

# Enhanced Company Operations



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# A Concept for Enhanced Company Operations

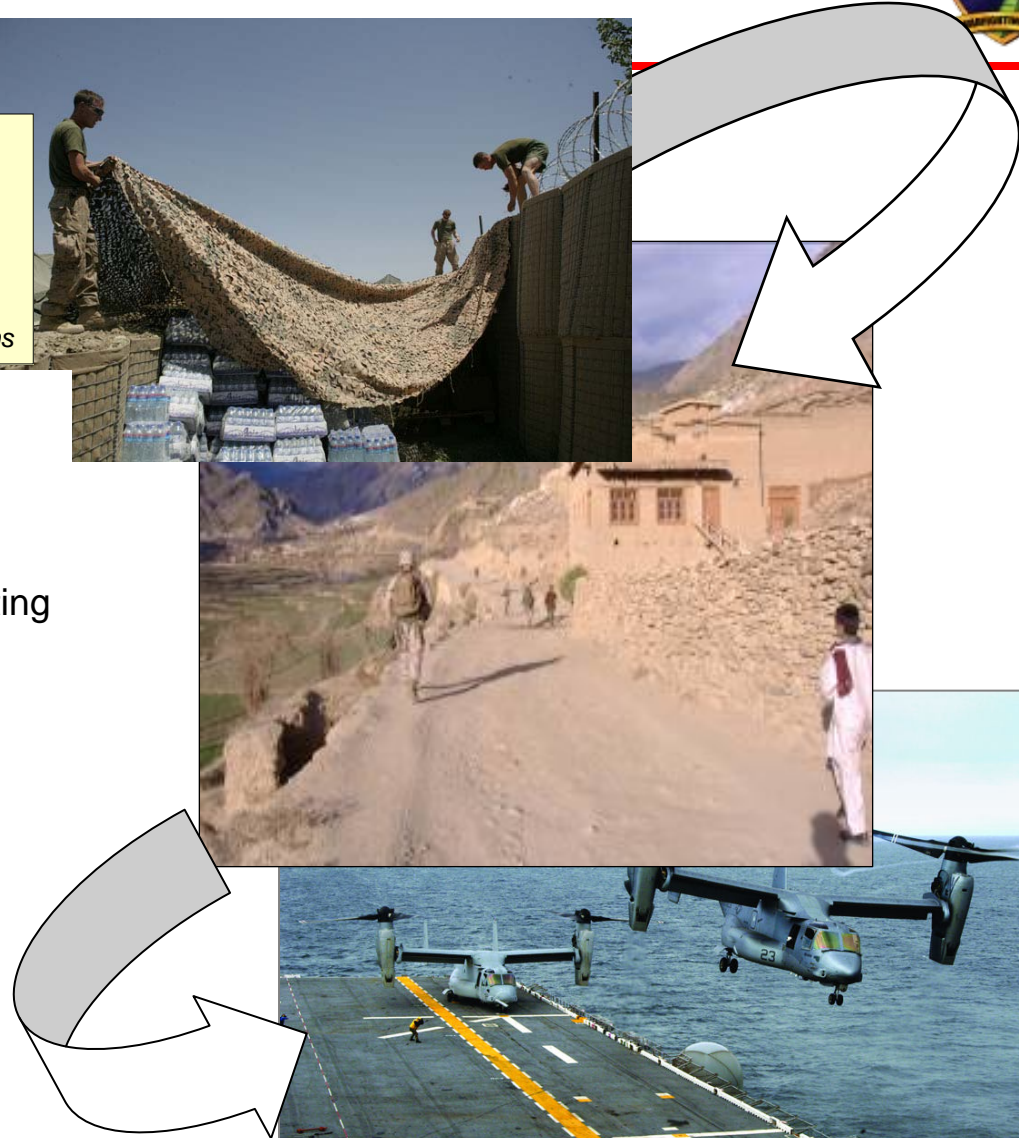


“An approach to the operational art that maximizes the tactical flexibility offered by true decentralized mission accomplishment, consistent with commander’s intent and facilitated by improved command and control, intelligence, logistics, and fires capabilities.”

- A Concept for Enhanced Company Operations



- Generated by an operating force requirement and desire to grow the results of Distributed Operations
  - Recognizes that companies are conducting sustained independent operations traditionally associated with larger formations
- Catalyst for:
  - Shifting experimentation and capability development from mature theater (warfighter support) to austere theater, expeditionary operations (future force development)
  - Better defining specific requirements across DOTMLPF IOT support achievement of Marine Corps Vision & Strategy 2025







# ECO Continues Our Focus on the Infantryman...



## Distributed Operations 2004 - 2006

- **Squad/Platoon focus** (within company chain of command)
- **Obj: Identify/fix train, man, equip deficiencies at individual and small unit level**
- **Product: Infantry Battalion Enhancement Period Program (IBEPP)**
  - Training, manning, equipping based on deployment schedule
  - New Courses at Training and Education Command
  - Updated battalion T/E
- **Supporting Efforts**
  - Squad Fires (Type 2/3 CAS)
  - Combat Hunter
  - Infantry Skills Simulation Working Group

## Enhanced Company Operations 2007 - 2010

- **Company focus**
- **Obj: Develop more agile, lethal, survivable company for full range of military operations**
- **Product: Standardized training, manning, equipping**
  - Emphasis on Intell, C2, Logistics
  - **Company-level Intell Cell (CLIC)**
  - **Company-level Ops Center (CLOC)**
- **Preliminary Results**
  - CLIC/CLOC were FOB-centric (warfighter support)
  - Established requirements baseline
  - Marine Corps Intelligence School CLIC training incorporated into PTP
  - Rifle Co T/O, T/E deficiencies
    - MCWL T/O Study
    - CDD OAD ECO Study

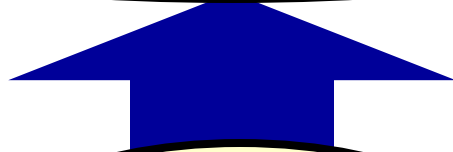




# Educated approach to an expeditionary capability



Marines for the Long War



Enhanced Company

**ECO LOEs 3 and 4 (2009-2010)**  
**Move to an expeditionary model**

**C2**

- UOC CAPSET V shaping
- Dismounted
- Traditional & Non-traditional
- DTCS
- OTM/OTH/BLOS comms

**Distributed Logistics**

- Unmanned air/ground vehicles
- Tailored resupply
- Limited CASEVAC
- Guided parafoils/parachutes
- Initiatives to reduce consumption
- Associated TTPs and structure implications

**ECO from the Seabase**

Infantry Skills Simulation

ECO Working Group

Rifle Co T/O Study (MCWL)

DO/ECO Surface Fires Study (MCWL, CETO, SAW)

DC, CD&I ECO Study (OAD)

Trail Blazer (MCWL)

Lighten the Load (MCWL, ONR, TECOM, MCSC)

Lessons Learned/Operating Force Input

**Distributed Operations**

**Squad Fires**

**Combat Hunter**



# ECO LOE 3 Objectives (2009)



## Jun- Sep (MWTC)

- 3.1 (CLOC-lite): Identify near term training, manning and equipment that enable dismounted infantry companies to execute C2, ops, intelligence, and fires functions in austere, expeditionary environments (Jul '09).

- Shape UOC CAPSET V development

- 3.2 (C2/Log): Develop and assess next generation UOC CAPSET V C2 architecture and selected log initiatives (Sep '09).

- 3.3 (Re-supply/CASEVAC): Assess experimental re-supply and CASEVAC capabilities, training requirements, and TTPs/organizational implications associated with Distributed Operations and ECO (Jun '09).

- Rifle Company T/O



# ECO: A unique DOTMLPF Assessment Opportunity



- Doctrine



- Organization



- Training



- Materiel



- Leadership



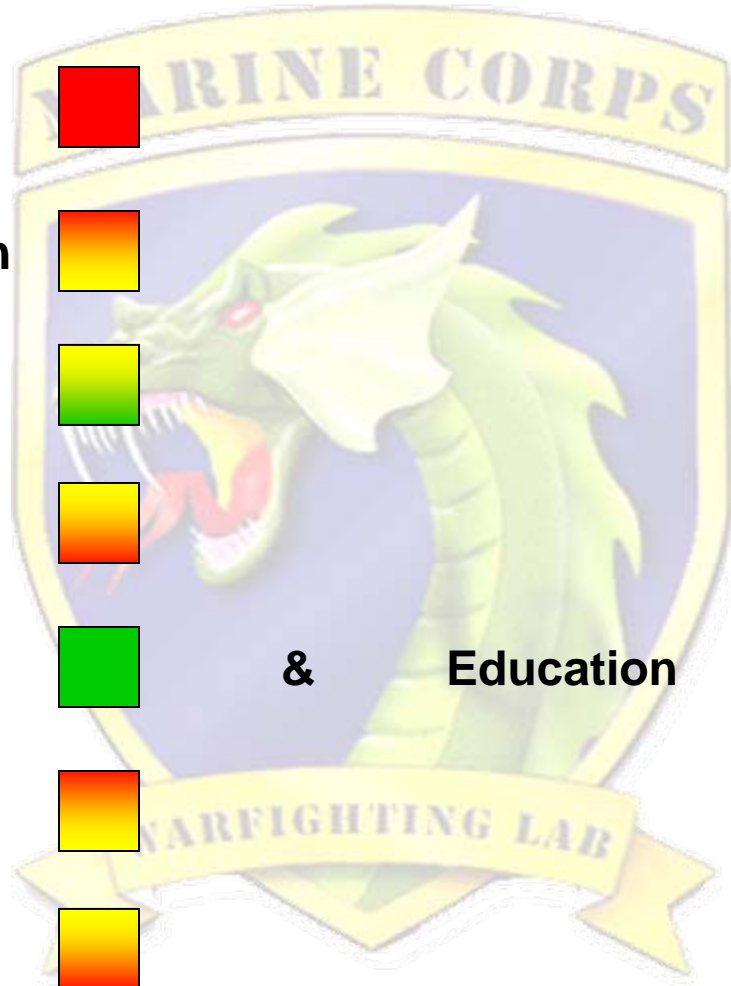
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- Personnel



- Facilities







# Doctrine

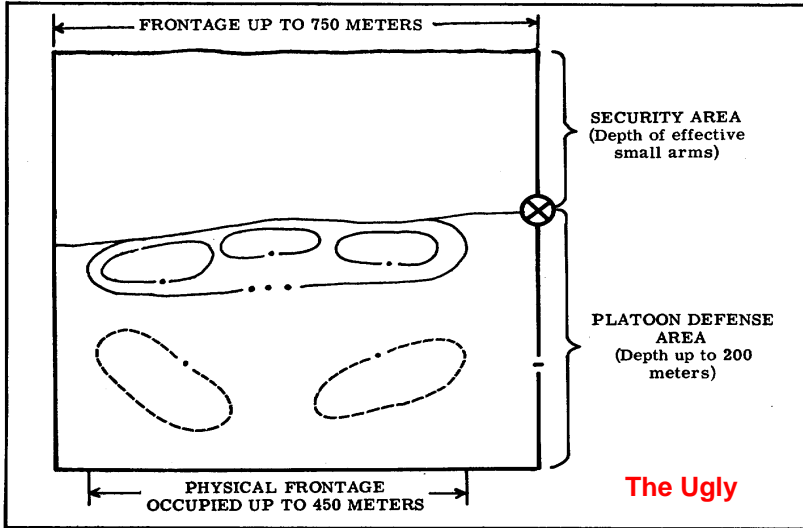
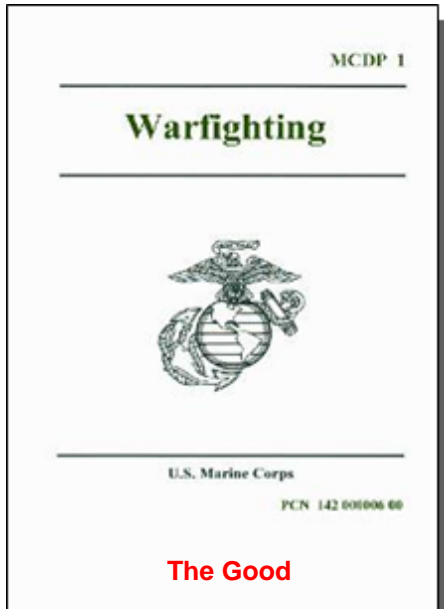
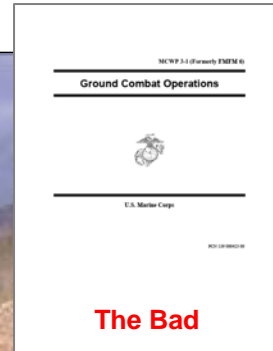
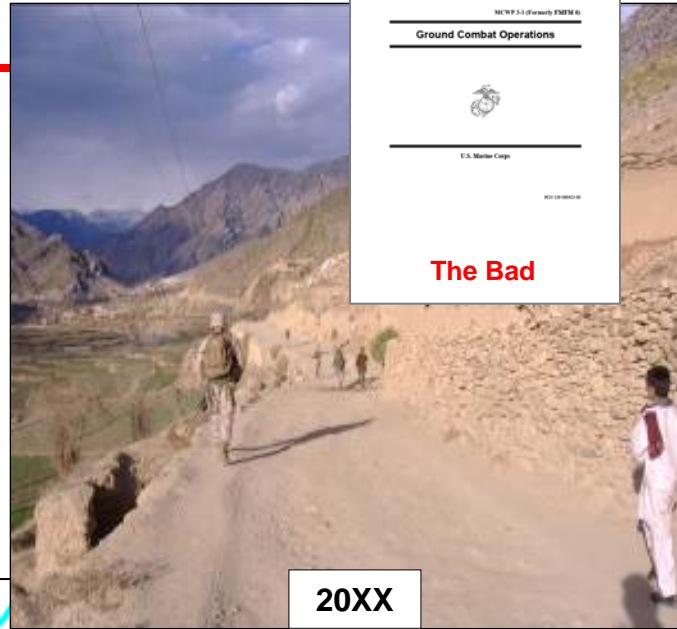


Figure 43.--Frontline Platoon Defense Area.







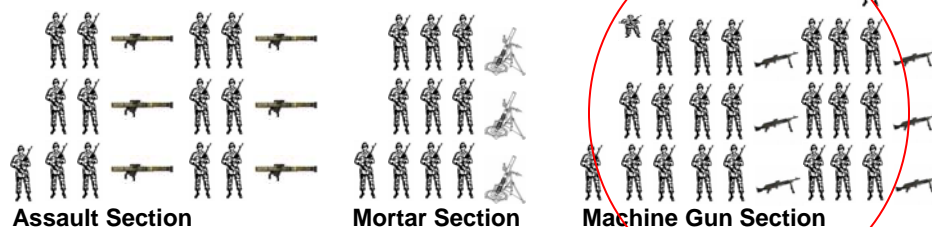
# Organization Now



1st Platoon

2d Platoon

3d Platoon

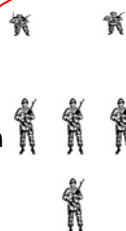


Weapons Platoon

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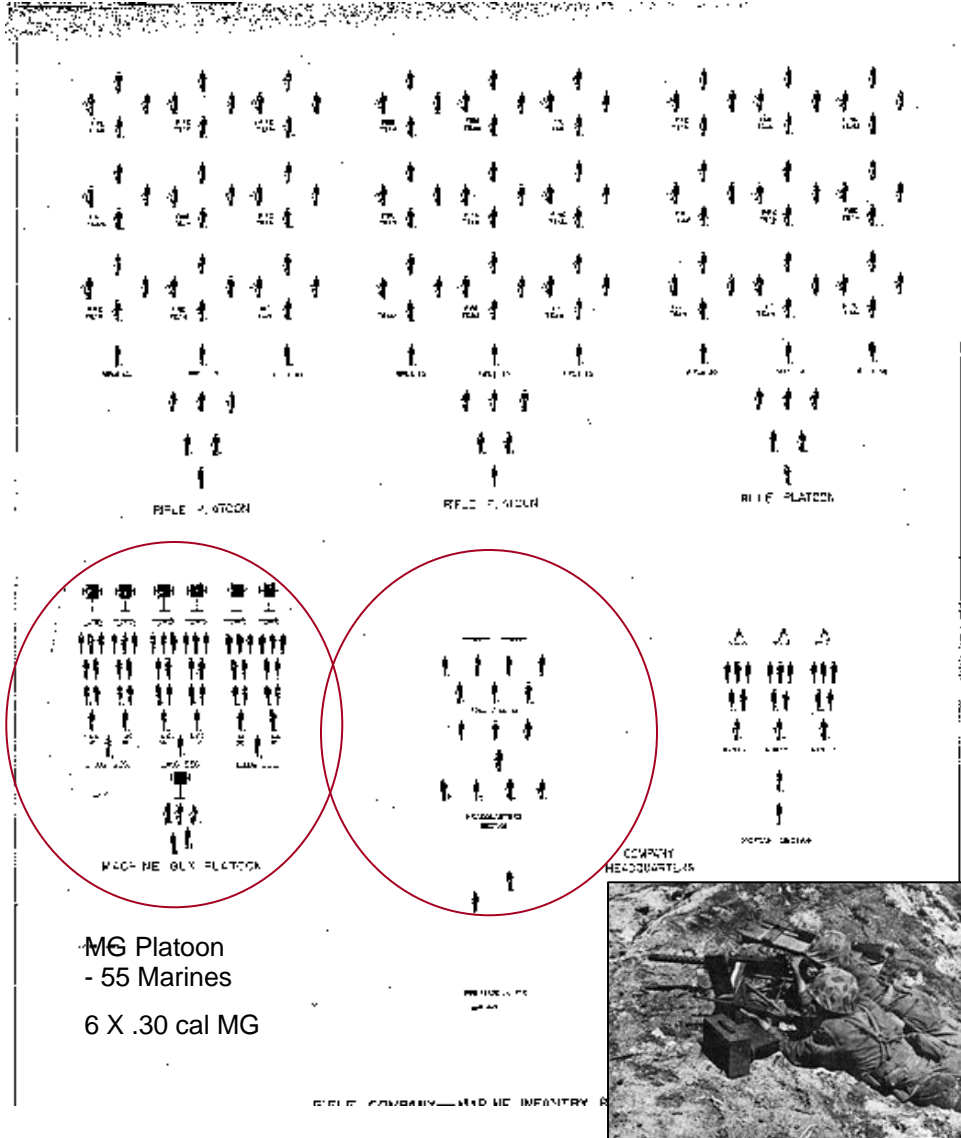
U.S. Marine Corps Rifle Company per Table of Organization 1013G

Headquarters Section





# Or Do We Need to Look Back for the Future?



- 4 Maneuver Elements
- Ability to GS MG employment
- More robust headquarters

Rifle Company per T/O K1013, 1953

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MG Platoon  
- 55 Marines  
6 X .30 cal MG



# Materiel for the Expeditionary Fight





# Final Thoughts



- ECO is a logical progression
  - addresses an operational imperative
  - key enabler of Marine Corps Vision & Strategy 2025
  - opportunity look at the future force across DOTMLPF

- Objective is ensure a properly trained, adequately manned, superbly equipped company-sized organization...
- ... eminently suited for seabased, expeditionary operations Phase 0 thru Phase 5



- C2
- Resupply
- CASEVAC
- Reduced demand
- Squad Combined Arms Link