

63-2-4006

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**TASK:** Defend Convoy Elements (63-2-4006)

[\(FM 3-4\)](#) [\(FM 44-8\)](#) [\(FM 55-30\)](#)

ITERATION            1 2 3 4 5 M (circle)  
 TRAINING STATUS    T P U        (circle)

**CONDITION:** Threat forces attack the march column. The unit has analog and/or digital communications with higher HQ. The higher HQ OPORD with all annexes and overlays, unit TSOP, and higher HQ TSOP are available. The unit is conducting a tactical road march. CAS sorties and indirect fire support have been allocated, but with low priority. Pyrotechnics are available for signaling and marking locations. This task is conducted under all day or night environmental conditions. The threat is capable of launching air, NBC, and ground Level I threat forces attack. Some iterations of this task should be performed in MOPP4.




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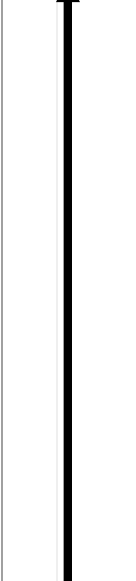
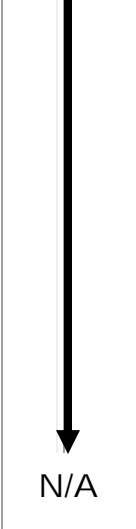
**TASK STANDARD:** Attacks are repelled by proper immediate action techniques, and march is resumed IAW TSOP and movement order. At MOPP4, performance degradation factors increase response times.


<b>TASK STEPS and PERFORMANCE MEASURES</b>	<b>GO</b>	<b>NO GO</b>
<p>*1. Convoy commander supervises reaction to sniper fire.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. Locates approximate location of sniper incident on map from convoy element reports using analog and/or digital communications or individual reports.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. Identifies whether area is a free fire zone or restricted fire zone.</p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Authorizes return fire only if sniper(s) are located.</li> <li>d. Directs march elements to increase march speed and interval between vehicles until they have cleared the area using analog and/or digital communications or visual signals.</li> <li>e. Provides instructions to follow-on convoy elements using analog and/or digital communications.</li> <li>f. Forwards incident report to higher HQ staff element using analog and/or digital communications.</li> </ul>	
<p>2. Unit takes action against sniper fire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Maintains situational awareness using analog and/or digital communications.</li> <li>b. Reports sniper fire to convoy commander immediately upon contact.</li> <li>c. Returns fire immediately that kills snipers or suppresses their fire (designated personnel only).</li> <li>d. Increases column rate of march and vehicle interval.</li> </ul>	
<p>*3. Convoy commander supervises defense against ambush, road blocked, or road not blocked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identifies location of ambush site on map with map overlay using analog and/or digital communications.</li> <li>b. Directs convoy elements under attack to employ correct protective actions as prescribed in higher HQ movement order and TSOP.</li> <li>c. Provides instructions on halt points and security requirements to all convoy elements.</li> <li>d. Forwards initial incident report to higher HQ staff element using analog and/or digital communications.</li> <li>e. Directs hardened vehicles with automatic fire capability into position to lay down concentrated fire on threat position(s).</li> <li>f. Directs the convoy elements ahead and convoy element following to organize security teams to attack flanks of threat ambush party.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>g. Maintains constant communications with all convoy elements engaging threat to immediately make adjustments to tactical situation using analog and/or digital communications.</li> <li>h. Forwards subsequent SITREP reports to higher HQ staff element as situation changes using analog and/or digital communications.</li> <li>i. Requests immediate CAS and/or indirect fire support from higher HQ staff element using analog and/or digital communications.</li> <li>j. Directs use of pyrotechnics for signaling or marking areas.</li> <li>k. Develops contingency plans to displace elements not under attack and withdraw elements under attack.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>
<p>4. Unit defends against ground ambush (road not blocked).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Reports ambush to convoy commander immediately upon contact using analog and/or digital communications.</li> <li>b. Identifies threat location(s).</li> <li>c. Returns fire immediately that kills threat and suppresses their fire (non-driving personnel).</li> <li>d. Stops vehicles (not in kill zone).</li> <li>e. Increases rate of march until out of kill zone (vehicles in kill zone).</li> <li>f. Keeps roadway clear by pushing disabled vehicles aside.</li> <li>g. Organizes security element(s) of soldiers not in kill zone (senior member present).</li> <li>h. Directs fire and maneuver of security elements to allow remaining vehicles to pass through kill zone (senior member present).</li> <li>i. Forwards SITREP to convoy commander using analog and/or digital communications.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↑ ↓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>
<p>5. Unit defends against ground attack (road blocked).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Reports ambush to convoy commander immediately upon contact.</li> <li>b. Dismounts vehicles on opposite side of direction of ambush.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↑ ↓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Returns fire immediately which kills threat or suppresses their fire (soldiers in kill zone).</li> <li>d. Takes up firing positions while awaiting orders (soldiers not in kill zone).</li> <li>e. Organizes security element(s) of soldiers not in kill zone (senior member present).</li> <li>f. Directs fire and maneuver of security elements to allow removal of roadblock (senior member present).</li> <li>g. Forwards SITREP to convoy commander using analog and/or digital communications.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>  <p>N/A</p>
<p>*6. Convoy commander requests indirect fire support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Requests fire support IAW instructions in the higher HQ movement order or TSOP using analog and/or digital communications.</li> <li>b. Identifies grid direction to threat location.</li> <li>c. Identifies threat target location using grid coordinates or shift from a known point.</li> <li>d. Transmits call for fire in proper sequence using analog and/or digital communications.</li> <li>e. Transmits fire adjustment information in proper sequence to the fire support element, if an "adjust fire" mission is required, using analog and/or digital communications.</li> <li>f. Transmits "end of mission" and surveillance report, if fire was sufficient, using analog and/or digital communications.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p> 
<p>*7. Convoy commander requests CAS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Verifies threat position(s).</li> <li>b. Requests CAS by means prescribed in higher HQ movement order using analog and/or digital communications.</li> <li>c. Supervises preparation of unit personnel for friendly strike.</li> <li>d. Directs marking of friendly unit location(s) with prescribed colored smoke.</li> </ul>	 <p>N/A</p>

<p>e. Communicates strike effectiveness to higher HQ staff element using analog and/or digital communications.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>8. Unit employs passive defense measures against air attack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provides the prescribed signal to alert column.</li> <li>b. Staggers vehicles to avoid linear patterns.</li> <li>c. Drives vehicle in shadows or wood line.</li> <li>d. Assumes firing positions.</li> <li>e. Fires only upon command.</li> <li>f. Reports all aircraft actions to higher HQ staff element using analog and/or digital communications.</li> </ul>	
<p>9. Unit employs active defense measures against air attack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Employs the prescribed signal to alert march elements.</li> <li>b. Identifies threat aircraft visually.</li> <li>c. Disperses vehicles to concealed locations.</li> <li>d. Assumes firing positions.</li> <li>e. Prepares crew-served weapons for firing.</li> <li>f. Fires weapons at attacking aircraft only if fired upon or on command.</li> </ul>	
<p>*10. Convoy commander supervises reorganization after attack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identifies status of all personnel, equipment, and cargo through convoy element reports using analog and/or digital communications.</li> <li>b. Coordinates requirements within march elements for load transfer, vehicle repairs, mortuary affairs, and medical evacuation using analog and/or digital communications.</li> <li>c. Requests emergency destruction authorization from higher HQ staff element for unrepairable items using analog and/or digital communications.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>d. Forwards SITREP to higher HQ staff element using analog and/or digital communications.</p>	
<p>11. Unit reorganizes after the attack.</p>	
<p>a. Maintains 360-degree surveillance.</p>	
<p>b. Treats casualties.</p>	
<p><b>NOTE:</b> See Task 08-2-0003.63-0001 for detailed treatment procedures.</p>	
<p>c. Reports casualties using analog and/or digital communications.</p>	
<p>d. Requests air ambulance support through convoy commander.</p>	
<p>e. Reestablishes chain of command, if necessary.</p>	
<p>f. Secures landing zone, if air ambulance is required.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>g. Evacuates casualties.</p>	
<p><b>NOTE:</b> See Task 63-2-4316 for detailed casualty evacuation procedures.</p>	
<p>h. Performs mortuary affairs functions.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>NOTE:</b> See Task 10-2-4513 for detailed mortuary affairs procedures.</p>	
<p>i. Assesses damage to vehicles and cargo to determine operability and repairability.</p>	
<p>j. Performs BDAR for recoverable vehicles.</p>	
<p>k. Removes critical items from unrecoverable vehicles.</p>	
<p>l. Requests emergency destruction of vehicles and non-medical equipment from march commander using analog and/or digital communications.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>m. Forwards SITREP to convoy commander using analog and/or digital communications.</p>	
<p>n. Reorganizes convoy elements.</p>	
<p>o. Resumes march.</p>	

NOTE \* Indicates a leader task.  
 NOTE + Indicates a critical task.

TASK PERFORMANCE SUMMARY BLOCK							
ITERATION	1	2	3	4	5	M	TOTAL
TOTAL TASK STEPS & PERFORMANCE MEASURES EVALUATED	42						42
TOTAL TASK STEPS & PERFORMANCE MEASURES "GO"							

**SUPPORTING COLLECTIVE TASKS**

[63-2-4003](#) Conduct Tactical Road March

**OPFOR TASKS AND STANDARDS**

63-OPFOR-1003 Conduct Tactical Road March

63-OPFOR-1004 Conduct Tactical Road March

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