

Food relief

Exercise 6 Arranging an air drop  
*Pair work: Role A with Role B for role play.*

**Scenario**  
Your unit is taking part in the programming of relief drops. You are the only English speaker in the unit; your commanding officer has asked you to visit a representative of a local charity and transact the business below.



Role A                      Liaison Officer

From: Your CO  
To: Liaison Officer

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Please meet the local charity representative and report back

Thank the representative for coming. State the aim of the meeting is to establish the details for deliveries of aid.

We need to know details of the current situation and their requirements for airdrops.

We need to know the number and types of packages they intend sending.

We have three planes earmarked for aid drops and these are on standby, but we need to know what areas the drops should be in. We assume they are in safe areas.

There should be no problems about organising drops, weather permitting. The most important question is how are the goods going to be transported to the airfield and are they packaged correctly.

We can provide help in packaging the goods correctly.

We need to know when would they be able to start delivery of the goods to us.



Notes

## Unit 23

### At Ease

Role B

Local aid agency representative

You are a representative of a local aid agency. You are meeting with a member of the peacekeeping forces to discuss the logistics of relief deliveries.

- The situation in the locality very urgent. Winter coming. Many people out on the hillside. Will die of cold and starvation. Important to get airdrops to areas that are inaccessible by road.
- You need packages of food, blankets, tents, clothing, but not medical aid as it was felt that people wouldn't know how to use the equipment. Ask how soon planes can be made available.
- The areas are in the mountains around the capital. There has been no fighting there for two weeks, though the roads are still mined, which makes them impassable. They will supply details of the exact locations
- We have local trucks that can bring the goods on a daily basis, and from then on as soon as they are received. We need help in packaging them suitable for airdrops
- We can arrange for the first trucks to arrive at 07.00 tomorrow morning



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	Liaison Officer	Local aid agency representative
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank the representative for coming. State the aim of the meeting is to establish the details for deliveries of aid. Ask about the current situation and their requirements for airdrops.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Situation in the locality very urgent. Winter coming. Many people out on the hillside. Will die of cold and starvation. Important to get airdrops to areas that are inaccessible by road.</li> </ul>
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Say you need to know the number and types of packages they intend sending.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Packages of food, blankets, tents, clothing, but not medical aid as it was felt that people wouldn't know how to use the equipment. Ask how soon planes can be made available.</li> </ul>
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are three planes earmarked for aid drops and are on standby. Ask what areas the drops should be in. Assume they are in safe areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The areas are in the mountains around the capital. There has been no fighting there for two weeks, though the roads are still mined, which makes them impassable. They will supply details of the exact locations</li> </ul>
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There should be no problems about organising drops, weather permitting. The most important question is how are the goods going to be transported to the airfield and are they packaged correctly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have local trucks that can bring the goods on a daily basis, and from then on as soon as they are received. We need help in packaging them suitable for airdrops</li> </ul>
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That help can be provided. When would you be able to start delivery?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can expect the first trucks at 07.00 tomorrow morning</li> </ul>