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**References:** ATP 3-21.8, FM 3-90-1, ATP 3-21.20, ATP 3-90.40, ADRP 1-02

**OPERATIONAL PLAN / ORDER #013 / CODE NAME: "ESTABLISH COP"**

**CADRE / OPFOR NOTES**

**Complexity:** Higher | **Recommended Phase:** RUN (Capstone LFX)

**Mission Summary:** 1st Platoon is tasked to clear and occupy the facilities at COP Seggel, establish entrance and perimeter security, set up and operate the company command post, and prepare the COP as the base of operations for follow-on missions throughout the AO.

**Destination:** COP Seggel, vicinity MP 0600 1550, AO HERRERA. Facility was previously occupied by host nation forces and has been vacated. Enemy presence is unknown.

**Actions on Objective:** Platoon will conduct a leader's reconnaissance, systematically clear all facilities, establish entrance control and perimeter security, designate and establish the company command post with battle tracking and radio communications, and prepare defensive positions to hold the COP for a minimum of 48 hours without relief.

**Capstone LFX:** This OPORD is designed as the opening operation of an extended LFX. Once established, COP Seggel becomes the persistent base of operations for the remainder of the exercise. All subsequent missions (patrols, reconnaissance, raids) will originate from and return to COP Seggel. Write subsequent OPORDs and FRAGO's to task from this location.

**Training Focus:** This OPORD tests multi-phase planning (offense to defense transition), building clearing under uncertainty, CP establishment and operations, battle tracking, communications management, sustainment planning for extended operations, and defensive planning against indirect fire and counterattack threats. The CP establishment requirement evaluates whether candidates can stand up a functioning command post that supports company and platoon operations across the AO.

**Evaluation Timeline:** For evaluated iterations, candidates will receive this OPORD and have 75 minutes to complete TLP Steps 1-8 before SP. Execution window is 60 minutes for initial clearing and occupation. CP operations and defensive posture are sustained for the duration of the LFX.

**OPFOR/Training Wrinkles:**

- Vary REAPER presence during clearing: empty facility, observation element only, or occupied and defended.
- Simulate indirect fire (mortar) attack after occupation to test overhead cover and dispersion planning.
- Introduce host nation materials left behind (booby traps, usable supplies, intelligence value items).
- Use civilian role-players approaching the COP to test ROE and entrance control procedures.
- Inject resupply delays beyond 48 hours to stress sustainment planning.
- Issue follow-on FRAGOs from the COP to test CP operations and battle tracking under pressure.
- Test communications management by requiring simultaneous monitoring of company and platoon nets.
- Inject casualty scenarios requiring MEDEVAC coordination from the COP.
- Simulate REAPER counterattack probe to test defensive posture and QRF employment.

**NOTE:** UAS/Counter-UAS injects are OPTIONAL and should only be used if authorized by the Commandant and incorporated into the approved POI.

**See Also:** LTA Grid Reference | Appendix 1: Overhead Imagery

**Iteration Guidance:** This is the detailed version with specific grids and positioning. For evaluated iterations and later runs where squad leaders should plan independently, use 013-establish-cop.md instead.

**Time Zone Used Throughout the Plan/Order:** EASTERN STANDARD TIME

**Task Organization:**

1st Platoon, A Co. 4th BN-211th INF Platoon Leader Platoon Sergeant 1st Squad 2nd Squad 3rd Squad

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**1. SITUATION**

**a. Area of Interest**

Clay County, Florida, in the vicinity of Camp Blanding Joint Training Center. COP Seggel is a facility complex at MP 0600 1550 within AO HERRERA. The facility was previously occupied by host nation security forces who have departed the area. It is unclear whether REAPER forces have moved to occupy or observe the facility since the host nation withdrawal. The road junction at Jacksonville Street and Bradenton Avenue (MP 0602 1565), approximately 150 meters north of COP Seggel, is a known area of REAPER activity and controls the primary avenue of approach into the AO from the north.

**b. Area of Operations**

**1. Terrain.** The AO consists of flat terrain with sandy soils and dense pine and hardwood forests throughout. Thick vegetation and tree canopy severely limit observation and fields of fire except along improved roads and clearings. COP Seggel is a facility complex situated along Bradenton Avenue at MP 0600 1550. Bradenton Avenue runs north-south through the center of the AO, serving as the primary improved road and avenue of approach. Jacksonville Street runs east-west approximately 150 meters north of the COP, intersecting Bradenton Avenue at MP 0602 1565. Clearwater Avenue runs north-south approximately 250 meters west of Bradenton Avenue, providing a secondary avenue of approach from the south and west. The facility complex includes multiple buildings and hardened structures surrounded by dense woodlines on all sides. Open areas within and immediately surrounding the facility provide limited fields of fire along the road corridors, but observation is restricted to under 50 meters in the surrounding woodlines. The dense forest canopy provides concealment for approaching forces but also limits observation from defensive positions within the COP.

- **Key Terrain:** The facility complex at COP Seggel (MP 0600 1550) is the decisive terrain. The intersection of Jacksonville Street and Bradenton Avenue (MP 0602 1565), approximately 150 meters north of the COP, is key terrain that controls north-south and east-west movement through the AO and represents the most likely avenue of approach for REAPER reinforcement. Bradenton Avenue south of the COP provides a cleared lane of observation and fire along the southern approach. Entrance points to the facility along Bradenton Avenue are critical for controlling access. The dense woodlines surrounding the facility on all sides, particularly to the north and west, offer concealment for REAPER reconnaissance elements or assault forces approaching the COP. Buildings within the complex that provide overhead cover are critical for CP operations and protection against indirect fire.

**2. Weather.** Warm and humid, partly cloudy skies, temperature around 85°F, with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Limited visibility may occur during thunderstorms. Plan for sustained operations through day and night cycles.

**c. Enemy Forces. REAPER: Resistance Elements of Atropia's People's Revolutionary Front**

REAPER forces are an irregular force operating throughout the AO. Following the host nation withdrawal from COP Seggel, REAPER may have moved forces to observe, occupy, or exploit the vacated facility. They are capable of conducting reconnaissance, small-unit attacks, indirect fire, and coordinated assaults. REAPER has demonstrated interest in controlling key infrastructure to stage their own operations. REAPER has previously operated in the vicinity of the Jacksonville Street and Bradenton Avenue junction and is familiar with the road network and surrounding woodlines.

**1. Composition.** Estimated 4-8 REAPER personnel in the vicinity, small arms (AK-47s), possible mortar or indirect fire capability, IEDs, and communications equipment. A larger REAPER element of up to platoon size may be available to reinforce within 4-6 hours from the north along Jacksonville Street or through the woodlines north of the COP.

**2. Disposition.** REAPER forces may have a small security or observation element at or near the facility. They are likely monitoring the facility and surrounding routes, particularly Bradenton Avenue and the road junction at Jacksonville Street (MP 0602 1565). If REAPER has occupied the facility, they will have established hasty defensive positions oriented along Bradenton Avenue and the east-west access roads. If not in the facility, they are likely observing from concealed positions in the dense woodlines north or west of the COP and reporting to higher elements positioned along Jacksonville Street or further north.

**3. Most Probable Course of Action (MPCOA).** REAPER has a small observation element monitoring the facility from the woodline north of COP Seggel, in the vicinity of Jacksonville Street. Upon detecting friendly approach along Bradenton Avenue, REAPER observers withdraw north toward the Jacksonville Street junction or into the woodlines west of the COP, report friendly strength and disposition to higher, and continue to monitor from a distance. REAPER conducts harassing indirect fire from positions in the dense forest north of Jacksonville Street to disrupt occupation and probes the perimeter with small reconnaissance elements approaching through the woodlines to assess defensive posture.

**4. Most Dangerous Course of Action (MDCOA).** REAPER has occupied and fortified COP Seggel as a staging base for their own operations. Upon friendly approach, REAPER defends the facility while calling for reinforcement from the north. A platoon-sized REAPER element conducts a coordinated counterattack south along Bradenton Avenue and through the woodlines west of the COP, employing indirect fire from positions north of Jacksonville Street to suppress defensive positions while assault elements attack from the north and west to overwhelm the perimeter before friendly forces can consolidate.

**d. Friendly Forces**

**1. Higher Headquarters:** A Co. 4th BN – 211th INF.

**2. Mission.** A Company establishes a forward presence in AO HERRERA to deny REAPER freedom of movement and enable follow-on offensive operations. COP Seggel will serve as the company command post and base of operations for sustained operations throughout the AO.

**3. Commander's Intent.** Seize and secure COP Seggel to establish a persistent forward operating base. The facility must be cleared, occupied, and prepared to support company-level operations for a minimum of 48 hours. The platoon must be prepared to defend the COP against REAPER counterattack while simultaneously establishing the command post and supporting follow-on missions.

**e. Civil Considerations**

Host nation security forces recently vacated the facility. Host nation civilians or contractors may be in the surrounding area, particularly along Jacksonville Street and the improved roads east of the COP. Any host nation personnel encountered should be treated respectfully, identified, and reported to higher. Materials and equipment left behind by host nation forces should be inventoried and reported. Avoid damage to facility infrastructure that will be used for sustained operations.

**f. Attachments and Detachments**

None.

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**2. MISSION**

1st Platoon clears and occupies COP Seggel (MP 0600 1550) NLT \_\_\_\_ to establish entrance and perimeter security and establish the company command post in order to support follow-on operations in AO HERRERA.

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**3. EXECUTION**

**a. Commander's Intent**

**Purpose:** Establish a persistent forward operating base at COP Seggel to enable company-level command and control and provide a secure base for follow-on operations throughout AO HERRERA.

**Key Tasks:** (1) Clear all facilities at COP Seggel. (2) Establish entrance control and perimeter security. (3) Stand up the company command post with battle tracking and dual-net communications. (4) Prepare to sustain operations for a minimum of 48 hours.

**End State:** Facilities cleared, perimeter secured with ECP controlling Bradenton Avenue approach, company CP operational on company and platoon nets, defensive positions prepared against indirect fire and ground attack from the northern and western approaches, platoon postured for sustained operations and follow-on missions.

**b. Concept of Operations**

1st Platoon conducts a three-phase operation to establish COP Seggel. In **Phase 1 (Approach)**, the platoon moves to the vicinity of the facility using concealed routes and establishes a security halt. The PL conducts a leader's reconnaissance to assess enemy presence and confirm the scheme of maneuver. In **Phase 2 (Clear)**, the assault element clears all facilities while the support element fixes any enemy resistance and the security element cordons the objective against reinforcement. In **Phase 3 (Occupy and Establish)**, the platoon transitions to defense — establishing entrance control, perimeter security oriented toward the most dangerous avenues of approach, and the company command post. Main effort shifts from the assault element (Phase 2) to the PSG and CP operations (Phase 3). A QRF capability is maintained throughout.

**c. Scheme of Fires**

Support element has priority of fires during Phase 2 (Clear), oriented north along the Bradenton Avenue corridor. Upon transition to Phase 3 (Occupy), priority of fires shifts to the northern approach along Bradenton Avenue toward the Jacksonville Street junction, as the most dangerous avenue of approach for REAPER reinforcement. Indirect fire support available through company on request. Defensive fires planned for the Bradenton Avenue corridor (north and south) and the woodlines to the west, with particular attention to positions north of Jacksonville Street that could support REAPER indirect fire against the COP.

**d. Tasks to Subordinate Units**

**1. 1st Squad (Assault — Decisive Operation, Phase 2):**

- **TASK:** During Phase 2, systematically clear all buildings and facilities within COP Seggel. Upon completion, transition to defend the northern sector of the COP perimeter. Establish fighting positions with overhead cover and interlocking fields of fire oriented north along Bradenton Avenue toward the Jacksonville Street junction (MP 0602 1565) and into the woodlines northeast of the facility.
- **PURPOSE:** Eliminate any enemy presence in the facility to enable safe occupation, then secure the most dangerous avenue of approach — the Bradenton Avenue corridor from Jacksonville Street — against REAPER counterattack.

**2. 2nd Squad (Support by Fire, Phase 2 / ECP, Phase 3):**

- **TASK:** During Phase 2, occupy a support-by-fire position south of the facility (vic MP 0600 1540) oriented north along the Bradenton Avenue corridor to suppress enemy resistance. Upon completion of clearing, establish and man the entrance control point at the Bradenton Avenue entrance to COP Seggel with positive identification procedures. Provide observation of the eastern approach along the access roads and the western approach from the direction of Clearwater Avenue.
- **PURPOSE:** Fix any enemy during clearing so 1st Squad can maneuver through the facility, then control all access to the COP and provide early warning of REAPER activity on the eastern and western approaches.

**3. 3rd Squad (Security, Phase 2 / Southern Defense & QRF, Phase 3):**

- **TASK:** During Phase 2, establish a cordon in the woodlines north and west of COP Seggel to isolate the objective. Block REAPER reinforcement from the Jacksonville Street area (vic MP 0602 1565) and prevent escape into the dense forest west of the facility. Upon completion of clearing, transition to defend the southern sector of the COP perimeter along Bradenton Avenue south of the facility. Serve as the platoon QRF, prepared to reinforce any sector under attack. Identify and brief withdrawal routes south along Bradenton Avenue.

- **PURPOSE:** Prevent REAPER from reinforcing or escaping during clearing, then secure the southern perimeter and provide the PL a responsive reserve against REAPER probes or counterattack.

#### 4. Platoon Sergeant (CP Operations, Phase 3):

- **TASK:** Upon completion of Phase 2, designate and establish the company command post within a hardened building at COP Seggel. Establish battle tracking, maintain radio communications on both company net (FH NET ID 600) and platoon net (FH NET ID 601), coordinate logistics and sustainment, and manage the rest and security plan for sustained 48-hour operations.
- **PURPOSE:** Enable company-level command and control from COP Seggel and sustain platoon operations for the duration of the mission.

#### f. Coordinating Instructions

##### 1. Rules of Engagement (ROE):

1. Engage only confirmed enemy combatants posing a threat.
2. Use graduated response appropriate to the threat.
3. Positively identify targets before firing — host nation personnel may be present in the facility.
4. Avoid damage to facility infrastructure that will be used for sustained operations.
5. Challenge unknown personnel using challenge and password.
6. Report civilian casualties immediately.

##### 2. Priority Intelligence Requirements (PIR):

1. Determine whether REAPER forces are occupying or observing COP Seggel.
2. Identify REAPER indirect fire positions or capability in the vicinity, particularly north of Jacksonville Street.
3. Locate REAPER observation posts or communication activity near the COP, especially along the Jacksonville Street corridor and in the woodlines north and west of the facility.
4. Assess REAPER capability and intent to conduct counterattack, including reinforcement routes along Jacksonville Street and Bradenton Avenue from the north.
5. Identify host nation materials, equipment, or intelligence value items at the facility.

##### 3. Commander's Critical Information Requirements (CCIR):

1. REAPER forces occupying or actively defending any portion of the COP facility
2. Indirect fire or indicators of REAPER counterattack during occupation
3. Building clearing reveals NBC materials or significant intelligence value items
4. Friendly casualties during clearing that prevent simultaneous multi-building operations
5. Company CP unable to establish communications from the designated location

##### 4. Reporting:

- **Report to higher when SP'ing from assembly area.**
- **In Position Report:** Upon completing security halt south of COP Seggel and beginning leader's recon.
- **Phase Reports:** Report completion of each phase (Approach, Clear, Occupy).
- **SALUTE Report:** Upon sighting enemy forces or indicators.
- **SITREP:** Every 4 hours once COP is established, or upon significant events.
- **LACE Report:** Upon occupation and every 12 hours thereafter.
- **CP Operational Report:** Upon establishment of company command post with communications and battle tracking.

5. This OPORD is effective immediately upon distribution.

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#### 4. SUSTAINMENT

##### a. Logistics

1. Resupply is not expected for a minimum of 48 hours. Plan accordingly.
2. Meal Cycle: M-M-M. Ensure all personnel carry sufficient rations for 48 hours.
3. Water: Carry maximum water on movement. Identify and assess any water sources at the facility upon occupation.
4. Class V (ammunition): Carry basic load. Redistribute as needed; report any shortages immediately.
5. Equipment maintenance: Conducted during priorities of work. Inventory and report any usable host nation materials found at the facility.
6. Rest plan: Establish a rest and security rotation that maintains defensive posture while sustaining the force for 48 hours. No more than one-third of the force resting at any time.

##### b. Health System Support

1. PLT CCP established within COP Seggel perimeter in a hardened structure.
2. Aid bag located at the company CP.
3. MEDEVAC available via Nine Line request at AXP 1.
4. Casualty evacuation routes identified and briefed during leader's reconnaissance. Primary CASEVAC route south along Bradenton Avenue.

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#### 5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

##### a. Command

1. Platoon Leader at COP Seggel upon occupation.
2. Platoon Sergeant establishes and operates the company command post.
3. Succession of Command: PL, PSG, 1st SL, 2nd SL, 3rd SL.

##### b. Control

1. Command Posts: Company CP at COP Seggel IVO MP 0600 1550.
2. Alternate CP: 1st Squad defensive sector (northern perimeter).

##### c. Signal

##### 1. PACE Plan:

- Primary: Radio FH NET ID 601 (Platoon Net)
- Alternate: FH NET ID 600 (Company Net)
- Contingency: Frequency 47000 single channel plain text
- Emergency: Runner

## **2. Call Signs:**

- PL – Thunder 1-6
- PSG – Thunder 1-7
- 1st Squad Leader – Thunder 1-1
- 2nd Squad Leader – Thunder 1-2
- 3rd Squad Leader – Thunder 1-3

## **3. Challenge, Password, Running Password, Combination:**

- Challenge: Outpost
- Password: Seggel
- Running Password: Establish
- Combination: 13

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## **APPENDIX 1: OVERHEAD IMAGERY / TERRAIN ANALYSIS**

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**Local Training Area — MiIGPS Overhead with Military Grid**





Source: MiGPS application, satellite imagery with 17R MP MGRS grid overlay. Grid lines at 100m intervals.

#### Key Locations

Grid (17R MP)	Location	Significance
MP 0600 1550	COP Seggel	Facility complex — objective for clearing and occupation
MP 0602 1565	Jacksonville St / Bradenton Ave junction	Key terrain — controls northern approach, REAPER activity area
MP 0600 1560	Bradenton Ave, 100m north of COP	Northern approach corridor along Bradenton Ave
MP 0575 1550	Clearwater Ave, west of COP	Secondary avenue of approach from the west

MP 0600 1540	Bradenton Ave, south of COP	Southern approach; security halt and SBF position area
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**Avenues of Approach**

- 1. Primary (NORTH — Most Dangerous):** South along Bradenton Avenue from the Jacksonville Street junction (MP 0602 1565). This is the primary improved road through the AO and provides a direct avenue of approach for REAPER reinforcement from the north. The road corridor provides fields of fire for defenders at the COP but also exposes the northern perimeter.
- 2. Secondary (WEST):** East through the dense woodlines from the direction of Clearwater Avenue. Thick pine and hardwood forest provides excellent concealment for dismounted approach but limits movement speed. Observation from the COP into the western woodline is restricted to under 50 meters.
- 3. Secondary (SOUTH):** North along Bradenton Avenue from the south. This is the friendly force approach route and also a potential avenue for REAPER flanking movement. The road corridor provides observation for the southern defensive sector.
- 4. Secondary (EAST):** West along east-west access roads from the east (vicinity MP 0610 1550). Dense woodlines east of the COP restrict observation but improved roads provide a direct approach.

**Terrain Analysis Notes**

The overhead imagery confirms flat terrain throughout the AO with dense tree canopy providing concealment from aerial observation. Improved roads (Bradenton Avenue, Jacksonville Street, Clearwater Avenue) are clearly visible as the only locations offering extended observation and fields of fire. The facility complex at COP Seggel is situated along Bradenton Avenue with dense woodlines on all sides, consistent with the terrain description in the OPORD. Candidates should note that the dense canopy will limit observation to under 50 meters in the woodlines, making the road corridors critical for both fields of fire and early warning.


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