

MOVEMENT ORDER (7)

TIME ZONE: Local

TASK ORGANIZATION: No change.

1. Situation: No change.

General:

Convoys throughout the 52d ID Area of Operations (AO) continue to be targeted by insurgents. Administrative and logistical constraints continue to force many military convoys to travel along predictable routes though not all routes are experiencing attacks. Virtually all convoys must be considered possible targets for insurgents. Convoys of two to four vehicles are particularly vulnerable. As insurgent experience grows, VII Corps warns of increased frequency, efficiency, and sophistication of attacks. Presently, roughly 5% of all convoys are experiencing some type of attack with 17 Coalition service members KIA in the last 60 days.

The insurgents continue to strike primarily at night, using spotters with cell phones to alert attackers to approaching convoys. However, in recent weeks due to insurgent success they are becoming increasingly brazen with more attacks occurring during daylight hours. The pace of insurgent attacks is likely to increase in the next few months as the Coalition prepares to push the insurgents out prior to general elections.

While the insurgents are experiencing some success, continued active and developing Coalition countermeasures are likely to reduce convoy attacks over the next 45 days. As convoys become increasingly viewed as "hard" targets by insurgents they are likely to become much more discerning in which convoys they choose to attack and to begin to choose other targets all together. Their general decision process will remain focused on easy, high payoff targets.

Battlespace:

Area of Interest. No change.

Area of Operations. Seen Annex C (Operations Overlay). Current meteorological and astrological data available from higher headquarters.

Enemy Forces. The most recent tactics used by insurgents in their attacks on convoys include:

Suspected insurgent snipers firing single shots; roadside bombs in plain view set as bait to get convoys to halt, slow down or divert into "kill zones" rigged with larger, better-hidden explosives.

Staged vehicle accidents to slow, halt or divert an approaching convoy into preplanned target areas for attacks by fire or ambushes.

Roadblocks supported by squad-sized insurgent forces in fortified or entrenched positions that do not "hit and run" but rather stay and fight in order to inflict maximum Coalition casualties.

Executing attacks by fire from within crowds of non-combatants and effectively using them as cover and concealment while inviting civilian casualties for propaganda use against Coalition forces.

Most recently, the insurgents have been using improvised explosive devices (IEDs), which can be made of anything from artillery rounds to wads of plastic explosive or deadly mixtures of ammonium nitrate fertilizer and diesel fuel. Insurgents typically hide several of these IEDs, often wired together at intervals of about 30 yards.

Use of cell phones for communication with OP/LPs monitoring the approach of convoys.

Focusing fires and the effects of ambushes on rear vehicles making it difficult for Coalition forces to react, return fire, or respond. Primary target points on Coalition vehicles are the front windshields and driver compartments, soft-skinned doors, and crew served weapon gunners and positions.

52d ID recommended countermeasures:

Position one gun truck approximately 400m to the rear of a convoy to more efficiently and effectively maneuver and execute return fire as needed.

Utilize gun mounts on all trucks.

Harden all vehicles to include shoring to reduce missile and crush injuries.

Use of wheeled vehicles to reduce damage to road surfaces. Many small Coalition vehicles, though they offer little protection from gunfire, can effectively maneuver to evade rocket-propelled grenades.

Continue use of body armor and personal protective measures.

Friendly Forces

Higher. 52d ID establishes defenses that deny the enemy use of the avenue of approaches (AOA) in the division's area of operation to prevent enemy disruption of the arrival of U.S. and coalition forces at the port and air facility of the capital city.

Adjacent. 1st Brigade, 52d ID defends in sector to our right while 3rd Battalion, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), 2d Marine Division, continues to support operations to our left.

1st Bn, 175th FA provides direct support for all indirect fire support.

Co B, 2d Bn, 206th AV provides direct support for all helicopter gunship support requirements.

The 1st Plt, Co A, 2d Bn 144th IN is OPCON as the escort and security element for the convoy.

Attachments and Detachments. No change.

Legal Considerations. Standard Coalition rules of engagement (ROE) apply. Personnel with weapons are considered to be combatants and can be engaged.

2. Mission. At 06 0600 U Jan 05, 2168TH Transportation Company will transport the weekly combat resupply from VII Corps to 52d ID in order to maintain 52d ID combat power.

3. Execution.

Commander's Intent. The purpose of this convoy is to deliver daily combat resupply to designated Coalition forces of the 52d ID. The method we will use is a properly escorted, "hardened" convoy designed to; maximize protection to troops, vehicles, and cargo; make an unattractive target to insurgents; deliver the supplies efficiently and effectively. The desired end state is the successful delivery of the combat supply in its entirety.

Concept of Operations. See Annex C (Operations)

Concept of Maneuver. This operation will consist of three phases. Phase I is the Assembly Area Phase and consists of vehicle and cargo movement and marshalling in the designated assembly area, the orders process, and pre-combat checks and inspections. Phase II is the Movement Phase and consists of the actual convoy movement along either MSR Blue or MSR Green. Phase III is the Delivery and Reconstitution Phase. It is an on order phase that consists of the offloading of vehicles at the release point, conducting reconstitution, and conducting the follow-on movement of the convoy. Conduct of movement in accordance with Appendix (Convoy Operations), Annex D (Logistics/Combat Service Support) to Operation Order 22 (previously issued).

Tasks.

Convoy Commander. At 06 0600U Jan 05, transport the weekly combat resupply from the designated VII Corps assembly area (AA) to 52d ID, in order to maintain the 52d ID's combat power.

Alert the unit operations section and begin direct coordination with support elements immediately upon receipt of the order.

The convoy will consist of no more than 52 cargo vehicles. This number does not include any support vehicles assigned to the security element.

Delegate tasks to the subordinate element leaders as necessary and ensure that they are briefed on their performance standards.

Coordinate movement during Phase II with S3, 2d Brigade, 52d ID.

Forward all requests for convoy clearances and map overlay of the proposed routes to the S3, 2d Brigade, 52d ID.

Conduct a route reconnaissance of the primary convoy route to verify the map reconnaissance and conduct a route reconnaissance of the alternate routes if time permits.

2d Brigade, 52d ID has placed signs on both MSR Blue and MSR Green at those road junctions where the convoy would be expected to make a turn or change of direction to stay on the designated route.

Requesting guides to assist the convoy movement is a responsibility of the convoy commander. Forward your request to this Headquarters. The 52d MP Company has been tasked to provide guides for convoy movements.

Designate command, control, and communications assignments and techniques that will be employed to carry out the move.

Coordinate with 1st Bn, 175th FA for direct support for the convoy movement for all indirect fire support.

Coordinate with Co B, 2d Bn, 206th AV for direct support for the convoy movement for all helicopter gunship support requirements.

Coordinate with 1st Plt, Co A, 2d Bn 144th IN as the assigned escort and security element for the convoy.

Properly integrate attachments.

Execute necessary orders, rehearsals, pre-combat checks, and inspections.

Ensure that the before operations Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services (PMCS) are completed on all vehicles prior to loading in preparation for the convoy's movement.

Ensure that all cargo and equipment to be transported is properly loaded onto the convoy's vehicles. All cargo will be covered with tarps if possible. Vehicles transporting troops will be hardened with two interlocking layer of sandbags.

Evaluate the convoy's overall performance, personnel performance, and note lessons learned per the SOP.

Complete Convoy Commander's Report per SOP.

Serial/March Unit Commanders. At 06 0600U Jan 05, transport the weekly combat resupply from the designated VII Corps assembly area (AA) to 52d ID, in order to maintain the 52d ID's combat power.

Report march unit ready status NLT 0540 hours.

Lead unit report SP at 0600.

Enforce march discipline.

Use open column with 100 meter interval.

March speed is 25 mph; 35 mph catch up speed.

Enforce two minute gap between march units.

Vehicle-mounted weapons will be manned while moving.

Supervise rehearsals, pre-combat checks, and inspections.

Bypass halted civilian vehicles.

IED procedures per battalion SOP.

Supervise SOP actions while at halt.
Arming orders and ROE per battalion SOP
Supervise enroute maintenance and accountability.
2d platoon is lead march unit, followed by 1st platoon, then 3rd platoon.
Report all control measures per SOP.
Provide strip maps to all vehicle drivers.
Conduct driver mission briefing and safety briefing.

Coordinating Instructions.

See Annex C (Operations Overlay)

Designated elements OPCON to convoy commander NLT 24 hours prior to execution.

MSR Blue and Green are two-way traffic. Observe safe distance from civilian vehicles.

Escort elements will be with first and third march units while moving. Escort provides forward, rear and flank security at all halts.

All elements observe noise and light discipline throughout the mission.

The 2168th TC operations must create a minimum of 45 strip maps for all convoy vehicles and security element vehicles. Provide at least 3 copies of the strip map to this Headquarters.

Ensure that all convoy vehicles have been inspected NLT than 6 hours prior to departure of the convoy from the assembly area.

Convoy task organization will terminate on order.

MOPP Level 0 in effect.

ASSEMBLY AREA: UB 890076

Convoy Route:

The below listed control measures will be utilized to organize and report convoy movement and position:

<u>CP</u>	<u>Grid</u>	
MSR Blue:		
Assembly Area	UB 890076	
Start Point	UB 895091	Road Junction
CP 1	UB 846133	Road Junction
CP 2	UB 854165	Road Junction
CP 3	UB 854191	Road Junction
CP 4	UB 871213	Road Junction
Release Point	UB 879229	Road Junction

MSR Green:
Assembly Area UB 890076
Start Point UB 895091 Road Junction
CP 5 UB 910132 Road Junction
CP 6 UB 910160 Road Junction
CP 7 UB 919179 Road Junction
CP 8 UB 907197 Road Junction
CP 9 UB 895217 Road Junction
Release Point UB 879229 Road Junction

Route Restrictions:

The bridge vicinity UB 893218 is class 40.
One lane road from vicinity UB 903198 to UB 904204 is restricted to 20 mph.

Alternate Convoy Route:

In the event of insurgency activity on MSR Blue the last available alternate route that can be utilized to switch from MSR Blue to MSR Green is located at check point 3, vicinity UB 854191. At check point 3, turn east and head southeast on the road that will cut east along gridline 180 until it connects with MSR Green between check point 6 and 7. The next check point would be check point 7, vicinity UB 919179.

4. Administration and Logistics.

Logistics.

Fuel point located on MSR Blue at Check point 2, vicinity UB854165

MREs issued as required.

Ammunition staged in ASSEMBLY AREA. Issued per Convoy Commander's guidance.

MEDEVAC support provided by Det 2, Co A, 2d Bn, 206th AV.

5. Command and Signal.

Command. Convoy Commander is responsible for reporting the convoy's status to this Headquarters and all supporting element Headquarters. The Convoy Commander is responsible for submitting the convoy commander's report to this Headquarters.

Command Posts and Headquarters. Convoy Commander initial location will be with 1st platoon. Commander, march unit 2 assumes convoy command in event commander is disabled.

Signal. All communications will be per current SOI. Convoy command will be on Fox 1 net. Call sign is Dragon 16. Tactical radios will be the primary method of communications within the convoy and with both higher and supporting units.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT

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ANNEXES:
Indirect Fire Support

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Movement Order No: 7
Indirect Fire Support Annex:

Concept of Support:

- A. Type of Ammunition: The on-hand inventory of artillery rounds is mostly comprised of high explosive (HE) artillery rounds. All support missions will be fired using HE rounds unless a specific type of target is identified prior to the mission by intelligence sources. Illumination rounds are available and will be fired in a limited manner to support night missions.
- B. Type of Targets: The most common type of target will be the targets of opportunity against small groups of insurgents. Fire missions for this type of mission is normally comprised of three one round missions to adjust fire and then a three round fire mission for a 6 gun howitzer battery for a total of 21 rounds.
- C. Range Limits: Currently, there are no limits on the ranges of the fire support available to support convoy movements. The positioning of the batteries for 1st Bn, 175th FA allows the battalion to provide support from the start point (SP) vicinity UB 895091 to the release point (RP) vicinity UB 879229.

1st Bn 175th FA Target List

- 1. Hill 1332 vicinity UB 850188
- 2. Ridge line vicinity UB 855175
- 3. Hill 1435 vicinity UB 855169
- 4. Road Junction vicinity UB 845133
- 5. Hill 1455 vicinity UB 855154
- 6. Hill 1408 vicinity UB 870142
- 7. Hill 1426 vicinity UB 864188
- 8. Road Junction vicinity UB 855204
- 9. Road Junction vicinity UB 872213
- 10. Hilltop vicinity UB 876198