

Lesson 3.8c Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP)

Reference



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Contents

- Characteristics and capabilities.
- Strengths and limitations.
- Employment considerations and tasking.



Learning Outcomes

- Describe Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) unit characteristics, capabilities, acquisition and analysis at FHQ, Sector in Battalion Level.
- Explain strengths and limitations of employing LRRP units.
- Demonstrate how LRRP units receive tasking, operate and are employed.

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Characteristics Capabilities

Strengths Limitations

Employment considerations Tasking

Characteristics

- Lightly armed.
- Operate in small packets.
- Task organized for specific missions.

Capabilities (1)

- Acquisition, collation and dissemination of information.
- Situational awareness and reporting.
- Command, control and communications.
- Organic firepower.
- Mobility.



Capabilities (2)

- Force protection.
- Sustainment.
- Interoperability.
- Civil interaction.



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Strengths

- Direct engagement with civilians.
- Modular composition.
- Larger operating area.
- Sustained operations usually planned up to 30 days.

Limitations

- Require additional support.
- Finite resource.
- Limited reaction time.



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Employment concept

The size of the UN LRRP depends on the following types of operations to be conducted:

- Area reconnaissance
- Route reconnaissance
- Surveillance
- Determine population disposition
- Security operations



Employment considerations

A detailed deployment plan, including:

- Purpose of the mission.
- Acquisition requirements.
- External support.
- Command, control and communication measures.

Tasking

PKISR should:



- Plan sufficiently in advance in close coordination with LRRP liaison element to ensure the LRRP is employed efficiently for the duration of its patrol.
- Prepare IRs, taken from the IAP.
- Conduct detailed briefing for the LRRP commander.
- Coordinate with LRRP commander, U/G/S3 and U/G/S4 regarding support requirements.

Tasking

- Obtain data.
- Specialized reconnaissance.
- Monitoring.
- Surveillance.
- Provide situational awareness.



Take Away

- LRRPs can cover large operating areas for up to 30 days.
- External support to a LRRP is key to its success.
- LRRP activity must be coordinated among mission staff and the unit commander.

