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

OPERATIONAL PLAN / ORDER #014 / CODE NAME: "DELIBERATE ATTACK"

CADRE / OPFOR NOTES

Complexity: Lower | **Recommended Phase:** CRAWL (Practical Exercise), WALK (Blocks 1-2)

Mission Summary: 1st Platoon is tasked to attack to seize OBJ HERRERA to deny REAPER use of a key road junction.

Destination: OBJ HERRERA at MP 0612 1546, AO COTTO.

Actions on Objective: Platoon will establish an ORP, conduct leader's reconnaissance, move to assault positions, seize the objective, and consolidate.

Training Focus: This is a simplified OPORD designed for CRAWL phase TLP instruction. The TAC briefs this order paragraph by paragraph, pausing at each section to explain what information the candidate should extract and how it feeds into their planning. The mission is a basic deliberate attack — the most fundamental infantry platoon offensive operation. Candidates should be able to identify: specified tasks, implied tasks, commander's intent, and key control measures.

Instructional Use:

- Brief this order to candidates with printed copies in hand
- Pause after each paragraph to discuss what information matters and why
- Have candidates identify the 5 W's from the mission statement
- Walk candidates through how each section feeds TLP Steps 1-3
- Use as the basis for a practice WARNO and terrain model exercise

OPFOR/Training Wrinkles: Not applicable for CRAWL phase classroom use. If used for a WALK phase iteration, OPFOR should present a static defense with 4-6 personnel in hasty fighting positions.

See Also: LTA Grid Reference

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 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, 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.

- **Key Terrain:** The road junction at OBJ HERRERA (MP 0612 1546) controls north-south movement through AO COTTO. Woodlines on the east and west sides of the approach route provide covered and concealed avenues of approach. A small rise north of the objective offers observation and fields of fire over the junction.

2. Weather. Warm and humid, partly cloudy skies, temperature around 85°F, with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Limited visibility may occur during storms.

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

A squad-sized REAPER element occupies hasty fighting positions in the vicinity of OBJ HERRERA. They are equipped with small arms and are using the road junction to control local movement.

- 1. Composition.** 4-6 REAPER personnel with small arms in hasty fighting positions.
- 2. Disposition.** REAPER forces occupy positions oriented south along the road junction at MP 0612 1546. They have limited observation to the east and west due to vegetation.
- 3. Most Probable Course of Action (MPCOA).** REAPER defends from current positions, returns fire when engaged, and attempts to withdraw north if overwhelmed.
- 4. Most Dangerous Course of Action (MDCOA).** REAPER has reinforcements nearby and counterattacks from the north after friendly forces commit to the assault.

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. Avoid civilian casualties and collateral damage.

f. Attachments and Detachments

None.

2. MISSION

1st Platoon attacks to seize OBJ HERRERA (MP 0612 1546) 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

- 1. Commander's Intent.** 1st Platoon seizes OBJ HERRERA to deny REAPER control of the road junction and establish friendly force presence for follow-on operations.
- 2. Purpose.** Deny REAPER freedom of movement through AO COTTO by seizing the key road junction at OBJ HERRERA.

3. End State. OBJ HERRERA is seized, REAPER forces are destroyed or displaced, and the platoon is consolidated and prepared for follow-on operations.

b. Concept of Operations

1st Platoon moves from the platoon assembly area to an ORP vicinity MP 0607 1555. The platoon leader conducts a leader's reconnaissance of the objective. 1st Squad serves as the support-by-fire element, establishing a position to suppress the enemy. 2nd Squad serves as the assault element, maneuvering to seize the objective. 3rd Squad provides security and serves as the platoon reserve. Upon seizure of the objective, the platoon consolidates and reports to higher.

c. Scheme of Movement and Maneuver

- Platoon moves from the assembly area to the ORP using a file formation and traveling overwatch.
- From the ORP, 1st Squad moves to a support-by-fire position on the rise north of the objective.
- On the PL's signal, 1st Squad initiates suppressive fire.
- 2nd Squad assaults through the objective from the east, using the woodline for concealment on approach.
- 3rd Squad remains at the ORP to provide rear security and serve as reserve.
- Upon seizure, the platoon consolidates on the objective and establishes a hasty perimeter.

d. Scheme of Fires

1st Squad, as the support-by-fire element, has priority of fires. Mortar support is available through company on request.

e. Tasks to Subordinate Units

1. 1st Squad (Support by Fire):

- **TASK:** Establish a support-by-fire position on the rise IVO MP 0610 1550 and suppress REAPER positions on OBJ HERRERA.
- **PURPOSE:** Fix REAPER forces in place and enable 2nd Squad to assault through the objective.

2. 2nd Squad (Assault):

- **TASK:** Assault through OBJ HERRERA from the east to destroy REAPER forces and seize the road junction at MP 0612 1546.
- **PURPOSE:** Seize OBJ HERRERA to deny REAPER control of the road junction.

3. 3rd Squad (Security / Reserve):

- **TASK:** Secure the ORP and provide rear security. Be prepared to reinforce 1st or 2nd Squad on order.
- **PURPOSE:** Maintain security of the ORP and provide a reserve capability to exploit success or respond to REAPER counterattack.

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.
2. Identify any REAPER reinforcement routes from the north.

3. Assess civilian presence in the area.

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

1. Crew served weapons
2. Signs of NBC capabilities
3. A Soldier suffered an injury during movement
4. Potable water resources on site reduced materially
5. A Soldier missing
6. Loss of equipment
7. Use of a Nine Line
8. KIA

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.
 - **ACE Report:** Upon seizure and consolidation on the objective.
 - **LACE Report:** Upon consolidation.
5. This OPORD is effective immediately upon distribution.
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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: Gator
 - Password: Swamp
 - Running Password: Blanding
 - Combination: 7
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PRACTICAL EXERCISE: APPLYING TLPs TO THIS ORDER

INSTRUCTOR GUIDE

The following section walks through each of the 8 Troop Leading Procedure steps as applied to the OPORD above. Use this during the crawl-phase class to demonstrate what a candidate should do at each step when they receive an order. Pause at each step for discussion and questions.

Reference: TLP Instructional Slides

STEP 1: RECEIVE THE MISSION

Reference: TLP Slides — "Step 1: Receive the Mission," HOPE-W, 1/3-2/3 Rule

When you receive this order, you need to immediately begin extracting critical information. You are not just listening — you are analyzing. Here is what you should capture:

Extract the mission statement (the 5 W's):

W	Answer from this OPORD
WHO	1st Platoon, A Co. 4th BN-211th INF
WHAT	Attacks to seize OBJ HERRERA
WHEN	NLT ____ (to be filled in at briefing)
WHERE	MP 0612 1546, AO COTTO
WHY	To deny REAPER use of the road junction and enable follow-on operations

Understand higher's mission and intent:

- A Company's mission: Attack to seize key terrain in AO COTTO to deny REAPER freedom of movement.
- Commander's intent: Seize OBJ HERRERA to deny REAPER use of the road junction and establish conditions for follow-on operations.

Conduct initial time analysis (HOPE-W):

- **H** — Higher: What is A Company's timeline? When is H-hour?
- **O** — Operational: How long will movement, actions on objective, and consolidation take?
- **P** — Planning & Preparation: When do I issue my WARNORD? When do I issue my OPORD? When are rehearsals and PCC/PCI?
- **E** — Enemy: Does the enemy have a timeline that affects us? Can they reinforce?
- **W** — Weather: Light data — when is BMNT, sunrise, sunset, EENT?

Apply the 1/3-2/3 Rule: If you have 75 minutes to plan, you use no more than 25 minutes for your own analysis before issuing your WARNORD. Your squads get the remaining 50 minutes to prepare.

STEP 2: ISSUE A WARNING ORDER

Reference: TLP Slides — "Step 2: Issue Warning Order," Gen Mattis quote: "What do I know? Who needs to know? Have I told them?"

Issue your WARNORD immediately after initial analysis. Do not wait until you have a complete plan. Your subordinates need time to prepare.

Minimum WARNORD content from this OPORD:

1. **Type of operation:** Deliberate attack
 2. **General location:** OBJ HERRERA, vic MP 0612 1546, AO COTTO
 3. **Initial timeline:** SP time, H-hour (fill in when given time hack)
 4. **Reconnaissance to initiate:** PL will conduct leader's recon from the ORP
 5. **Movement to initiate:** Begin movement to assembly area
 6. **Preparation instructions:** Draw ammunition, conduct PCC/PCI, prepare for dismounted movement
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STEP 3: MAKE A TENTATIVE PLAN

Reference: TLP Slides — "Detailed METT-TC Analysis," OAKOC, Enemy Analysis, AGADAP, SAFDC

This is the longest step. You conduct a detailed METT-TC analysis and develop your course of action using AGADAP.

METT-TC Analysis Applied to This OPORD

M — Mission:

- **Specified tasks:** Attack to seize OBJ HERRERA; deny REAPER use of road junction; report to higher upon consolidation.
- **Implied tasks:** Establish ORP; conduct leader's recon; establish support by fire; consolidate and reorganize on the objective; treat and evacuate casualties.
- **Essential task:** Seize OBJ HERRERA — this goes into your mission statement.

E — Enemy:

- Composition: 4-6 personnel, small arms, hasty fighting positions.
- Disposition: Oriented south along road junction at MP 0612 1546; limited observation east/west.

- MPCOA: Defend, return fire, withdraw north if overwhelmed.
- MDCOA: Reinforcements counterattack from the north.
- Ask yourself: How does the enemy's orientation affect my scheme of maneuver? Where are his blind spots?

T — Terrain and Weather (OAKOC):

- **O** — Observation and Fields of Fire: Enemy has fields of fire to the south along the road. Rise north of OBJ offers observation. Woodlines limit long-range observation east/west.
- **A** — Avenues of Approach: Road from south (enemy oriented this way — avoid). Woodline from the east (concealed approach for assault). Rise from the north (good SBF position).
- **K** — Key Terrain: The road junction at OBJ HERRERA — whoever controls it controls movement. The rise north of OBJ is key for support by fire.
- **O** — Obstacles: Dense underbrush may slow movement. Wetlands restrict vehicle movement.
- **C** — Cover and Concealment: Woodlines east and west provide concealment for approach. Hasty fighting positions provide cover for enemy.

T — Troops Available:

- 3 rifle squads, PL, PSG. No attachments. Standard infantry platoon weapons.

T — Time Available:

- Apply backwards planning from H-hour. Account for movement, ORP establishment, leader's recon, issuance of order, rehearsals, and PCC/PCI.

C — Civil Considerations:

- Civilians may be present. ROE requires PID before engagement. Avoid collateral damage.

COA Development (AGADAP)

A — Analyze Relative Combat Power:

- Friendly: 3 squads (~27 personnel), small arms, automatic weapons. Advantage in numbers (roughly 5:1).
- Enemy: 4-6 personnel, small arms, hasty positions. Advantage in prepared defense and knowledge of terrain.
- *Exploit*: Numerical superiority, enemy blind spots to the east. *Mitigate*: Enemy prepared positions by suppressing with SBF.

G — Generate Options:

- The enemy is oriented south with limited observation east/west. A flank attack from the east using the woodline for concealment is the most suitable form of maneuver.

A — Array Forces:

- Decisive operation: 2nd Squad (assault from the east)
- Shaping operation: 1st Squad (SBF from the rise)
- Reserve/security: 3rd Squad (ORP security, reserve)

D — Develop Concept of Operations:

- Movement from assembly area to ORP. Leader's recon confirms enemy positions. 1st Squad moves to SBF position. On signal, 1st Squad suppresses. 2nd Squad assaults through from the east. 3rd Squad secures ORP and is prepared to reinforce. Consolidate on objective.

A — Assign Responsibilities:

- 1st SL: SBF element — suppress enemy positions on signal

- 2nd SL: Assault element — assault through OBJ from east
- 3rd SL: ORP security and reserve — reinforce on order
- PSG: Consolidation, casualty collection, resupply coordination

P — Prepare COA Statement:

"The purpose of this operation is to deny REAPER use of the road junction at OBJ HERRERA. Decisive to this operation is 2nd Squad's assault through OBJ HERRERA from the east. This is decisive because it destroys the enemy force on the objective and seizes the key terrain. We will accomplish this by conducting a flank attack. We will assume risk by committing 3rd Squad to ORP security rather than the assault. We will mitigate this risk by suppressing the enemy with 1st Squad's support by fire before the assault begins."

COA Screening (SAFDC)

Criteria	Assessment
S — Suitable	Yes — seizes OBJ, denies road junction to REAPER
A — Acceptable	Yes — numerical advantage minimizes friendly risk
F — Feasible	Yes — within platoon capabilities, terrain supports the plan
D — Distinguishable	N/A — single COA for this exercise
C — Complete	Yes — addresses who, what, when, where, why

STEP 4: INITIATE MOVEMENT

Reference: *TLP Slides* — "Steps 4-6 are Interchangeable"

While you complete planning, your subordinates should already be preparing based on your WARNORD. Movement tasks at this step may include:

- Squads conduct initial weapons and equipment checks
- PSG coordinates ammunition and water distribution
- Squads rehearse battle drills (react to contact, break contact)
- Element begins movement toward the assembly area or line of departure

Key point: Steps 4, 5, and 6 are interchangeable. You may initiate movement before completing your recon or finishing the plan. Do not wait until everything is perfect — time is your most valuable resource.

STEP 5: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE

Reference: *TLP Slides* — "Step 5: Conduct Reconnaissance," GOTWA

Before leaving for leader's recon, issue a **GOTWA** briefing to your PSG:

Letter	This Mission
G — Going	To the high ground IVO MP 0610 1550 and the woodline east of OBJ HERRERA
O — Others	RTO and 1st Squad Leader

T — Time	Return NLT ____ (set a specific time)
W — What if	If I don't return by ____, PSG assumes command and executes the plan as briefed
A — Actions on contact	Break contact, return to ORP, report

During recon, confirm or deny your assumptions:

- Is the enemy where the OPORD says they are? (Vicinity MP 0612 1546)
- Are fighting positions oriented south as expected?
- Does the woodline to the east actually provide a concealed approach?
- Is the rise north of the objective suitable for a SBF position?
- Are there obstacles or terrain features not shown on the map?

If recon changes the situation, modify your plan. This is what makes TLPs a dynamic process, not a checklist.

STEP 6: COMPLETE THE PLAN

Reference: *TLP Slides — "Step 6: Complete the Plan," Terrain Model Checklist*

Update your tentative plan based on what you found on recon. Prepare your briefing aids.

Build your terrain model. Required elements:

- North seeking arrow
- Scale (1 pace = X meters)
- Current location / Assembly Area
- ORP location (vic MP 0607 1555)
- OBJ HERRERA with grid (MP 0612 1546)
- Enemy positions (oriented south at the junction)
- Phase lines (if used)
- Primary and alternate routes
- SBF position (rise at MP 0610 1550)
- Assault route (woodline from the east)
- Danger areas
- Rally points

Finalize your OPORD. Fill in the details from your recon: exact positions, adjusted routes, specific coordination measures, and updated timeline.

STEP 7: ISSUE THE ORDER

Reference: *TLP Slides — "Step 7: Issue the Order," 5-Paragraph OPORD Format, Coordinating Instructions Checklist*

Deliver your 5-paragraph order to your squad leaders using your terrain model. This is where the OPORD format you just studied becomes the framework for your briefing.

Brief in order: Situation, Mission, Execution, Sustainment, Command and Signal.

Common failures at this step (from the TLP slides):

- Reading verbatim instead of briefing from knowledge of the plan
- Speaking too quietly — project your voice
- Not using the terrain model — point to locations as you brief them
- Unable to answer questions about the plan
- No confirmation brief — always have subordinates brief back their understanding
- Poor command presence — deliver with confidence and authority

After issuing the order, conduct a confirmation brief:

- Have each squad leader brief back their task and purpose
- Verify they understand the concept of the operation and the decisive point
- Confirm they know the timeline, signals, and contingencies

STEP 8: SUPERVISE AND REFINE

Reference: *TLP Slides* — "Step 8: Supervise & Refine," Rehearsal Types, PCC/PCI

This step is continuous — it happens throughout and after all other steps.

Conduct rehearsals. Even a short rock drill on the terrain model is valuable:

- Walk through the scheme of maneuver on the terrain model
- Each squad leader traces their element's movement and actions
- Identify the signal to initiate the SBF and the signal to lift/shift fires
- Walk through actions on the objective and consolidation

Conduct PCC/PCI (Pre-Combat Checks / Pre-Combat Inspections):

- Weapons, ammunition, water, equipment
- Communications check (radios, batteries)
- **Most important:** Verify every Soldier understands the mission and their specific role

Continue to refine. As the situation develops, adjust the plan. If the enemy moves, if weather changes, if you lose a key leader — adapt. TLPs are a dynamic process, not a one-time event.

INSTRUCTOR WRAP-UP

The 8 TLP steps applied to this OPORD demonstrate the complete planning process from receiving the mission to crossing the line of departure. Key takeaways for candidates:

1. **The order gives you information — TLPs tell you what to do with it.** Every paragraph of the OPORD feeds specific TLP steps.
2. **Time management is critical.** The 1/3-2/3 rule is not a suggestion. Issue your WARNORD early.
3. **Steps 1-3 are sequential; Steps 4-6 are interchangeable.** Do not wait for a perfect plan before initiating movement or reconnaissance.
4. **The terrain model is your primary briefing tool.** Build it during planning and use it to deliver your order.
5. **Common failures are in Steps 3 and 7 — analysis and order delivery.** Master METT-TC analysis and practice briefing with confidence.

Reference: TLP Instructional Slides | TLP Training Package

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