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**Charlie Company 1-13 IN**

**Fort Jackson, SC**

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**OPERATION ORDER 23-04 (UNCLASSIFIED)**

**(U) References:**

TC 3-21.76 Ranger Handbook

ATP 3-21.8 Infantry Platoon and Squad

**(U) Time Zone Used Throughout the OPORD:** Romeo (US Eastern Time)

**(U) Task Organization:**

**(U) Situation.** Three days ago, Olvana surprised Belesia by landing the 841st amphibious brigade on Sibuyan Island and capturing Sibuyan City. This brigade must consolidate their gains and hold a beachhead so that follow-on forces can land and become established. US Forces were rapidly deployed to Sibuyan Island to deny Olvanan forces freedom of movement and contest their invasion. Forces are currently postured to the east and will soon conduct an approach march to an unimproved airstrip east of Sibuyan City, which is the only location planes can land on that part of the island. Additional Olvanan and US Forces are both postured to deploy to Sibuyan Island over the next few days. The ability to land those reinforcements is a critical capability. Currently, the Olvanan’s control the seaport and the US the airfield, decisive to this operation will be the control of those pieces of key terrain.

1. (U) Area of Interest. AI is the area west of Sibuyan City. The northern boundary is MSR 77. The southern boundary ASR Trainfire. The eastern boundary is MSR Wildcat. The western boundary is ASR Jenkins.
2. (U) Area of Operations. The northern boundary is the 71st northing. The southern boundary is the 70th northing. The eastern boundary is MSR Wildcat. The western boundary is ASR 6th Division.
   1. (U) Terrain Analysis.
      1. *Obstacles.* Natural obstacles such as downed trees, stumps, and thick vegetation provide limited opportunities to disrupt movement. Forces can utilize natural vegetation to camouflage obstacles and turn elements. Water obstacles in the AO are minimal but there is a swamp to our north with heavy brush and impassible terrain providing natural defense to our NE Flank. AO Cutthroat is located in a sparsely wooded area which will prevent vehicle travel to established ASRs and MSRs. This will impact both friendly and enemy forces. Fallen branches and trees limit maneuverability for both mounted and dismounted forces. In the wood line visibility is reduced to approximately 300m during daytime hours and 150m during hours of limited visibility. Small villages are present throughout the AO populated by civilians known to be friendly to US Forces. Minor disturbances have arisen from digging on sites deemed by civilians to be sacred grounds.
      2. *Avenues of Approach.* Terrain is generally flat with approximately 70m elevation change over 8km movement which will not affect travel by mounted or dismounted troops. Improved roads are paved with concrete/asphalt and are conducive to moving in CO size or less staggered column formations by foot and will support wheeled vehicles. Unimproved roads have been reinforced with gravel and are also able to be utilized for CO movements and can support wheeled vehicles. Buildings in cantonment area will canalize friendly forces providing enemy with significant and frequent opportunities to emplace ambush sites. Traveling on firebreaks will slow movements and further canalize friendly forces. The primary MSRs are Dixie and Wildcat.
      3. *Key Terrain.* K1 is the intersection of MSR Wildcat and ASR Braves. This piece of terrain is decisive because it provides forces with a high speed avenue of approach into AO Cutthroat. K2 is the concrete pad and latrines centrally located in AO Cutthroat. This is decisive because it is a reinforced staging area and supports major reconsolidation efforts. K3 is the intersection of MSR Wildcat and ASR Enon. This piece of terrain is decisive because it provides the only entry into AO Cutthroat for enemy vehicles from the east.
      4. *Observation and Fields of Fire.* Terrain is generally flat with some sudden and steep variations. AO Cutthroat will provide forces oriented Northeast approximately 200m visibility during daylight hours and 100m during hours of limited visibility as terrain slopes from South to North. Fields of fire are restricted by downed branches and sloping terrain but allow for 360° security in the AO.  The sudden and drastic changes in terrain provide enemy and friendly forces with intervisibility lines supporting reconnaissance elements which will be mitigated by R&S Patrols.
      5. *Cover and Concealment.* Trees in the AO are approximately .5-1 m in diameter and provide overhead concealment and some cover. Small ground vegetation in the AO is sparse and will require camo and digging to provide adequate cover and concealment.
   2. (U) Weather Analysis. The weather effects will be of minimal impact to the operation. The rainy fall period from September to October may result in localized flooding. Low areas may experience pooling and reduce suitability for assembly areas. Expect average daily highs in the upper 70s and a nighttime low in the 50s. Winds are generally towards the northwest at 13km/h with gusts up to 33km/h. The three largest weather impacts are temperature, precipitation and illumination. High temperatures will favor the defense, due to dismounted forces needing adequate rest when traveling. Precipitation will not impact travel along hardball roads, but will degrade unimproved roads and trails, the most likely method of travel for dismount and mounted movement. Additionally, precipitation will degrade cleanliness and overall of effectiveness of small arms weapons systems. High illumination favors enemy forces.
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Low – 65°F High – 84°F  
Chance of Precipitation – 7%  
BMNT – 0719   
EENT – 1907

Illum – 92%

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Low – 61°F High – 84°F

Chance of Precipitation – 8%

BMNT – 0719

EENT – 1905

Illum – 59%

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Low – 63°F High – 80°F

Chance of Precipitation – 15%

BMNT – 0720

EENT – 1904

Illum – 75%

1. (U) Enemy Forces.
   1. 2 Levels Up.
      1. BDE Mission. TBP.
   2. 1 Level Up.
      1. BN Mission. TBP.
   3. Composition, Disposition, and Strength. The Olvanan 1st amphibious battalion comprises of three mechanized infantry companies and a headquarters section. Additionally, they have maintenance, signal, ADA, mortar, and reconnaissance assets. The battalion saw minimal casualties during the seizure of Sibuyan City and is consolidated with the 841st amphibious BDE. Olvanan forces in the area are currently at 75% percent strength.
   4. Capabilities. The equipment and weapons of Olvana largely reflect a peer capability throughout. They possess the equipment to operate in all terrain with the ability to conduct successful day and night operations.
   5. Recent Activities. Recent reports show that elements of A Company 1st Amphibious Battalion are conducting patrols and emplacing observation posts throughout AO Cutthroat IOT disrupt and recon friendly forces.
   6. MPCOA. 1st BN elements conduct intermittent disrupting patrols ensuring to not decisively engage with friendly forces.
   7. MDCOA. 1st BN elements decisively engage C/1-13 in AO Cutthroat.
2. (U) Friendly Forces.
   1. (U) Higher Headquarters Mission and Intent.
      1. (U) Higher Headquarters Two Levels Up. 193rd Infantry Brigade
         1. (U) Mission. 193rd Infantry Brigade defends in AO Bayonet NLT 02OCT23 to retain key terrain 2 (airfield). O/O the 193rd will attack to disrupt Olvanan forces.
         2. (U) Commander’s Intent.
            1. (U) Purpose: The 193rd will set conditions in AO Bayonet by retaining key terrain 2 and disrupting Olvanan forces, enabling the 165th (Division DO) to build combat power for a counterattack of Olvanan forces, leading to their defeat.
            2. (U) Key Tasks:

Retain key terrain 2 (airfield), thereby denying it to the enemy

Block ENY AoA to key terrain 2 (airfield)

O/O Attack to disrupt Olvanan forces in AO Bayonet

* + - * 1. (U) End State: 193rd IN BDE retains key terrain 2 (airfield) until 8th ID has fully deployed to AO Pathfinder and is capable of immediately conducting offensive operations either independently or ISO the 165th IN BDE.
    1. (U) Higher Headquarters. 1-13th Infantry Battalion
       1. (U) Mission. 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment defends to control AO VICKSBURG NLT 02OCT23 IOT prevent envelopment of key terrain 2 (airfield) from the south. O/O, 1-13 will transition to offensive operations to disrupt Olvanan forces.
       2. (U) Commander’s Intent.
          1. (U) Purpose: Defends to control AO VICKSBURG IOT prevent 2-60 (BDE DO) from being enveloped from the south. Should that occur, the airfield, even if retained by friendly forces, would become unusable due to enemy proximity, the BDE rear area would be exposed and the maneuver battalions of the BDE would become geographically separated into northern and southern groups and would be unable to support one-another.
          2. (U) Key Tasks:

Block Olvanan access to key terrain 2 from the N (AO VICKSBURG)

Reserve sufficient combat power to enable rapid transition to offensive operations.

* + - * 1. (U) End State: 1-13 controls AO VICKSBURG with no less than 90% combat power and enemy forces are unable to penetrate the 13th Easting. LOC within AO Vicksburg are serviceable and free of enemy control.
  1. (U) Missions of Adjacent Units.
     1. A/1-13: task is to defend along PL Spades IOT control AO Aces.
     2. B/1-13: task is to defend along PL Bounty Hunter IOT control AO Blade.
     3. D/1-13: task is to defend along PL Arthur IOT control AO Patsy.
     4. E/1-13: task is to defend along PL Eagle IOT control AO Freedom.

1. **(U) Mission.** *Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment defends Enon Rd IOT control AO Cutthroat NLT 041700OCT2023. O/O C/1-13 will transition to offensive operations.*
2. **(U) Execution.**
3. (U) Commander’s Intent:
   1. (U) Expanded Purpose: We are the BN decisive effort. C Co defends to control Enon Rd IOT prevent enemy forces from advancing into AO Cutthroat and occupying which would allow enemy forces to gain an advantage in the BN’s AO. This would also cause C Co to be separated from the BN. C Co will set conditions for AO Cutthroat to be handed over to friendly forces.
   2. (U) Key Tasks:
      1. Establish CP NLT 041200OCT2023 IOT ensure communication assets are operational at 17S NT 1250 7024
      2. Establish area defense bisecting Enon Rd NLT 041700OCT2023
      3. BPT to execute a counterattack
   3. (U) End State: C Co has established an area defense, maintaining combat power at 90% and is prepared for offense operations. All enemy Ops have been eliminated in the area and no enemy has penetrated west of MSR Wildcat. Enon Rd is secured and impassible to enemy forces and civilian structures remain intact.
4. (U) Concept of Operations. This will be a 5-phase operation. Following the establishment of the BN TOC, the company will move to ORP Ricky Bobby to prepare for movement into AO Cutthroat. After the companies infills and the CP is established, the company will move into defensive operations. 3rd is the decisive operation, with 2nd and 4th being SO 1 and 2 and 1st being in support. HQ will provide support for resupply, C2, and maintenance operations for the company.
5. (U) Scheme of Movement and Maneuver.
   1. **Phase 1 Preparation**. Mission prep, PCC/PCI, Actions on RXL, TASC Draw, MRE Draw. This phase will begin upon receipt of this order and will end with the completion of PCC/PCIs NLT 040515OCT2023. Critical to this phase is adhering to RXL and prep timelines IOT ensure infill is conducted on time.
   2. **Phase 2 Movement***.*Tactical foot movement from FOB Vicksburg to ORP Ricky Bobby. This Phase will begin upon completion of PCC/PCIs and end with the establishment of Co ORP within AO Cutthroat. Critical to this phase is tactical FPOL at Victory Tower, maintaining security posture throughout the movement and all halts, and establishing ORP.
   3. **Phase 3-A Infil/Establishing Defense.**Establishment of defense, collection of PIRs, CCIRs reporting. This phase will begin upon establishment of ORP Ricky Bobby and ends once last defensive positions are in place. Platoons will report on any CCIRs during this time. Critical to this phase is ensuring that sectors of fire are established and defense is set in a timely manner.
   4. **Phase 3-B Patrols/Offense.**Transition to offensive operations, reporting. This phase begins upon receipt of FRAGO to conduct R&S Patrols on Olvanan Ops in the area and ends once enemy forces have been eliminated in the AO. Assumptions during this phase are that Olvanan forces will cross MSR Wildcat in 2-3 man teams to conduct recon on Enon Rd and our security weakpoints. Upon receipt of FRAGO, platoons will posture for attack. Critical to this phase is preserving combat power during phase 2 and execution of FRAGO.
   5. **Phase 4 Search and Reconnaissance.** O/O from BN FRAGO, C Co will move east into the city of Sibuyan IOT search for enemy weapons caches. This phase begins upon receipt of FRAGO for a follow-on mission and ends once all caches have been located and company is consolidated for exfil back to FOB Vicksburg. Critical to this phase is to mitigate friendly casualties, locate and report all suspected supply caches, and conduct a clean exfil with all personnel and equipment accounted for.
   6. **Phase 5 Exvil and Recovery.** This phase begins once company is consolidated for exvil and ends once all recovery tasks have been completed at FOB Vicksburg. Critical to this phase is accountability of all MWE, cleaning and reset of gear for follow on missions.
6. (U) Tasks to Subordinate Units.
   1. 1st PLT:
      1. Phase 1: ME- Ensure all company gear is loaded and prepped for INFIL, TASC Draw, PLT RXL for actions on, PCC/PCIs of personnel
      2. Phase 2: ME- control pace and checkpoints for foot movement
      3. Phase 3: SE3- Provide support for defensive line, establish CP in vic of 17S NT 1250 7024, establish reserve positions in vic of 17S NT 1261 7036, conduct RIP with 3rd PLT, Conduct R&S patrols to eliminate enemy OPs from AO Cutthroat
      4. Phase 4: Conduct search and recon in 5 man teams to locate enemy supply caches and consolidate for exvil to FOB Vicksburg
      5. Phase 5: ME- Ensure accountability of all equipment, track and report completion of recovery tasks to Co HQ
   2. 2nd PLT:
      1. Phase 1: SE3- PLT RXL for actions on, PCC/PCIs of personnel
      2. Phase 2: SE1- Ensure tactical movement of platoon into AO
      3. Phase 3: SE2- Establish southern flank of defensive line, interlock fires with 3rd platoon and D/1-13, Conduct R&S patrols to eliminate enemy OPs from AO Cutthroat
      4. Phase 4: Conduct search and recon in 5 man teams to locate enemy supply caches and consolidate for exvil to FOB Vicksburg
      5. Phase 5: SE- Ensure accountability of all equipment, completion of all recovery tasks
   3. 3rd PLT:
      1. Phase 1: SE2- PLT RXL for actions on, PCC/PCIs of personnel
      2. Phase 2: SE3- Ensure tactical movement of platoon into AO
      3. Phase 3: ME- Establish Company defensive line bisecting Enon Rd, interlock fires with 4/C/1-13 and 2/C/1-13, Conduct R&S patrols to eliminate enemy OPs from AO Cutthroat, RIP with 1st PLT and assume support tasks
      4. Phase 4: Conduct search and recon in 5 man teams to locate enemy supply caches and consolidate for exvil to FOB Vicksburg
      5. Phase 5: SE- Ensure accountability of all equipment, completion of all recovery tasks
   4. 4th PLT:
      1. Phase 1: SE1- PLT RXL for actions on, PCC/PCIs of personnel
      2. Phase 2: SE2- Ensure tactical movement of platoon into AO
      3. Phase 3: ME2- Establish Company defensive line bisecting Enon Rd, interlock fires with 3/C/1-13 and B/1-13, Conduct R&S patrols to eliminate enemy OPs from AO Cutthroat, RIP with 1st PLT and assume support tasks
      4. Phase 4: Conduct search and recon in 5 man teams to locate enemy supply caches and consolidate for exvil to FOB Vicksburg
      5. Phase 5: SE- Ensure accountability of all equipment, completion of all recovery tasks
7. (U) Coordinating Instructions.
   1. Timeline:

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| **DTG** | **Task** |
| 040515OCT2023 | PCC/PCIs Complete |
| 040530OCT2023 | Movement to ORP Ricky Bobby |
| 040900OCT2023 | CO to INFIL Defense |
| 041200OCT2023 | CP Established |
| 041700OCT2023 | Defense Established |
| 050700OCT2023 | R&S Patrols initiated |
| 051700OCT2023 | R&S Patrols completed |
| 060700OCT2023 | FM to Sibuyan City |
| 061200OCT2023 | Search and Reconnaissance Complete |
| 061230OCT2023 | EXVIL to FOB Vicksburg |

1. (U) Time or condition when the OPORD becomes effective. Order effective upon receipt.
2. (U) Commander’s Critical Information Requirements.
   1. PIRs:
      1. When do elements of the 1st BN move past MSR Wildcat?
      2. What is the location of 1st BN elements?
      3. What is the location of 1st BN recon assets?
      4. Identification of CBRN assets?
   2. FFIRs:
      1. Any SQD below 90% Combat Power
      2. Damage to protected civilian structures
      3. Compromised network
   3. EEFIs:
      1. Any PLT below 90% Combat Power personnel or equipment
      2. Compromised network
      3. Location of Company Command Node
      4. Medical treatment locations (Role I & II)
3. **(U) Sustainment.**
4. (U) Logistics.
   1. Priority of Support. We are first in priority of resupply for the BN.
   2. Priority of Supply. CL IV, Water, CLI, CLIII, CLV, CLII
5. (U) Personnel. NSTR.
6. (U) Health Service Support.
   1. (U) Platoons will monitor their PAX for Heat Stress
   2. (U) Each platoon will utilize CLS personnel for minor wounds
   3. (U) Each platoon will identify a CASEVAC vehicle
7. **(U) Command and Signal*.***
8. (U) Command.
9. (U) Location of Commander and Key Leaders. During all phases key leaders are located IVO CP.
10. (U) Succession of Command. (U) CPT Parisher, 1LT Thomas, 1SG Lane
11. (U) Control.
12. (U) Command Posts. CO CP located at 17S NT 1250 7024
13. (U) Signal.
    1. Primary: LMR/Handheld radio (unit freq)
    2. Alternate: ASIP radio
    3. Contingency: Cell
    4. Emergency: Runner

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