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

OPERATIONAL PLAN / ORDER #016 / CODE NAME: "SEIZE THE CROSSROADS"

CADRE / OPFOR NOTES

Complexity: Moderate | **Recommended Phase:** RUN (Day Iterations)

Mission Summary: 1st Platoon attacks to seize OBJ HERRERA to deny REAPER use of a key road junction and enable follow-on operations.

Destination: OBJ HERRERA at MP 0602 1565, AO COTTO.

Actions on Objective: Platoon will establish an ORP, conduct leader's reconnaissance, isolate and suppress the objective, assault and seize the road junction, consolidate, and report.

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. AAR is 15 minutes.

OPFOR/Training Wrinkles:

- REAPER OP along Bradenton Ave south of the junction detects the SBF element during occupation — tests candidate's reaction to early detection and ability to adapt the plan.
- Civilian foot traffic along Jacksonville Street during actions on the objective — tests ROE discipline and fire control measures.
- REAPER counterattack from the north through the woodline after the assault begins — tests whether the candidate planned for the MDCOA and positioned the security element effectively.
- Fallen tree or wire obstacle across the primary assault route through the woodline — tests adaptability and ability to designate alternate routes under pressure.
- REAPER RPK shifts fires from the Bradenton Ave corridor to the assault element's avenue of approach from the west — tests the SBF element's ability to identify and suppress the support weapon.

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

Iteration Guidance: This is the mission command version — squad tasks state outcomes without prescribing specific positioning or movement. For the first iteration with a new class or candidates who need additional scaffolding, use 016-deliberate-attack-detailed.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

1. SITUATION

a. Area of Interest

Clay County, Florida, in the vicinity of Camp Blanding Joint Training Center. AO COTTO encompasses the area bounded to the north by Highway 16, to the east by the Starke city limits, to the south by the old railroad bed, and to the west by the pine forest edge.

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. Jacksonville Street runs east-west through the northern portion of the AO. Bradenton Avenue runs north-south, intersecting Jacksonville Street at the objective. These improved roads are the primary avenues of approach and the only locations offering extended fields of fire. The woods between and surrounding the roads provide excellent concealment for dismounted movement but restrict visibility to under 50 meters in most areas.

- **Key Terrain:** The road junction of Jacksonville Street and Bradenton Avenue at OBJ HERRERA (MP 0602 1565) controls north-south and east-west movement through AO COTTO. The woodlines surrounding the junction on all sides provide covered and concealed avenues of approach for dismounted elements. Bradenton Avenue south of the junction provides a cleared lane of fire into the objective from the south.

2. Weather. _____ skies, temperature ____ °F (heat cat ____), winds ____ at ____ mph. Chance of precipitation: ____%. BMNT ____; sunrise ____; sunset ____; EENT ____.

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

A reinforced squad-sized REAPER element occupies prepared fighting positions in the vicinity of OBJ HERRERA on the north side of Jacksonville Street, north of the junction with Bradenton Avenue. They are equipped with small arms and a support weapon and are using the road junction to control local movement. A 2-man observation post is positioned south along Bradenton Avenue to provide early warning.

1. Composition. 6-8 REAPER personnel with small arms and 1 RPK (or equivalent support weapon) in prepared fighting positions with overhead cover. A 2-man OP is positioned along Bradenton Avenue south of the junction.

2. Disposition. REAPER main body occupies prepared positions on the north side of Jacksonville Street at the junction with Bradenton Avenue (MP 0602 1565). The RPK is positioned to cover the Bradenton Avenue corridor from the south — the most likely avenue of approach. Fighting positions are oriented south and southwest. Dense woods to the north provide them cover from that direction. They have limited observation to the east and west due to thick vegetation but can observe south along Bradenton Avenue and east-west along Jacksonville Street. A 2-man OP is positioned approximately 200m south along Bradenton Avenue to detect approaching forces and provide early warning.

3. Most Probable Course of Action (MPCOA). REAPER defends from prepared positions using the RPK to suppress along the Bradenton Avenue corridor. The OP provides early warning, fires a burst to alert the main body, and withdraws north to the main defensive position. If the main body is overwhelmed, REAPER attempts to withdraw north into the dense woods or east along Jacksonville Street, prioritizing survival over holding the position.

4. Most Dangerous Course of Action (MDCOA). REAPER has a reinforcement element of 3-4 personnel positioned further north along the Bradenton Avenue corridor. Upon contact, the main body defends in place while the reinforcement element counterattacks from the north through the woodline to strike the assault element's flank. The RPK shifts fires from the Bradenton Avenue corridor to the assault element's avenue of approach from the west, catching the assault force in a crossfire between the prepared positions and the counterattack.

d. Friendly Forces

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

2. Mission. A Company attacks to seize key terrain in AO COTTO to deny REAPER freedom of movement.

3. Commander's Intent. Seize OBJ HERRERA to deny REAPER use of the road junction and establish

conditions for follow-on operations.

e. Civil Considerations

Civilians may be present in the area, particularly along Jacksonville Street. Avoid civilian casualties and collateral damage.

f. Attachments and Detachments

None.

2. MISSION

1st Platoon attacks to seize OBJ HERRERA (MP 0602 1565) NLT ____ in order to deny REAPER use of the road junction and enable follow-on operations in AO COTTO.

3. EXECUTION

a. Commander's Intent

Purpose: Deny REAPER control of the key road junction at OBJ HERRERA to enable friendly freedom of movement through AO COTTO.

Key Tasks: (1) Seize OBJ HERRERA. (2) Destroy or displace REAPER forces at the junction. (3) Consolidate on the objective and prepare for follow-on operations.

End State: OBJ HERRERA seized, REAPER forces destroyed or displaced, platoon consolidated on the objective with a hasty perimeter oriented north and east.

b. Concept of Operations

1st Platoon conducts a deliberate attack to seize OBJ HERRERA in two phases. In **Phase 1 (Set)**, the platoon occupies an ORP in the woodline west of the objective. The PL conducts a leader's reconnaissance. The security element moves first to isolate the objective, then the support element occupies a position south of the objective to fix the enemy. In **Phase 2 (Strike)**, the support element initiates suppressive fire and the assault element, as the main effort, attacks through the objective from the west — exploiting the enemy's limited observation off the improved roads. Upon seizure, the platoon consolidates on the objective and reports.

c. Scheme of Fires

2nd Squad, as the decisive effort, has priority of indirect fires. Mortar support is available through company on request.

d. Tasks to Subordinate Units

1. 1st Squad (Support by Fire — Shaping Operation):

- **TASK:** Occupy a support-by-fire position with observation of OBJ HERRERA. On the PL's signal, initiate suppressive fire into REAPER positions at the junction. Suppress or destroy the REAPER support weapon. Shift or cease fires on order as 2nd Squad enters the objective.
- **PURPOSE:** Fix REAPER in their fighting positions and neutralize the support weapon so 2nd Squad can close on and assault through the objective without receiving aimed fire.

2. 2nd Squad (Assault — Decisive Operation):

- **TASK:** Move to an assault position near OBJ HERRERA. On order, assault through the objective, clearing through REAPER fighting positions at the junction. Destroy REAPER forces and seize the road junction. Signal "objective secured" upon completion.
- **PURPOSE:** Destroy the enemy force on the objective and seize the key terrain that controls movement

through AO COTTO.

3. 3rd Squad (Security — Shaping Operation):

- **TASK:** Isolate OBJ HERRERA prior to the assault. Block REAPER reinforcement and escape routes. Maintain positions through the assault. Collapse security last during platoon consolidation and move to the objective.
- **PURPOSE:** Prevent REAPER reinforcement from the north so 2nd Squad fights only the force currently at the junction, and secure the platoon's withdrawal route.

f. Coordinating Instructions

1. Rules of Engagement (ROE):

1. Engage only confirmed enemy combatants.
2. Use minimum force necessary to accomplish the mission.
3. Avoid civilian casualties and collateral damage.
4. Positively identify targets before firing.

2. Priority Intelligence Requirements (PIR):

1. Confirm REAPER positions and strength at OBJ HERRERA, specifically their orientation along Jacksonville Street and Bradenton Avenue.
2. Locate and confirm the REAPER OP south of the junction along Bradenton Avenue.
3. Identify any REAPER reinforcement routes from the north through the woodline or along Avenue C.
4. Assess civilian presence in the area, particularly along Jacksonville Street and in the vicinity of structures east of the objective.

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

1. Enemy strength or disposition at OBJ HERRERA significantly different from the intelligence estimate
2. REAPER OP detected on approach route — early warning compromised or not neutralized
3. Loss of the support-by-fire position or inability to achieve fire superiority over the RPK
4. REAPER reinforcements approaching from the north along Avenue C or through the woodline
5. Friendly casualty in the assault element requiring immediate MEDEVAC
6. Civilian presence on or near the objective preventing planned fires

4. Reporting:

- **Report to higher when SP'ing or crossing the line of departure.**
- **In Position Report:** Upon occupying the ORP and the SBF position.
- **SALUTE Report:** Upon visual confirmation of enemy, including the OP.
- **ACE Report:** Upon seizure and consolidation on the objective.
- **LACE Report:** Upon consolidation.

5. This OPORD is effective immediately upon distribution.

4. SUSTAINMENT

a. Logistics

1. Resupply not available for 24 hours.
2. Meal Cycle: M-M-M.
3. Water resupply is available at the PLT CP.

4. Ensure adequate hydration prior to SP.

b. Health System Support

1. PLT CCP at PLT Assembly Area.
 2. MEDEVAC available via Nine Line request at AXP 1.
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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Command

1. Platoon Leader at PLT CP.
2. Succession of Command: PL, PSG, 1st SL, 2nd SL, 3rd SL.

b. Control

1. Command Posts: Platoon Assembly Area IVO _____.

c. Signal

1. PACE Plan:

- Primary: Radio FH NET ID 601
- Alternate: FH NET ID 600
- 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: Thunder
 - Password: Strike
 - Running Password: Junction
 - Combination: 7
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