

## **CONTROLLER, PLANNER AND ORGANISER'S COMMENTS**

### **2 DIV EVENT ALBERMARLE BARRACKS – 28 OCTOBER 2009**

I hope you all enjoyed the event last Wednesday. I thought that I would provide a few brief comments on the map and the courses for 2 reasons: to prompt any feedback and to encourage other 2 Div controllers/planners/organisers to do the same for their events.

Following the Score Event on the Airfield in 2008, I wanted to provide something different either as a summer event or a suitable 'winter' event. Dave Cauldwell kindly agreed to produce the camp map, which was completed in 1:5,000 (A4) with a 1:4,000 (A3) option. My initial idea for the event was to have a line event run over 2 maps back-to-back – with the Airfield at 1:10,000 on one side and the camp on 1:5,000 on the other. Ultimately, time and resources meant I had to focus on a camp event only.

The challenge then became making a suitably 'long' A Course to guarantee something like 40/45 mins orienteering for the main body of runners behind the Mackenzies, Porteus, Bennisons and Smyths of this world. In the end, I managed to eek out 6 kms for the A Course on a back-to-back map, combining longer and short legs with some open running and trickier bits in amongst the buildings, the small wooded areas and the quarter areas. I reckoned 'someone' might do 35/36 mins and Alastair proved me correct!

Once the A Course was planned, the B Course was a shorter variant on one map combining some of the A Course legs in reverse coupled with some individual and some parallel variants. The C Course was for Novices and we threw in a String Course for families/children. Health and Safety was also a key factor, as was ensuring no-one strayed into the 'settlement' areas.

Thank you to all who attended – and particular thanks to Rob McKenna for the map printing and advice and, as ever, to Boris Spence for the EMIT and admin support.

Any feedback welcomed to me ([andrew@reynoldsa.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:andrew@reynoldsa.fsworld.co.uk)) or through Boris Spence.

Happy orienteering.

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