

CHAPTER 7

ARRIVAL AND ASSEMBLY

The AAA is an area of sufficient size and facilities to perform the complex tasks of arrival, offload, MPE/S distribution, assembly, and preparing the MAGTF for employment. Arrival and assembly may well be the most crucial phase of an MPF operation. It includes the following:

- Initial preparation of the AAA.
- Coordinated arrival and offload of MPE/S from the MPSRON in port, across a beach or a combination of both.
- Reception of the FIE.
- Movement and distribution of MPE/S.
- Security.
- Preparing the MAGTF for its employment mission.

Responsibilities

The MAGTF commander is responsible for arrival and assembly operations, including the reception and throughput ashore of MPF equipment, supplies, and personnel. Throughput is a function of the distribution and movement system. Implicit within throughput is processing personnel and material within a specified period of time through a processing point. Accountability of MPE/S upon offload will transfer from BICmd to the MAGTF commander, and eventually to the MSEs' AAOEs at the UAAs.

Commencement and Disestablishment

The arrival and assembly phase begins on arrival of the first MPS or the first transport aircraft mission of the main body at the designated AAA. This phase ends when adequate MPE/S are offloaded and issued to awaiting

units, C2 communications are established, and the MAGTF commander reports that all essential MAGTF elements have attained combat readiness. Simultaneous or subsequent movements from the UAAs for tactical operations by the MAGTF are not considered part of the MPF operation.

Arrival and Assembly Plan

Annex S of the Joint Operation Order, as applied to MPF operations, will contain the arrival and assembly plan. This annex is written by the MAGTF commander, in coordination with the CMPF, and approved by the establishing authority (see app. C for the arrival and assembly plan notional format).

SLRP

The SLRP normally deploys to the AAA under the OPCON of the MAGTF. Early SLRP deployment assesses conditions and reports observations as soon as possible to the MAGTF and associated commanders. SLRP composition is task-organized after the warning order is received and the concept for deployment is developed. The SLRP must be self-sustaining and include, as appropriate, representation from the MAGTF, CMPF, NCW, NMCB, UCT, FH, and CNSE staffs. A MAGTF officer will be designated, in coordination with CMPF (if designated), as the SLRP OIC. Criteria for selecting the SLRP OIC should be based on a knowledge of MPF requirements with consideration given to the diplomatic skills needed to interact with high level HN civilian and military representatives.

MOLT

The MOLT coordinates the offload of MPE/S between the NSE OPP OIC, the ship's master, and the Marine OPP OIC. The team also acts as the AAOG liaison aboard the MPS flagship. MOLT tasks follow:

- Maintain up-to-date automated ship load plans for all MPSs and the associated AIS deployment data for all MPE/S.
- Conduct AIS database training.
- Provide OPP OIC with ship data and special instructions.
- Coordinate berthing and work space requirements onboard MPSs before the OPP embarks.

TAAT

The TAAT advises the MAGTF commander on the offload, issuing MPE/S, and proper documentation/accountability between BICmd and the gaining MAGTF MSE.

OPP

The OPP is a temporary task organization under the OPCON of the MAGTF commander. It consists of maintenance, embarkation personnel, and equipment operators from all MAGTF MSEs and the NSE. The OPP's task is to prepare MPE/S for offload at the AAA. On activation, the OPP will deploy to join the MPS before sailing, during transit or when they arrive at the AAA. Ideally, the OPP should deploy to join the MPS at least 96 hours before AAA closure. If this is not feasible, the OPP should be positioned in the AAA and board the MPS as soon as possible.

The OPP OIC will be a Navy officer designated by CNSE. The Marine OPP contingent will be under the cognizance of the senior Marine officer, called the assistant OPP OIC. On arrival aboard the MPSRON flagship, the

OPP commander will report to COMPSRON to obtain specific directions about shipboard activities. Although dependent on the COMPSRON while embarked, the OPP's responsibilities and priorities are established by the MAGTF commander in coordination with the CMPF. The relationship between the OPP and the ship's master parallels that of an embarked unit commander and the commanding officer of amphibious ships. The OPP OIC will convey the MAGTF commanders offload priorities to the COMPSRON and ship's master. Those priorities will define the objectives for offload preparation by the MPSRON, MCMC, and OPP.

Organization

The OPP consists of personnel from the MAGTF, NSE, naval embarked advisory team (NEAT), and designated force protection units. The OPP is embarked on the MPSRON by off-load day (O-day) minus 4 (O-4).

The OPP headquarters is comprised of key personnel from the Navy (the OPP OIC and the OICs from the NSE and NEAT); and the MAGTF (the assistant OPP OIC). The OPP OIC will transition to be the OCU OIC on O-1 (Navy-day) to provide continuity of operations. The assistant OPP OIC, designated by the MAGTF commander, may transition to become the MAGTF offload liaison officer. The OPP headquarters is normally billeted aboard the flagship, depending on ship availability.

The OPP OIC will publish the daily OPP situation report (SITREP) (see app. Q). Remaining personnel within the OPP are assigned to specific ships within the MPSRON and are designated as an OPP detachment. The OPP detachment OIC is the senior Marine or Sailor aboard that ship and supervises the preparation effort of Marines and Sailors aboard. The OPP detachment OIC reports directly to the OPP OIC, providing information relevant to the daily OPP SITREP.

Tasks

Each OPP detachment prepares all the MPSRON ships' offload systems, lighterage, and embarked MPE/S for offload. OPP responsibilities include preparing the ships' cranes, winches, fuel/water discharge systems, and initial depreservation and preparation of MPE/S. The OPP must be thoroughly familiar with MPS configurations and load plans. Preparation of the ships' equipment and MPE/S to support the offload follow:

- Ship's cargo handling systems; e.g., cranes, winches, slings, container handlers, container loading system for logistics vehicle system (LVS), fuel, and water discharge systems.
- Lighterage.
- NSE equipment for instream and beach offload (table of authorized material control number [TAMCNs] that start with "X").
- MHE and vehicles required to support the offload (TAMCNs that start with "B" and "D").
- All other equipment.

Disestablishment

The OPP disestablishes upon arrival of MPSs and on completion of offload preparations. Members remain aboard to form the nucleus of the debarkation team, augmented as required by MAGTF and NSE personnel who arrive with the FIE.

Arrival and Assembly Organizations

Arrival and assembly organizations are a composite of personnel from the SLRP, OPP, and the advance party. The advance party is task-organization by the MAGTF commander, and consists of personnel designated to form the nucleus of the arrival and assembly organizations. Primary tasks of the advance party are to arrange for the reception of the main body and MPSRON and provide force protection to the beach, port, airfield, and UAAs. At a minimum, the advance party is comprised of the LFSP (with personnel augments from

the other MSEs); the entire NSE; and Marine, Navy, and USCG force protection units. The advance party should arrive in the AAA on O-4 to prepare for the MPSRON's arrival on O-2 and NSE's preparations on Navy-day.

Arrival and Assembly Operations Group

The AAOG's function is to coordinate and control arrival and assembly operations. It consists of personnel from all MAGTF elements plus liaison from the CNSE, FH, and NMCB (see fig. 7-1).

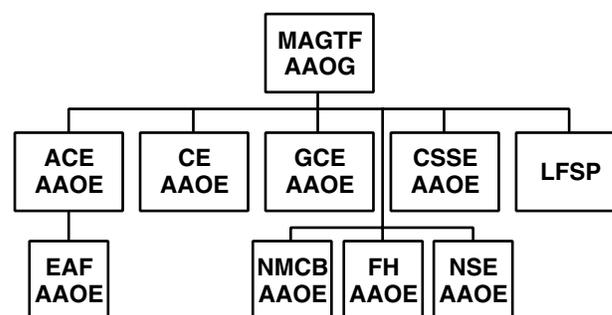


Figure 7-1. C2 Organizations for Arrival and Assembly.

Responsibilities include:

- Monitor the airflow of the FIE into the AAA.
- Coordinate and monitor the throughput and distribution of MPE/S from the MPS to the UAAs, specifically the AAOEs within those areas.
- Coordinate the association of MPE/S with designated organizations.
- Provide initial C2 functions for the MAGTF in the AAA.
- Direct and coordinate AAOE operations.
- Provide direction, coordinate, and interface with the LFSP and ACO until the respective MAGTF elements assume responsibility for those functions.
- Publish the daily SITREP (see app. R.)
- Coordinate with HN for support of offload and throughput operations.

OPP

OPP Headquarters Element (Flagship or Alternate Flagship)			
Line #	MOS	Rank	Billet
1	1110	CDR	OIC
2	3529	MSgt	USMC SNCOIC
3	2100	LT	Medical Officer
4	0430	Maj	Assistant OIC
5	4031	Cpl	MDSS II NCO

USN OPP Ship Detachment		
Line #	Rank	Billet
1-4	XXXX	LCM-8 Crew
5-7	XXXX	LARC Crew
8-15	XXXX	Barge Ferry Crew
16-22	XXXX	Hatch Team
23	XXXX	Navy OIC
24	XXXX	Mess Cook

The MAGTF portion of the OPP adjusts according to the size of the Navy OPP contingent and the number of berthing spaces on the specific vessel.

NCF OPP personnel requirements are determined by the NCF capability sets loaded on a specific ship as follows:

Billet	Core	Basic	Heavy
NCF OIC (Command Master Chief)			1
Team Leader (CM1)		1	1
Team Leader (CM2)	1		1
Mechanics	4	5	9

A NEAT may be embarked aboard an MPS. Embarking a NEAT reduces the USMC OPP personnel numbers. The following personnel numbers apply:

Billet	Rank/Rate
NEAT Det OIC (x 1)	LCDR
NEAT Watch Officer (x 2)	LT
Signalman (x 3)	QM1/3
Radio Operators (x 3)	RM1/3
Electronic Technician (x 1)	ET1/3

Notional USMC OPP Ship Detachment (MPSRON 2 used as a baseline)								
Providing element: A = ACE; C = CSSE; CE = command element; G = GCE (one person per ship for each line number)								
Line #	MOS	Rank	Billet	Ships				
				Button	Lopez	Phillips	Kocak	Stockham
1	1310	Capt	OIC	C	C	C	C	C
2	3550	SNCO	OPP SNCO	C	C	C	C	C
3	0431	Sgt/Cpl	MDSS II Operator	C	C	C	C	C
4	0431	"	MDSS II Operator	G	G	A	A	A
5	8404	HM1/3	Corpsman	C	C	C	C	C
6	3381	Cpl/PFC	Cook	A	A	A	A	A
7	3381	"	Cook	G	G	G	G	G
8	0313	LCpl	LAV Crewman	G	G	G	G	-
9	0313	"	LAV Crewman	-	-	-	G	-
10	1341	SSgt	Engineer Equipment	C	C	C	C	C
11	1341	"	Engineer Equipment	A	A	A	A	A
12	1341	Sgt/PFC	Engineer Equipment Mechanic	C	C	C	C	C
13	1341	"	Engineer Equipment Mechanic	G	G	G	G	G
14	1345	"	Engineer Equipment	C	C	C	C	C
15	1345	"	Engineer Equipment	C	C	C	C	C
16	1345	"	Engineer Equipment	A	A	A	A	A
17	1345	"	Engineer Equipment	G	G	G	G	G
18	1811	SSgt/Pvt	Tank Crewman**	G	G	G	G	-
19	1811	"	Tank Crewman	G	G	G	G	-
20	1833	SSgt	AAV Chief	G	G	G	G	-
21	1833	Sgt/Cpl	AAV Crew	G	G	G	G	-
22	1833	"	AAV Crew	G	G	G	G	-
23	1833	"	AAV Crew	-	-	G	G	-
24	1833	"	AAV Crew	-	-	G	G	-
25	21XX	"	Armorer	G	G	G	G	G
26	0811	"	Artillery Crewman	G	G	G	G	G
27	2141	Sgt/PFC	AAV Mechanic	G	G	G	G	G
28	2141	"	AAV Mechanic	G	G	G	G	G
29	2141	"	AAV Mechanic	-	-	G	G	G
30	2141	"	AAV Mechanic	-	-	G	G	G
31	2146	"	Tank Mechanic	G	G	G	G	G
32	2146	"	Tank Mechanic	G	G	G	G	G
33	2147	Cpl/PFC	LAV Mechanic	G	G	G	G	-
34	2147	"	LAV Mechanic	-	-	-	-	-
35	0621	"	Field Radio Operator	C	C	C	C	C
36	2841	"	Radio Repair	C	C	C	C	C
37	3521	Sgt/PFC	Motor Transport Technician	C	C	C	C	C
38	3521	"	Motor Transport Technician	C	C	C	C	C

** Familiarity with M60 tank/bridge operations.

Notional USMC OPP Ship Detachment (MPSRON 2 used as a baseline) (Continued).

Line #	MOS	Rank	Billet	Ships				
				Button	Lopez	Phillips	Kocak	Stockham
39	3521	"	Motor Transport Technician	A	A	A	A	A
40	3521	"	Motor Transport Technician	C	C	C	C	C
41	3521	Sgt/PFC	Motor Transport Technician	G	G	G	G	G
42	3521	"	Motor Transport Technician	G	G	G	G	G
43	3522	Sgt/CPL	Motor Transport Recovery	C	C	C	C	C
44	3529	SNCO	Motor Transport Chief	C	C	C	C	C
45	3531	Sgt/PFC	Motor Transport Operator	C	C	C	C	C
46	3531	"	Motor Transport Operator	C	C	C	C	C
47	3531	"	Motor Transport Operator	C	C	C	C	C
48	3531	"	Motor Transport Operator	A	A	A	A	A
49	3531	"	Motor Transport Operator	A	A	A	A	A
50	3531	"	Motor Transport Operator	A	A	A	A	A
51	3531	"	Motor Transport Operator	G	G	G	G	G
52	3531	"	Motor Transport Operator	G	G	G	G	G
53	3531	"	Motor Transport Operator	G	G	-	-	-
54	3531	"	Motor Transport Operator	CE	CE	CE	CE	CE
55	3533	"	LVS Operator	C	C	C	C	C
56	3533	"	LVS Operator	C	C	C	C	C
57	3533	"	LVS Operator	C	C	C	C	C
58	3533	"	LVS Operator	C	C	C	C	C
59	3533	"	LVS Operator	A	A	A	A	-
60	3533	"	LVS Operator	G	A	-	G	G
61	6071	Sgt/Cpl	AGSE Mechanic	A	A	A	-	A
62	7051	"	A/C Crash	A	A	A	A	A
63	N/A	LCpl	Messman	C	C	C	C	C
64	N/A	"	Messman	A	A	A	A	A
65	N/A	"	Messman	G	G	G	G	G
Total officer/enlisted: MPE/S distribution will drive actual numbers.				1/58	1/58	1/60	1/61	1/51

SLRP (MPF MEB)

SLRP Headquarters Element			
Line #	MOS	Rank	Billet
1	9906/9904	Col	OIC SLRP (AC/S G-3/4)
2	0491	MSgt	Logistics Chief
3	0402	Maj	Operations Officer (G-4)
4	3002	Capt	Assistant Supply Officer
5	1302	Maj	Engineering Officer
6	2300	CDR	Medical Planner
7	Any	LtCol	Deputy AC/S, G-3
8	Any	Maj	Plans Officer, G-3
9	0202	Capt	Security Officer
10	Any	MSgt	Operations Chief, G-3
11	01XX	Officer	G-1 Representative
12	0202	Officer	G-2 Representative
13	0204	CWO	CI Officer
14	0602	Maj	G-6 Representative
15	4402	Capt	SJA
16	Any	Capt	H&S Co. Representative
17	Any	SNCO	H&S Co. Operations Chief
18	0411	SSgt	Maintenance Chief
19	0431	Cpl	Clerk/Driver G-4
Total: 14 officers, 5 enlisted			
Interrogator Translator Team			
20	0204	CWO	OIC
21	0251	MSgt/Cpl	Translator
22	0251	MSgt/Cpl	Translator
Total: 1 officer, 2 enlisted			
Civil Affairs Team			
23	0107	Any	OIC
24	8441	GySgt/Cpl	Team Member
Total: 1 officer, 1 enlisted			
Communications Team			
Line #	MOS	Rank	Billet
25	0691	MGySgt/GySgt	Radio Chief/SNCOIC
26	0619	GySgt/SSgt	Wire Chief
27	2811	Sgt	Telephone Technician
28	0653	"	Communications Center Man
29	0653	LCpl	Communications Center Man
30	0621	"	Radio Operator/Driver
31	0621	"	" "
32	0621	"	" "
33	0621	"	" "
34	0621	"	" "
35	0621	"	" "
36	0621	LCpl	" "
Total: 0 officers, 12 enlisted			

Aviation Combat Element Detachment			
37	0402/9969	Maj	OIC/ACO
38	9969	Capt	Assistant S-3/Operations Officer
39	0402	Maj	MWSS Operations Officer
40	9969	Capt	MWSS Airfield Operations Officer
41	9930	Maj	MACG OIC/Air Defense Coordinator
42	0602	Capt	MACG Communications Representative
43	6602	"	Aviation Supply Representative
44	6019	MSgt	Aircraft Maintenance Representative
45	6502	CWO	Aviation Ordnance Representative
46	7320	1stLt	MATCS Representative
47	2311	Sgt	Ammunition Technician MWSS
48	Any	Cpl	Clerk/Driver
Total: 9 officers, 3 enlisted			
Combat Service Support Detachment			
49	9911	LtCol	OIC
50	Any	"	Operations Officer
51	XXXX	Capt	Contract Officer
52	0402	"	Motor Transport Officer
53	0402	"	Landing Support Officer
54	0431	SSgt	Landing Support SNCO
55	3002	Capt	Supply Officer
56	3043	GySgt	Supply Chief
57	1302	Capt	Engineer Officer
58	0602	"	Communications-Electronics Officer
59	2340	CWO	Ammunition Officer
60	8404	HMC	Corpsman (HMC)
61	8425	HM	Corpsman
62	58XX	Capt/GySgt	Provost Marshall Officer
Total: 10 officers, 4 enlisted			
Ground Combat Element (MAGTF) Detachment			
Line #	MOS	Rank	Billet
63	9911	LtCol	OIC
64	9911	Maj	Assistant S-3/Operations Officer
65	0402	"	S-4
66	1302	Capt	CEB Assistant S-3/Operations Officer
67	0802	"	Artillery Battalion Assistant S-3/Operations Officer
68	1802	"	Tank Battalion Assistant S-3/Operations Officer
69	1803	"	AAV Battalion Assistant S-3/Operations Officer
70	02XX	Capt/SSgt	Security Representative
71	06XX	"	Communications-Electronics Representative
72	35XX	Cpl	Clerk/Driver
Total: 9 officers, 1 enlisted			
Force Protection Officer			
73	Any	Maj/CWO	Force Protection Officer
74	Any	Sgt/Cpl	NCO
Total: 1 officers, 1 enlisted			

Commander, MPF Detachment			
75	XXXX	Lt	SSO
76	XXXX	LCDR	CMPF Representative
Total: 2 officer, 0 enlisted			
Navy Support Element Detachment			
77	LCDR	NBG/AAOG Liaison Officer	77
78	CWO	Beach Party Team Commanding Officer	78
79	Any	Camp Support Element OIC	79
80	LCDR	PhibCB Commanding Officer	80
81	CPO	Special Warfare Group Detachment	81
82-85	PO	Driver	82-85
86	LCDR	NCHF OIC	86
87	CPO	Cargo Handling Element Ship Supervisor	87
Total: 4 officers, 4 enlisted			
Naval Construction Force Detachment			
88	LCDR	OIC	88
89	LT	Assistant OIC	89
90	CPO	Operations Chief	90
91	LT	Medical Officer	91
92	CM1	Administration	92
93	IS1	Intelligence	93
94	CM2	Driver/Clerk	94
95	IT2	Communications	95
96	CPO	UCT Air Det OIC	96
97-102	XXXX	UCT Air Det	97-102
Total: 3 officers, 7 enlisted			
FH Detachment			
103	LCDR	OIC	103
104	LT	Medical Officer	104
105	HMCS	Medical Planner	105
106	LT	Engineer Planner	106
107	HM2	Driver	107
Total: 3 officers, 2 enlisted			

SLRP (MPF MEU-SIZED)

Command Element			
Line #	MOS	Rank	Billet
1	9906	Col	OIC, SLRP
2	Any	LtCol	MPF Officer
3	01XX	Capt	G-1 Officer
4	0151	Sgt	Admin Clerk
5	0202	Maj/LtCol	Intelligence Officer
6	0204	CWO-3/Capt	CI Officer
7	Any	Capt/Maj	LSO
8	0491	MSgt/GySgt	Operations Chief
9	0431	Sgt/Cpl	MDSS II Clerk
10	Any	Cpl/Sgt	OPS ADMIN NCO
11	Any	LCpl/Cpl	OPS ADMIN Clerk
12	Any	Capt	Logistics Plans Officer
13	9910	Maj	Strategic Mobility Officer
14	0491	MSgt/GySgt	Logistics SNCO
15	04XX	Cpl	Logistics Clerk
16	Any	LtCol/Maj	Plans Officer
17	0602	Maj/LtCol	Communications/Electronics Officer
18	4010	CWO	Network Operator
19	0602	Sgt	Radio Operator
20	4402	Capt	SJA
21	3404	Capt/Maj	Comptroller
22	3451	Sgt	Comptroller Clerk
23	3002	Capt/Maj	Supply Officer
24	8404	HM 1/3	Index Duty Corpsman
Total: 14 officers, 10 enlisted			
Aviation Combat Element Detachment			
25	9969	Maj	OIC, ACE Detachment
26	9969	Capt	ACE OPS Representative
27	0402	Capt	ACE Logistics Representative
28	Any	Cpl	Clerk
Total: 3 officers, 1 enlisted			

Combat Service Support Element (MAGTF) Detachment			
Line #	MOS	Rank	Billet
29	9911	Maj	OIC, CSS Detachment
30	1302	Capt	Engineer Officer
31	Any	"	CSS Operations Officer
32	9656	"	Contracting Officer
33	0402	"	TSB Rep
34	58XX	Capt/GySgt	PMO Officer
35	0402	Capt	Motor Transport Officer
36	06XX	Capt/SSgt	Communications Officer
37	0402/3510	Capt/CWO	Maintenance Officer
38	8425	HM 1/3	Hospital Corpsman
39	Any	Sgt	CSS Clerk
Total: 9 officers, 2 enlisted			
Ground Combat Element Detachment			
40	9911	Maj	OIC, GCE Detachment
41	9911	Capt	Operations Representative
42	0402	"	Logistics Officer
43	02XX	GySgt	G-2, Intelligence Chief
44	Any	"	H&S Co GySgt
Total: 3 officers, 2 enlisted			
Navy Support Element Detachment			
Line #	Rank	Billet	
45	LCDR	OIC/AAOG Liaison Officer	
46	LT	BPT Commander	
47	LCDR	Support Commander	
48	LT	Camp Support Element CO	
49	CPO	Camp Support Chief Petty OIC	
50	PO1	Camp Support Engineering Aide	
51	LT	Naval Beach Group Supply Officer	
52	LT	Cargo Handling (Only Pier Side)	
53	CPO	Special Warfare Group Representative	
54-56	Petty Officer	Driver	
57	CPO	Communications-Electronics Representative	
Total: 6 officers, 5 enlisted			
Commander, MPF Detachment			
Line #	Rank	Billet	
58	LCDR	CMPF Representative	
59	LT	SSO	
60	CPO	CMPF Communications Representative	
61	XXXX	CMPF Plans Assistant	
62	XXXX	NCIS Agent	
Total: 3 officers, 1 enlisted			