

APPENDIX 9 TO ANNEX C TO EXERCISE DESERT SCIMITAR 2001 (DS-01)
COMBAT CAMERA (COMCAM)

REFERENCES:

- a. CJCS 3205.01
- b. DOD 5040
- c. SECNAVINST 3104
- d. MCO 3104.1
- e. MCRP 3-33.3A Visual Information in Expeditionary Operations (Draft)
- f. DivO 3104.1

1. (U) SITUATION. This annex provides guidance and outlines policy on the tasking and implementation of Division Combat Camera and Printing (DCCP) in supporting MEF/Division operations upon implementation of this OPLAN. Division Combat Camera and Printing is motion media, still photography, digital still photography, printing and reproduction of imagery for use in Division operations as they occur. These operational requirements support the Division Commander and his subordinate commanders as needed.

a. (U) ENEMY

(1) (U) Combat Camera can provide direct or general support to the Division commander on the threat force through aerial reconnaissance, battle damage assessments, target sites, and security patrols.

(2) (U) The commander's intent will determine direct and general support missions and the priority of support.

b. (U) FRIENDLY

(1) (U) Combat Camera will support the Division and higher headquarters in accordance with this OPLAN.

(2) (U) Combat Camera will support the needs of coalition forces with processing and printing of still imagery, digital imagery and reproduction of videotaped imagery in support of operational requirements and the commander's intent.

(3) (U) Division reproduction will support higher headquarters, joint/coalition forces and adjacent units to produce propaganda leaflets in support of psychological operations; mosaics and map overlays in support of intelligence operations; and printed documents in support of administrative operations.

c. (U) ASSUMPTIONS

(1) (U) Division Combat Camera and Printing (when possible) will provide tactical imagery collection, processing and dissemination of near real time imagery in a forward position. Combat Camera Teams (CCT's) have the ability to transmit and receive imagery digitally over several means of secure and non-secure communications from a tactical environment for distribution throughout 1st Marine Division staff and subordinate commands.

(2) (U) CCT's will also provide documentation of significant historical events supporting operation briefing for decision making, collateral intelligence, psychological operations, after action reports, civil affairs activities, planners; analysts; military police; and Marine Corps Lessons Learned (MCLL)

(3) (U) Responsibility of DCCP operations will fall to the Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, 1st Marine Division.

2. (U) MISSION

a. (U) Provide video still photography digital still imagery including reproduction covering air sea and ground actions of 1st Marine Division Units in combat, combat support, and combat service support operations and related peacetime training activities such as exercises, war games and disaster relief operations. And other activities as directed by the Division commander.

b. (U) This mission is accomplished while the activities are occurring and are not controlled by the Combat Camera crew. It is the further mission to provide the on scene commander with direct image capability and essential battlefield information that supports strategic operational and tactical mission objectives.

3. (U) EXECUTION

a. (U) Concept of Operation.

(1) (U) General. Combat Camera Teams will be forward deployed and will engage in still and video functions at the planning stage of the operation and document as soon as the organization prepares for deployment. Combat reproduction will provide pre-deployment/ deployment information, embarkation orders, letters of instruction, rules of engagement pamphlets and any printed material critical to meeting the commander's intent.

(a) (U) One Combat Camera team will attach to the forward element to document initial landing force operations.

(b) (U) Combat Camera teams will assist combat service support units in documenting potential main supply routes (MSR's), and staging areas for main re-supply points and port operations.

(c) (U) Combat Camera operations will augment but not replace or duplicate the capabilities of surveillance, intelligence, target acquisition, aerial reconnaissance and public affairs units.

(d) (U) The AC/S G-3, 1st Marine Division will be responsible for all matters pertaining to Division Combat Camera and Printing operations. The Visual Information Officer (VIO) or Senior Non-Commissioned Officer will supervise, direct and coordinate all DCCP operations.

(2) (U) Tasks

(a) (U) Assistant Chief of Staff G-1. Request augmentation as may be required, visual information personnel from local commands to support Combat Camera operations and the commander's intent.

(b) (U) Assistant Chief of Staff G-4. Assist with emergent requests for resupply of consumable warstock, and repair/replacement of photographic and reprographic equipment.

(c) (U) Assistant Chief of Staff G-6. Assign secure frequencies for transmission of digital imagery via communications assets from forward-deployed Combat Camera Teams to the Combat Operations Center.

b. (U) Coordinating Instructions

(1) (U) Subordinate commanders provide support to Combat Camera teams to document missions throughout the theatre of operations including but not limited to air sea and ground operations of Division Units in combat support and combat service support operations.

(a) (U) Information at the tactical level is time critical and must be used while still valuable.

(b) (U) Disseminate visual information as needed to higher headquarters and subordinate commands.

(2) (U) Visual Information Officer or Senior Non-Commissioned Officer develop an aggressive acquisition and dissemination plan.

(a) (U) Imagery can be a force multiplier by supporting key objectives and providing accurate visual information.

(b) (U) Disseminate to customers based on priorities and requirements of the on scene commander.

(3) (U) Release as required, to the Public Affairs officer imagery that is of value to the news media.

(a) (U) Depending on commander's intent and security concerns some imagery may be required to be withheld from public affairs and the media.

(b) (U) Release authority (see appendix F).

4. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. (U) Administration

(1) (U) Attaching CCT's will report to the supported unit's S-1 for administrative tracking.

(2) (U) Report to the S-2 if providing imagery for intelligence support.

(3) (U) Report to the S-3 if providing operational documentation.

b. (U) Logistics

(1) (U) Units supported will be responsible for transportation, and subsistence of attached CCT's.

(2) (U) Combat Camera personnel will be responsible for all consumable requirements, equipment and individual gear.

(3) (U) The Combat Camera Officer or Senior Non-Commissioned Officer will be responsible for resupply of attached Combat Camera Teams.

(4) (U) All requests for support outside of 1st Marine Division will be coordinated through AC/S G-3.

(5) (U) As assets allow, two man Combat Camera Teams (one still photographer and videographer) will attach to units participating in all aspects of the operation.

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. (U) Establish call signs and frequencies for secure voice transmission in regards to digital imagery.

b. (U) Request sipernet access for secure electronic transfer of still and video imagery, and classified documents and material.