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I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE ORDER 3120.9 W/CH 2

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Subj: CHANGE 2 TO THE STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP) FOR I
MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNITS
(MEU) AND MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNITS (SPECIAL OPERATIONS
CAPABLE) (MEU(SOC)) (SHORT TITLE: I MEF MEU AND MEU(SOC)
SOP)

Ref: (a) Joint Pub 3-02, Joint Doctrine for Amphibious
Operations
(b) MCO 3120.9C, Policy for Marine Expeditionary Units
and Marine Expeditionary Units (Special Operations
Capable)
(c) MCO 3502.3B, MEU(SOC) Pre-Deployment Training Program
(d) USPACOM INST S3020.2L Command Relationships in U.S.
Pacific Command
(e) MARFORPACO 3120.11 Policy for Marine Expeditionary
Unit (Special Operations Capable)
(f) MCO 3000.2H, Operational Reporting
(g) MCO 3504.1, Marine Corps Lessons Learned Program
(MCLLP) and the Marine Corps Center for Lessons
Learned (MCCLL)
(h) MCO 3040.4, Marine Corps Casualty Assistance Program
(Short Title: MARCORCASASTPRO)
(i) MCO 3504.2, Operations Event/Incident Report (OPREP-
3) Reporting
(j) MCO 3000.13, Marine Corps Readiness Reporting
Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
(k) I MEFO 3040.2 Casualty and Serious Incident Reporting
Procedures
(l) Joint Policy Letter, I MEF - III MEF Coordinated
Training Plan for 31st MEU and Sourcing Units dtd
30 Jul 10
(m) CG I MEF 112103Z Sep 10, I MEF Force Management
(n) Marine Special Operations Command (MARSOC) BUL 001,
002, 003
(o) COMTHIRDFLT/CG I MEF MOA, dtd 20 April 2011

- (p) COMTHIRDFLTINST 3502.1/I MEFO 3502.1 - Amphibious Ready Group Fleet Response Training Plan and Marine Expeditionary Unit Pre-deployment Training Program Letter of Instruction w/CH1
- (q) I MEF - III MEF Coordinated Training Plan for 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and Sourcing Units
- (r) MARFORPACO 3500.9F, Training Plan Milestones
- (s) MARADMIN 535/99, Audit of Personnel Records

Encl: (1) Paragraph 5008, INTRA-DEPLOYMENT PERIOD, to Chapter 5
(2) Figure 5-1 MEU Intra-deployment Period, to Chapter 5
(3) Figure 5-2 MEU Intra-deployment Period, to Chapter 5
(4) Appendix B2, pages B-2-4 to B-2-8, GCE Troop List

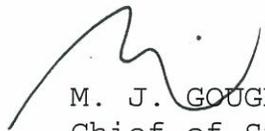
1. Purpose. To direct pen changes to the basic order.
2. Background. Pertinent changes to schedules and policy have occurred that require changes to the basic order.
3. Summary. CG I MEF has approved the following description of I MEF MEU's intra-deployment period and the associated activities associated with that time period. Implementation begins immediately.

CG I MEF requires that during this intra-deployment period, commonly called the "off-cycle time" with the effected MEU the "off cycle MEU," and specifically the period from decompositing to compositing that the MEU accomplish a number of objectives. These objectives include MEU CE dwell, MEU CE personnel and equipment reset and reconstitution, MEU CE assistance with contingency manning of 1st MEB or I MEF (FWD), MEU CE participation in Phase O activities, primarily TSC events and exercises; MEU CE training and preparations to act as a MAGTF headquarters for crisis response or other undertakings. It is incumbent that the activities scheduled for this period balance the MEU CE's reset from deployment and the need for specific CE training necessary to meet I MEF requirements that require a MEU CE. These requirements encompass a variety of taskings that capitalize on MEU CE capabilities as the nucleus of a standing MAGTF headquarters.

4. Action. Effective immediately, make the following changes to the basic order.

- a. Chapter 2, paragraph 2000 1.a.(1), replace the word "excepted" with the words "Operating Forces."

- b. Chapter 2, paragraph 2000 2.a., replace the word "excepted" with the words "Operating Forces."
 - c. Chapter 5, add paragraph 5008, "Intra-deployment Period," enclosure (1).
 - d. Chapter 5, add Figure 5-1, "MEU Intra-deployment Period," enclosure (2).
 - e. Chapter 5, add Figure 5-2, "MEU Intra-deployment Period Alternate Graphic," enclosure 2.
 - f. Appendix B2, delete current pages B-2-4 and B-2-5, replace with new pages B-2-4 through B-2-8 and renumber subsequent pages, enclosure (3).
5. File this change immediately behind the signature page of the basic order.



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5008. INTRA-DEPLOYMENT PERIOD.

1. I MEF MEU's deployment cycles are set by a Department of Defense, Joint Staff administered Global Force Management (GFM) process. The Navy response for the successful fulfillment of GFM tasking was to develop a Fleet Response Training Plan (FRTP) for amphibious squadrons and ships that at the time of this writing is a "seven month deployment within a 27 month cycle" or 7/27. The number of Navy amphibious squadrons and Marine Corps MEU's are equal and aligned. Consequently, the MEU CE intra-deployment period, e.g. the time period from the return from deployment, relinquishment of Global Response Force (GRF) duties, decompositing of the MEU to the compositing of the MEU for PTP and the next deployment, is aligned to the Navy FRTP cycle (7/27). It should be noted that the intra-deployment period does not include the MEUs next PTP period.

2. CG I MEF requires that during this intra-deployment period, commonly called the "off-cycle time" and specifically the period from decompositing to compositing that the MEU accomplishes a number of objectives. These objectives include MEU CE post deployment period (dwell), MEU CE personnel and equipment reset and reconstitution, MEU CE assistance with contingency manning of 1st MEB or I MEF (FWD), MEU CE participation in Phase 0 activities, primarily TSC events and exercises; MEU CE training and preparations to act as a MAGTF headquarters for crisis response or other undertakings; and MEU CE individual and collective training such as WTI, MCTOG, Fires instruction and others. It is incumbent that the activities scheduled for this period balance the MEU CE's reset from deployment and the need for specific CE training necessary to meet I MEF requirements that require a MEU CE. These requirements encompass a variety of taskings that capitalize on MEU CE capabilities as the nucleus of a standing MAGTF headquarters.

3. I MEF G-3, in concert with the respective MEU CE, shall develop a proposed intra-deployment activity schedule, based on the intra-deployment template contained in paragraph 5008.4., and shall execute the scheduled activities per the CG I MEF Campaign Plan and its associated fragmentary orders. The development of this schedule will usually occur during the latter half of the MEU's current deployment. I MEF G-3 shall collect and present proposed MEF CE generated activities. The MEU CE shall collect and present proposed activities. I MEF G-3 shall reconcile, conduct a leveling brief with the MEU CE upon return from deployment and publish the collated intra-deployment schedule. It is understood that this schedule is subject to

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change, particularly should an event arise that is of significant and material benefit to the MEU CE or I MEF

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4. Intra-Deployment Period Template. Using a 7/27 cycle, which includes six months of PTP, seven months of deployment plus 30 days after return from deployment, the intra-deployment period is 13 months. However, the historical record has shown that the intra-deployment period can be longer, up to 17 months, because of frequent GFM schedule changes for naval forces. For the purposes of this template, the intra-deployment period will be 15 months (450 days), from R+30 to R+480/E-180.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
R-90	Development of the draft MEU intra-deployment schedule
R+0	Return to Home Port (RTHP)
R+30/E-620	Relinquishment of Global Response Force (GRF) duties
R+30/E-620	Decompositing of the MEU
E-620 to E-410	MEU CE post-deployment
E-620 to E-410	MEU CE personnel turnover and equipment maintenance
E-620 to E-360	Select MEU CE personnel designated as 1st MEB CE or I MEF (FWD) augmentees
E-620 to E-410	MEU CE conducts CGIP and other inspection activities
E-620 to E-530	MEU CE participates in designated exercise, response and TSC activities focused on small teams and select skills
E-530 to E-270	MEU CE available for tasking as crisis response MAGTF HQ.
E-530 to E-270	MEU CE participates in designated exercise, response and TSC activities as a cohesive command element
E-530 to E-180	MEU CE conducts staff development, orders review and revision, MEU Smartbook revision and update, STAFFEXs, CPX's, COMMEX's, PDSS', live/virtual/constructive (L/V/C) simulated/synthetic events, informal coordination with partnered PHIBRON, ships' tours and other maturation activities
E-360	MEU CE reports for planning to MARFORPAC for next Deployment
E-360	Select MEU CE personnel designated as 1st MEB CE or I MEF (FWD) augmentees are relieved of assignment

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E-270 to E-180 Coordination for and participation in USSOCOM sponsored TTX's and initial coordination with assigned SOF Liaison Element (SOFLE)
 E-220 Select SOTG courses for MEU personnel commence
 NLT E-180 MSCs conduct MCCRE for MEU MSEs
 E-180 Compositing of the MEU for PTP and deployment

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5. Intra-deployment Command Element Manpower Considerations.

The MEU CE experiences a significant loss of personnel that begins with return from deployment and accelerates once GRF responsibilities have been relinquished. Most significant manpower losses are from R+30/E-620 to E-440 (a six month period) and again during the next summer move period, which may or may not fall within the E-620 to E-440 window. Per paragraph 2000, MEUs are Operating Forces commands and will be staffed by DC Manpower per established guidelines, however, off-cycle MEU staffing is frequently below T/O. It is important to note that a MEU CE with its authorized augments and enablers required for deployment numbers about 240 personnel and that the same off-cycle MEU CE manning is a T/O of 84 with only a very few authorized augments/enablers.

a. The practical effect of the manpower process for the MEU CE is that during the personnel drawdown/buildup period of E-620 to E-410 the MEU CE will have varying levels of capability for some of its intra-deployment activities. For example, if tasked as a crisis response MAGTF HQ when key members or significant numbers of the CE are in transition (e.g., outbound Marines have departed and inbound Marines have not reported), personnel augmentation from outside the MEU CE may be necessary. The I MEF CE will coordinate closely with the MEU to ensure appropriate manning in the event of these occurrences.

b. In general, manning will dictate the capability of the CE for assigned events. Immediately after return from deployment, the MEU CE is able to provide select augmentees, small teams and subject matter experts (SMEs). It can act as a SPMAGTF, crisis response or TSC CE with manpower augmentation. As manpower builds and key billets are filled, the CE is able to act as a SPMAGTF, crisis response or TSC CE without manpower augmentation.

Enclosure (1)

MEU Intra-deployment Period (15 months)

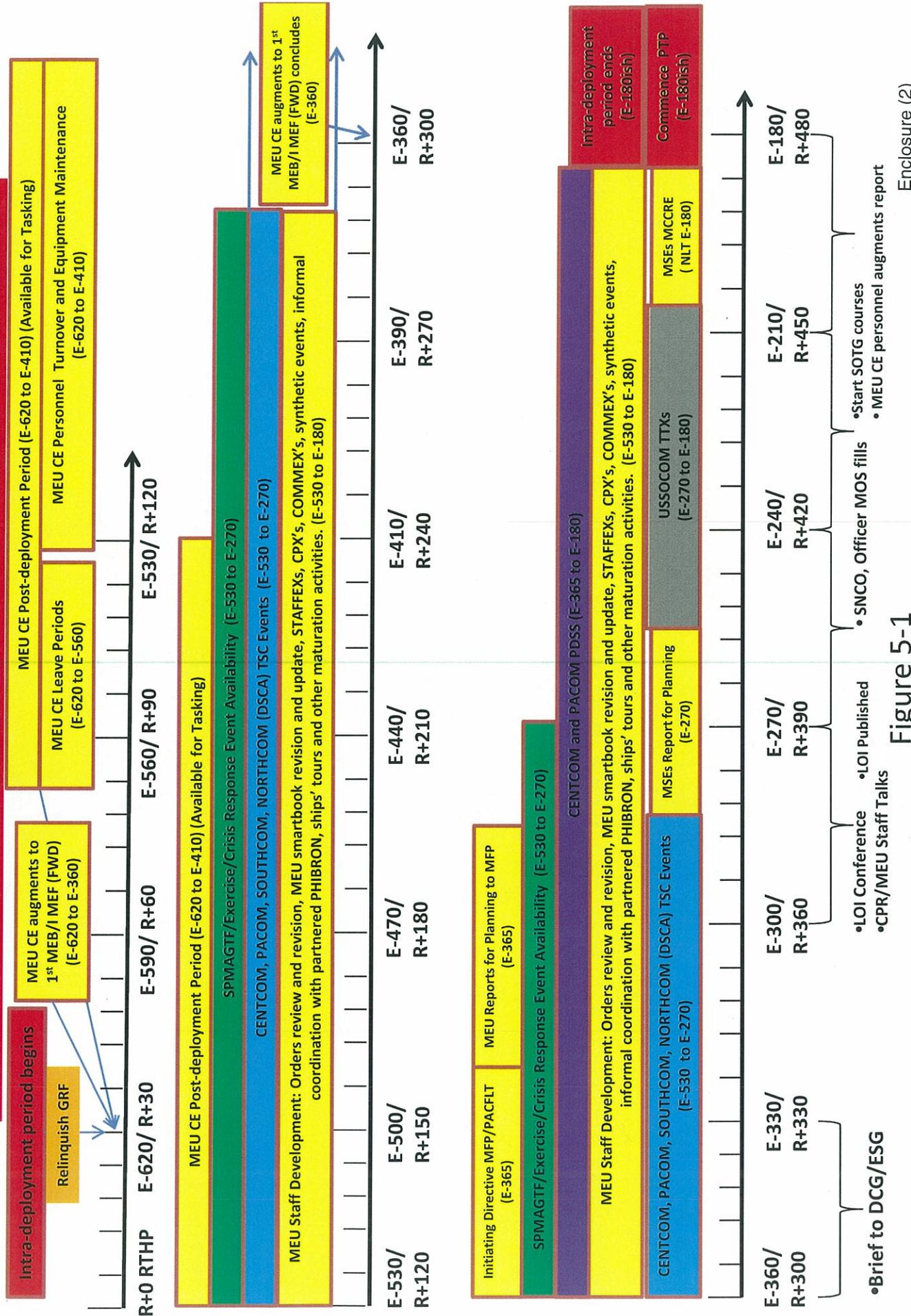
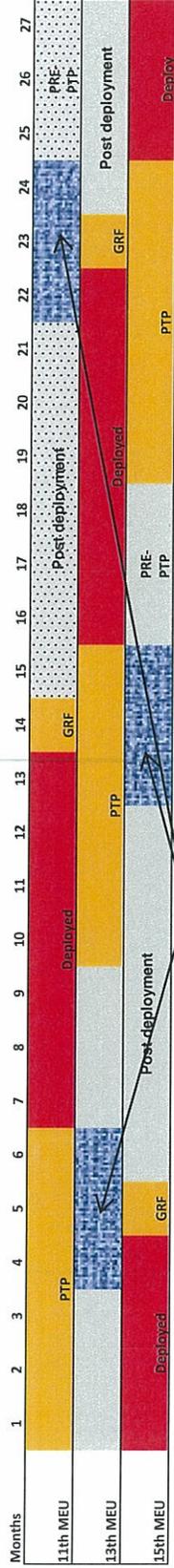


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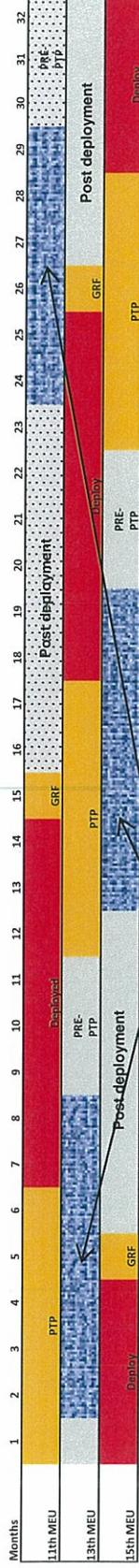
MEU CE Intra-Deployment Availability Different Deployment Cycles

7/27 Month MEU Cycle (6 Months PTP, 7 Months Deployed, 13 Months "Off-Cycle")



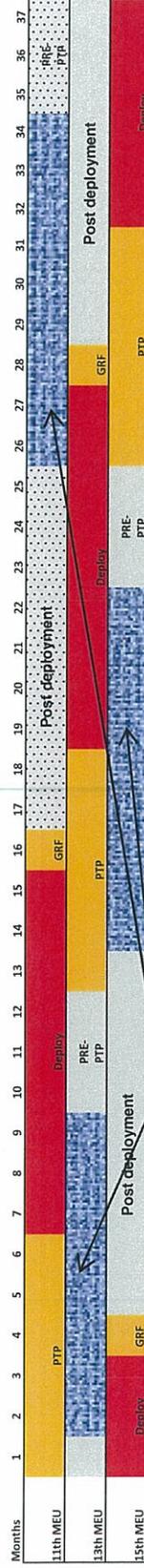
MEU CE available for tasking (AFT) (3 months)

8/32 Month MEU Cycle (6 Months PTP, 8 Months Deployment, 17 Months "Off-Cycle")



MEU CE available for tasking (AFT) (7 months)

9/37 Month MEU Cycle (6 Months PTP, 9 Months Deploy, 21 Months "Off-Cycle")



MEU CE available for tasking (AFT) (9 months)

***ARG/MEU cycles = Length of Deployment (months)/Total Cycle Time (months)
Total Cycle Time includes: PTP, Deployment, GRF, Off-Cycle (including post-deployment) and Stabilization prior to PTP**

Figure 5-2

Appendix B2

1st Reconnaissance Battalion

MEU Reconnaissance Company (-) Detachment

Billet Description	Alpha Grade	BMOS ASD1 ASD2	PMOS	BRN	TYP
MEU RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY					
COMPANY HEADQUARTERS					
COMPANY COMMANDER	CAPT	0307 8026N	0203/0302	M	O
COMPANY XO	CAPT	0307 8026D	0203/0302	M	O
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT	1STSGT	8999 8026D	8999	M	E
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER	1STLT/CAPT	0307 8026D	0203	M	O
INTELLIGENCE ANALYST	CPL/SGT	0231	0231	M	E
INTELLIGENCE ANALYST	LCPL/CPL	0231	0231	M	E
OPERATIONS CHIEF	MSGT	0321 0326D 8002D	0321	M	E
ASST OPERATIONS CHIEF	GYSGT	0321 0326D 8002D	0321	M	E
COMMUNICATIONS CHIEF	SSGT	0629 8026D	0629	M	E
DATA NCO	CPL	0651	0651	M	E
OPERATIONS/INTELLIGENCE NCO	CPL/SGT	0321 0326D	0321	M	E
OPERATIONS/INTELLIGENCE NCO	CPL/SGT	0321 0326D	0321	M	E
RIGGER	SGT	0451	0451	M	E
RIGGER	CPL	0451	0451	M	E
BOAT MECHANIC	LCPL/CPL	1342	1341	M	E
FMF RECON HM	HM1	8427N 8403D	8404	N	E
1ST RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON					

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS					
PLATOON COMMANDER	1STLT/CAPT	0307 8026D	0203/0302	M	O
PLATOON SERGEANT	GYSGT	0321 0326D	0321	M	E
ASST PLATOON SERGEANT SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	SSGT	0321 8026D 8002D	0321	M	E
RADIO OPERATOR	SGT/SSGT	0621 0629D 8026D	0621	M	E
FMF RECON HM	HM2	8427	8404	N	E
RECONNAISSANCE TEAM					
RECON TEAM LEADER	SGT/SSGT	0321 0326D	0321	M	E
ASST TEAM LEADER	SGT	0321 8002D 0326D	0321	M	E
FIELD RADIO OPERATOR	SGT	0321 0326D	0321	M	E
ASST FIELD RADIO OPERATOR	CPL/SGT	0321 0326D	0321	M	E
RECON MAN	CPL/SGT	0321 0317D 0326D	0321	M	E
RECON MAN	CPL/SGT	0321 0317D 0326D	0321	M	E
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RECONNAISSANCE TEAM					
RECON TEAM LEADER	SGT/SSGT	0321 0326D	0321	M	E
ASST TEAM LEADER	SGT	0321 8002D 0326D	0321	M	E
FIELD RADIO OPERATOR	SGT	0321 0326D	0321	M	E

ASST FIELD RADIO OPERATOR	CPL/SGT	0321 0326D	0321	M	E
RECON MAN	CPL/SGT	0321 0317D 0326D	0321	M	E
RECON MAN	CPL/SGT	0321 0317D 0326D	0321	M	E
RECON MAN	LPCL/CPL	0321 0326D	0321	M	E
RECON MAN	LCPL/CPL	0321 0326D	0321	M	E
RECONNAISSANCE TEAM					
RECON TEAM LEADER	SGT/SSGT	0321 0326D	0321	M	E
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RECON MAN	LCPL/CPL	0321 0326D	0321	M	E
RECON MAN	LCPL/CPL	0321 0326D	0321	M	E
2D RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON					
PLATOON HEADQUARTERS					
PLATOON COMMANDER	1STLT/CAPT	0307 8026D	0203/0302	M	O
PLATOON SERGEANT	GYSGT	0321 0326D	0321	M	E
ASST PLATOON SERGEANT SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	SSGT	0321 8002D 8026D	0321	M	E

RADIO OPERATOR	SGT/SSGT	0621 0629D 8026D	0621	M	E
FMF RECON HM	HM2	8427	8404	N	E
RECONNAISSANCE TEAM					
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