

RANGER HISTORY PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE



**SAMPLE STUDY GUIDE
WITH LIMITED QUESTIONS**

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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

Questions

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1. What is the source of the word ranger?

- A. It is derived from the French word 'ranger' meaning to arrange
- B. It comes from the word range describing the movement of soldiers when they patrolled an area
- C. It is an acronym for a term used in modern training
- D. It originated from a misspelling of "ranger"

2. How many Ranger companies served in Vietnam?

- A. 11
- B. 13
- C. 12
- D. 14

3. Which unit was the only Ranger unit fortunate enough to be assigned missions during World War II?

- A. 1st BN
- B. 6th BN
- C. 3rd BN
- D. 2nd BN

4. When and where was the 2nd Battalion activated for World War II?

- A. 1 April 1943 in Camp Forrest, TN
- B. 2 April 1943 in Camp Forrest, TN
- C. 1 April 1942 in Camp Shelby, MS
- D. 3 March 1943 in Camp Forrest, TN

5. What do the colors on the crest represent?

- A. Navy Unit Commendation and campaign streamers
- B. Presidential Unit Citation Award and combat services in Vietnam, 6 valorous unit awards, and 2 meritorious unit awards
- C. Medal of Honor recipients and Distinguished Service Cross awards
- D. National Defense Service Medal and Vietnam Service Medal only

- 6. Which CSM is listed third in the Current CSMs?**
- A. CSM Albaugh
 - B. CSM Boyer
 - C. CSM Johnson
 - D. Teakell
- 7. Which unit deployed to Kosovo?**
- A. Regimental Recon Detachment Team 1
 - B. Regimental Recon Detachment Team 3
 - C. Regimental Recon Detachment Team 4
 - D. Regimental Recon Detachment Team 2
- 8. Which Ranger unit jumped into Bastogne Drop Zone in a follow-on mission after OBJ Rhino to secure an airstrip for a Special Operations Forces raid?**
- A. 2/75
 - B. 3/75, follow on mission after OBJ Rhino to secure an airstrip for SOF raid
 - C. 4th Ranger Company
 - D. 1/75
- 9. The 6th Battalion was deactivated in which city?**
- A. Kyoto
 - B. Manila
 - C. Osaka
 - D. Tokyo
- 10. Which Ranger element participated in the rescue attempt of American embassy personnel in Iran?**
- A. 1/75
 - B. RHQ
 - C. 2/75
 - D. 3/75

Answers

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1. B
2. B
3. B
4. A
5. B
6. C
7. D
8. B
9. A
10. A

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Explanations

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1. What is the source of the word ranger?

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- C. It is an acronym for a term used in modern training
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The main idea here is linking ranger to the habit of moving across a certain area. A ranger is someone who ranges, patrolling or traveling through a defined stretch of land, so the word comes from the verb range—to roam or extend over a distance. That connection to patrolling a territory is why this option fits best. The others don't align with how English developed the term: it isn't from a French verb meaning to arrange, it isn't an acronym, and it isn't a misspelling.

2. How many Ranger companies served in Vietnam?

- A. 11
- B. 13**
- C. 12
- D. 14

The question tests knowledge of the actual count of separate Ranger units that served in Vietnam. During the war, Ranger forces operated as independent, lettered companies rather than as a single regimental battalion. Over the course of the conflict, thirteen distinct Ranger companies served in-country, rotating through various assignments across different corps areas and with different divisions. Official Ranger histories and Army lineage records list this thirteen-company total, which is why that option is the best one. The numbers that would undercount, like eleven or twelve, or overcount, like fourteen, don't match the documented in-country Ranger presence.

3. Which unit was the only Ranger unit fortunate enough to be assigned missions during World War II?

- A. 1st BN
- B. 6th BN**
- C. 3rd BN
- D. 2nd BN

The question tests understanding of which Ranger unit carried out dedicated mission-focused operations in World War II. The sixth Ranger Battalion is the one highlighted for having been assigned and executing direct-action missions during the war, most notably the raid on Cabanatuan in the Philippines in 1945. That operation epitomizes the kind of mission-oriented work the material uses to define Ranger activities, showing the unit's ability to infiltrate, strike decisively, and extract prisoners with minimal support. While other Ranger battalions participated in campaigns, the sixth is singled out in this context for its clear record of mission assignments, making it the best answer.

4. When and where was the 2nd Battalion activated for World War II?

- A. 1 April 1943 in Camp Forrest, TN
- B. 2 April 1943 in Camp Forrest, TN
- C. 1 April 1942 in Camp Shelby, MS
- D. 3 March 1943 in Camp Forrest, TN

Activation is the moment a unit is officially formed and set up as a functioning combat element, with its organization, leaders, and initial training begun. The 2nd Battalion was activated on 1 April 1943 at Camp Forrest in Tennessee, which is the historical record for its formation and first steps as a distinct battalion. Camp Forrest served as a key training site for Ranger battalions in early 1943, making it the right place for this activation. The other options either place the activation at the wrong time or at a different camp, which does not align with the unit's documented lineage.

5. What do the colors on the crest represent?

- A. Navy Unit Commendation and campaign streamers
- B. Presidential Unit Citation Award and combat services in Vietnam, 6 valorous unit awards, and 2 meritorious unit awards
- C. Medal of Honor recipients and Distinguished Service Cross awards
- D. National Defense Service Medal and Vietnam Service Medal only

Colors on a unit crest are meant to honor the unit's own awards and campaigns. In this crest, the color pattern highlights the unit's most significant recognitions: a Presidential Unit Citation Award for extraordinary heroism by the unit as a whole; combat service in Vietnam showing the unit's participation there; six valorous unit awards for repeated acts of valor at the unit level; and two meritorious unit awards for meritorious service. This combination reflects the crest's symbolic record of the unit's honors, which is why it fits best. The other options mix individual decorations or medals that such crests don't typically encode, or refer to Navy-specific honors or campaign streamers rather than the unit-level awards encoded on the crest.

6. Which CSM is listed third in the Current CSMs?

- A. CSM Albaugh
- B. CSM Boyer
- C. CSM Johnson
- D. Teakell

Identify the item in the third position of an ordered list. The Current CSMs are listed as Albaugh (first), Boyer (second), Johnson (third), Teakell (fourth). Counting from the top, the third item is Johnson, so CSM Johnson is the correct choice. If the order were different, the third position would change accordingly.

7. Which unit deployed to Kosovo?

- A. Regimental Recon Detachment Team 1
- B. Regimental Recon Detachment Team 3
- C. Regimental Recon Detachment Team 4
- D. Regimental Recon Detachment Team 2**

Reconnaissance capability under pressure is what drives deployment decisions in a fluid conflict zone. In Kosovo, real-time, on-the-ground intelligence was crucial for shaping NATO's operations, identifying safe routes, and tracking troop movements. The Regimental Reconnaissance Detachment is built for exactly that role: small, covert teams conducting long-range surveillance, behind-enemy-lines reconnaissance, and verification of targets for higher command. This focus on gathering timely, actionable intelligence in challenging environments lines up with what was needed in Kosovo, making that detachment the unit that deployed there. Other units listed have different core missions, so the reconnaissance-focused detachment stands out as the best fit for that deployment.

8. Which Ranger unit jumped into Bastogne Drop Zone in a follow-on mission after OBJ Rhino to secure an airstrip for a Special Operations Forces raid?

- A. 2/75
- B. 3/75, follow on mission after OBJ Rhino to secure an airstrip for SOF raid**
- C. 4th Ranger Company
- D. 1/75

Securing an airstrip for a Special Operations Forces raid after the initial objective requires a battalion-sized force capable of rapid, precision assault, capture of the airfield, and holding it for follow-on lift assets. In this scenario, the unit assigned to jump into Bastogne Drop Zone for the follow-on mission after OBJ Rhino to seize and secure the airstrip is the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. This unit designation fits the level of coordination, mobility, and combat power needed to establish control of an airstrip in support of SOF operations, aligning with the task described. The other options either point to different Ranger formations or to nonstandard company-level units, which would not match the described follow-on airfield seizure mission in this context.

9. The 6th Battalion was deactivated in which city?

- A. Kyoto**
- B. Manila
- C. Osaka
- D. Tokyo

This question tests knowledge of a unit's official history, specifically where it was formally inactivated. After World War II, many battalions were demobilized at designated posts, and that inactivation location becomes a fixed part of the unit's lineage. For the 6th Battalion, the historical records show it was inactivated in Kyoto, Japan, which is why Kyoto is the correct city. The other cities—Manila, Osaka, and Tokyo—are tied to different campaigns or administrative posts and do not match the unit's documented inactivation site. Knowing the unit's lineage helps you identify the exact location of its inactivation.

10. Which Ranger element participated in the rescue attempt of American embassy personnel in Iran?

A. 1/75

B. RHQ

C. 2/75

D. 3/75

This question tests recall of which Ranger unit was assigned to the ground assault element during the Iran hostage rescue attempt (Operation Eagle Claw). The unit brought into play for the direct-action ground mission was the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. They were selected for their light-infantry, air-mobile capabilities and proven experience in rapid, aggressive assaults, which matched the mission's needs to seize the embassy area in a high-risk, desert environment. The other Ranger units and the regimental headquarters were not designated to participate in the assault for that operation, so they don't fit the historical record of who actually took part. The mission's failure was due to helicopter problems and other logistical issues, not the choice of unit for the ground assault.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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