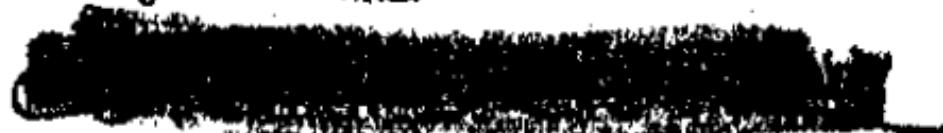


ITEM: Noise and Light Discipline.

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DISCUSSION: Noise and Light Discipline are of primary importance for infantry when in a night laager. Lights flickering on and off throughout the laager, radios turned higher than necessary, generator and vehicle engines running, play directly into enemy hands. As the above situation occurs, the enemy can easily detect the answers he is seeking without exposing himself. The listening posts cannot properly perform the mission of early warning, for the only noise heard comes from the laager.



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Overall security is placed in a hazardous position.

OBSERVATION: When possible, mechanized infantry units should make it SOP at dusk to have all ramps in the raised position (to avoid running the vehicle engine after dark), cut off all generators and, for power, revert to FRC-253 for the hours of darkness. The leadership of each element must understand the importance of controlling light discipline. This will enable the perimeter and listening posts to properly accomplish the mission of protecting the laager.

ITEM: Boundaries between units on perimeter defenses.

DISCUSSION: When allocating sectors within the perimeter defense of a laager or FSPB, natural or man-made terrain features such as roads, ravines, ditches, and streams are used to readily identify the boundary. Most of the time these same terrain features are major enemy avenues of approach.

OBSERVATION: Enemy avenues of approach should never be split between two units. To do this weakens the defense of that sector. Attempt to establish a boundary in an area not likely to be an avenue of approach.