**TASK:** React to Contact (Visual, IED, Direct Fire [includes RPG]) (07-3-D9501)

**CONDITIONS:** Visual (dismounted/mounted). The unit is stationary or moves, conducting operations. Visual contact is made with the enemy. Mounted. The unit is stationary or moves, conducting operations. Visual contact is made with the enemy. Improvised explosive device (IED) (dismounted/mounted). The unit is stationary or moves, conducting operations. The unit identifies and confirms an IED or one is detonated. Direct fire dismounted/mounted. The unit is stationary or moves, conducting operations. The enemy initiates contact with a direct fire weapon.

**CUE:** This drill begins when visual contact, direct fire, or an IED is identified or detonated.

**STANDARDS:** Visual (dismounted). The unit destroys the enemy with a hasty ambush or an immediate assault through the enemy position. Visual (mounted). Based on the composition of the mounted unit, the unit either suppresses and reports the enemy position and continues its mission, or suppresses the enemy position for a follow-on assault to destroy them. IED (dismounted/mounted). The unit takes immediate action by using the 5Cs procedure (confirm, clear, call, cordon, check, and control). Direct fire (dismounted/mounted). The unit immediately returns well-aimed fire and seeks cover. The unit leader reports the contact to higher headquarters (HQ).

**TASK STEPS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

1. **Visual dismounted.**
   a. Hasty ambush. Unit leaders take the following actions:
      1. Determine that the unit has not been seen by the enemy.
      2. Signal Soldiers to occupy best available firing positions.
      3. Initiate the ambush with the most casualty-producing weapon available, immediately followed by a sustained well-aimed volume of effective fire.
      4. If the unit is prematurely detected, the Soldier(s) aware of the detection initiates the ambush.
      5. Ensure the unit destroys the enemy or forces them to withdraw.
      6. Report the contact to higher HQ.
   b. Immediate assault.
      1. The unit and the enemy simultaneously detect each other at close range.
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(2) All soldiers who see the enemy engage and announce “contact” with a clock direction and distance to enemy, (example, “contact three o’clock, 100 meters”). Unit personnel take the following actions:
   (3) Elements in contact immediately assault the enemy using fire and movement.
   (4) The unit destroys the enemy or forces them to withdraw.
   (5) The unit leader reports the contact to higher headquarters.

2.  Visual mounted. Unit personnel take the following actions:
   a. The Soldier who spots the enemy announces the contact.
   b. The element in contact immediately suppresses the enemy.
   c. The vehicle commander of the vehicle in contact sends contact report over the radio.
   d. The unit maneuvers on the enemy or continues to move.
   e. Vehicle gunners fix and suppress the enemy positions.
   f. The unit leader reports the contact to higher HQ.

3.  IED dismounted/mounted. Unit personnel take the following actions:
   a. React to a suspected or known IED prior to detonation by using the 5Cs.
   b. Unit determines if there is a requirement for explosive ordnance disposal (EOD), while maintaining as safe a distance as possible and 360 security, Unit “confirms” the presence of an IED by using all available optics to identify any wires, antennas, detcord, or parts of exposed ordinance. Take the following actions:
      (1) Conduct surveillance from a safe distance.
      (2) Observe the immediate surroundings for suspicious activities.
   c. Unit “clears” all personnel from the area a safe distance to protect them from a potential second IED.
   d. Unit "cords" off the area, directs personnel out of the danger area, prevents all military or civilian traffic from passing and allows entry only to authorized personnel. They take the following actions:
      (1) Direct people out of the 300-meter minimum danger area.
      (2) Identify and clears an area for an incident control point (ICP).
   (3) Occupy positions and continuously secure the area.
   e. Unit "checks" the immediate area for secondary/tertiary devices around the incident control point (ICP) and cordon using the 5/25 meter checks.
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f. Unit "controls" the area inside the cordon to ensure only authorized access.

g. Unit continuously scans the area for suspicious activity. They take the following actions:

   (1) Identify potential enemy observation, vantage, or ambush points.
   (2) Maintain visual observation on the IED to ensure the device is not tampered with.

4. Direct fire dismounted. (See Figure 1.) Unit personnel take the following actions:

   a. Soldiers under direct fire immediately return fire and seek the nearest covered positions. They call out distance and direction of direct fire. (See Figure 2.)
b. Element leaders locate and engage known or suspected enemy positions with well-aimed fire and pass information to the unit leader.

c. Element leaders control their Soldier's fire by:
   (1) Marking targets with lasers.
   (2) Marking the intended target with tracers or M203 rounds.

d. Soldiers maintain contact (visually or orally) with the Soldiers on their left or right.

e. Soldiers maintain contact with their team leader and relay the location of enemy positions. (See Figure 3.)
f. Element leaders (visually or orally) check the status of their Soldiers.
g. Element leaders maintain contact with the unit leader.
h. Unit leader reports the contact to higher headquarters.

5. Direct fire mounted. Unit personnel take the following actions:
   a. If moving as part of a logistics patrol, vehicle gunners immediately suppress enemy positions and continue to move.
   b. Vehicle commanders direct their drivers to accelerate safely through the engagement area.
   c. If moving as part of a combat patrol, vehicle gunners suppress and fix the enemy allowing others to maneuver against and destroy the enemy.
   d. Leaders (visually or orally) check the status of their Soldiers and vehicles.
   e. Unit leader reports the contact to higher HQ.
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