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4. Convoy Driver Preparation

Convoy commanders and serial/march unit commanders must ensure that all vehicle drivers are prepared.

- Ensure that all drivers have valid driving permits.
- Ensure that all drivers have rest periods equivalent to 10 minutes for every hour of travel.
- Ensure that drivers inspected their vehicles and loads.
- Ensure that drivers performed the operation checks on all equipment.
- Ensure that the drivers checked the load security (cover cargo with tarps).
- Ensure that combat inspections are scheduled for all personnel to verify each soldier has at a minimum.
 - Assigned weapon.
 - Helmet.
 - Body armor.
 - Ammunition.
 - Water.
- Ensure that the drivers police all areas prior to departure.

5. Scheduled Halts

When conducting a convoy, the convoy commander and serial/march unit leader will take the following actions concerning scheduled halts.

- Provide Blue 2 report to this headquarters.
- Brief drivers about the details of changes or adjustments at the halts.
- Schedule one 10 minute rest halt for each hour of estimated enroute time.
- Conduct reconnaissance in the immediate area of the halt point.
- Maintain 360 degree security and observation.
- Use convoy members to keep traffic away from convoy vehicles.
- Ensure that during operation PMCS are completed as needed.
 - Air hose couplings
 - Cooling systems
 - Oil and lubrication levels
 - Brakes
 - Tires
 - Radios (if installed)
- Interact courteously and professionally with all civilians.
- Lead and trail vehicles will have gunner observing from crew weapons station at all times.
- Update drivers with current information concerning the mission.
- Inspect for drivers conducting load security checks.
- Ensure that drivers police the halt area.