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OPERATIONAL PLAN / ORDER #011 / CODE NAME: "HURRICANE DELTA ROUTE RECON"

CADRE / OPFOR NOTES

Complexity: Moderate | **Recommended Phase:** WALK (Blocks 2-3), RUN (Day Iterations)

Mission Summary: A Company conducts mounted reconnaissance operations in Bay County to assess damage, identify hazards, and report conditions to enable follow-on relief operations. 1st Platoon is tasked to reconnoiter the US-231 corridor and Panama City urban area.

Training Focus: This is a COMPANY-LEVEL OPORD. Candidates receive this order as the 1st Platoon Leader and must conduct TLP to plan their platoon's reconnaissance operations. Focus areas include reconnaissance planning, systematic observation, accurate reporting, and information management.

Evaluation Timeline: Candidates will receive this OPORD and have 75 minutes to complete TLP Steps 1-8. Candidates will brief their platoon order to cadre. This is a planning exercise only.

Training Wrinkles (for candidate planning consideration):

- Power outages causing traffic signals to be inoperable.
- Fuel stations empty or inoperable.
- Blocked routes requiring rerouting and assessment.
- Damaged bridges requiring trafficability assessment (GO/NO-GO).
- Downed power lines (assume energized).
- Flooded roads requiring depth assessment.
- Communication dead zones.
- Civilians approaching vehicles requesting assistance.
- Local officials requesting immediate reconnaissance of specific areas.
- Media presence.

NOTE: This is a DSCA operation. There is no enemy threat. Reconnaissance focuses on infrastructure and conditions.

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ISSUING HEADQUARTERS: A Company, 4th Battalion, 211th Infantry Regiment

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

Task Organization:

A Company, 4th BN-211th INF

- Company Headquarters (Bay County Staging Area)
- 1st Platoon (Recon Element - Sectors 1 & 2)
- 2nd Platoon (Recon Element - Sectors 3 & 4)
- 3rd Platoon (Staging Area Security/QRF)

1st Platoon Task Organization:

- Platoon Headquarters: HMMWV #1 (PL, RTO, 2x Soldiers)
 - 1st Squad: HMMWV #2 (SL, Driver, 2x Soldiers)
 - 2nd Squad: HMMWV #3 (SL, Driver, 2x Soldiers)
 - 3rd Squad: HMMWV #4 (PSG, Driver, 2x Soldiers)
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1. SITUATION

a. Area of Interest

Bay County, Florida, and surrounding areas. Hurricane DELTA made landfall 48 hours ago as a Category 3 storm. Higher headquarters requires detailed reconnaissance of routes, infrastructure, and potential staging areas to plan relief operations.

b. Area of Operations

1. Terrain. Bay County features coastal and inland terrain including urban areas (Panama City, Lynn Haven), suburban development, and waterways. Hurricane damage includes debris fields, flooding, structural damage, and infrastructure failures. Roads may be blocked, bridges damaged, and low-lying areas flooded.

- **Key Terrain:**
 - US-231 corridor (primary north-south supply route)
 - US-98 (coastal route)
 - SR-77 (alternate inland route)
 - Panama City downtown area
 - Bay County EOC
 - Bay Medical Center
 - Schools and churches (potential POD sites)

2. Weather. Post-hurricane conditions: Clear skies, temperature 75-85°F, humidity 70-80%. Standing water in low-lying areas. Debris throughout.

c. Civil Considerations

Hurricane DELTA caused catastrophic damage. Civilian population is in crisis—many without power, water, or communications. Civilians will approach military vehicles seeking help or information. Emergency services are overwhelmed. Other agencies (FEMA, Red Cross) are conducting concurrent operations.

1. Infrastructure Status:

- Power: 90% without power in Bay County
- Communications: Cell service severely degraded
- Water: Treatment facilities affected
- Fuel: Most stations closed
- Traffic signals: Non-operational

2. Hazards:

- Downed power lines (assume energized)
- Structural damage (buildings may be unstable)
- Flooding
- Debris (including hazardous materials)

d. Friendly Forces

1. Higher Headquarters: 4th BN, 211th INF, supporting Florida National Guard Joint Task Force – Hurricane DELTA.

2. Battalion Mission. 4th Battalion conducts reconnaissance and security operations in Bay County to enable follow-on relief operations.

3. Battalion Commander's Intent. Conduct thorough reconnaissance to provide accurate, timely information for planning relief operations. Identify safe routes, hazards, and suitable sites for distribution operations. Assist civilians when feasible without compromising the reconnaissance mission.

4. Adjacent Units:

- B Company: Conducting reconnaissance in Gulf County
- C Company: Route clearance operations on US-98

e. Attachments and Detachments

None.

2. MISSION

A Company conducts mounted area reconnaissance of designated sectors in Bay County NLT ____ to assess damage, identify hazards, and report conditions to enable follow-on relief operations in support of Hurricane DELTA response.

3. EXECUTION

a. Commander's Intent

Purpose: Provide accurate, timely reconnaissance of Bay County to enable the battalion and civil authorities to plan effective relief operations.

Key Tasks: (1) Reconnoiter assigned sectors systematically. (2) Assess route trafficability for supply convoys. (3) Identify and report hazards. (4) Locate and assess potential POD sites. (5) Document findings with photos/video.

End State: All assigned sectors reconnoitered, route conditions and infrastructure status reported, potential POD sites identified, company consolidated and prepared for follow-on operations.

b. Concept of Operations

A Company conducts mounted reconnaissance of Bay County in four sectors. 1st Platoon reconnoiters Sectors 1 and 2 (US-231 corridor and Panama City urban area) as the main effort — this covers the primary supply corridor. 2nd Platoon reconnoiters Sectors 3 and 4 (SR-77 and western Bay County) for alternate routes. 3rd Platoon maintains security of the staging area and serves as QRF. Squads may operate independently within sectors at PL discretion based on communications. Upon completion, platoons consolidate at the staging area for debrief.

c. Scheme of Fires

Not applicable (DSCA operation).

d. Tasks to Subordinate Units

1st Platoon (Sectors 1 & 2 — Main Effort):

- **TASK:** Conduct mounted reconnaissance of Sector 1 (US-231 corridor from county line to Panama City) and Sector 2 (Panama City urban area including US-98 coastal segment). Assess route trafficability for LMTV

convoys, document infrastructure damage, identify hazards (downed lines, flooding, structural collapse), and locate potential POD sites (minimum 3). Document all findings with photos/video and grid coordinates. Report immediately upon finding routes CLOSED, bridges DAMAGED, or immediate hazards. Consolidate at the staging area upon completion.

- **PURPOSE:** Provide the route assessment for the primary supply corridor so the battalion can determine whether convoys can reach Bay County and where to establish distribution points.

Priority Reconnaissance Objectives:

1. US-231 trafficability (can LMTV convoys pass?)
2. Bridge conditions on US-231 and connecting routes
3. Panama City downtown accessibility
4. Bay Medical Center status and access
5. Schools/churches suitable for POD operations (minimum 3 sites)
6. Flooding extent in low-lying areas

2nd Platoon (Sectors 3 & 4):

- **TASK:** Conduct mounted reconnaissance of Sector 3 (SR-77 corridor) and Sector 4 (western Bay County). Assess alternate route trafficability, document damage, and identify potential POD sites.
- **PURPOSE:** Provide assessment of alternate routes in case the primary corridor is impassable.

3rd Platoon (Staging Area Security / QRF):

- **TASK:** Maintain security of Bay County Staging Area. Serve as Quick Reaction Force to support reconnaissance elements if required (vehicle recovery, medical emergency).
- **PURPOSE:** Secure the staging area and provide emergency support so reconnaissance platoons can focus on their sectors.

f. Coordinating Instructions

1. Reconnaissance Priorities (in order):

1. Route trafficability (can supply convoys pass?)
2. Bridge conditions (weight limits, damage)
3. Flooding (depth, extent, passability)
4. Debris fields (clearance requirements)
5. Critical infrastructure (hospitals, emergency services)
6. Potential POD/staging sites

2. Reporting Requirements:

Immediate Reports (as encountered):

- Routes CLOSED (blocked, impassable)
- Bridges DAMAGED or DESTROYED
- Immediate hazards (active downed lines, structural collapse)
- Mass casualty situations

Scheduled Reports:

- Departure report (when leaving staging area)
- Sector complete report (when sector reconnaissance finished)
- Consolidation report (when returning to staging area)

3. Hazard Procedures:

- Downed power lines: Assume energized. Do NOT approach. Mark location, report, bypass.
- Flooded roads: Assess depth before crossing. If depth uncertain, do NOT cross. Report.
- Damaged structures: Do NOT enter. Assess from safe distance. Report.
- Debris: Assess clearance requirements. Do NOT attempt clearance. Report.

4. Civilian Interaction:

- Be professional and courteous
- Provide information when possible (shelter locations, where to get help)
- Provide first aid for life-threatening emergencies only
- Do NOT make promises about relief timing or supplies
- Document significant civilian needs or concentrations

5. Traffic Control at Non-Functioning Signals:

- Treat as four-way stop
- Proceed with caution; expect unpredictable civilian traffic

6. Fuel Management:

- Depart with full tanks
- Do NOT rely on civilian fuel
- Emergency fuel available at staging area
- Report if fuel becomes mission-limiting

7. Documentation:

- Photograph/video significant damage, hazards, and potential POD sites
- Record grid coordinates or addresses
- Note time of observation

8. Timeline:

- Reconnaissance brief: ____
- SP from staging area: ____
- Consolidation NLT: ____
- Debrief: ____

9. This OPORD is effective upon receipt.

4. SUSTAINMENT

a. Logistics

1. **Fuel:** Full tanks at SP; emergency fuel at staging area.
2. **Meals:** MREs in each vehicle.
3. **Water:** 2 quarts per Soldier minimum; additional in vehicles.
4. **Equipment:** Cameras/phones for documentation, GPS, maps, flashlights.

b. Health System Support

1. First aid kits in each vehicle.
 2. CLS in HQ vehicle.
 3. Civilian emergency: Stabilize, contact 911 if available, report to Company TOC.
 4. Military casualty: Stabilize, evacuate to staging area or nearest medical facility, report.
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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Command

1. Company Commander at Bay County Staging Area.
2. 1st Platoon Leader commands Sectors 1 & 2 reconnaissance.
3. Succession of Command (1st Platoon): PL, PSG, 1st SL, 2nd SL, 3rd SL.

b. Control

1. Company TOC: Bay County Staging Area
2. Rally Point: Bay County Staging Area

c. Signal

1. PACE Plan:

- Primary: Company Command Net (FH NET ID 601)
- Alternate: Cell phone (may be degraded)
- Contingency: FM 47000 single channel
- Emergency: Return to staging area

2. Call Signs:

- Company Commander – Gator 6
- 1st PL – Gator 1-6
- 1st PSG – Gator 1-7
- 1st Squad – Gator 1-1
- 2nd Squad – Gator 1-2
- 3rd Squad – Gator 1-3

3. Lost Communication Procedures:

- Complete assigned reconnaissance
 - Return to staging area at designated time
 - Report findings at consolidation
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ANNEX A: RECONNAISSANCE REPORTING FORMATS

Route Condition Report:

ROUTE: [designation]
SEGMENT: [from] to [to]
TRAFFICABILITY: OPEN / RESTRICTED / CLOSED
RESTRICTIONS: [debris/flooding/bridge damage/other]
CLEARANCE REQUIRED: YES / NO
RECOMMENDED ACTION: [clear for convoy / requires clearance / use alternate]

Infrastructure Status Report:

FACILITY: [name and type]
LOCATION: [address or grid]
STATUS: OPERATIONAL / DAMAGED / DESTROYED
DAMAGE DETAILS: [if applicable]
ACCESS: [open/restricted/blocked]
IMMEDIATE NEEDS: [if observed]

POD Site Assessment:

LOCATION: [address or grid]
SITE TYPE: [parking lot/school/church/etc.]
ESTIMATED CAPACITY: [vehicles per hour]
ACCESS ROUTES: [description]
UTILITIES: [power/water availability]
SUITABILITY: RECOMMENDED / ACCEPTABLE / NOT RECOMMENDED
NOTES: [additional observations]

Hazard Report:

TYPE: [downed lines/flooding/structural/other]
LOCATION: [address or grid]
SEVERITY: IMMEDIATE DANGER / CAUTION / ADVISORY
RECOMMENDED ACTION: [avoid/mark/report to authorities]

ANNEX B: 1ST PLATOON PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The Platoon Leader should address the following during TLP:

1. Reconnaissance Planning:

- ☐ Sectors divided among squads (if operating independently)
- ☐ Priority reconnaissance objectives assigned
- ☐ Routes through sectors planned
- ☐ Time allocated for each sector/objective

2. Control Measures:

- ☐ Phase lines or checkpoints within sectors
- ☐ Rally points identified
- ☐ Consolidation time and location confirmed

3. Reporting Plan:

- ☐ Report triggers identified (what requires immediate report)
- ☐ Scheduled report times established
- ☐ Information collection plan (who documents what)

4. Contingencies:

- ☐ Actions if route blocked
- ☐ Actions if vehicle disabled
- ☐ Actions if squad loses communication
- ☐ Actions if civilian emergency encountered

5. Consolidation:

- ☐ Return route planned
 - ☐ Debrief preparation (how to organize findings)
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