

## Chapter 7-Phase Four: 12-Mile Foot March and Final Event

### 1. CONCEPT

The final phase of the EIB test is the 12-mile Foot March and Final Event. The Foot March is executed in accordance with the guidance listed in this publication and ATP 3-21.18. All Candidates must successfully complete the 12-mile Foot March in three hours or less, immediately followed by the Final Event, which must be completed within five minutes or less. See Chapter 12 for the Final Event performance measures. **The 12-mile Foot March and Final Event is not re-testable.**

### 2. CONDITIONS

The Foot March may be executed during the day or at night at the discretion of the EIB Board. The Foot March route must be 12 miles in length, clearly marked, and easily identifiable by the Candidates. The length of the route will be verified by unit personnel walking the route with two DAGRs. Routes will not be verified using civilian GPS devices. DAGRs used by USAIS validator will be provided by the requesting unit. Units may walk a calibrated distance measuring wheel as an alternate means of verifying the length of the route with an approved waiver.

Route selection needs to include consideration for ease of movement, consistent terrain features, and no obstructions along the route that would require the Candidates to maneuver around. The slope of the terrain should be similar in nature to the terrain that the Candidates had been conducting their conditioning and training on. Units should take every effort to plan the Foot March along a route closed to vehicular traffic; if this is not possible, positive safety control measures need to be put in place to ensure Candidates are protected from vehicles. Units will ensure that medics are stationed along the route, ambulances are available, and that safety vehicles are used along the route during this event. Units will ensure sufficient water points are established along the route for Candidates IAW the Commanders DRAW.

If the route requires a turn-around point, it must be easily recognizable by the Candidates. It must allow the Candidates to turn around without impeding each other or causing congestion. Units need to establish control measures along the route, including turns and turn-around points, to ensure Candidates remain on the route.

Units will ensure there are at least two official timing devices which have been calibrated for the Foot March. While it is not required, Units are encouraged to provide the Candidates with the elapsed time when they reach the six-mile point of the Foot March. The time from the official clock will be the only time used to officiate this event.

### 3. STANDARDS

Candidates must carry 35 pounds of dry weight in their rucksack over the entire course of the Foot March. This weight is in addition to their personal equipment and water, which is worn and carried evenly distributed over their bodies.

Units must have a calibrated scale at the end of the course to ensure that the Candidates finish the event with the required weight in their rucksack or the Unit conducts a layout of the required packing list totaling 35 pounds. Any Candidate who finishes with less than the required 35 pounds of dry weight in their rucksack or missing a piece of equipment from the layout will be eliminated from the EIB process, even if they completed the Foot March within the required time. The scales must be available to the Candidates at least one day prior to the Foot March. The 12-mile Foot March must be executed in the EIB uniform with approved boots. The weapon will be carried "at the ready" and will not be slung on the back, secured to, or placed in the rucksack. Units may add additional equipment at the direction of the EIB Board and Commander.

No Candidate will proceed to the Final Event if they fail to complete the Foot March in three hours or less. Candidates failing the Foot March should be segregated in a separate holding area until they can be processed by the station NCOIC/OIC, followed by the EIB NCOIC/OIC for out-processing.

## Chapter 8-Post Test

### 1. AWARDING THE EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Candidates who pass all phases of the EIB test will be awarded the Expert Infantryman Badge, Orders, and a Certificate. Units should ensure that the awarding of the Expert Infantryman Badge occurs during a suitable public ceremony as soon as possible after receiving award orders and certificates from OCOI. Announcement for the award of the EIB is in accordance with AR 600-8-105.

To ensure standardization throughout the Army, Units are required to present the OCOI EIB certificate as the official certificate to accompany the badge and orders. Units are discouraged from awarding a certificate of their own design in addition to the OCOI certificate, as it will not be accepted as proof of earning an EIB. For tracking and verification purposes, the corresponding order number from the orders will be recorded on the EIB certificate by OCOI.

It is the responsibility of the testing Unit to ensure individual Enlisted and Officer Records Briefs are properly updated to reflect the award of the EIB, **as well as ensuring a copy of the orders are uploaded into each recipient's Official Military Personnel File (OMPF).**

### 2. EXPERT INFANTRY STREAMER

In accordance with AR 600-8-22, when 65 percent or more of the assigned strength (during an EIB testing period) of a separate Infantry, Ranger, or SF Platoon, Company, Battalion, Group, Regiment, or Brigade has been awarded the EIB, the Unit will be awarded an Expert Infantry Streamer. This streamer may be displayed by the organization for one year, at the expiration of which the Unit must re-qualify under the above rules.

Commanders of Infantry, Ranger, or SF Battalions, Groups, Regiment, or Brigades may award the Expert Infantry Streamer to Infantry Companies under their command. All Commanding Generals may award the Expert Infantry Streamers to separate Infantry, Ranger, or SF Platoons, Infantry Battalions and Brigades under their command. This authority may not be further delegated.

### 3. POST TEST REQUIREMENTS

The testing Unit will submit an After-Action Report (AAR) within 15 days of completion of the EIB process utilizing the format provided by the EIB Test Manager. Any issues that were identified during the EIB process should be resolved during this period.

Information from the AARs will be used for statistical purposes regarding training and identifying trends across the force. In addition, the AAR information will assist in determining the relevancy of the EIB process and aid in making updates to the test process as needed. Units planning an EIB test are highly encouraged to review previous AARs to improve the efficiency of their own event. Under no circumstances will AAR information be used in assessing any Unit or command capabilities, as the EIB process is designed to test individual abilities only.

It is highly recommended that Units retain all EIB materials upon completion of the test process to establish continuity for future EIB tests conducted within the Unit. Units who conclude the EIB process are encouraged to continually share information with other Units concerning the EIB test.

**Commanders must follow up with their appropriate S-1 staff to ensure that the records for all Soldiers who received their EIB were properly updated to reflect this award.**