Task Number: 17-PLT-4025

Task Title: Conduct Reconnaissance Handover - Scout Platoon

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Conditions: The platoon is conducting operations in a live training environment as part of a troop or larger force. The platoon is conducting a reconnaissance and security mission as part of a larger operation. The platoon receives an operation order (OPORD) or fragmentary order (FRAGORD) to conduct a reconnaissance handover with another unit. The platoon accepts reconnaissance responsibilities from a forward unit or is relieved of these responsibilities by a rearward unit. The platoon is conducting operations at night in a dynamic operational environment against a single threat. All personnel and equipment are available. The platoon has communications with higher, adjacent, and subordinate elements. The platoon has guidance on the rules of engagement (ROE).

Dynamic Operational Environment: Requires three or more operational and two or more mission variables change during the execution of the assessed task.

Single Threat: Regular, irregular, criminal, or terrorist forces. Some iterations of this task should be performed in MOPP 4.

Standards: The platoon conducts reconnaissance handover according to ATP 3-20.98, the order, and the higher commander's guidance. The platoon coordinates the transfer of information or responsibility for observation of potential threat contact, or transfer of an assigned area from one element to another. The platoon assumes responsibility or transfers control of the area or zone, named area of interest (NAI), targeted area of interest (TAI), targets, and the enemy force upon completion of the handover. The platoon complies with the ROE.

The scout platoon (IBCT) has at least 5 of 6 (85%) and scout platoon (ABCT and SBCT) has 5 of 6 (85%) of the platoon's leaders and 80% of the Soldiers present at training against the platoon's authorized strength. The platoon attains 91% on performance measures, 100% on critical performance measures, and 90% on leader performance measures achieving a T (fully trained).

Note: The scout platoon (IBCT) leaders are the platoon leader, platoon sergeant, section leader (x2), and team leader (x2).

Note: The scout platoon (ABCT and SBCT) leaders are the platoon leader, platoon sergeant, and squad leader (x4).

Live Fire: No
### Objective Task Evaluation Criteria Matrix:

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**Task Statements**

**Cue:** The platoon receives an OPORD or FRAGORD to conduct reconnaissance handover.

**Remarks:** None

**Notes:** None

**Safety Risk:** Low
## Performance Steps and Measures

**NOTE:** Assess task proficiency using the task evaluation criteria matrix.

**NOTE:** Asterisks (*) indicate leader steps; plus signs (+) indicate critical steps.

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### Plan

1. The platoon gains and maintains situational understanding using available communications equipment, maps, intelligence summaries, situation reports, and other available information sources. Intelligence sources include human intelligence, signal intelligence (SIGINT), and imagery intelligence teams to include unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and unattended ground sensors (UGS).

+ 2. The platoon leader receives the mission to conduct reconnaissance handover and begins execution of troop leading procedures (TLP) as follows (refer to task 71-PLT-5100, Conduct Troop Leading Procedures):

   a. Platoon leadership issues a warning order, which includes the following:
      1. General location of the reconnaissance handover.
      2. Initial task organization.
      3. Initial operational timeline.
      4. Reconnaissance to initiate.
      5. Movement to initiate.
      6. Planning and preparation instructions including planning timeline.
      7. Information requirements.

   b. The platoon leader conducts mission analysis that focuses on the directed mission, enemy forces and their capabilities, terrain and weather effects, troops available, time available to execute the operation, and civil considerations (METT-TC) and develops the plan, to include:

      Note: Reconnaissance handover is similar to battle handover (BHO) in that it may be conducted in conjunction with other tasks such as relief in place, linkup, and passage of lines.

      1. Plans and conducts reconnaissance, only if the platoon is the relieving force, as follows:
         a. Plans for enabling assets, as required.
         b. Conducts terrain analysis considering observation, avenues of approach, key terrain, obstacles, and cover and concealment.
         c. Develops a reconnaissance plan that provides early and accurate warning.
         d. Utilizes all assigned or available reconnaissance assets.
         e. Develops a reconnaissance plan that confirms protection requirements for friendly forces, routes, and actions within the area of operations.
         f. Determines possible enemy courses of action.

      2. Plans operations, as follows:
         a. Receives information provided by reconnaissance and refines the plan, as necessary.
         b. Coordinates for redundant surveillance using imagery, SIGINT, ground surveillance radar, UAS, and UGS to assist in maintaining enemy contact during reconnaissance handover.
         c. Determines and refines task organization, as necessary.
         d. Develops a communications plan between handover elements that includes:
            1. Plans and exchanges frequencies, net identification, and signal operating instructions (SOI) between elements.
            2. Plans and exchanges recognition signals to prevent fratricide.
            3. Develops a linkup plan to coordinate passage of lines or bypass with forward forces.
            4. Develops the graphic control measures that provide the flexibility needed to respond to changes during reconnaissance handover, including the following:
               1. Movement to and throughout the area in which the reconnaissance handover will be conducted.
               2. Actions within the area of operation.
               3. Fire support throughout the operation.
               4. Enabler support throughout the operation, if applicable.
         g. Determines mission command requirements, to include:
            1. Confirms or establishes criteria for the trigger of reconnaissance handover, if not previously identified by higher headquarters (HQ).
            2. Collocates platoon HQ, if tactical situation permits.
            3. Designates location for reconnaissance handover, if not given.
            4. Plans for the transfer and acceptance of control of elements between units.
            5. Directs platoon assets to maintain surveillance or accept reconnaissance handover, as required.
         h. Develops the scheme of movement and maneuver, as follows:
            1. Plans to orient on the area for reconnaissance handover.
            2. Plans to maneuver elements to coordinate positioning of external assets to accept reconnaissance and target handover from an advantageous position.
3. Identifies required mobility and countermobility tasks throughout the operation.
4. Utilizes offensive and defensive techniques (observation posts (OP), battle positions, combat outposts, patrols, aerial reconnaissance, checkpoints, and so forth) to maintain reconnaissance efforts and security.
5. Plans to provide early and accurate warning by conducting continuous reconnaissance.
6. Plans the use of air-ground assets to support reconnaissance operations, if available.
7. Maintains the flexibility to mass attached engineers to reduce significant obstacles.
8. Plans for the use of enablers, as necessary.
9. Develops contingency plans.

(i) Develops the fire support plan that nests with higher HQ fire support plan, as follows:
1. Plans fires to support reconnaissance.
2. Confirms or determines the task and purpose of fires.
3. Plans for indirect fire and target handover to include dissemination of fire support control measures.
4. Plans the use of echeloned indirect fires, if available, that best achieves the desired effects.
5. Ensures target locations cover existing and emplaced obstacles that support the scheme of movement and maneuver.
6. Develops an observation plan that incorporates observer redundancy.
7. Requests critical friendly zones and no-fire areas, as necessary, to protect friendly units, critical, and defended assets.
8. Synchronizes indirect fires and exchanging fire support information.

(j) Develops the protection plan, as follows:
1. Integrates higher HQ obstacle intelligence (OBSTINTEL) requirements into the priority intelligence requirements and reconnaissance plan, if available.
2. Confirms immediate unit-wide dissemination of OBSTINTEL, if available.
3. Coordinates for and distributes terrain visualization products from the higher HQ for passage of lines, linkup, bypasses, known or suspected enemy positions, key terrain, and weapon emplacements.
4. Plans and employs organic chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) detection kits and equipment to maximize protection across the platoon.
5. Identifies required survivability tasks throughout the operation.

(k) Develops the sustainment plan, as follows:
1. Develops the casualty evacuation plan.
2. Develops the maintenance plan.
3. Develops the resupply plan for routine and emergency situations.

3. The platoon leader integrates risk management throughout TLP.

+ 3. The platoon leader issues the OPORD, only if the relieving force.

* 4. The platoon leader conducts confirmation briefs with subordinates immediately after issuing the OPORD to ensure subordinates understand the commander’s intent, specific tasks, concept of the operation, and relationship between their mission and the other units’ in the operation.

Prepare

* 5. Platoon leadership takes the following preparations to conduct reconnaissance handover:
  a. Establishes a communication plan with the other element to exchange the following:
     (1) Radio frequencies.
     (2) Net identifications.
     (3) Recognition signals.
  b. Conducts a backbrief with the troop commander prior to rehearsals, if necessary.
  c. Conducts rehearsals, to include the following:
     (1) Exchange of required information.
     (2) Linkup procedures.
     (3) Handoff targets.
     (4) Passage of lines.
     (5) Actions on contact.
     d. Conducts precombat checks and inspections.
     e. Supervises subordinates TLP and continues priorities of work.
     f. Confirms linkup requirements, as necessary.
     g. Finalizes coordination and support (adjacent units, passage of lines, combat enablers, and so forth).
     h. Issues FRAGORDs, as necessary, to address changes to the plan identified during the rehearsal.

Execute

+ 6. The platoon executes reconnaissance handover as follows:
  a. Establishes digital and radio communications to link higher HQ to the forward force.
b. Maneuvers elements to coordinate positioning of external assets to accept reconnaissance and target handover from an advantageous position.

c. Displays correct recognition signal according to the SOI and standard operating procedure (SOP).

d. Establishes surveillance of designated areas and acquires enemy forces based on the specific information requirements (SIR), commander's critical information requirements (CCIR), and attack guidance.

e. Accepts indirect fire handover by submitting calls for fire by the forward force, as necessary.

f. Accepts target handover from the forward force through acquisition of designated targets according to the fire support plan and attack guidance.

g. The platoon leader exercises command and control over the reconnaissance handover as follows:

(1) Establishes communications with the forward, follow-on, or security forces.

(2) Moves and positions to maintain communications and coordinates handover, as follows:

(a) Identifies areas, targets, and enemy forces requiring handover between forces.

(b) Establishes trigger criteria for the reconnaissance handover, as necessary.

(c) Directs platoon assets to maintain surveillance or accept handover as required.

(3) Collocates with forward, follow-on, or security forces platoon HQ, as necessary.

(4) Continuously reports the following to disseminate information between the forward, follow-on, or security forces higher HQ:

(a) Current enemy activity to include location, size, and composition, which includes the following:

_1_ If moving, reports direction of movement, formation, and estimated rate of advance.

_2_ If defending, reports orientation, obstacle locations, perceived engagement areas, flanks, and proposed breach sites, if applicable.

(b) Friendly actions to include location, size, and activities of combat and sustainment elements.

(c) Status of area surveillance with respect to observation.

(d) Positions and status of supporting units.

(5) Coordinates activation and shifting of fire support control measures, as necessary:

(a) Ensures all platoon and supporting elements acknowledge changes to fire support control measures.

(b) Ensures higher HQ and forward, follow-on, or security forces are aware of changes to fire support control measures.

(6) Coordinates transfer of control between the platoon and higher HQ according to the order and unit SOP:

(a) Ensures designated units have established communications with the gaining HQ prior to reconnaissance handover.

(b) Establishes contact with elements for which the platoon is accepting control prior to reconnaissance handover.

(7) Occupies contact or linkup points to coordinate passage or bypass with forward, follow-on, or security forces:

(a) Confirms recognition signals.

(b) Exchanges passage information according to the order and unit SOP.

(c) Guides follow-on units to appropriate location.

(8) Confirms reconnaissance handover is complete when one of the following criteria are met:

(a) Accepts handover when forward, follow-on, security forces have initiated surveillance or acquired enemy forces.

(b) Conducts handover when forward, follow-on, or security forces confirm surveillance of area or gained contact with enemy force.

(c) Conducts handover with forward, follow-on, security force when designated reconnaissance handover line is activated.

7. The platoon accepts reconnaissance handover from a forward force, when applicable, according to the order and unit SOP as follows:

a. Displays correct recognition signal according to the SOI and unit SOP.

b. Establishes communications with higher HQ and the forward force.

c. Maneuvers elements and coordinates positioning of external assets to accept reconnaissance and target handover from an advantageous position, include the following:

(1) NAI.

(2) TAI and preplanned targets.

(3) High-payoff targets and enemy forces.

d. Establishes surveillance of designated areas and acquires enemy forces based on the SIR, CCIR, and attack guidance.

e. Accepts indirect fire handover by submitting calls for fire by the forward force, as necessary.

f. Accepts target handover from the forward force through acquisition of designated targets according to the fire support plan and attack guidance.

g. Completes reconnaissance handover from a forward force after platoon elements acknowledge they have initiated surveillance of designated areas and gained contact with identified enemy forces.
8. The platoon conducts reconnaissance handover with a follow-on force, when applicable, according to the order and unit SOP as follows:
   a. Displays correct recognition signal according to the SOI and unit SOP.
   b. Occupies covered and concealed positions and establishes OP, as necessary, to maintain surveillance of areas and enemy forces by—
      (1) Establishing restrictive fire control measures around positions and OP, as required.
      (2) Maintaining weapons orientation toward the enemy, engaging in self-defense, as necessary.
   c. Bypasses the enemy, avoiding decisive engagement, to continue reconnaissance while maintaining contact with enemy forces by—
      (1) Maintaining weapons orientation toward the enemy, engaging in self-defense, as necessary.
      (2) Using appropriate movement techniques and covered and concealed routes based on METT-TC.
      (3) Employing indirect fires to suppress the enemy in contact and screen friendly movement, as required.
      (4) Maintaining contact with platoon assets until reconnaissance handover.
   d. Relays follow-on force calls for fire until the force's designated fire support element accepts fires handover.
   e. Conducts target handover when the follow-on force acknowledges it has acquired the designated target.
   f. Completes reconnaissance handover after follow-on force acknowledges it has initiated surveillance of designated areas and gained contact with identified enemy forces.

9. The platoon conducts reconnaissance handover with a security (stationary) force, when applicable, to its rear according to the order and unit SOP as follows:
   a. Confirms security force has occupied positions to provide overwatch and assist the platoon's rearward passage of lines.
   b. Employs indirect fires to suppress enemy in contact and screen friendly movement.
   c. Disengages by element, while maintaining contact using platoon and other reconnaissance assets by—
      (1) Maintaining weapons orientation toward the enemy, engaging in self-defense, as necessary.
      (2) Using appropriate movement techniques and covered and concealed routes based on METT-TC to the passage points.
      (3) Submitting calls for fire to the designated security force fire support element, as necessary, after indirect fire handover.
   d. Conducts target handover when the security force acknowledges it has acquired the designated target.
   e. Completes reconnaissance handover when the security force acknowledges it is observing designated locations and has gained contact with designated enemy forces.

Assess

* 10. The platoon leader conducts a follow through, reinforces, and supports success of the reconnaissance handover, as follows:
   a. Continuously monitoring the effectiveness of the reconnaissance handover, to include:
      (1) Communication plan.
      (2) Recognition signal plan.
      (3) Link-up plan.
   b. Directing adjustments to ensure the reconnaissance handover remains aligned with the commander's intent.
   c. Evaluating progress toward attaining end-state conditions, achieving objectives, and performing tasks, as necessary.
   d. Receiving updates on the location and status of all elements, to include attachments.

11. The platoon consolidates and reorganizes as necessary (refer to task 07-PLT-5037, Conduct Consolidation - Platoon and task 07-PLT-5082, Conduct Reorganization - Platoon).

* 12. The platoon leader reports completion of reconnaissance handover and continues operations according to the OPORD and higher HQ direction.
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Environment: Environmental protection is not just the law but the right thing to do. It is a continual process and starts with deliberate planning. Always be alert to ways to protect our environment during training and missions. In doing so, you will contribute to the sustainment of our training resources while protecting people and the environment from harmful effects. Refer to the current Environmental Considerations manual and the current GTA Environmental-related Risk Assessment card.

Safety: In a training environment, leaders must perform a risk assessment in accordance with current Risk Management Doctrine. Leaders will complete the current Deliberate Risk Assessment Worksheet in accordance with the TRADOC Safety Officer during the planning and completion of each task and sub-task by assessing mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available-time available and civil considerations, (METT-TC). Note: During MOPP training, leaders must ensure personnel are monitored for potential heat injury. Local policies and procedures must be followed during times of increased heat category in order to avoid heat related injury. Consider the MOPP work/rest cycles and water replacement guidelines IAW current CBRN doctrine.