

Command Task

The Conduct

This is the fourth task in the confirmatory series. This is normally done on the second GTO day. In this, each candidate is required to do one task similar to Half Group Task with same rules of PGT being applicable except the group rule as there is only one task to be done. The GTO will call candidates one by one at random. He will normally walk with you for some distance and do some casual talking before finally taking you to the task. You will be designated as a commander for the task and can choose two team members from within the group who will help you in doing the task. The team members should not interfere or give their own suggestions as the responsibility of doing the task is that of the Commander. You will normally get 15 to 20 minutes to complete the task. The task will be based on the concept of cantilever explained in chapter 13.

What is Seen through this Activity?

This task is part of the confirmatory series and gives an opportunity to the GTO to resolve any queries. The most predominant qualities that emerge from this task are:

- (a) Your urge and capacity to lead a group.
- (b) Effective intelligence in tackling the obstacles
- (c) Organizing ability. How you organize the resources and the two helpers/team members.
- (d) Power of expression
- (e) Exercise of control over the task and subordinates

- (f) Cooperation with the commander when you get called as team member/subordinate.
- (g) Initiative
- (h) Self confidence
- (i) Ability to influence the group
- (j) Speed of decision
- (k) Liveliness
- (l) Determination
- (m) Courage
- (n) Stamina

How to approach command task?

Keep the following points in mind.

- (a) Since you will be in complete focus of the GTO in this task, you are likely to be under pressure. However, do not panic and maintain your composure.
- (b) When the task is being explained, pay complete attention so that you do not ask silly questions later or commit any mistakes.
- (c) During the casual talk, do not try to become too friendly with the GTO. Maintain proper distance and restrict your answers to the questions asked.
- (d) Once the task is explained and you have been left to do it, call your team mates and brief them about the task on hand. This shows that you are an organized person.

- (e) Give clear instructions to your subordinates and do not let them interfere with your ideas or violate any rules.
- (f) At no stage must you shout at your subordinates.
- (g) You are expected to help in physical execution of the task. There is no harm if you help your subordinates as it will reflect that you are a helpful person.
- (h) Do not give up easily, and refrain from asking your subordinates to suggest ideas. It is your task and you have to show your abilities. However, if you are stuck and are unable to proceed, you may ask one odd suggestion.
- (i) After completion of the task, place the helping materials back at the start line, thank your subordinates and the GTO before you return back.

Sketch for Command Task (CT)

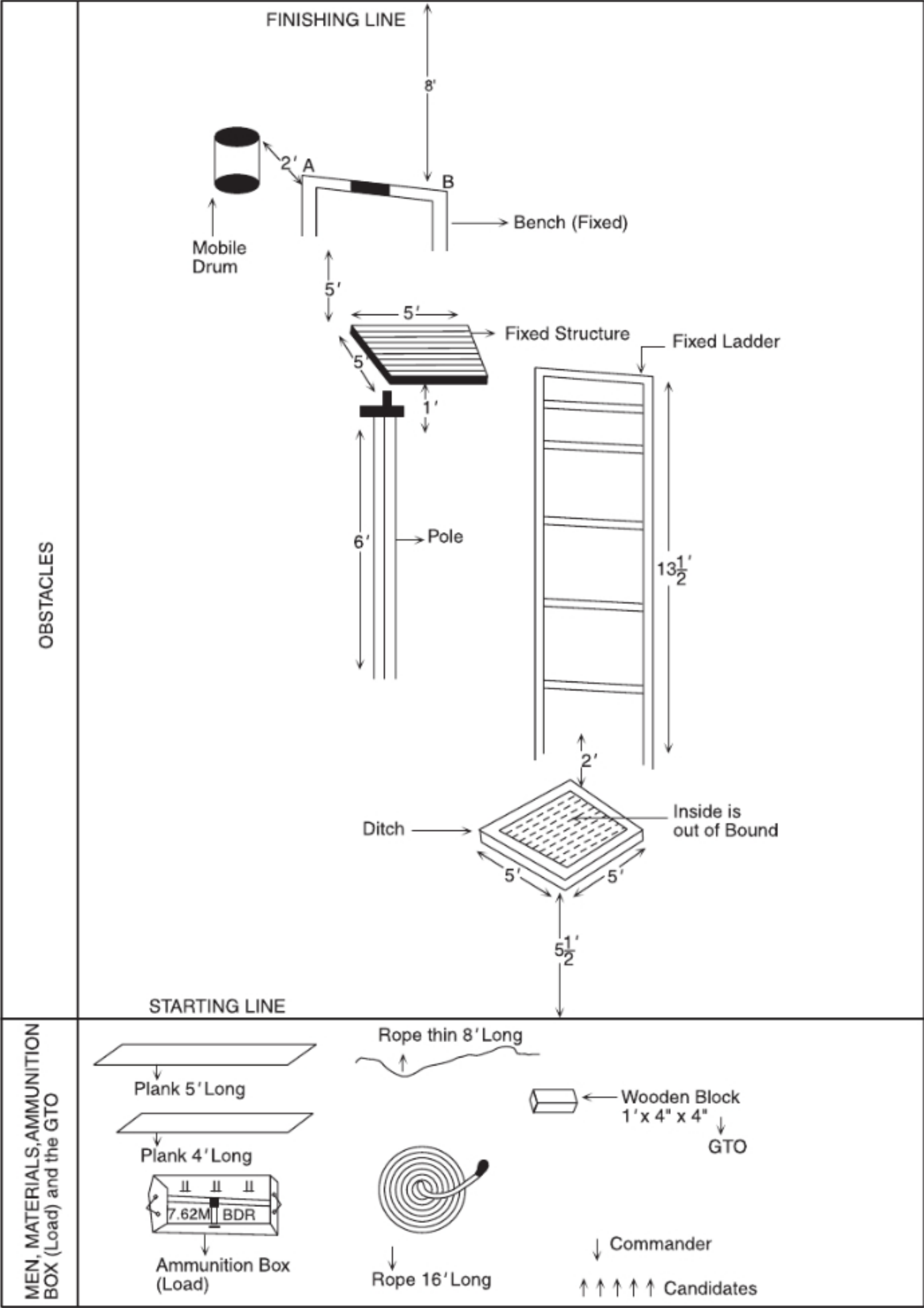




Figure 15: One Commander and Two Helpers In The Command Task



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