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S	Screen
SS	Service and Support

Reconnaissance elements conduct reconnaissance and counterreconnaissance to identify enemy forces.

The battalion approaches on two axes. The main attack group fixes enemy defenses and deceives the enemy regarding the size, disposition, and direction of the unit's in-depth attack and thrust maneuver groups. The main attack group advances along a narrower front than the auxiliary group, whose objective is to seize enemy firstline positions.

The north axis is the main axis of advance, along with the unit in a follow-and-support role.

Source Note: Analysis informed by multiple U.S. Government sources, Chinese military documents, and subject matter experts; frontage data drawn from Yang, Baoming, and Fusheng Zhu, *Review of Army Combined Operation Tactics* (People's Liberation Army, 2012).

The south axis provides support-by-fire.

Elements will maintain company-level separation of 0.5 to 1 kilometer and platoon-level separation of 250 to 500 meters. These distances are subject to adjustment based on mission variables.

Units will maintain a separation of 1 kilometer between the advancing north and south axes.

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