

APPENDIX A

## Combat Orders

Combat orders are written or oral communications used to transmit information pertaining to combat operations.

### Warning Order

A warning order gives advance notice of a contemplated action or order which is to follow. Although a warning order has no prescribed format, all known elements should be included. Figure A-1 represents a suggested format.

<b>WARNING ORDER—</b> Stated to alert recipients
<b>ADDRESSEES—</b> To whom the order pertains
<b>SITUATION—</b> A short, concise statement of the friendly and enemy situation
<b>TIME/NATURE OF OPERATION—</b> Type of mission
<b>EARLIEST TIME OF MOVE</b>
<b>TIME/PLACE FOR OPORD ISSUANCE</b>
<b>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS—</b> Details of early coordination to be made, rehearsals, and special equipment requirements.
<b>ACKNOWLEDGE</b>

*Figure A-1. Warning order - essential elements*

### Operation Order (OPORD)

The operation order sets forth the organization for combat (task organization), the situation, the mission, the commander's decision and plan of action, and the details of the execution needed to ensure coordinated action by a unit. The standard OPORD format is shown in Figure A-2.

**CLASSIFICATION****OPORD NO.**

**REFERENCES.** List any maps or documents needed to understand the order or that were used in the preparation of the order.

**TIME ZONE USED THROUGHOUT THE ORDER:**

**TASK ORGANIZATION:****1. SITUATION****a. Enemy forces**

- (1) Situation (enemy, weather, and terrain)
- (2) Capabilities
- (3) Probable course of action

**b. Friendly forces**

- (1) Mission of your parent unit
- (2) Mission of unit providing your support
- (3) Mission and/or route of adjacent units that may affect your operation

**c. Attachments and detachments****2. MISSION**

Who, what, when, where (coordinates), and why

**3. EXECUTION**

- a. Concept of operation.** The overall plan (scheme of maneuver) for the unit and plan for fire support (refer to annex).
- b. Commander's intent.** How commander views the upcoming operations.
- c. Sub-unit missions.** For sections, teams and individuals.
- d. Coordinating instructions**
  - (1) Time schedule
  - (2) Formations and order of movement
  - (3) Route (primary and alternate)
  - (4) Movement within friendly front lines
  - (5) Rally points and actions at rally points
  - (6) Actions on enemy contact at danger areas and at the objective
  - (7) Nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) safety instructions and mission-oriented protective posture (MOPP) level and Priority intelligence requirements (PIR)
  - (9) Fire support (if not already discussed)
  - (10) Rehearsal and inspections
  - (11) Debriefing (including essential elements of information (EEI), other intelligence requirements (OIR), time, and place
  - (12) Annexes (other actions may be covered separately)

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*Figure A-2. Format for an operation order.*

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**4. SERVICE SUPPORT**

- a. Supply**
  - (1) Rations
  - (2) Uniforms
  - (3) Arms and ammunitions
  - (4) Captured material
- b. Transportation**
- c. Medical evacuation**
- d. Personnel**
- e. Prisoners of war**

**5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL**

- a. Command**
  - (1) Commander leader location
  - (2) Chain of command.
- b. Signal**
  - (1) Frequencies and call signs
  - (2) Pyrotechnics and signals
  - (3) Challenges and passwords
  - (4) Code words

**NOTES:**

- 1. The OPORD heading items may be omitted depending on the situation.**
- 2. Details under subparagraphs should be tailored to provide all relevant and essential information.**
- 3. Items covered by standing operating procedures (SOP) need not be covered in the OPORD.**

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*Figure A-2. Format for an operation order (continued).*

<p><b>(Classification)</b></p> <p><b>(Change from oral orders, if any)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <b>Copy __ of __ copies</b>  <b>Issuing Headquarters</b>  <b>Place of issue (may be in code)</b>  <b>Date-time Group of signature</b>  <b>Message Reference Number</b> </p> <p><b>ANNEX __ (CHEMICAL SUPPORT) TO OPERATION ORDER NO</b></p> <p><b>References: Map, charts, and other relevant documents.</b></p> <p><b>1. SITUATION.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>a. Enemy Forces. Information should include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See annex _____ (Intelligence) to OPORD</li> <li>• Capabilities of enemy NBC weapon systems (munitions/agents).</li> <li>• Decontamination/reconnaissance assets.</li> </ul> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>b. Friendly Forces. Information concerning NBC decontamination, reconnaissance, and smoke assets, not covered by the operation order, that are available in higher, adjacent, supporting, and reinforcing units.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>c. Attachments and Detachments. List the NBC decontamination, smoke, and reconnaissance units attached to or detached from the issuing headquarters.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>d. Assumptions (OPLAN Only). Include information on the ability of friendly forces to conduct chemical operations and defend against NBC attack. Include assumptions as to the probability of enemy use of NBC weapons. Include assumptions of vulnerability of civilian population to NBC attack.</b></p> <p><b>2. MISSION. See basic OPORD.</b></p> <p><b>3. EXECUTION.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>a. Concept of Operations. The concept for employment of NBC decontamination, reconnaissance, and smoke assets should be described. Priorities for NBC reconnaissance, decontamination, and smoke support established.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>b. In subsequent, separate lettered subparagraphs, state the specific tasks to be accomplished by NBC decontamination, smoke, and reconnaissance assets.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>c. Fire Support. See appendix ____ (Chemical Fire Support Plan) to annex ____ (Fire Support) to OPORD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; padding-top: 20px;"><b>(Classification)</b></p>
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*Figure A-3. Model Chemical Support Annex.*

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**d. Coordinating Instructions.**

- (1) Operational exposure guidance.
- (2) Troop safety criteria.
- (3) MOPP level.
- (4) Location of decontamination sites.
- (5) Directions for rendering assistance to local populace.
- (6) Other coordination or control measures applicable to two or more elements of the command.

**4. SERVICE SUPPORT.**

- a. General. Division installations remain in present locations. Annex H (Service Support).
- b. Material and Services. Information pertaining to availability, procedure for distributing, prestock points, location of decontamination sites, and transportation of NBC defense supplies, materiel, decontaminants, and chemical munitions.

**5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.**

- a. Command. Location of primary and alternate NBC defense units.
- b. Signal.
  - (1) Procedures for requesting NBC defense support.
  - (2) Emergency NBC attack signal, if different from that specified in the SOP.
  - (3) Designate NBC 1 (nuclear) observers.

Acknowledgment instructions.

Last name of commander  
Rank

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*Figure A-3. Model Chemical Support Annex. (continued).*

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	Copy __ of __ copies Issuing Headquarters Date-time Group Message Reference Number
<b>ANNEX __ (SMOKE SUPPORT) to OPLAN/OPORD</b>	
References: Map, charts, smoke overlays, and other relevant documents. Time zone used throughout the order:	
<b>1. SITUATION.</b> a. <b>Enemy Forces.</b> See Annex __ (Intelligence) to OPLAN/OPORD NO b. <b>Friendly Forces.</b> Include information concerning smoke assets, not covered by the operation order, that are available in higher, adjacent, supporting, and reinforcing units. c. <b>Attachments and Detachments.</b> List assets supporting the smoke mission, attached to, or detached from the issuing headquarters.	
<b>2. MISSION.</b> State the smoke mission, including deception operations.	
<b>3. EXECUTION.</b> (Commander's intent). a. <b>Concept of Operation.</b> From next higher headquarters commander. (Describe the concept for employment of smoke assets, to include priorities. Cover the role of smoke in support of the division deception plan.) b. (In subsequent lettered subparagraphs, give the specific tasks to be accomplished by smoke assets.) c. <b>Coordinating Instructions.</b> (State coordination or control applicable to two or more elements of the command.)	
<b>4. SERVICE SUPPORT.</b> a. <b>Material and Services.</b> (Include information pertaining to availability, procedure for distribution, prestock points, and transportation of smoke generator fuel and other supplies.) b. <b>Miscellaneous</b>	
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*Figure A-4. Model Smoke Support Annex.*

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**5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.**

- a. Command. (State procedures for control of smoke assets, and location of primary and alternate command posts.)
- b. Signal. CEOI reference.

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**1 ENCLOSURE** (Operation overlay is enclosed)  
Describe enclosure (if there is one)

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*Figure A-4. Model Smoke Support Annex (continued).*

## Fragmentary Order

A fragmentary order is used to change or modify the OPORD. It normally follows the OPORD format but only includes the items to be changed or modified.

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(Change from oral orders, if any)	
	Copy __ of __ copies Issuing Headquarters Place of issue (may be in code) Date-time Group of signature Message Reference Number
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<b>References:</b>	
<b>1. SITUATION</b>	
a. Enemy forces. b. Friendly forces. c. Attachments and detachments.	
<b>2. MISSION</b>	
<b>3. EXECUTION</b>	
<b>Intent:</b>	
a. Concept of operations. b. Tasks to maneuver units. c. Tasks to CS units. d. Coordinating instructions.	
<b>4. SERVICE SUPPORT</b>	
<b>5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL</b>	
<b>(Classification)</b>	
<b>ACKNOWLEDGE:</b>	NAME (Commander's last name) RANK (Commander's rank)
<b>OFFICIAL:</b>	
<b>ANNEXES:</b>	
<b>DISTRIBUTION:</b>	<b>(Classification)</b>

*Figure A-5. Format for Fragmentary Order.*

<b>(Classification)</b>	<b>Copy __ of __ copies Issuing Headquarters Place of issue (may be in code) Date-time Group of signature Message Reference Number</b>
<b>SITUATION REPORT NO .</b>	
<b>Period covered: (date and time to date and time).</b> <b>References: Maps (series number, sheet(s), edition, scale).</b>	
<b>1. ENEMY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Units in contact.</li><li>b. Enemy reserves that can affect local situation.</li><li>c. Brief description of enemy activity during period covered by report.</li><li>d. Brief estimate of enemy strength, materiel means, morale, and his probable knowledge of our situation.</li><li>e. Conclusions covering courses of action open to enemy.</li></ul>	
<b>2. OWN SITUATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Location of forward elements.</li><li>b. Location of units, headquarters, and boundaries.</li><li>c. Location of adjacent units and supporting troops.</li><li>d. Brief description and results of operations during periods of report.</li><li>e. Noneffective units.</li></ul>	
<b>3. ADMINISTRATION</b> <p>General statement of the administrative situation, if other than normal, as it directly affects the tactical situation.</p>	
<b>4. GENERAL</b> <p>Information not covered elsewhere.</p>	
<b>5. COMMANDER'S EVALUATION</b> <p>To be completed when directed by higher authority.</p>	
Authentication:	Commander
Annexes:	
Distribution:	<b>(Classification)</b>

*Figure A-6. Format for Operational Situation Report.  
(Based on STANAG No. 2020. Operational Situation Reports)  
(NOTE: Omit subparagraphs not applicable.)*