Task Number: 07-PLT-1256

Task Title: Conduct an Attack by Fire - Platoon

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Conditions: The platoon is conducting operations in a live training environment independently or as part of a company or larger force. The platoon receives an operation order (OPORD) to conduct an attack by fire (ABF). Indirect fire support is available. The platoon is assigned a battle position (BP), a sector of fire, an engagement area (EA), and an axis of advance. 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).

LFX Condition: If the attack by fire is executed during a live fire exercise (LFX), refer to Field Manual (FM) 3-20.21 for additional training conditions.

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 an attack by fire according to ATP 3-21.8, the order, and the commander's guidance. The platoon establishes an ABF positions and uses direct fires, supported by indirect fires, to engage an enemy force without closing with the enemy to destroy, suppress, fix, or deceive the enemy. The platoon maintains communications with all elements. The platoon complies with the ROE.

LFX Standard: The platoon conducts attack by fire during a LFX according to FM 3-20.21.

The mechanized infantry platoon (ABCT) has at least 6 of 7 (85%), rifle platoon (IBCT and SBCT) has 6 of 6 (85%), tank platoon (ABCT) has at least 4 of 4 (85%), assault platoon (IBCT) has 5 of 5 (85%), mobile gun system (MGS) platoon (SBCT) has 4 of 4 (85%), and the anti-armor platoon (SBCT) has 3 of 3 (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 mechanized infantry platoon (ABCT) leaders are the platoon leader, platoon sergeant, section leader (x2), and squad leader (x3).

Note: The rifle platoon (IBCT and SBCT) leaders are the platoon leader, platoon sergeant, squad leader (x3), and weapons squad leader.

Note: The tank platoon (ABCT) leaders are the platoon leader, platoon sergeant, and tank commander (x2).

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

Note: The MGS platoon (SBCT) leaders are the platoon leader, platoon sergeant, and vehicle commander (x2).

Note: The anti-armor platoon (SBCT) leaders are the platoon leader, the platoon sergeant, and squad leader.

Live Fire: LFX
### Objective Task Evaluation Criteria Matrix:

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Remarks: None

Notes: None

Safety Risk: High

**Task Statements**

**Cue:** The platoon receives an OPORD to conduct ABF.
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, and imagery intelligence teams, including unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and unattended ground sensors (UGS).

+ 2. The platoon leader receives the mission to conduct an attack by fire 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 ABF positions.
      (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:
      (1) Plans and identifies decisive and shaping operations or main and supporting efforts by phase.
      (2) Plans the employment of available weapons systems.
      (3) Develops a scheme of maneuver that destroys or defeats enemy forces to include:
         (a) Develops actions on contact with the enemy forces after crossing the line of departure (LD).
         (b) Identifies required mobility tasks throughout the operation.
         (c) Identifies required countermobility tasks throughout the operation.
      (4) Determines organization of forces for the ABF.
      (5) Plans and conducts reconnaissance as follows:
         Note: The platoon may combine this reconnaissance with the leader's reconnaissance efforts in the execution phase to mitigate hindering the operation's tempo.
         (a) Employs reconnaissance and security elements as early as possible to support the following information requirements:
            _1_ Identifies locations of ABF positions both primary and alternate and sectors of fire or engagement area (EA).
            _2_ Identifies locations of likely enemy avenues of approach (AA) or axis of advance.
            _3_ Identifies locations of unobserved or cover and concealed routes to and from the ABF positions.
            _4_ Identifies locations of tentative target reference points (TRPs).
            _5_ Identifies locations of tentative dismount points, if required.
            (b) Uses maps, imagery, UAS, and other available capabilities.
      (6) Plans and coordinates with the company for enabling assets (engineers, scouts, medics, mortars, sustainment, UAS, and so forth) as required.
      (7) Incorporates enemy and terrain information into plans that may require the attacking unit to change its combat formation, direction of movement, movement technique, or dismount and remount point when it reaches those locations.
      (8) Develops graphic control measures such as: checkpoints, phase lines (probable lines of deployment (PLD) and limit of advance), ABF positions, direct fire control measures, and fire support coordination measures for:
         (a) Movement and maneuver.
         (b) Actions on the objective.
         (c) Direct fires throughout the operation.
         (d) Fire support throughout the operation.
      (9) Develops fire control measures to include:
         (a) Terrain-based control measures.
         (b) Threat-based control measures.
      (10) Plans direct fire and indirect fire that nests with the company's fire support plan, as follows:
         (a) Determines the task, purpose, and effect of fires.
         (b) Establishes interlocking sectors of observation and fire for each position.
         (c) Establishes weapon systems engagement priorities.
         (d) Plans and coordinates for indirect fire support.
(e) Develops and plans control measures for initiating, shifting, or ceasing direct and indirect fires.

(f) Ensures observers are positioned to adjust indirect fires if applicable.

(g) Plans to fix or neutralize bypassed enemy elements.

(h) Plans to obscure enemy observation or screen friendly maneuvers.

(i) Plans to echelon fires, as required, based on the weapons systems available.

(11) Plans protection as follows:

(a) Integrates company obstacle intelligence (OBSTINTEL) requirements into priority intelligence requirements and the reconnaissance plan.

(b) Confirms immediate unit-wide dissemination of OBSTINTEL.

(c) Coordinates for and distributes terrain visualization products for defending enemy positions and key weapons, movement and maneuver, and ABF positions.

(12) Develops the chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) protection and decontamination plan to include:

(a) Coordinates support to conduct operational decontamination.

(b) Establishes mission-oriented protective posture (MOPP) level based on threat assessment.

(c) Plans and employs organic CBRN detection kits to maximize protection across the platoon.

(d) Disseminates information regarding any detected CBRN threats or hazards.

(13) Plans sustainment for the following:

(a) Consumption and resupply of Class III, V and Class VIII supplies.

(b) Casualty evacuation (CASEVAC) and medical evacuation (MEDEVAC).

(c) Operating in a degraded communications environment.

(d) Equipment recovery and repair requirements.

(e) Resupply plan for routine, emergency and positioning sustainment assets as far forward as possible.

(14) Develops criteria and signals for disengagement.

c. The platoon leader integrates risk management throughout TLP.

Prepare

* 5. Platoon leadership takes the following preparations to conduct ABF:

a. Conducts a backbrief with the company commander prior to rehearsals, if necessary.

b. Conducts rehearsals (refer to task 07-PLT-5009, Conduct a Rehearsal) to include the following:

(1) Actions on enemy contact.

(2) Indirect fire support plan.

(3) Communication plan, to include verbal and non-verbal signals.

(4) Engagement of enemy forces based on anticipated courses of action.

(5) Passage of lines.

(6) Weapon crew drills.

c. Conducts precombat checks and inspections.

d. Supervises subordinates TLP and continues priorities of work.

e. Conducts final coordination's with adjacent units, supporting units, and company, as follows:

(1) Coordinates communication information.

(2) Coordinates ABF positions including locations of mission command systems.

(3) Coordinates routes for the ABF.

(4) Coordinates interlocking fires, to ensure that direct fire responsibility is clearly defined, if required.

(5) Coordinates fire support information.

(6) Coordinates passage of lines, if necessary.

f. Determines linkup requirements as necessary.

(g) Prepares planned protection requirements.

h. Verifies sustainment assets are positioned forward.

i. Issues fragmentary orders (FRAGORD), as necessary, to address changes to the plan identified during reconnaissance and rehearsals.

Execute

* 6. The platoon conducts ABF as follows:

a. Moves from the assembly area to the LD.

b. Gains and Maintains Contact. The platoon maneuvers from the LD to the PLD to gain and maintain contact with enemy forces by—

Note: The PLD and ABF positions can be co-located.

(1) Using appropriate movement techniques based on METT-TC.
(2) Incorporating fires to facilitate movement.
(3) Using AA that avoid strong enemy defenses.
(4) Using cover and concealment.
(5) Using indirect fires in support of movement and maneuver.

c. Platoon leadership conducts a leader’s reconnaissance, encompassing the following:

Note: The platoon may combine this reconnaissance with reconnaissance efforts in the planning phase to mitigate hindering the tempo of the operation. Use available UAS for leader's recon in lieu of moving dismounted elements close to the objective.

(1) Establishes security at the ABF positions and pinpoints the objective.
(2) Selects ABF positions that allows the platoon to engage the enemy by—
   (a) Maximizing observation and fields of fire.
   (b) Identifying key terrain that denies enemy the ability to maneuver.
   (c) Locating obstacles on the objective.
   (d) Providing adequate cover and concealment.
   (e) Covers enemy forces AA.
(3) Leaves security and surveillance elements at the ABF position to provide updates prior to occupation.
(4) Returns to the platoon's position or moves the platoon to the leader’s location.

d. The platoon leader adjusts the ABF plan, if necessary, based on updated information and issues the necessary FRAGORDs.

   e. Conducts tactical movement to the ABF position by—
      (1) Employing appropriate formations and movement techniques.
      (2) Using covered and concealed routes to prevent the enemy element from engaging the platoon effectively.

   (3) Maintaining 360-degree security during movement.

f. Occupies the ABF positions by—
   (1) Conducting hasty occupation of the ABF positions.
   (2) Confirming TRPs, sectors of fire, and firing positions.
   (3) Scanning sectors of fire as designated by the platoon leader.
   (4) Providing local security or conducting overwatch.

g. Observes the designated EAs or sectors of responsibility by—
   (1) Detecting all enemy in vicinity of the EA or sector of fires.
   (2) Notifying supporting and flanking units, and company of detected enemy, as required.

h. Initiates the ABF by—
   (1) Massing direct and indirect fires to destroy, suppress, fix, or deceive the enemy.
   (2) Maneuvering to alternate positions to maintain effective fires on the enemy or to maintain survivability.

   (3) Shifting, refocusing, and distributing direct and indirect fires to destroy the enemy.

   i. The platoon leader directs the ABF until all enemy elements are destroyed, fixed, suppressed, deceived, or neutralized by—
      (1) Shifting fires to suppress or destroy threats or enemy positions.
      (2) Ceasing or shifting fires to facilitate the movement of friendly elements or when target effects are achieved.

Assess

* 7. The platoon leader conducts a follow through, reinforces, and supports success of the ABF by—
   a. Continuously monitoring the situation to collect relevant information.
   b. Evaluating progress toward attaining end-state conditions, achieving objectives, and performing tasks, as necessary.
   c. Directing adjustments to ensure that operations remain aligned with the commander's guidance.
   d. Receiving updates on the location and status of all elements, to include attachments.

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

   a. Conducts consolidation as follows:
      (1) Secures the objective by eliminating enemy resistance.
      (2) Establishes 360-degree security by securing areas that may be the source of enemy direct fires or enemy artillery observation.
      (3) Conducts additional security measures such as observation posts and patrols, if required.
      (4) Prepares for and assists the passage of follow-on forces, if required.
      (5) Conducts other necessary defensive actions to improve security including direct fire planning, battle position preparation, and EA development.
      (6) Adjusts final protective fires and registers targets along likely mounted and dismounted AA.
      (7) Protects the obstacle reduction effort, if required.
      (8) Secures enemy prisoners of war (EPW) and detainees.
   b. Conducts reorganization as follows:
(1) Provides essential medical treatment and arranges for CASEVAC and MEDEVAC, as needed.
(2) Treats and evacuates wounded EPW and detainees.
(3) Processes EPWs and detainees.
(4) Cross-levels personnel and adjusts task organization when necessary to support the next phase of mission.
(5) Conducts resupply operations, to include rearming and refueling.
(6) Redistributes ammunition and other supplies.
(7) Conducts required maintenance.
(8) Continues improvement of defensive positions, as needed.

*9. The platoon leader reports the platoon’s status and continues operations according to the order and the commander’s guidance.

+10. Live fire exercise requirements: The standards in FM 3-20.21 will be used to evaluate GO, NO-GO, and N/A criteria when the battle task is used to evaluate collective live fire proficiency. At a minimum conducts the following:
   a. Executes decisions and communicates relevant information to squads and higher HQ.
   b. Integrates direct fires and indirect fires live munitions into the ABF plan.
   c. Employs information collection assets (UAS, UGS, and so forth) to detect and direct live fire engagement of an enemy target.
   d. Employs mission-oriented protective posture equipment during the mission.
   e. Conducts CASEVAC or MEDEVAC.
   f. Integrates nonorganic assets, as required.

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**MOPP LEVEL**

Evaluated Rating per Iteration
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**MOPP 4:** Sometimes

**MOPP 4 Statement:** None
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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.