Task Number: 07-PLT-1341

Task Title: Conduct Tactical Movement - 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) or fragmentary order (FRAGORD) to conduct a mission that requires tactical movement. 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 tactical movement according to ATP 3-21.8, the order, and the commander's guidance. The platoon moves using a designated route or axis of advance, movement formations and techniques based on METT-TC. The platoon maintains all-round security during movement. The platoon complies with the ROE.

The mechanized infantry platoon (ABCT) has at least 6 of 7 (75%), rifle platoon (IBCT and SBCT) has 5 of 6 (75%), tank platoon (ABCT) has at least 3 of 4 (75%), assault platoon (IBCT) has 4 of 5 (75%), mobile gun system (MGS) platoon (SBCT) has 3 of 4 (75%), scout platoon (ABCT, IBCT and SBCT) has 5 of 6 (75%), anti-armor platoon (SBCT) has 3 of 3 (75%), and the mortar platoon (ABCT, IBCT, and SBCT) has 6 of 7 (75%) of the platoon's leaders and 80% of the Soldiers present at training against the platoon's authorized strength. The platoon attains 80% on performance measures, 100% on critical performance measures, and 85% 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 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).

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

Note: The mortar platoon (ABCT) leaders are the platoon leader, platoon sergeant, fire direction chief, and squad leader (x4).

Note: The mortar platoon (IBCT and SBCT) leaders are the platoon leader, platoon sergeant, section leader, and squad leader (x4).
**Live Fire:** No

**Objective Task Evaluation Criteria Matrix:**

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**Remarks:** None

**Notes:** None

**Safety Risk:** Low

**Task Statements**

**Cue:** The platoon receives an OPORD or FRAGORD to conduct a mission that requires tactical movement.
### 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 and unattended ground sensors. 

   + 2. The platoon leader plans to conduct tactical movement 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 route of the tactical movement.
        (2) Initial task organization.
        (3) Tentative tactical movement timeline including:
           - (a) The "no later than" movement time.
           - (b) The time of the OPORD.
        (4) Reconnaissance to initiate.
        (5) Planning and preparation instructions including planning timeline.
        (6) 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) Considers the enemy's capabilities, likely courses of action (COAs), and specific weapons capabilities.
        (2) Plans and conducts reconnaissance as follows:
           - (a) Identifies routes that provide protection from direct and indirect fires:
              - _1._ Offers concealment from ground and air.
              - _2._ Avoids skylining.
              - _3._ Avoids moving directly forward from firing positions.
              - _4._ Avoids danger areas, potential kill zones, and likely engagement areas.
              - _5._ Avoids most likely enemy avenues of approach.
           - (b) Identifies coordination points, passage points, and boundaries.
           - (c) Identifies adjacent units.
           - (d) Identifies potential danger areas.
           - (e) Plots way points on easily recognizable terrain and on significant turns on the route for ease in navigation.
           - (f) Marks tentative dismount points on digital and conventional maps as appropriate.
        (3) Plans and develops graphic control measure such as:
           - (a) Start, release, critical, and checkpoints.
           - (b) Assembly area and phase lines.
           - (c) Limited visibility markings.
           - (d) Guides, if possible.
        (4) Plans tactical movement to include:
           - (a) Selects a primary and alternate route based on METT-TC and observation and fields of fire, avenues of approach, key and decisive terrain, obstacles, cover and concealment (OAKOC).
           - (b) Selects a tentative formation (column, line, echelon, vee, and wedge) based on factors of METT-TC.
           - (c) Coordinates formation with other elements moving in the main body formation, if using a different formation than the remainder of the higher headquarters.
           - (d) Selects the tentative movement technique based on factors of METT-TC.
        (5) Plans to employ dismounted elements, if mounted, when any of the following conditions apply:
           - (a) Route leads through restrictive, urban, or rural terrain.
           - (b) Detailed reconnaissance is required.
           - (c) Enemy contact is expected or visual contact has been made.
           - (d) Stealth is required.
           - (e) Vehicle movement is restricted by terrain.
           - (f) Time is not limited.
           - (g) Security is the primary concern.
        (6) Coordinates linkup with vehicles, if dismounted.
        (7) Integrates indirect fire support for mounted and dismounted tactical movement.
(8) Identifies direct fire responsibilities.

(9) Organizes the platoon as necessary to accomplish the mission and to compensate for combat losses to include:
   (a) Location of key leaders.
   (b) Location of subordinate and supporting elements.
   (c) Location of key weapon systems.

(10) Develops a security plan.
(11) Assigns each element a sector of responsibility.
(12) Coordinates passage of lines as necessary.
(13) Addresses actions on chance contact with the enemy.
(14) The platoon leadership disseminates reports, overlays, and other pertinent information to subordinates to keep them abreast of the situation.

   c. The platoon leader integrates risk management throughout TLP.

  + 3. The platoon leader issues the OPORD.
     a. Issues clear and concise tasking to all elements.
     b. Briefs the movement plan to include:
        (1) Identifies the primary and alternate routes.
        (2) Specifies conditions under which the unit will change movement techniques and/or formations.
        (3) Designates bounding and overwatch elements based on METT-TC.
        (4) Briefs checkpoints, boundaries, and so forth.
        (5) Briefs any danger areas, likely or suspected enemy positions, engagement areas, and key terrain.

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

Prepare

* 5. Platoon leadership takes the following preparations to conduct tactical movement:
   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) Air attack.
      (3) Actions at the halt.
      (4) Near ambush.
      (5) Negotiating danger areas.
   c. Conducts precombat checks and inspections.
   d. Supervises subordinates TLP and continues preparation for movement.
   e. Finalizes coordination’s with adjacent units and for passage of lines and linkup.
   f. Refines the plan based on reports and coordination with other units.
   g. Disseminates updated reports, overlays, and other pertinent information.
   h. Issues FRAGORDs, as necessary, to address changes to the plan identified during reconnaissance and rehearsals.

Execute

6. The platoon moves to the line of departure.

+ 7. The platoon conducts tactical movement using the designated route as follows:
   a. Moves as squads or sections, as directed.
   b. Moves rapidly between covered and concealed positions or breaking contact, as the situation allows.
   c. Positions unit’s key weapons and elements so they can provide responsive fires in the event of enemy contact.
    d. Makes contact with the smallest element possible.

  + 8. The platoon moves using the appropriate formation based on METT-TC and—
    a. Selects the formation that provides the proper control, security, and speed.
    b. Adjusts formation during limited visibility to maintain visibility between vehicles, individuals, teams, and squads, and to maintain the rate of movement.

  * 9. The platoon leader positions self where they can best control and execute the desired formation and—
    a. Maintains the platoon location using map, compass, control measures, graphics, and GPS.
    b. Receives and updates the location of all platoon elements to include leading, flanking or trailing elements.

  + 10. The platoon moves using the appropriate movement technique as directed by the platoon leader and—
    a. Adjusts the movement technique to provide greater security, as the probability of enemy contact increases.
    b. Employs traveling technique, if applicable, as ordered:
Assumes correct order of march as directed by the platoon leader.

Moves in a unit column with 20 to 50 meters between elements.

Uses terrain driving techniques by individual elements to reduce exposure, if applicable.

Maintains visual contact between lead and trail elements.

Maintains unit integrity as much as possible.

Maintains areas of responsibility for observation and fire to ensure 360-degree security.

c. Employs traveling overwatch technique, if applicable, as ordered:

(1) Moves in a unit column or wedge.

(2) Positions the lead and trail elements so:
   a. Lead element moves continuously.
   b. Trailing elements stay far enough behind the lead element to avoid fire directed at the lead element.
   c. Trailing elements stay close enough so they can provide fire support or maneuver when the lead element makes contact.
   d. Trailing elements halt periodically at advantageous vantage points to provide overwatch and or base of fire for the lead element.

(3) Vehicles use terrain driving techniques to reduce exposure.

(4) Maintains 360-degree security.

d. Employs bounding overwatch technique, if applicable, as ordered:

(1) Employs alternate bounds and-
   a. Trailing element advances past the lead element to the next overwatch position.
   b. Repeats sequence of bounding past each other until the unit halts, the movement technique is changed, or the unit transitions to maneuver by conducting actions on contact.

(2) Employs successive bounds and-
   a. Trailing element moves to an overwatch position that is approximately abreast of the lead element.
   b. Repeats sequence of bounding abreast each other until the unit halts, the movement technique is changed, or the unit transitions to maneuver by conducting actions on contact.

11. The platoon maintains formation with correct interval, speed, and or lateral dispersion according to the platoon leader's guidance and the unit standard operating procedure.

12. The platoon orients weapons to provide security and maximize firepower, as necessary.

13. The platoon reacts to enemy contact, as appropriate.

+14. The platoon moves to the designated point specified in the OPORD.

Assess

*15. The platoon leader conducts a follow through, reinforces, and supports success of the tactical movement by—
   a. Continuously monitoring the movement 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 intent.
   d. Receiving updates on the location and status of all elements, to include attachments.

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

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