

## Appendix B

### Sample Combat Camera Annex to Operation Order (Marine Corps)

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#### ANNEX [ ] (COMBAT CAMERA) to CG [ ] MEF Operation Order

##### REFERENCES:

- (a) DOD DIRECTIVE 5040.2
- (b) MCO P5290.4
- (c) FORO P5290.

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#### 1. (U) SITUATION.

General. The purpose of this Annex is to establish responsibilities, policies and guidance which will govern [ ] MEF Combat Camera (COMCAM) activities during (exercise/operation). [ ] MEF COMCAM will be the responsibility of the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the [ ] MEF Combat Camera (COMCAM) Unit. COMCAM support will be coordinated through the [ ] MEF G-3 and will be conducted in accordance with references (a) through (c).

- a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligent).
- b. Friendly Forces. (Note higher, adjacent, and supporting forces involved in the operation.)

#### (1) COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (ATLANTIC/PACIFIC) (CINC).

- (a) Provides COMCAM coordination, policy and guidance to subordinate commanders.

#### (2) COMMANDER, AMPHIBIOUS GROUP [ ].

(a) COMCAM matters at sea prior to D-day will be coordinated with the COMPHIBGRU [ ] Visual Information Officer.

- (b) Provides photographic laboratory support to embarked COMCAM Unit.

c. Attachments and Detachments. (If required.) (Refer to Annex A [Task Organization].)

d. Assumptions.

(1) COMCAM teams will be engaged in still and motion media documentation of all phases of the operation to include planning, preparation, embarkation and execution of the mission. The potential value and use of visual imagery necessitates a concerted effort to task, support, and obtain Combat Documentation (COMDOC). Therefore, all facets of the operation (combat, combat support, and combat service support) warrant documentation. The visual images and audio information will furnish HQMC staff, training and operation personnel and military historians with combat and doctrinal material for evaluation to facilitate development, planning and preparation of future operations.

(2) The amphibious assault on D-day is expected to require “saturated” coverage.

(3) It will be the responsibility of attached, detached and subordinate commanders to ensure that COMCAM teams are not hindered in the execution of their mission. At the same time, COMCAM teams will ensure that they do not interfere with the operation.

(4) Attached, detached and subordinate commanders will be responsible for providing logistical support to assigned COMCAM teams (to include transportation, ammunition, rations and POL, as required) during the period of their assignment.

2. (U) MISSION. The COMCAM mission is to provide timely still and motion media and audio documentation of the operation to support operational briefings, after-action reports and historical documentation, and to augment military intelligence operations, psychological operations, and civil and public affairs requirements.

3. (U) EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations.

(1) The OIC [ ] MEF COMCAM Unit will be responsible to the CG [ ] MEF for all matters concerning the planning, acquisition and utilization of COMDOC imagery and the readiness of COMCAM personnel, equipment and materials during the operation.

(2) The OIC will coordinate, direct, and supervise all COMCAM operations for the MEF under the staff cognizance of the [ ] MEF G-3. He will act as the primary liaison between all higher, adjacent and subordinate commanders and the G-3 concerning [ ] MEF COMCAM operations.

(3) COMCAM operations will begin on the execution of this OpOrder.

(4) The OIC will establish liaison with the Navy COMCAM unit, while embarked aboard shipping, for use of facilities and equipment as required.

(5) When possible, COMCAM teams will be included in the first wave of the amphibious landing or helo assault.

(6) The [ ] MEF Mobile Photographic Laboratory (MPL) will be fielded in direct support of the operation.

(7) The MPL will be located in close proximity to the MEF headquarters and have ready and reasonable access to air and ground transportation for the movement of COMCAM teams to and from assigned areas of coverage.

(8) All COMCAM personnel have a secret clearance and should be briefed on the OpOrder so they can plan effective documentation of upcoming events and engagements.

(9) COMCAM personnel will be given daily documentation assignments and tasks on the basis of prioritized coverage requirements and available assets as established by the G-3 and OIC, COMCAM Unit.

(10) The COMCAM Unit within capabilities, will process captured enemy still photography, and convert or duplicate opposing force video and audio products. They will also provide still photographic processing and printing, and video and audio editing and duplication of recorded products from MEF intelligence, civil and public affairs units.

(11) COMCAM teams will augment military intelligence operations, psychological operations, and civil and public affairs requirements, as required.

(12) Organic maintenance and repair of visual information equipment within the MPL will be conducted by COMCAM personnel.

(13) When not engaged in COMCAM operations, COMCAM personnel will be located at the MPL in order to complete processing, printing, administrative and maintenance requirements.

(14) COMCAM personnel may be assigned certain additional duties as is normal for security and routine functions of a headquarters position as directed and coordinated by the Headquarters Commandant. However, such duties should not be such as to preclude or interfere with the performance of their primary mission of combat documentation.

(15) Upon completion of the operation, the OIC, COMCAM Unit will compile an after-action report of the COMCAM operations conducted and provide, as required, copies of COMDOC products to MEF staff sections and subordinate commanders for inclusion in their after-action reports.

b. Tasks.

(1) OIC [ ] MEF COMCAM Unit.

(a) Establish the MEF MPL to support COMCAM operations and VI requirements for the MEF.

(b) Coordinate, direct and supervise MEF COMDOC operations.

(c) Keep the MEF G-3 apprised on the capabilities and readiness of COMCAM personnel, equipment and materials.

(d) Establish, with the concurrence of the MEF G-3, a prioritized list of documentation requirements.

(e) Establish close liaison with the separate staff sections to ensure full documentation of all facets of the operation.

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- (f) Establish liaison with higher and adjacent COMCAM Units to ensure effective coordination.
  - (g) Establish the COMCAM unit journal to provide a chronological record of all COMCAM activities and COMCAM operations.
  - (h) Provide the G-3 with daily briefs on COMCAM activities.
  - (i) Make COMCAM assignments daily, as required, to meet documentation requirements as established by the MEF G-3.
  - (j) Task organize COMCAM teams to meet mission requirements of COMCAM assignments.
  - (k) Ensure COMCAM teams are fully briefed on the OpOrder so they can plan documentation of upcoming events and engagements.
  - (l) Ensure COMCAM teams do not interfere with the operation during assignments.
  - (m) Task organize and assign COMCAM teams to augment military intelligence, psychological, civil and public affairs operations as directed by the [ ] MEF G-3.
- (2) HEADQUARTERS COMMAND, [ ] MEF.
- (a) Provide field equipment and ground transportation as requested in separate correspondence.
  - (b) Provide field messing and billeting support for COMCAM Unit personnel.
  - (c) Provide security and routine support to the MPL and the COMCAM Unit.
- (3) [ ] MEF COMMANDS.
- (a) Ensure COMCAM teams are not hindered in the acquisition of COMCAM while assigned to your units.
  - (b) Provide logistical support to COMCAM teams (to include transportation, ammunition, rations and POL), as required, during COMCAM assignments.
- (4) CG [ ] MAW.
- (a) Provide reasonable access to air transportation for the movement of COMCAM teams and imagery to and from COMCAM assignments.
- (5) CG [ ] FSSG.
- (a) In accordance with Annex P, provide landing support with the ship-to-shore movement of the [ ] MEF MPL.
  - (b) In accordance with Annex P, provide vehicles, generators, air conditioners and refrigeration units to augment and support the operation of the MPL.

(c) In accordance with Annex P, provide engineer support to include POL, water, and necessary construction for the MPL site.

(d) In accordance with Annex P, provide supply support with the maintenance of adequate levels of photographic materials and supplies.

(e) In accordance with Annex P, provide 3rd and 4th echelon maintenance of the MPL and organic VI equipment.

(f) Refer to Annex P, Appendix (10) for special support requirements or agreements concerning logistical support for the MPL.

**(6) MEF G-2 INTELLIGENCE.**

(a) Establish close liaison with the MEF COMCAM Unit for the processing of intelligence imagery and captured enemy VI products.

(b) Review all COMDOC imagery for possible intelligence value.

(c) Provide logistical and administrative support to COMDOC teams assigned to augment intelligence operations.

**(7) MEF G-3 OPERATIONS.**

(a) Provide [ ] MEF COMCAM policy and guidance to [ ] MEF commands.

(b) Provide to the OIC COMCAM Unit, policy and guidance to establish a prioritized list of documentation requirements.

(c) Ensure that the OIC COMCAM Unit is briefed on the operation order so that he can pre-plan and recommend effective documentation of events and engagements.

(d) Direct the augmentation of military intelligence, psychological, civil and public affairs operations as required.

**(8) MEF G-5 CIVIL AFFAIRS.**

(a) Establish liaison with the MEF COMCAM Unit for the processing of VI imagery recorded by Civil Affairs Units.

(b) Review all COMDOC imagery for possible value and use in Civil Affairs operations.

(c) Provide administrative and logistical support to COMDOC Teams assigned to augment Civil Affairs operations.

(9) MEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

(a) Establish liaison with the MEF COMCAM Unit for the processing of VI imagery recorded by Public Affairs personnel.

(b) Review all COMDOC imagery for possible value and use in Public Affairs releases.

(c) Provide administrative and logistical support to COMCAM Teams assigned to augment Public Affairs assignments.

c. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) COMCAM teams are authorized and encouraged to communicate directly with each other for coordination or mutual assistance to support COMCAM assignments. Ensure the OIC COMCAM Unit is advised of liaisons.

(2) Coordination and liaison by COMCAM Teams with units and commands involved in events or engagements requiring documentation will facilitate full cooperation and provide COMDOC personnel with the greatest opportunities for complete coverage.

4. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Administration.

(1) A COMCAM Unit Journal will be established to provide a chronological record of all COMCAM activities and COMDOC operations.

(2) All COMDOC imagery will be field slated, marked and captioned in accordance with reference (b).

(3) All COMDOC imagery will be identified, filed and forwarded in accordance with reference (b).

(4) The COMCAM Unit will establish and maintain VI and maintenance records in accordance with reference (b).

(5) Recommendations and reports will be provided and forwarded as required, in accordance with instructions and guidance established by the [ ] G-3 and higher headquarters.

(6) Personnel requirements, refer to Annex P (Combat Service Support), Appendix (1) (Concept of Combat Service Support) and Appendix (9) (Personnel) for those matters and procedures concerning assignments, replacements, services, and so forth. Assignment of Women Marines should be addressed for consideration of billeting aboard ship and in the field, and so forth.

b. Logistics. Refer to Annex P (Combat Service Support), Appendix (1) (Concept of Combat Service Support) for all matters concerning obtaining logistical support. Provide information and special instructions for logistic considerations of photographic materials, supplies and support to include power, water and disposal of chemistry.

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

- a. The [ ] MEF COMCAM Unit will be located within the Command post compound.
- b. Refer to Annex K (Communication-Electronics). Two field phones are required by the MEF COMCAM Unit.

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## COMBAT DOCUMENTATION

### 1. General.

a. Combat Documentation is performed by Combat Camera Units, organic to the MEF, which provide still photography, motion media (video or motion picture), audio documentation, photographic laboratory services, and VI equipment maintenance and repair.

b. MEF Commanders are provided Combat Camera Units to support combat documentation missions throughout the theater of operations, covering air, sea and ground actions of MEF units in combat, combat support and combat service support.

c. Combat Camera Units provide combat documentation and operational documentation of MEF units participating in related peacetime training activities, exercises, war games, disaster relief, joint operations, and such other operations and activities as directed by the MEF Commander.

d. VI Combat and Operational Documentation activities support command and Marine Corps missions, and US national objectives.

e. VI Combat Documentation operations will augment but not replace or duplicate the VI capabilities of public affairs, intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and aerial reconnaissance units.

### 2. Combat Documentation.

a. Combat Camera Teams will be engaged in still and motion media operations before day one of any operation. Documentation should begin as soon as the operational organization begins preparations for deployment. Commanders must recognize that all facets of military operations (combat, combat support, and combat service support) warrant documentation. Visual images and audio information furnish HQMC staff, training and operational personnel, and military historians with combat and doctrinal material for evaluation, developmental, and historical purposes.

b. Documentation before the battle consists of, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Documentation, when possible, of the receipt of the mission, the development and planning of the execution of the mission, and the initiation of the preparation for the mission (such as staging, loading, and embarkation).

(2) Documentation of individual preparations for the operation aboard ship or in rear areas behind the FEBA.

(3) Documentation of the loading and boarding of helicopters and or amphibious vehicles and boats aboard ship or behind the FEBA.

(4) Documentation of the movement to contact during the amphibious landing, vertical envelopment or move toward the FEBA.



c. Documentation on the battlefield must cover all facets of military operations from day one of the battle and consists of, but is not limited to, the following coverage:

(1) Employment, command and control, and offensive operations of infantry maneuver elements before, during and after the battle.

(2) Direct fire and indirect fire weapons (Dragon, TOW, mortars, 50 cal. mg) organic to the infantry unit before, during and after fire missions (such as movement to, emplacement, camouflage, ammo handling [unpacking, arming, loading], aiming, firing, displacement, and movement from).

(3) Armor in direct support of infantry units during mechanized infantry engagements or providing direct fire support during defensive operations.

(4) Employment and operations, as possible, of opposing forces before, during and after the battle to document tactics and performance during the engagement.

(5) Friendly positions before, during and after the battle (such as front and rear panoramic, camouflage, and fields of fire, and so forth).

(6) Opposing force positions, as possible, before, during and after the battle to document camouflage, construction and damage from friendly fire.

(7) Battlefield damage of friendly force equipment.

(8) Battlefield damage of opposing force equipment.

(9) Battlefield damage to indigenous property for possible use by Civil Affairs personnel.

(10) Field medical procedures of a general nature during and after the battle and as required by the field medical commander.

(11) Documentation of captured opposing force supplies, material, equipment, personnel and documents. This material may be of immediate importance to the Intelligence, Psychological Operations (PSYOP), Military Police and Public Affairs communities in formulating estimates and recommendations for the Commander.

(12) On the scene, close-in terrain analysis documentation for operational traffic supportability planning.

(13) Visual and audio documentation of initial battle engagements of new weapons, support systems and revised tactics to provide HQMC staff, local commanders and staff with combat and doctrinal material for evaluation, validation, and development.

(14) Aerial spot imagery to provide the commander with still or motion media coverage of friendly and opposing force positions to augment aerial intelligence and surveillance photography.

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d. Combat support is that direct support provided the combat maneuver elements in the execution of the mission. Documentation of combat support operations consists of, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Artillery (both towed and self-propelled) and the forward observer (FO) and his team engaged in the calling and direction of fire missions, before, during and after fire missions (such as movement to, emplacement, camouflage, ammo handling [unpacking, arming, loading], aiming, firing, displacement, and movement from).

(2) The Fire Support Coordination Center (FSCC) and Fire Direction Center (FDC) engaged in the coordination and direction of supporting arms available to the MEF.

(3) Close air support (CAS), as possible, before, during and after the mission; to include the aircraft, munitions, loading, fueling and delivery of the ordnance when possible and the Forward Air Controller (FAC) and his Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) engaged in the calling and controlling of CAS aircraft in support.

(4) Marine Air Command and Control Systems (MACCS); to include the Tactical Air Command Center (TACC), Tactical Air Direction Center (TADC), Tactical Air Operation Center (TAOC), Direct Air Support Center (DASC) and the Air Support Radar Team (ASRT) engaged in the controlling and coordination of air assets in support.

(5) Helicopters engaged in direct support of MEF units involved in vertical envelopment operations before, during and after the insertion.

(6) Armored personnel carriers Infantry (Assault Amphibian Vehicles [AAVs] and Light Armored [LAIs]) in direct support of infantry units during amphibious operations, mechanized infantry engagements or providing direct fire support during defensive operations.

(7) Combat engineer support which includes obstacle emplacement and breaching, demolition operations, tactical bridging operations, engineer reconnaissance, and so forth.

e. Combat Service Support (CSS) organizations are structured to provide varying degrees of supply, transportation, material handling, maintenance, engineer, medical and dental, and law enforcement capabilities. Combat documentation of CSS operations consists of, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Documentation of the Landing Support provided to the assault units (both surface and heliborne) during an amphibious operation.

(2) Documentation of CSS supply, transportation, and material handling which includes all types of support vehicles, handling equipment, and the myriad of supplies and material (such as ammunition, rations, spare parts, and so forth).

(3) Documentation of CSS maintenance facilities performing repairs and maintenance on battle damaged vehicles and equipment.

(4) Documentation of CSS Engineer support: such as construction, utilities, fuel handling systems, and so forth.

(5) Documentation of field medical/dental facilities established in the CSS area providing surgical, life support and follow on care, and further evacuation, for casualties evacuated from the battlefield. This includes medical care provided the indigenous civil population affected by the battle.

(6) Support of PSYOP by documentation of prisoners of war (POW); morale, welfare and condition of clothing and equipment. Also document the effect of battle on the civil population.

(7) Support of military police by documentation of:

(a) POW identification and enclosure construction.

(b) POW morale and welfare.

(c) Control procedures (towers, patrols, guards, and so forth).

(d) Plans and procedures for rear area protection, which includes camouflage discipline, fields of fire, and fighting positions.

(e) Support for investigations as required.

(8) Augmentation of public affairs units as required.

(9) Documentation of other miscellaneous CSS functions such as food service, graves registration, non-tactical communication, postal, use of indigenous civilians on CSS tasks, and so forth.