



Patrol Base Operations



General Principles:

- A patrol base is generally used no longer than 24 hours
- A patrol base site should not be used twice in a tactical environment

The Purpose of a Patrol Base

- Stop all movement and avoid detection
- Conduct priorities of work
- To warm personnel and equipment or shelter from adverse weather conditions
- Plan and issue orders



Patrol Base Considerations



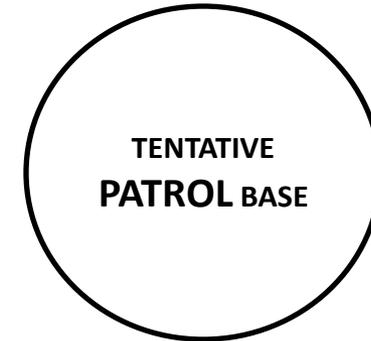
- Terrain that the enemy would consider of little tactical value
- Terrain that is away from natural lines of drift
- Difficult terrain that would make foot movement difficult, yet allows enough room
to erect shelters or 10 Man Arctic Tents
- Terrain near a source of water (can be clean snow in a cold-weather environment)
- Out of wind if feasible
- Terrain that can be defended for a short period and that offers good cover and concealment.



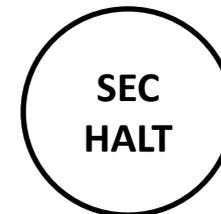
Tactical Establishment



- ESTABLISH SECURITY HALT
- CONDUCT LEADERS RECON OF OF TENTATIVE PATROL BASE
- CONFIRM/DENY SUITABILITY (PB CONSIDERATIONS)
- POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS TO LEAVE PERSONNEL AT SITE (S&O) IN LOW TEMPS
- RETURN TO SECURITY HALT AND PREPARE EQUIPMENT FOR MOVEMENT



SEC HALT IS
200-400M GOOD VIS
100-200M LOW VIS





Security Considerations



Inner Track

- Movement from tents to fighting positions and between squads.
- Trail passes at rear of fighting position

Outer Track

- Local security patrols.
- Hand grenade range; sectors of fire interlock; 30M from Inner Track
- Early warning devices on outer edge. Enter at 6 o'clock. **NO OTHER TRAILS CONNECT TO OUTER TRACK**



Security Considerations



“Dogleg” track

- 90 degrees off main trail 100-150m to bivouac area.
- LP/OP observes main trail

Main Trail continues past bivouac area as deception

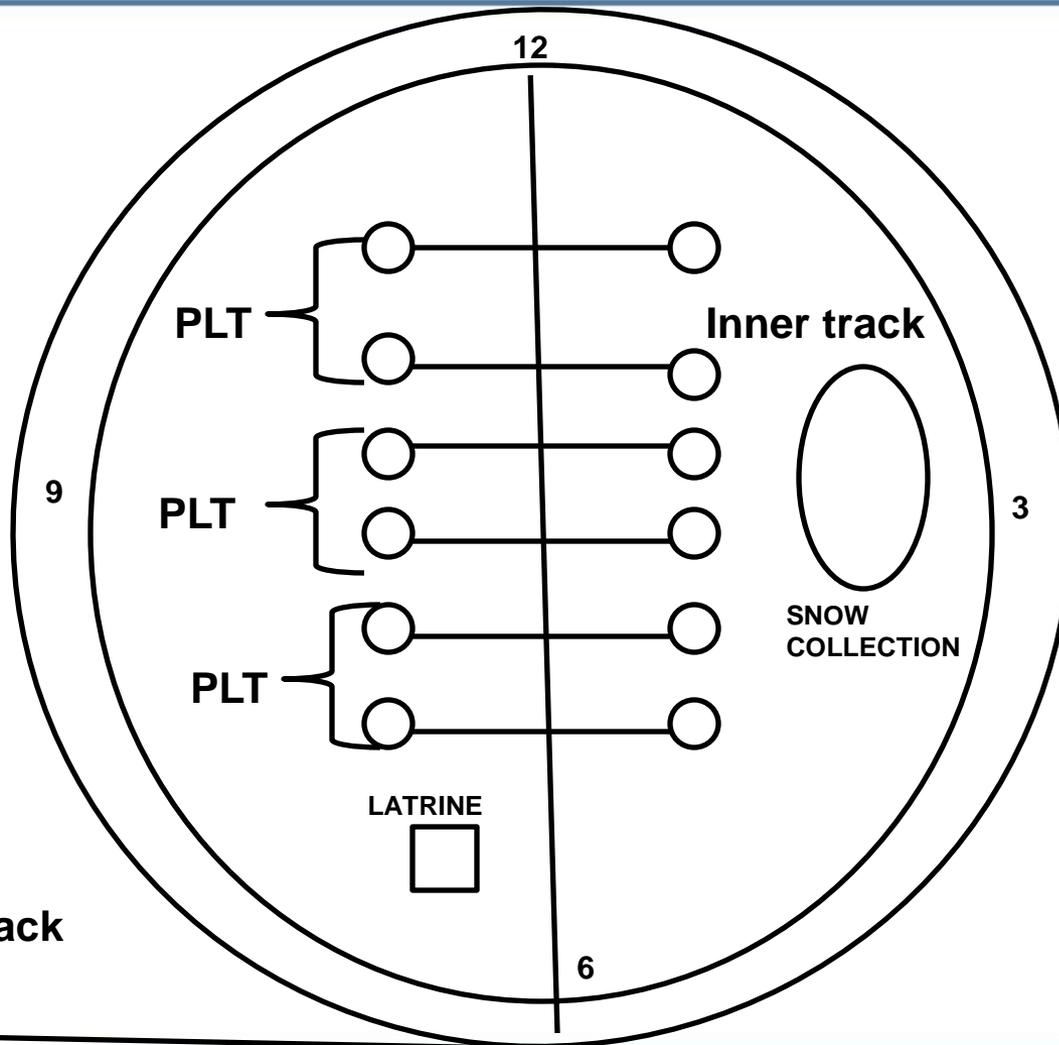


Company Layout



Main track

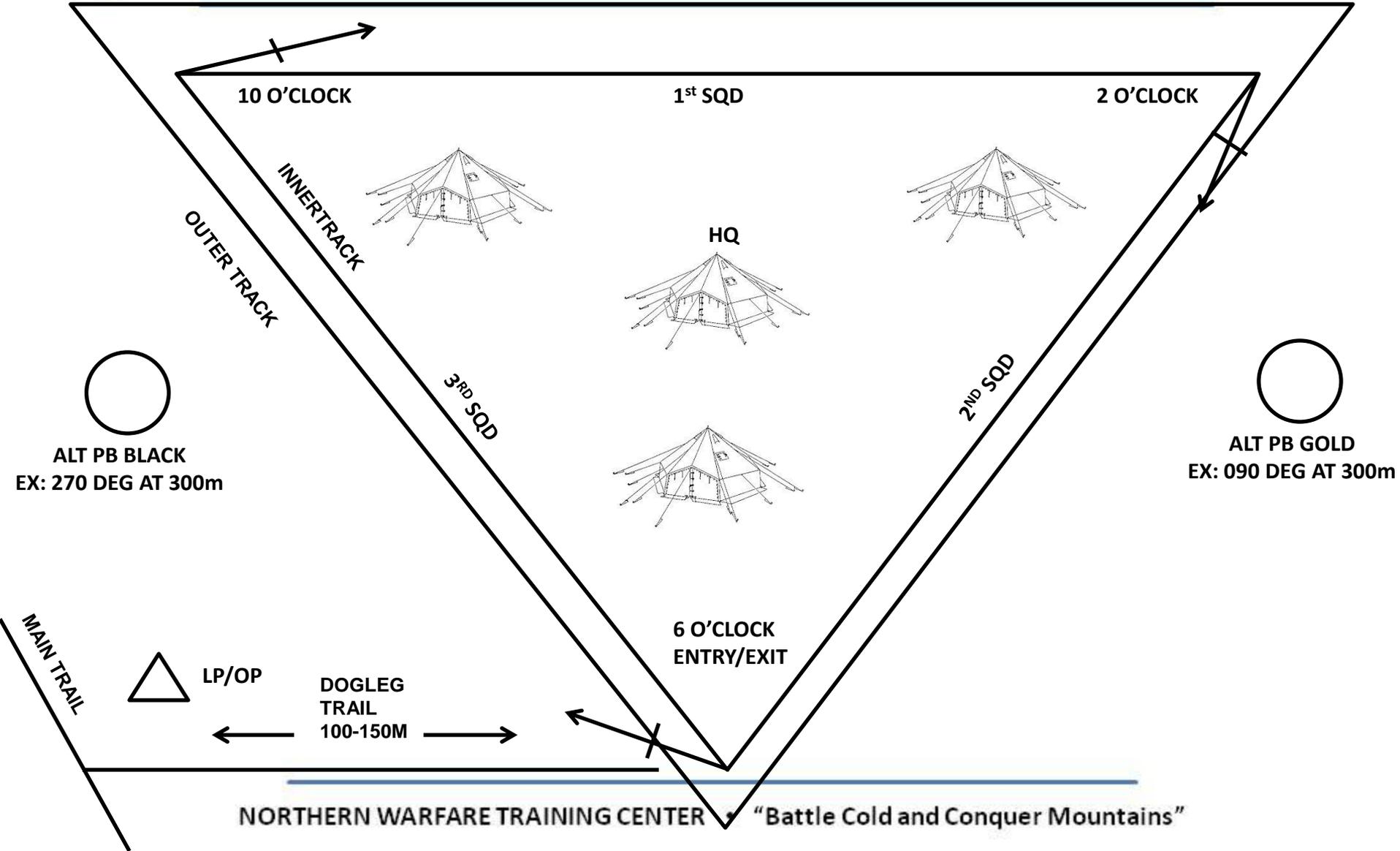
Outer track



Dogleg track

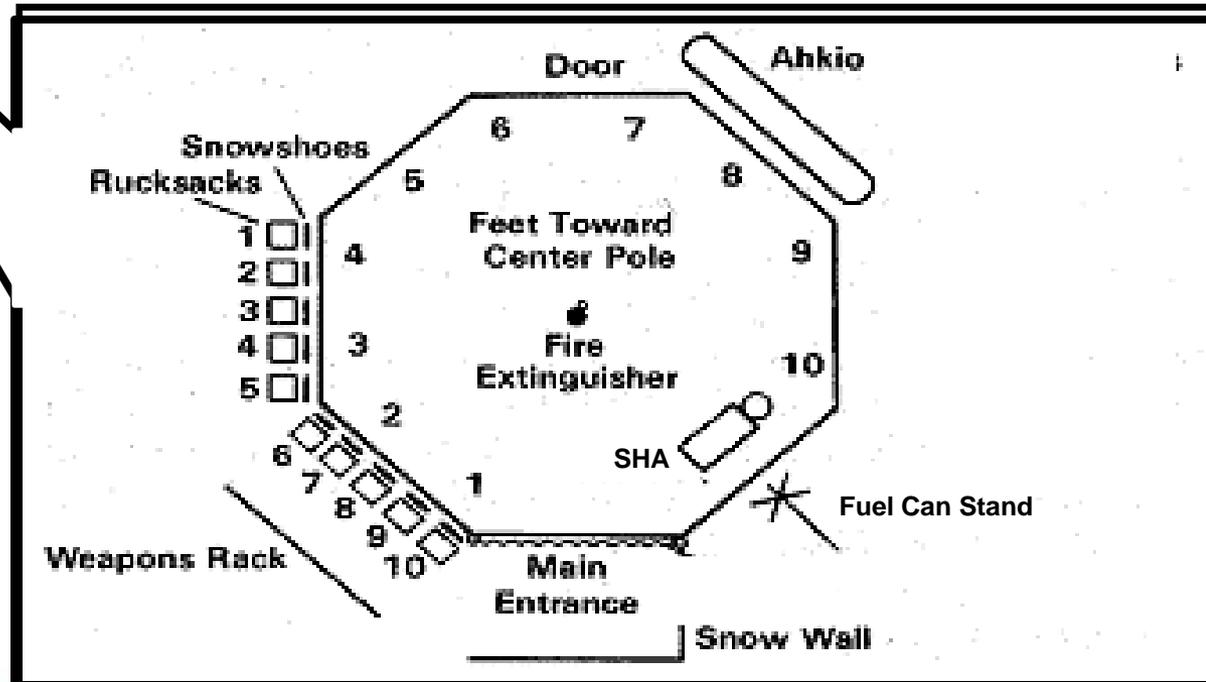


Platoon Layout





Individual Squad Tent





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RUCKS
SNOWSHOES



WEAPONS



Field Sanitation Plan



LATRINES

10 O'CLOCK



2 O'CLOCK



6 O'CLOCK



WATER COLLECTION POINT

- Water collection points will be chosen by 1SG/PSG and medic between inner and outer track
- The site can be marked if deemed necessary but will not be marked with chemlites
- Site should be checked for animal feces, urine and tracks, and as free of debris as possible.
- Opposite side as latrine area near latrines!
- Easily accessible to ensure soldiers do not contaminate snow pack.



Priorities of Work



- **ESTABLISH LOCAL SECURITY (CONTINUOUS)**
 - Issue sectors of fire and identify dead space
 - Establish communication w/higher
 - Establish track plan
 - Prepare hasty fighting positions and sector sketches
 - R&S and post LP/OP (METT-TC)
 - Withdrawal plan and alert plan
- **SHELTER**
 - Ruck plan
 - Weapons rack
 - Erect tents
 - Light stoves
- **ESTABLISH LATRINES AND WATER POINT**
- **WEAPONS MAINTENANCE**
- **WATER RESUPPLY**
- **MESS PLAN**
- **SANITATION AND PERSONAL HYGIENE**
- **REST PLAN (SECURITY AND FIRE GUARD)**