

## **BATTLE GRIFFIN 2005 – NATO EXERCISE** **NORWAY – 22FEB05 – 12MAR05**

**2BN/25<sup>TH</sup> MARINES**  
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Use of The SMART MCI KIT during this exercise:

During this Nato extreme cold-weather exercise, several mass casualty drills (battlefield conditions) were carried out as normally expected. Several drills were conducted along with Norway Military Medical Personnel. While using the older, tear-away MCI tags in the first drill was common to all involved, the conditions proved too much for some of the tags as they got soaked, torn or otherwise became illegible. After conducting some “impromptu” training with the new SMART MCI Kit, all involved were very impressed with the ease of use and practical functionality of the new cards / kits.

The main points that impressed all NATO forces the most:

- waterproof cards, held up well in drastic conditions (wet to freezing alternates)
- changeable priorities (without having to re-do a new card and stapeling to the original – frequently the BAS has the capacity to change a “RED” patient to a “YELLOW” , or “YELLOW” to “GREEN” after battlefield treatment)
- information tracking was consistent and easy to initiate
- separate “DEAD” cards
- red lights for Priority One patients at night
- NBC / WMD / Identification - Contamination cards
- Overall greater speed of casualty determination & ultimate movement to proper area (as much as 30-45 minutes less time to complete drill objectives)