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OPERATIONAL PLAN / ORDER #001 / CODE NAME: "AMBUSH AT CROSSROADS"

CADRE / OPFOR NOTES

Mission Summary: 1st Platoon is tasked to conduct a linear ambush along a key supply route to destroy enemy forces and disrupt enemy logistics.

Destination: OBJ FLUNKER at MP 0615 1550, AO COTTO.

Actions on Objective: Platoon will establish an ORP, move to the ambush site, set up assault, support, and security elements, initiate the ambush on the enemy convoy, and withdraw in an organized manner.

OPFOR/Training Wrinkles:

- Simulate a lightly armed convoy with the ability to reinforce or withdraw.
- Introduce a civilian vehicle or non-combatant to test ROE and decision-making.
- OPFOR may attempt to flank or counterattack if the ambush is detected early.
- Cadre can inject communication/equipment failures or unexpected convoy timing changes to challenge flexibility.

UAS/Counter-UAS Injects (optional):

- Simulate enemy drone reconnaissance before/during the operation.
- Use a drone/cadre observer to replicate aerial surveillance and force a candidate response.
- Use a drone to spot/adjust indirect fire or coordinate a counterattack.
- Simulate electronic warfare/jamming as a result of enemy UAS activity.
- Reward units that detect and report a UAS and take effective countermeasures (e.g., moving under cover, halting movement, changing routes).
- Simulate a drone dropping a munition or marking a target for indirect fire.

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 Starke and Highway 16. AO COTTO encompasses the crossroads at MP 0615 1550 and surrounding woodlines, bounded to the north by Highway 16, to the east by the Starke city limits, to the south by the railroad tracks, and to the west by the pine forest edge.

b. Area of Operations.

1. Terrain. Camp Blanding features flat to gently rolling terrain with sandy soils, low-lying areas, and extensive

pine and hardwood forests. The area includes open fields, dense underbrush, ponds, marshes, and wetlands. Vegetation provides concealment and limits long-range observation. Roads and trails serve as likely avenues of approach for both friendly and enemy forces. Terrain and soil conditions may restrict vehicle movement, especially in wet areas.

a. Key Terrain: OBJ FLUNKER at MP 0615 1550 is decisive for controlling movement through the area. The adjacent woodlines provide concealment for the assault and support elements. Elevated ground to the north and south offers observation and fields of fire.

2. Weather. Warm and humid, partly cloudy skies, temperature around 85°F, with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms.

c. Enemy Forces. The enemy consists of a lightly armed irregular force, likely affiliated with a regional militia group. They are equipped with small arms, possible support weapons, and have experience operating in rural environments. They are capable of basic convoy operations and may attempt to reinforce or withdraw if engaged. Recent conflicts have demonstrated the widespread use of UAS (drones) for reconnaissance and attack. Enemy and irregular forces may employ commercial or military drones for surveillance, target acquisition, or direct attack. Platoon leaders and squads must account for potential UAS threats during planning, movement, and actions on the objective. Maintain vigilance for aerial threats, use available cover and concealment, and report any UAS sightings immediately.

1. Composition. 2 vehicles, 6-8 personnel, AK-47s, possible support weapons (e.g., HMG - Heavy Machine Gun).

2. Disposition. Enemy forces are typically dispersed in small groups along key supply routes and maintain a low profile to avoid detection. They are prepared to consolidate quickly at critical points if threatened and may use scouts or lookouts to monitor friendly movement.

3. Most Probable Course of Action (MPCOA). Upon initiation of the ambush, the enemy returns limited, inaccurate fire, then rapidly withdraws along a secondary route to avoid further engagement. They may abandon vehicles or wounded, and attempt to regroup at a safe distance. Reinforcements are unlikely to arrive in time to decisively affect the engagement.

4. Most Dangerous Course of Action (MDCOA). A nearby enemy quick reaction force rapidly reinforces the ambushed convoy, coordinating a counterattack with flanking or encirclement maneuvers against the platoon. The enemy uses a UAS to identify friendly positions, adjust indirect fire, or direct the counterattack. The enemy employs indirect fire or IEDs to disrupt friendly withdrawal and attempts to inflict maximum casualties before friendly forces can break contact.

d. Friendly Forces.

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

2. Mission. A Company conducts ambush operations to disable enemy supply route in AO COTTO.

3. Commander's Intent. Destroy enemy convoy and seize supplies to ensure safe passage for friendly forces.

e. Civil Considerations. Local civilians frequent the area. Ambush must minimize risk to non-combatants and avoid civilian casualties to maintain good relations.

f. Attachments and Detachments. None.

2. MISSION.

1st Platoon conducts an ambush at OBJ FLUNKER (MP 0615 1550) NLT ____ in order to destroy enemy forces and disrupt enemy supply lines.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. 1st Platoon establishes an objective rally point (ORP), moves to the ambush site, and sets up a linear ambush along the enemy's expected route of movement. 1st Squad serves as the assault element, initiating the ambush and destroying the enemy. 2nd Squad acts as the support element, providing

suppressive fire and isolating the objective. 3rd Squad serves as the security element, securing the flanks and rear, and preventing enemy reinforcement or escape. Upon completion, the platoon withdraws in an organized manner to the ORP.

b. Scheme of Movement and Maneuver.

- Squads move rapidly to set up the ambush position before enemy arrival.
- Ambush executed in V-formation: 1st Squad leads, 2nd Squad provides flanking support, 3rd Squad maintains observation and security against reinforcements.

c. Scheme of Fires. 1st Squad, as the decisive effort, has been allocated two mortar targets for planning: AB001 and AB002. 2nd Squad has priority for 81mm HE mortars on order.

d. Tasks to Subordinate Units:

1. 1st Squad:

TASK: Establish and execute a deliberate ambush on the enemy convoy at MP 0615 1550 from a concealed position, initiate fires, and destroy enemy vehicles and personnel.

PURPOSE: Disrupt enemy supply lines, seize enemy materiel, and prevent enemy resupply in AO Starke.

2. 2nd Squad:

TASK: Provide flanking and suppressive fire during the ambush, and be prepared to maneuver to block or destroy enemy reinforcements.

PURPOSE: Enable 1st Squad to destroy the convoy and prevent enemy escape or reinforcement.

3. 3rd Squad:

TASK: Establish a security perimeter at MP 0618 1552, observe for enemy reinforcements, and interdict any enemy attempting to reinforce or withdraw.

PURPOSE: Secure the ambush site, prevent enemy counterattack, and ensure safe withdrawal of friendly forces.

e. Coordinating Instructions:

1. Rules of Engagement (ROE):

1. Engage only valid military targets.
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 number and types of vehicles in the enemy convoy.
2. Monitor for changes in enemy route or reinforcements.
3. Assess civilian presence before execution.

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

1. Immediate reporting of any enemy contact or significant changes in enemy posture.
2. Status of civilian interactions or casualties in the area.
3. Status of friendly forces, including any casualties and equipment failures.

4. Reporting:

- **SALUTE Report:** Upon enemy visual confirmation.

- **Report to higher when SP'ing or crossing the line of departure.**

- **In Position Report:** Upon occupying the ambush site or ORP.

- **LACE Report:** After ambush, within _____ minutes.

5. This OPORD is effective immediately upon distribution.

6. Counter-UAS (C-UAS) Measures:

- All units must account for the possibility of enemy UAS employment during all phases of the operation.
- Assign observation and reporting responsibilities for UAS threats within each squad.
- Use terrain, camouflage, and movement discipline to reduce detection by enemy drones.
- Remain aware of the evolving capabilities of enemy and irregular forces, including electronic warfare and commercial drone use.

4. SUSTAINMENT.

a. Logistics:

1. Resupply not available for 36 hours.
2. Meal Cycle: M-M-M.
3. Water resupply is available at the PLT CP.

b. Health System Support:

1. PLT CCP at PLT Assembly Area.
2. MEDEVAC available via Nine Line request at AXP 1.

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: Bridge
- Password: Falcon
- Running Password: Secure
- Combination: 8

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