



EXERCISE EAGLE ENTRY 09

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Introductory Remarks

NRDC-ITA Rear Support Command attended Ex Eagle Entry 09 in Civitavecchia from the 17th to the 24th of April 09.

The Training event was hosted by the ITA Army Simulation and Validation Centre (CE.SI.VA.) in “GIORGI” Barracks.

Due to the outcome of NRDC-ITA Functional Review 07 RSC was directed to test the new structure through a series of exercises from Ex “Eagle Recce” 08 to the last one Ex “Eagle Entry” 09.

The CORSOM¹ Package which is going to be released by NC3A and to be endorsed by NATO as the new LOGFASS 6.0 updated version was strongly required by MG GRC A Georgios Finokaliotis to be exploited to increase RSC po-

tentials both in planning and execution of RSOM Ops.

Ex “Eagle Entry” 09 was developed to meet RSC COM expectation by exploiting CORSOM SW Tool within the exercise design and planning criteria accordingly.

For that very reason the Exercise end state was to enhance the planning and execution capabilities of NRDC-ITA RSC, such as required for Reception Staging and Onward Movement (planning and execution phases of deployment operations), exploiting CORSOM.

Background

The Exercise Planning Process started with the Initial Planning Conference held in December 2008. On this occasion, the RSC presented the guidelines of the Ex and Project Officer Ltc ITA A Silvio Faietti identified contacts with external

¹⁾ Coalition Reception Staging and Onward Movement



agencies likely to be later engaged, namely: Nato Consultation Command and Control Agency (NC3A) and Italian Logistic Brigade HQs.

As a result of the IPC a two days' time technical training session on CORSOM SW was staged in Solbiate on the 20th / 21st January 09.

During this session RSC Staff was given a flavour on the CORSOM SW tool.

The Main Planning Conference on February the 12th 09 paved the way for all participants to define some training and logistic issues and to agree with accomplishing a Recce to CE.SI.VA. as the expected suitable location where the Exercise could be profitably run.

On the 12th of March 09 the Final Planning Conference took place and the overall Ex organization and MEL/MIL concept were finally designed and approved.

Predictable CORSOM Exploitation

CORSOM represents a suite of applications, which are designed to be used in both the planning and execution phases of deployment operations. It has been constructed to be compatible with strategic movement planning systems (AD-AMS) and to continue the more detailed planning required for Reception Staging and Onward Movement (RSOM). To this end CORSOM will be a valuable tool in helping to determine a valid concept of operations (CONOPS). At the operation-



al level CORSOM will assist in formulation of the theatre movement architecture and the development of appropriate networks, including main supply routes (MSRs), staging areas (SA), marshalling areas (MA) and convoy support centres (CSC). At the tactical level CORSOM will allow tactical HQs to develop planned schedules for the reception and onward movement of units within the theatre of operations.

The Exercise

This demanding Exercise was strongly encouraged by our former Commander MG Finokaliotis IOT fill gaps previously identified in the RSC Staff ability to handle LOGFASS SW Tools successfully.



MG Finokaliotis was also the Ex Director for that matter supported by the two RSC ACOSs Col ITA A Quintilio Ferri and Col ITA A Giuseppe Bosco.

Steadfast Jackpot 07 slightly modified to fit the deployment of an Italian Brigade (Aosta Bde) was the exercise approved scenario.

The first two days of the Ex were a training phase about how to use CORSOM.

During the next three days RSC was forced to play differently whether in the morning or in the afternoon as follows:

During the morning injections of a technical character were presented to

force the Staff to work on the SW and see whether they were able to use it.

In the afternoon injections designed to start the Operational Planning Process IAW NRDC-ITA SOP RSC OPSCEN Operating Procedures, were presented instead.

Both in the morning and in the afternoon NC3A subject matter experts provided the expertise to fill gaps if necessary.

The Ex Training Objectives have all been met and they were:

- Formulation of the theatre movement architecture and the development of appropriate networks;
- Development of planned schedules for the reception and onward movement of units and supply packages within the theatre of operation;
- De-confliction of onward movement;
- Allocation of routes and staging areas to national and multinational formations, units and elements;
- Allocation of convoy credits, rail paths, landing slots and other intra-theatre movement authorisations by the appropriate authority;
- Overview of the status and progress of RSOM operations;
- Contribution to the Common Recognised Operational Picture.

Outcome

The Exercise was a great success and paved the way for RSC Staff to achieve a good working knowledge on CORSOM. That may help it to better fill the new demanding roles within the new NATO Structure.

NC3A reps, on the other hand, took the opportunity to develop a possible new training module, further to be addressed for future training stages to be held on this powerful SW tool. ■