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SECTION I

101. GENERAL

1. Applicability

a. This standing operating procedure (SOP) is applicable during field exercises, landing exercises and tactical combat operations in which the 1st Marine Regiment or RLT-1 operates independently.

b. When the 1st Marine Regiment or RLT-1 operates as a part of a larger force or is under the operational command of a higher headquarters, those portions of this SOP not in conflict with orders and directives of a higher headquarters remain applicable. Portions of this SOP which are in conflict with orders and directives of a higher headquarters are automatically revoked; modifications will be made by this headquarters as expeditiously as possible.

2. Unit SOPs

a. Battalion SOPs for operations will be based on and conform with the policies and procedures contained herein.

b. Attached Units will modify existing SOPs to conform with the policies and procedures contained herein.

3. References. Tactical combat operations of the 1st Marines or RLT-1 will be conducted in accordance with:

a. Applicable Naval Warfare Publications (NWP)

b. Landing Force Manuals (LFM)

c. Fleet Marine Force Manuals (FMFM)

d. Field Manuals (FM) not in conflict with NWP, LFM or FMFM

e. Landing Force Bulletins (LFB)

f. Departmental Bulletins

g. Current doctrine, orders, or tactical and technical instructions from competent authority.

4. Training. See Regt O P1500.1__.

5. Communications. See Regt O P2000.2__.

6. Personnel and Administration. See Regt O P5000.16__.

7. Intelligence. See Regt O P3800.1__.

8. Logistics. See Regt O P4000.2__.

102. COMMAND AND CONTROL.

1. Organization and Functioning of the Regimental/RLT Command Post.

- a. In accordance with Par. 1301, FMF 6-2, Marine Infantry Regiment
- b. See Regt O P3000.2__ for details.

2. Operation Plans and Orders.

- a. In accordance with FMF 3-1, Command and Staff Action.
- b. See Par. 101.5., Div O P3000.1__.
- c. Battalions/BLTs and task units under operational command of the 1st Marines/RLT-1 will provide four (4) copies of all plans and orders to this headquarters.

3. Terminology. In accordance with:

- a. JCS Pub 1, Joint Dictionary
- b. LFM's
- c. FMFMs

4. Overlay Technique. In accordance with:

- a. Annex C to FMFM 3-1, Command and Staff Action.
- b. FM 21-30, Military Symbols.

5. Liaison

a. All battalions/BLTs and task units attached or in support of the 1st Marines/RLT-1 will assign a Liaison Officer/NCO to this headquarters immediately upon reporting for operations. Liaison personnel will report to the Regimental S-3 prepared to discuss their unit's situation and prepared to make recommendations as to their units' employment.

b. Liaison Officers/NCOs reporting to this headquarters will:

(1) Deliver to this headquarters copies of any priority message awaiting transmission to the 1st Marines/RLT-1 from his headquarters at the time of his departure.

(2) Report to the Regimental S-3 or Assistant S-3.

(3) Provide the S-3 with an informal but up-to-date overlay of the current disposition of his unit.

(4) Insure the situation map accurately reflects the current positions of his unit.

(5) Insure pertinent information applicable to all executive staff sections is exchanged between this headquarters and his unit.

(6) Be present and prepared to represent his unit at regimental meetings/briefings.

(7) Prior to return to his unit, accomplish the following

(a) Check out with the Regimental S-3, S-2, S-1, S-4 and message center to deliver any messages or documents to his unit.

(b) Prepare an overlay of the current regimental/RLT situation for delivery to his unit.

c. Units are responsible to provide transportation for their liaison personnel.

d. This headquarters will provide billeting and messing facilities for liaison personnel.

6. Battalion Command Posts. On short notice, all battalion command posts will be prepared to operate as an alternate regimental command post.

7. Succession of Command. In the event the Regimental Commander becomes a casualty and is unable to carry out his duties, the Regimental Executive Officer will assume command of the 1st Marines/RLT-1 until such time as the Division commander designates a new Commanding Officer.

103. TACTICAL PROCEDURES

1. Contact.

a. Friendly. Contact between friendly units is from left to right and from rear to front, unless otherwise specified.

b. Enemy.

(1) Combat units will aggressively maintain contact with enemy forces and will continue the attack until they reach assigned objectives, destinations, or report being stopped by enemy action.

(2) Pursuit of enemy beyond final objectives or destinations assigned by this or higher headquarters will be undertaken only upon approval of this headquarters.

(3) To maintain a rapid rate of advance, and unless otherwise directed, assault units may bypass small enemy units in their zones/areas provided they are reported to this headquarters.

2. Reserves. Reserve or least committed battalions/BLT will be prepared to:

- a. Instantly exploit successes of other units as they occur.
- b. Plan and conduct counterattacks upon orders from this headquarters.
- c. Provide reinforced rifle companies for:
 - (1) Rapid reaction force (by helicopter or vehicle).
 - (2) Security of the regimental/RLT CP.
 - (3) Control or assistance of the civilian population.
 - (4) Operational control of another battalion/BLT.

3. Security. All units are responsible for local security of their own areas.

4. Vital Areas. Those areas containing vital facilities and installations in the regimental/RLT zone/area will be designated. Responsibility for security of these areas will be assigned to specific commanders.

104. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

1. General

a. Report will be clear and concise, transmitted as expeditiously as possible, and delivered on time.

b. Infantry battalions/BLTs and separate task units under operational control of this headquarters will be prepared to submit the operational reports listed below.

2. Command Diary. (Reports Symbol MC-5750-02)

a. See MCO 3480.1__ and DivO P3000.1__.

b. Submit by 6th of each month. Original with one copy and one copy of any supporting documents are required.

c. See Appendix A for format.

3. Action Report. (Reports Symbol MC-5750-01)
 - a. See MCO 3480.1__ and DivO P3000.1__.
 - b. Submit upon order from this headquarters.
 - c. See Appendix A for format.
4. Special Reports. (Reports Symbol MC-5750-03)
 - a. See MCO 3480.1__ and DivO P3000.1__.
 - b. Submit upon order from this headquarters.
5. Operational Situation Report (SITREP).
 - a. See DivO P3000.1__.
 - b. Submit daily by 1500 local time for the twenty-four (24) hour period 1600-1600.
 - c. See Appendix A for format.
6. Unit Report
 - a. See DivO P3000.1__.
 - b. Submit upon order from this headquarters.
 - c. See Appendix A for format.
7. Weekly Operational Summary (OPSUM).
 - a. Submit by 1600 local time for the period covered from 1600 Saturday to 1600 Saturday.
 - b. See Appendix A for format.
8. Spot Report
 - a. Submit as significant events occur. Such events include, but are not limited to, the following, for example:
 - (1) Friendly casualties, regardless of cause.
 - (2) VC initiated acts against friendly forces or installations.
 - (3) Capture of VCC or VCS.

- (4) Discovery of arms or supply caches.
- (5) Any incident which could be detrimental to the USMC/ARVN relationship.
- (6) Any incident likely to result in immediate widespread coverage by news media.
- (7) Enemy casualties.

b. Reports will be submitted by the most expeditious means available. Items which are not certain or confirmed will be reported. However, such reports will be identified as "reported," "unconfirmed," "suspected."

c. See Appendix A for format.

9. Weekly Operational Overlay Report.

a. Submit weekly by 1700 local time Saturday. Period covered is from 1600 Saturday to 1600 Saturday.

b. See Appendix A for format.

10. Periodic Operations Report (POR).

a. See FMFM 3-1, Command and Staff Action.

b. Submit upon order from this headquarters.

c. See Appendix A for format.

11. Operational Readiness Report (REDOP) (U). See FMF PacO P003000.5 (SECRET) and DivO P003000.3 (SECRET).

12. Movement Reports (MOVREP) (U).

Section II

201. ANTI-AIRBORNE AND ANTI-HELICOPTER OPERATIONS

1. General. Primary emphasis will be placed on early detection, identification, reporting and destruction of any airborne troop transport aircraft or helicopters.
2. Battalions will be guided by the following:
 - a. Establish antiairborne warning system and defense within zone of responsibility.
 - b. Reconnoiter likely drop/landing zones.
 - c. Prepare plans to counterattack airborne or helicopterborne assault landings within zone of responsibility.
 - d. Coordinate counterattack plans with other Regimental units within zone of responsibility.
3. Detection of any enemy airborne drops or helicopterborne landings will be reported in accordance with Appendix A.
4. If troop carrier aircraft or helicopterborne forces successfully penetrate air defenses and commence an assault landing, supporting arms will fire into the drop/landing zones and counterattacks will be launched to contain and destroy the enemy.
5. All personnel will be instructed on the recognition and identification of enemy transport and helicopter aircraft and action to be taken when sighted.
6. Road priorities during counterattack are as follows:
 - a. Tanks
 - b. Artillery
 - c. Troop carriers
 - d. Antitank weapons

Section III

301. ANTI-MECHANIZED OPERATIONS

1. General. This regiment will establish and maintain an anti-mechanized defense and warning system in order to detect, disrupt, contain and destroy enemy armored forces in its zone of action.

2. Action:

a. Units will make maximum use of supporting aircraft to effect early detection and destruction of enemy armor.

b. Units will employ all available means of observation to enhance detection and destruction of enemy armor.

c. Units will keep all units appraised of enemy armored threats by utilizing the following warning system and alert conditions: Contact Reports will be in accordance with appendix A.

(1) CONDITION FOUR. The hostile armored force is detected, but contact is not imminent. Control and action to be taken:

- (a) Normal control and coordination will continue.
- (b) Armored force detection by all agencies will be intensified.
- (c) Aircraft will be requested for search and attack missions.
- (d) Long range artillery will prepare to attack enemy mechanized forces at maximum range.

(2) CONDITION THREE. The hostile armored force is approaching our force and contact is imminent. The time and general area of contact can be predicted with reasonable accuracy, and armor is within range of weapons assigned to the RLT. Control and action to be taken:

- (a) Control of artillery will remain with the RLT Commander.
- (b) All anti-mechanized crews and observers will be alerted.
- (c) Designated artillery and air units will mass fires on located positions and fire blocking concentration on critical avenues of approach.
- (d) Tank units in direct support will continue assigned missions.
- (e) Combat support units, liaison and/or recon teams will report to commanders designated by this Headquarters by the fastest means possible.

- (f) Implementation of a Barrier Plan will commence if feasible. Maximum available air and ground transportation will be directed to support movement of barrier equipment and material to obstacle sites.

(3) CONDITION T/O. Enemy mechanized forces in position to attack front line elements, or friendly units are under attack. Control and action to be taken:

- (a) This Headquarters will pass control of sufficient RLT supporting arms and combat support units to the BLT under attack.
- (b) Tank units, other than those committed in the threatened area, will be prepared to reinforce or counterattack.
- (c) Remaining anti-mechanized means will be prepared to defend the threatened area in depth.
- (d) Barrier Plan in threatened area will be completed.

(4) CONDITION ONE. Hostile mechanized units have advanced to a point where the designated lower echelon commander can no longer contain the attack in progress. Control and action to be taken: RLT Commander assumes direct control of all anti-mechanized means.

3. It cannot be assumed that in every instance of a hostile armored attack there will be logical and orderly progression through all of the "alert" conditions for anti-mechanized readiness and shifts of control as described above. It is quite possible that in many instances the first detection will occur when contact is imminent or friendly units are under attack. In order to prepare for any contingency:

- a. Maximum effort will be directed toward the canalization of enemy armor by the use of natural and man made obstacles.
- b. When an enemy mechanized attack develops, appropriate fires will be concentrated on critical approach routes. Maximum use of observed fires will be used in this regard.
- c. Friendly armor and anti-mechanized weapons will be positioned to allow flexibility and rapid employment to counter enemy armored threat.
- d. Commanders are encouraged to request additional means, when deemed necessary, from this Headquarters in the support of their anti-mechanized efforts.

Section IV

401. NBC OPERATIONS

1. General. This regiment will take all possible active and passive defensive measures to detect and protect against NBC weapons or agents, to prevent and reduce casualties, and to maintain maximum combat effectiveness in the event of enemy NBC attack.

2. Action.

a. Defensive measures will be in accordance with DivO P3400.4B and RegtO 3440.1B.

b. This headquarters will:

(1) Disseminate NBC warnings to subordinate units when enemy NBC employment is considered imminent or has been initiated.

(2) Disseminate Effective Wind Messages for simplified fallout prediction when received by higher headquarters.

(3) Prepare and disseminate Fallout Prediction Messages and Downwind Vapor Hazard Messages as required by DivO P3400.4B.

(4) Collect and disseminate NBC contamination information.

(5) Maintain contamination overlays.

c. All units will:

(1) Be prepared to conduct NBC defensive measures appropriate to unit capability.

(2) Be prepared to conduct sampling monitoring and survey in accordance with DivO P3400.4B.

(3) Be prepared to conduct decontamination operations. Requisition materials from this headquarters (Attn: S-4).

(4) Be prepared to recommend disposition of contaminated and decontaminated equipment.

(5) Familiarize themselves with the NBC Warning Messages, Fallout Prediction Message, and Downwind Vapor Hazard Message in order to be able to take appropriate action when and if these messages are disseminated from this headquarters. The format and meaning of these messages are given in subparagraph 3 through 6 below.

(6) Be prepared to initiate Nuclear Burst Sighting Report, Damage Assessment Report, Fallout Report, and Chemical or Biological Attack Report in accordance with DivO P3400.4B. See Appendix A for formats.

(7) Contact this headquarters (Attn: S-3) for instructions and assistance, or when coordination is required.

3. General NBC Warnings

SIGNAL	MEANING	HOW DISSEMINATED	REMARKS
"FLASH RED" (if known "NUCLEAR or "GAS" add to "FLASH RED").	Air attack imminent, aircraft or missiles.	FLASH message; short repeated sounding of sirens; word of mouth. Use on precedence higher than Immediate for training exercises.	Sirens will not be used for any other signals within the objective area. Substitute "RUBY" for "RED" in training exercises.
"FLASH BLUE"	Friendly nuclear attack in 15 minutes.	FLASH message to appropriate unit; word of mouth. Use no precedence higher than Immediate for training exercises.	Preparatory message will normally be sent 60 minutes prior to friendly nuclear attack.
"GAS" Coordinates	Gas Attack either friendly or enemy	FLASH message to appropriate unit; percussion devices. Use no precedence higher than Immediate for training exercises.	Preparatory message will normally be sent 60 minutes prior to execution in the case of a friendly gas attack.
"ALL CLEAR" (RED, BLUE, GAS)	All clear from FLASH RED, BLUE or GAS	Message; word of mouth.	None

4. Effective Wind Message

EFFECTIVE WIND

ZULU Date and time (ZULU) winds measured.

ALFA 2-Kiloton (KT) or less, wind direction and speed.

BRAVO 2-5 Kiloton (KT), wind direction and speed.

CHARLIE 5-30 Kiloton (KT), wind direction and speed.
DELTA 30-100 Kiloton (KT), wind direction and speed.
ECHO 100-300 Kiloton (KT), wind direction and speed.

NOTE: (1) Wind direction and speed are transmitted as a five digit number. The first three digits are the effective wind direction in degrees. TO/ARD which the wind is blowing, the last two digits are the effective wind speed in kilometers per hour.

5. Fallout Prediction Message

FALLOUT PREDICTION

	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
ZULU	D D t t t t	Date-time group (ZULU) of detonation.
FOXTROT	z z z z z z	Coordinates of ground zero. (Shackle for protractor)
GOLF	d d d c c c	"ddd" is the grid azimuth of the left radial line. "ccc" is the grid azimuth of the right radial line. both drawn from ground zero.
HOTEL	s s x x x r r	"ss" is effective wind speed in kilometers per hour; "xxx" is downwind distance of Zone I in Kilometers; "rr" is cloud radius in Kilometers.

6. Downwind Vapor Hazard Message

	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
DELTA	x x x x x x	Coordinates of center of impact.
VICTOR	x x y y y y	"xx" is date; "yyyy" is time of attack (ZULU).
HOTEL	x y y y y y	"x" is agent code; "yyyyy" is maximum downwind distance (MDD).
PAPA	x x x y y y y	"xxx" is radius of dispersion pattern in meters; "yyy" is maximum width of cloud in meters at MDD.
MIKE	x x x y y	"xx" is direction from which wind blows in degrees; "yy" is wind speed in kilometers per hour.

Section V

501. COMBAT SUPPORT AND NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

1. General.

a. This chapter provides units of this command with guidelines for requesting, utilizing and releasing supporting arms.

b. Commanders will make the most economical use possible of supporting arms, in the case of attached supporting arms, commanders will recommend their detachment when they can no longer be properly employed.

c. Commanders of supporting units or their liaison representatives are encouraged and expected to make recommendations concerning employment to this Headquarters.

2. Requesting Supporting Arms. Subordinate Unit Commanders will request attachment of combat and combat service support units through this Headquarters either verbally or in writing as the situation dictates.

502. FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

1. References: Fire support coordination within this Command will be effected in accordance with:

- a. LFM 22 (FMFM 7-1 Fire Support Coordination when published)
- b. DivO 03000.3A
- c. FMFM 7-4, Field Artillery Support
- d. NWIP 22-2
- e. NWIP 22-7

2. Functioning and Supervision:

a. The FSCC will function both in planning and operation in accordance with references (a) and (b) above.

b. The FSCC will function under the staff supervision of the 1st Marines S-3.

c. Subordinate unit commanders are responsible for the coordination of all fires of supporting units in their zones.

3. Assignment and Duties of Regimental Fire Support Coordinator.

a. The senior Commanding Officer of the attached or D/S artillery unit is the Fire Support Coordinator for this Command. He will be represented at this Headquarters by the Artillery Liaison Officer who will act in this capacity in his absence.

b. The Fire Support Coordinator performs the following duties:

(1) Advises the Commander and staff on matters pertaining to all fire support and technical aspects of his artillery unit.

(2) Prepares Fire Support Plans and instructions.

(3) Insures that maximum effective utilization of all supporting arms is achieved.

(4) Is prepared to plan nuclear fires if called upon to do so.

(5) Insures that liaison is maintained between this command and the supporting artillery unit.

(6) Advises firing units of all priorities of fire.

c. Composition of the FSCC: The FSCC will be composed of the Fire Support Coordinator, his designated assistants, members of the air and naval gunfire special staffs and such communications as are required.

503. N.V.L. GUNFIRE

1. General: Naval Gunfire employment and duties of Shore Fire Control Personnel are established in the following references:

a. FMFM 7-2, Naval Gunfire Support

b. NWP-22

c. NWIP 22-2

d. NWIP 22-7

e. ATP-4

f. DivO P2000.1____

g. DivO P02000.2____

2. Operations.

1. Embarkation, Rehearsal and Movement to Objective.

a. Naval Gunfire Liaison and Spot Teams will be embarked with the headquarters to which they have been assigned.

b. During the rehearsal phase, daily communication procedure drills will be conducted, subject to security restrictions, with all naval gunfire teams, fire support ships, and commands present in the rehearsal area.

3. Landing and Assault.

a. Naval gunfire liaison and spotting teams will be located in not more than two echelons.

b. Battalion liaison teams may operate from landing craft as an off-shore spotting station when none are available from higher headquarters.

c. The Naval Gunfire Liaison Team attached to this Headquarters will normally land with this Headquarters.

d. Spot teams and liaison officers inform the commander of the unit they support when communications over the Naval Gunfire Nets are established.

e. Spot teams and liaison officers will pass information concerning targets outside the supported units zone of action to teams of the unit responsible for that zone. This does not prevent a spot team from attacking a target outside the zone of the supported unit. Targets requiring coordination will be referred to the next higher headquarters.

504. T.NKS

1. General: Subordinate units will be guided by the below listed references for tank - infantry operations.

a. FFM 9-1, Tank Employment

b. FMs - 7-20, 7-26, 17-32, and 17-33

2. Designation and Duties of Tank Officers.

a. The Commanding Officer of the tank Unit attached to this command is designated as the regimental tank officer and as such is a member of the special staff functioning under the supervision of the 1st Marines S-3.

b. The Regimental Tank Officer will provide tactical and technical assistance to the Commanding Officer concerning tank employment, capabilities, and limitations.

3. Liaison.

a. Liaison will be established from supporting to supported unit down to infantry company level.

b. The liaison officer/SNCO from the tank unit attached to this command will maintain liaison between the Regimental Operations Section and the supporting unit commander.

c. When time permits, initial liaison will be made by the tank unit commander in person.

d. Liaison after an attack has been launched will be handled by the tank unit commander using the most expeditious means.

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4. Amphibious Operations.

a. Embarkation.

(1) Tactical integrity of tank units will be maintained in the assignment of shipping.

(2) Where possible tanks will be loaded so that they may be employed early in the assault phase.

b. Beach assault.

(1) The assignment of tanks, liaison, initial objectives, and routes of advance will be made and disseminated prior to landing.

(2) Reconnaissance personnel will be embarked early enough to enable them to meet tanks at the beach to guide them to assigned positions.

c. Operations of tank units ashore will be conducted in accordance with FMFM 6-5, and FMFM 9-1. Normally, one fire team of infantry will provide physical protection to each tank. This becomes doubly important when operating in areas infested by guerrillas.

5. Special Tanks.

a. Mechanized flame throwers: Flame tanks are available to infantry commanders on an on call basis. Requests will include location, nature, and extent of the target and will be submitted through one or both of the following channels:

(1) By the tank commander operating in support of the requesting unit. The tank commander will relay the request to the tank battalion and at the same time will make arrangement for coordination. The supported unit will insure that this Headquarters is informed of the request.

(2) Direct to the tank battalion via liaison radio in the supported battalion command post. This Headquarters will be informed of the request.

b. Tank-dozers. Each medium tank company is equipped with one tank-dozer. This tank-dozer may be employed by the supported units only for missions which can not be accomplished by the standard engineering bulldozer.

c. Searchlight tanks. Each tank platoon is equipped with two searchlight tanks which can be used at the discretion of the supported unit commander.

505. ANTI-TANKS.

1. General. Subordinate units will be guided by those principals of employment established in LFB-23 for the utilization of anti-tank units.

2. Command Relationship.

a. The antitank unit commander acts additionally as a special staff officer (anti-mechanized officer) on the staff of the infantry unit to which he is attached.

b. Normally, anti-tank units will be attached to subordinate units only when the unit is assigned an independent mission.

506. AMPHIBIAN VEHICLES

1. General: Employment of Amphibian Vehicles by units of this Command will be in accordance with:

- a. FMFM 9-2
- b. FM 17-34
- c. FM 31-5
- d. NWP 22
- e. DivO 8410.2B
- f. 3rd Amtrac BnO 8400.2 _____

2. Liaison:

a. Liaison will be made from supporting to supported unit down to Company/Battery Level.

b. Liaison at Regimental and Battalion Headquarters will be maintained by liaison personnel appointed by the Commanding Officer of the supporting unit.

c. Liaison at Company level will be maintained by the supporting unit commander.

d. This Headquarters will make initial liaison with amphibian vehicle units and will then authorize direct liaison between the supported and supporting unit.

3. Embarkation - Tactical integrity of Amtrac Units will be maintained where possible in assignment of shipping.

4. Employment. No less than two (2) LVT's will be assigned to any land or waterborne operation.

507. GROUND RECONNAISSANCE

1. General. Employment of division reconnaissance elements by units of this command will be in accordance with FMFM 2-2. Amphibious Reconnaissance.

2. Command Relationship.

a. Normally, Reconnaissance units will be attached to an individual battalion only when the battalion is assigned an independent mission or is assigned a T&OR.

b. Reconnaissance elements are normally never attached below battalion level.

3. Liaison with this headquarters will normally be accomplished by the supporting reconnaissance company headquarters. When a reconnaissance unit is attached to a battalion, liaison will be performed either by the company headquarters, or by the supporting platoon headquarters.

4. Operations. The attached liaison officer functions as the unit reconnaissance officer and performs the following duties:

a. Recommends employment of reconnaissance teams to ensure their continuous employment behind the subordinate infantry unit areas of patrolling and outpost responsibility.

b. Coordinates with the FSCC to prevent supporting arms missions against friendly reconnaissance teams.

c. Coordinates with division air observers to ensure continuity of the reconnaissance effort.

d. Coordinates reconnaissance communications procedures to achieve timely reporting and dissemination of organically developed reconnaissance information.

e. Coordinates with front line company commanders to aid in safe uncovering of previously committed teams.

f. Coordinates with Air Liaison Officer concerning insertion and subsequent recovery of helicopter-lifted teams.

g. Coordinates as required for LCR and swimming entries.

Section VI

601. CIVILIAN POPULATION

1. General.

a. The means by which the civilian population is controlled and assisted by units of this command will bear on the overall success of the RLT mission. Exemplary troop conduct is necessary at all times; conduct of individuals and units must be aggressive, firm but fair, yet must show sympathy for the suffering of relatively helpless civilians caught up in a battle that they only wish to avoid.

b. This section establishes procedures and provides guidance for controlling and assisting civilians within the 1st Marines or RLT-1. They may be modified by Status of Forces Agreements or other formal or informal agreements with a host country or allied forces; such modifying agreements will be promulgated immediately to all units.

c. Local officials and police will be utilized to the maximum extent possible. Difficulties with local officials will be reported to the Headquarters.

d. Cases in which Marines commit acts considered to be an offense by the civilian community will be reported immediately to this Headquarters.

2. Staff Coordination. Normally, the S-1 exercises staff coordination for all aspects of civil affairs. In this respect, Battalion and unit civil affairs officers are authorized direct liaison.

602. POPULATION CONTROL

1. Restricted Areas. Troop areas and critical civil installations (police, communications centers, utility activities, supply points) are restricted from the general civilian population in order to prevent guerrilla interference. Restricted areas should be fenced off or marked; signs warning civilians should be posted. Persons entering restricted areas should be searched before being permitted to enter.

2. Curfews.

a. Battalion Commanders, when directed by this Headquarters, have authority to impose curfews as a means of controlling the civilian population. (See Enclosure (2)). Civilian police should be employed to enforce or assist in enforcing curfews. Spot checks on residences to insure curfew effectiveness are authorized. Exceptions to curfew regulations may be granted to the clergy, medical personnel, civil police, public officials, fire fighting details, and emergency repair crews of water, gas, power, and communications activities. Exemption passes shall be issued to those persons exempted from curfews. (Enclosure (3) or (4)). Curfew violators will be turned over to the civilian police or (in the case of suspected guerrillas) sent to the POW collecting point for processing.

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b. Battalion Commanders, in the requirement of military necessity may impose curfews on their own authority. Details and justification will be reported to this Headquarters by the most rapid means.

3. Relocation of Settlements and Villages.

a. Normally, civilians will not be forcibly relocated from their residences without approval of this Headquarters. Battalion Commanders may relocate civilians when their presence imperils the missions of the battalion or one of its units; facts concerning such removal will be reported to this Headquarters as soon as practicable.

b. When civilians are relocated, the following must be considered:

(1) Transportation - Civilian transportation should be used when possible.

(2) Distance of the move should be as short as possible.

(3) Control - Movement should be made by controlled convoy.

(4) Security Screening and documentation should be accomplished if possible.

(5) Identification. Evacuees may be tagged for ease of identification.

(6) Briefing - An adequate briefing should explain the purpose of the move, stressing the advantages to the civilian population. The briefing should be in the local language.

(7) Personal Effects - Each person must be allowed to take a reasonable allowance of personal effects.

(8) Rations - will be provided to those required to move to compensate for the inconvenience and to insure sustenance during the move.

(9) Housing in the relocation area must be such that it will not endanger the health of the evacuees.

(10) Medical Care - Use of civilian medical personnel to supplement military medical personnel must insure meeting minimum standards. Particular attention will be given to the wounded, elderly persons, pregnant women, the blind, crippled, and very young children. Appropriate measures must be taken to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

4. Control of Weapons

a. Those individual activities which shall be authorized to bear arms will be listed by this Headquarters. Subordinate units will issue arms permits (Enclosure (4) or (5)) in their areas of responsibility to individual activities that are authorized to bear arms.

b. Unless otherwise directed, Battalion Commanders are authorized to disarm civilians who do not possess arms permits of rifles, pistols, machine guns, shotguns, bows and arrows, spears, and "black jacks." Knives will not be taken from civilians unless it is obvious that the individual concerned does not require it in his home, on his farm or as a means of employment. A receipt will be issued to civilians who voluntarily turn in weapons.

c. Civilians apprehended with weapons and who do not have arms permits will be turned over to the civilian police or, in the case of suspected guerrillas, sent to the POW collecting point for processing.

d. Unusual circumstances or patterns in the control of weapons should be reported to this Headquarters.

5. Restricted Articles.

a. Battalion Commanders are authorized to confiscate radio transmitters, nitrates and other chemicals which can be used to make explosives or incendiaries, printing machinery, paper found in large quantity, and pain killing drugs found in large quantity or under unusual circumstances. Confiscated material will be reported through the intelligence system. Disposition will normally be handled by civilian authorities.

b. This Headquarters may, upon request, authorize the confiscation of drugs and medicines, flashlights, canvas, motor fuel and other items of value to guerrillas. Requests should state the quantity of the items and reason for confiscation.

6. Searches

a. Searches of individuals or dwellings are preferably conducted in cooperation with civil police or self-defense forces. When these forces are unavailable, unwilling or inefficient, unit commanders are authorized to conduct searches of homes and male citizens.

b. Persons bearing contraband will be turned over to local police or processed as POWs, depending on the situation.

c. Women and girls will not be disrobed; searches of their purses, hand bags, coats, vehicles or hand carried items are authorized. Women who are suspected of concealing contraband in their personal clothing will be turned over to local police or processed as POWs, depending on the situation.

d. Searches which produce results of possible intelligence value will be immediately reported to this Headquarters.

7. Travel Restrictions.

a. Upon request, this Headquarters may authorize the restriction of civilian travel. Care should be exercised to prevent unnecessary hardships to those who must travel to their farms or other means of livelihood.

b. Battalion Commanders are authorized to exempt certain civilians from normal travel restrictions.

c. Gate check points will be established to control traffic entering restricted areas and may be required in villages. The following principles will be followed:

(1) The officer or NCO-in-charge should be responsible for movement through the gate and should not take part in the actual search.

(2) Barricades and barriers are required to canalize movement.

(3) Strict crowd control must be exercised so that searchers are not crowded by persons waiting to move through the gate.

(4) Adequate lighting must be provided if travel is permitted after darkness.

(5) When only a percentage of persons are being searched, no prior indication of selections should be given. Search patterns should be avoided. Younger men and women will usually be the primary carriers of illegal goods.

(6) A careful watch should be made for suspicious actions prior to search, e.g. attempts to evade, changing position in line, uneasiness, etc.

(7) Patrols should insure that other means of entrance/exit to the village are not being used.

d. Battalion Commanders are authorized to establish road blocks and check points in order to question and search civilian travelers. These may be of a semi-permanent or temporary nature. Location, composition, mission and hours of operation of these road blocks will be reported to this Headquarters.

8. Censorship of routine civilian communications will not be conducted without prior approval of this Headquarters.

9. Confiscation of civilian property, except for weapons and restricted articles listed above, will not be permitted without specific approval of this Headquarters. Marines apprehended confiscating civilian possession for their own personal use will be punished and reported to this Headquarters.

10. Census. Unit Commanders should maintain close liaison with village officials to insure that only bonafide villagers are residing there. If no census list exists, one should be made up as early as practicable. The census list should indicate those individuals who are exempted from curfews, bearing arms, travel, possessing restricted articles, etc.

603. ASSISTANCE TO CIVILIANS (CIVIC ACTION)

1. General. Battalion Commanders are encouraged to assist civilians as a means of better understanding and strengthening relationships in a common effort to reduce any insurgent threat.

2. Projects. Although the requirements of the civilians and the initiative and imagination of subordinate unit commanders will ultimately determine the nature of assistance, a partial list of projects includes:

a. Supervision, advice and/or assistance in construction; particularly simple roads, bridges, canals, community buildings and shelters.

b. Use of troop labor (otherwise not employed) in construction projects, harvesting crops, training of self-defense forces.

c. Utilizing individual technical talents in solving local problems including: mechanics, teachers, farmers, medical personnel, electricians, carpenters, etc..

d. Provision of emergency medical supplies and treatment, ambulance service, public health, hygiene and sanitation, insect and rodent control.

e. Providing escort for convoys of farm products to markets when safe passage is threatened or security to farmers working in their fields.

f. Providing communications between villages.

g. Providing emergency food, medical support, transportation support required; particularly after a guerrilla attack.

h. Providing useful salvaged and surplus equipment and clothing.

i. Contributions to local welfare agencies.

j. Sponsorship, organization and training of youth groups in cooperation with acceptable civilian organization.