

# Scout Sniper Workshop

# Agenda/ Objectives

- ❑ Purpose: Establish the primary elements of a concept for the employment of 19D Scout Snipers
  - Identify what a Scout Platoon or its parent HQ requires of Scout Snipers.
  - Support Doctrine Development
  - Assist with TOE / MTOE updates
- ❑ Recommend the definition of a Scout Sniper
- ❑ Recommend Scout Sniper primary and secondary mission and define organization description
- ❑ Concept of employment
- ❑ Identify appropriate R&S missions for Scout Sniper employment
  - Route Recon
  - Zone Recon
  - Area Recon
  - Screen
  - Area Security
  - Combat Tracking

# DEFINITION OF A SCOUT SNIPER

A 19D Cavalry scout highly skilled in field-craft and marksmanship who provides long range precision fires within engagement criteria from concealed positions in support of reconnaissance and security operations.

- ❑ **PRIMARY MISSION** –Conducts reconnaissance and security tasks and answers CCIR.
- ❑ **SECONDARY MISSION** –Supports R&S operations by providing long range precision fires on select targets from concealed positions.
- ❑ **Organizational Description** – A member of a scout squad or team equipped with sniper weapon system. The Scout Sniper supports scout platoon R&S missions by engaging anticipated targets, targets of opportunity, collecting and reporting battlefield information or a combination of all contributing to the accomplishment of the platoon’s mission.
- ❑ Related Tactical Task: 07-1-5171, Integrate Snipers into operations.

# SCOUT SNIPER Definition (Continued)

## **Uniqueness of Scout Sniper**

- ❑ A member of a Scout Team or Scout Squad, not a member of a typical Sniper Team assigned to HHC's or HHT's (see 3-22.10)
- ❑ Normally operates as a part of a Scout Squad and Scout Section; infrequently is detached from the Scout Squad to support other maneuver elements.
- ❑ Functions similarly to other members of the Scout Squad who possess a crew served weapon
- ❑ Scout Snipers often operate within a platoon OPTEMPO that is faster paced than traditional 11B Snipers that operate as part of a Sniper Team
- ❑ METT-TC variables may indicate Scout Sniper employment is not required, in these situations the Scouts associated with the Scout Sniper System execute standard scout tasks

# Capabilities & Limitations

## □ Capabilities

- Precision engagement
- Extends the platoon's small arms effective range on point targets beyond 600m
- Disrupting mechanized vehicles (with a suppressed weapon system)
- Counter Sniper

# Capabilities & Limitations

## ❑ Limitations

- Shooters are unit trained not institutionally trained. (The 19DB4 is trained to be a sniper not to be a sniper instructor. The Scout Sniper Spotter will have to train a 19D shooter)
- Night targeting is reduced from daytime capability
- BLOS communications (may not have sufficient number of HF radios )
- No adequate thermal clip-on capability (today requires swapping optics which will effect zero)
- Identified Scout snipers are not paired with other each other on the TOE.
- Normally Snipers are trained to operate as a team of qualified snipers; however 19DB4 are not teamed
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# Concept of Employment

- ❑ Platoon Organization – where are the Snipers located in the Platoon:
  - Positioned in separate sections and Scout Squads led by SSG Squad Leaders
  - Normally operate as a part of a Scout Squad
  - When METT-TC Variables indicate, the two “B4s” may operate together along with another scout who performs local security tasks
  - Each 19DB4 is authorized a Sniper weapon System
- ❑ Based on the Platoon Leader’s IPB and mission analysis processes the Scout Sections with Scout Snipers are assigned section zones, sectors, select OPs, or other AOs
- ❑ The 19DB4:
  - Grades (2) SGT / E-5 (needs to be recommendation from this working group)
  - A 19D20B4 provides the platoon a trainer:
    - marksmanship
    - Field craft
  - Shooter selected by Scout Squad Leader
    - Shooter trained by the “B4”

# Concept (Continued)

## ❑ Sniper Employment Fundamentals

- Freedom to develop scheme of maneuver for the Sniper enabled scout element
- Execute Scout Sniper tasks and apply Sniper skills, knowledge and attributes in the support of R&S operations
- The Sniper is normally not the platoon's main effort; Sniper functions are normally a supporting activity
- Scout Snipers are empowered by their leadership to apply their Sniper skills, knowledge and attributes

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# Concept (Continued)

## ❑ Role of the Team Leader (19DB4)

- Advises PL on employment
- Spotter
- Brings sniper experience to the team
- Serves as a marksmanship trainer for the platoon; transfers other applicable sniper skills to members of the platoon
- Prioritizes and designates observed targets for the shooter
- Applies engagement criteria, ROE and commander's intent

## ❑ Role of the Shooter (19D10)

- Engages targets with long range precision fires
- Maintains the weapon systems

## ❑ Role of the 3d member of the Scout Team (19D10)

- Local Security
- RATELO
- Machine-gunner

## ❑ Maneuver BN and IBCT / SBCT Cav Sqdn Sniper Teams provide the traditional 11B B4 Sniper capability

# Concept (Continued)

## □ Planning Considerations

- Available Engagement ranges
- Observation / visibility conditions
- Risk of Fratricide – for the Sniper Team and for adjacent elements
- Risk of collateral damage / civilian casualties
- Masking muzzle flash
- Concealment of the Sniper enabled Scout Team
- Voice and data communications
- Equipment planning and equipment availability

# Concept (Continued)

- ❑ During Screening Operations a Sniper enabled Scout Team occupies a Dismounted OP
  - Normally the OP will be overwatched by one of the Scout Section's vehicles Snipers may be employed to provide rear security
  - The Scout Sniper may be employed to destroy or repel enemy elements attempting to defeat friendly OPs or attempting to infiltrate through the friendly screen.
  - OPs with a Scout Sniper may be placed in depth to overwatch other OPs including OP displacement / repositioning.
  - When risk of enemy dismounted envelopment in an area not near the OP's NAI or observed enemy avenue of approach, the Sniper enabled Scout Team may provide local security instead of operating from the Dismounted OP
- ❑ Relation to section conducting reconnaissance
  - The scout sniper element may be tasked to provide security for Scout Squad or Section members at a mounted reconnaissance halt

# Concept (Continued)

## ☐ Relation to section conducting mounted reconnaissance

- The scout sniper element may be tasked to provide security for a Scout Squad or Section members at a mounted reconnaissance halt
- May be employed to counter or defeat enemy disruption zone elements conducting counter reconnaissance
- A Sniper Enabled Scout Squad or Team may be employed to reconnoiter an IV line, prior to continued mounted movement
- Observe built up area while locating bypass

## ☐ Relation to dismounted patrol

- METT-TC variables will indicate whether or not a Sniper enables Scout Squad is required to execute a dismounted patrol
- When employed a Scout Sniper Team may provide overwatch or security for the patrolling element



# Concept (Continued)

- ❑ Support to R&S operations in an Urban environment and / or around a civilian population
  - A Scout Sniper's precision fires reduces the chance of collateral damage
  - Limited target ranges / lines of site do not diminish the Scout Sniper's value in terms of precision fires or concealment skills
- ❑ Support to area security
  - Similar to other operations, Sniper enabled Scout Team provides security or overwatches other members of the Scout Squad or Section
- ❑ Support to Combat Tracking operations
  
- ❑ Occupying a Sniper Site - Similar to occupation of a Dismounted OP,
  - 19DB4 stalking skills improve infiltration, establishment, and exfiltration of the OP including while under enemy observation
- ❑ Sustainment- Sniper qualified personnel maintain the sniper weapon; coordination with manufacturer normally occurs at troop level

# DOTMLPF Implications

## Doctrine:

- Scout Platoon and Cavalry Troop O&Os capture Scout Sniper concept
- Eventual updates to ATPs 3-20.98, 3-20.97 & 3-20.98

## Organization:

- Linked to Scout Platoon O&O and Cavalry Scout Leader Soldier Competencies (Scout of the Future)
- Force Design Update (TOE / MTOE Change Request)

## Training

- Commanders training plan requires emphasis on M110 marksmanship (and its replacement (TBD))
- Engage moving targets
- Can future sniper courses be tailored to provide a 19D specific training within the same time period.

## Materiel

- Adopt Sniper Weapon System, other traditional sniper materiel solutions
- Associated equipment for M110
  - Kestral (wind calculator)
  - Army ballistic calculator (reduce number of rounds need for training)
  - Clip on night optic
  - STRAC requirements
  - Maintenance/ Armorer

## Leader Development

- POI review for functional, OES, and NCOES

## Personnel

- ASI Mocs proposals

## Facilities

- Access Ranges TBD

MSG Chavers, James – OCOA  
SSG Barber Mathieu NCOA  
SSG Sargeant, Joseph –ARC  
SSG Sayles, Brandon  
1LT Garzon, Oscar 1-16  
MSG Kelly, Curlee  
SFC Horias, Robert TCM Recon  
Mr. Pete Rose –TCM Recon  
Mr. Mike Dunn – TCM Recon  
Mr. Wayne Cason – TCM Recon