of tactics in problem solving exercises.

**SCOPE:** This course applies the fundamental tactical concepts of exploiting enemy critical weaknesses, mission tactics, focus of effort, the reserve, combined arms, and the relationship of attacking and defending.

WARFIGHTING SKILLS PROGRAM (WAFSKIP)

PROGRAM OUTLINE

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COURSE NUMBER	COURSE	ESTIMATED HOURS	RESERVE RETIREMENT CREDITS
7401	Tactical Fundamentals	12	4
7402	<b>SMALL UNIT TACTICAL PROBLEMS</b>	9	3
7403	Combat Missions and Techniques	9	3
7404	Combat Leadership	10	3
7405	Fire Support	To be published in FY 90	
7406	Combined Arms	To be published in FY 90	
7407	Infantry Logistics	To be published in FY 91	
7408	Special Operations	To be published in FY 91	

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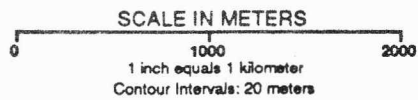
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# Key to Geographic Symbols

Road	
Route Marker	
Footpath	
Bridge	
Power Line	
Ford	
Railroad	
Forest	
River or Stream	
Buildings	
Benchmark in meters	

Major Contour Lines every 100 meters



## INTRODUCTION

In this course, you will apply the concepts that you learned in *Tactical Fundamentals*. You will be placed in tactical situations and then forced to make decisions and issue orders. Then, you will compare your solutions with those given in the book.

Keep the tactical fundamentals in mind as you work through each problem. You may wish to review chapter three in *Tactical Fundamentals* before beginning this course. Be creative in choosing courses of actions and planning your fire support. Do not rule out any solution because it seems unorthodox. Sometimes, unconventional solutions are the best ones.

The book solutions are not **the** solutions. Although some solutions are better than others, there are many that would work. You may disagree with some aspects of the book solutions. Remember, the purpose of this course is to develop your ability to think critically about tactics. Tactics is a dynamic process. There's no guarantee that what worked well in one situation will work well in another. As you apply some of these concepts in the field, you will find new ways to solve tactical problems. You must remember that all situations are unique and therefore require unique solutions.