

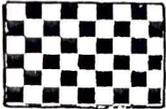


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PREPARING FOR WAR



What's an ORI?

This question is frequently thought about but rarely asked by the "troops in the trenches".

An ORI is divided into four major areas. Initial response, employment, ability to survive, and combat support. During the next week, everyone in the 507th will participate in one and/or all of these areas.

Initial Response: This includes all the activities from notification by higher headquarters until we're ready to launch combat sorties. Basically, it's getting the weapons systems ready to employ.

The ORI inspectors evaluate what shape the aircraft are in and how quickly we get them ready.

More specifically, this area will include command and control, alert force reactions, security response options, and force generations. The big players are **you as an individual, and we as a total group.** Notice the lack of they.

Employment: Employment is what it's all about! It means getting the bombs on the target. This requires more than just pilots.

Sortie generation is observed. Are the required number of aircraft delivered, properly configured, and on time? Combat turns are conducted to see if we can "test our wartime capabilities." Munitions load crews are evaluated to find out if they can handle the variety of weapons we could be tasked to deliver.

Now the pilots enter the picture. They are evaluated on all aspects of their role. Are they knowledgeable about the threats they'll encounter? Can they survive them? Are their aircraft avionics systems operable and helping them? Can they hit all kinds of targets under varying conditions? Can they, using teamwork, negate an attack by enemy fighters? These are the kinds of questions an ORI team wants answered.

Ability to Survive: A classic case of "wheel spinning" would be going through all the drudgery of getting our force generated only to get wiped out on the ground. The ability to survive is probably the hardest part of an ORI to relate to.

Although it's hard to imagine being under attack while on home base during an inspection, it's something to think about. In a real-world situation, these airplanes we're launching are going to be hitting and hurting the enemy. They'll try to retaliate and do the same to us.

The ORI team wants to know if we can protect and preserve our fighting force. Are we trained to survive chemical/biological attacks, nuclear fallout, and sabotage? Less dramatic, but no less devastating, are natural events such as tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and storms. Accidents such as explosions, fires, and chemical spills are also possible. The Disaster Preparedness Mobility Teams (DPMTs) are the key to our surviving these possibilities. Individual responses are also observed.

— What's an ORI? —

Don't take your chemical warfare training or duties too lightly. You'll get a chance to demonstrate it to someone from headquarters.

Combat Support: That term has a "behind-the-lines" sound to it. Let's look at some of the elements that are included in this area and then decide if they're essential.

*How about munitions including storage, breakout, assemble, and deliver?

*How about the protection of classified materials in a combat environment, or repelling terrorist attacks?

*How important is the management of war readiness spare kits (WRSK) and bench stocks?

*How about the restoration of power, communications, damaged facilities or a bombed-out runway?

*Finally, how important is good weather forecasting and observing of flying operations?

It's obvious that all these elements are more than important; they're critical. The ORI team thinks so too. That's why they look at them.

Hopefully, this has provided some idea of the scope of an ORI. The ORI team can hit a unit and evaluate the whole thing. It will present a challenge to us all. Our preparation is to know our jobs and do them correctly.

Some important points to remember during the ORI! Show a sense of urgency, have safety awareness involved in all actions, follow your checklist, and above all, don't be afraid to ask questions. We know we're good and an ORI is a chance to demonstrate it all.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY AFTER NORMAL DUTY HOURS, THERE WILL BE A CQ ON DUTY IN BUILDING 1043, CBPO OFFICE, 734-7491.

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Exercise

The Soviets continue to mobilize their forces for a possible exercise or in retaliation to U.S. actions concerning the cruise missile incident. The Soviets can be expected to complete their mobilization process and then draw down. If you require further information contact the Squadron Intelligence Shop.

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"Do not use a hatchet to remove a fly from your friend's forehead."

—Chinese proverb

An important reminder about mobility

All people on mobility should be aware that the ORI inspectors will be using the Mobility Plan 28-4 MOP 20 Appendix "Personal Mobility Bag Minimum Requirements" list prepared by 507th TFG/RMX. The RMX list, dated 19 June 1986, is the ONLY list that is valid for minimum requirements. Squadron lists should not be followed unless they meet or exceed the RMX list. For more information, call RMX at 42670/47000.

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