

UNIT 2

RECONNAISSANCE PATROL

A PRESENTATION

A reconnaissance (or recce) patrol must go to places where they can observe the enemy. Their task is to learn about the enemy's position, strength, activities, etc.



Lieutenant Edwards is in an observation post in a forward area close to the enemy. He is on a recce patrol with a corporal and two riflemen. Their task is to check a bridge across a river to see if it is safe for our tanks to cross. He is looking through binoculars.

B COMPREHENSION

Exercise 2:1

1. Where must the patrol go?
2. Why must they go there?
3. Is Lieutenant Edwards close to the enemy?
4. Who is he with?
5. What must he check?
6. Why must he check it?

D VOCABULARY

Reference List

activity (-ies)	forward area	reconnaissance
to approach	to lay (explosives)	responsibility
binoculars	lieutenant	rifleman
bridge	observation	river
to camouflage	observation post	safe
corporal-d.	to observe	strength
to crawl	officer	tank
enemy	patrol	task
explosive charge	position	vehicle
field		

Exercise 2:5

Use words from the Reference List to complete the following sentences.

1. We are going to get information about the _____. (Not our friends.)
2. The commander wants to know their _____. (Number of men.)
3. The officer is in an _____. (Place where he can see easily.)
4. The soldier is _____ his vehicle. (Making it hard to see.)
5. Sometimes, the best way to go across an open field is to _____. (Move face down on the ground.)
6. The enemy are in _____ under some trees. (Place.)
7. The officer can now report the _____ of the enemy. (Things they are doing.)
8. Lieutenant Edwards and his patrol are on _____. (Trying to get information about the enemy.)
9. The patrol's observation post is in a _____. (Place close to the enemy.)
10. The enemy is _____ an explosive charge. (Putting it in position.)