

Training and Evaluation Outline Report

Task Number: 07-6-1081

Task Title: Conduct a Passage of Lines as Passing Unit (Battalion - Brigade)

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Supporting Reference(s):

Step Number	Reference ID	Reference Name	Required	Primary
	FM 3-20.96	Reconnaissance and Cavalry Squadron	Yes	No
	FM 3-90-2	RECONNAISSANCE, SECURITY, AND TACTICAL ENABLING TASKS VOLUME 2	Yes	Yes
	FM 3-90.6	Brigade Combat Team	Yes	No

Condition: The brigade combat team (BCT) or battalion (BN) is conducting operations independently or as part of higher headquarters (HQ) and receives an operation order (OPORD) or fragmentary order (FRAGORD) requiring the conduct of a passage of lines as the passing unit. All necessary unit personnel and equipment are available. The BCT/BN has communications with higher, adjacent, subordinate and supporting elements. The unit is provided guidance by the Rules of Engagement (ROE). It may also have Mission Instructions, such as a peace mandate, Terms of Reference, and Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA). Coalition forces, noncombatants, government agencies, nongovernment organizations, and local and international media may be in the operational environment (OE). Some iterations should be performed in an IED environment.

Some iterations of this task should be performed in MOPP 4.

Standard: The BCT/BN conducts the passage of lines in accordance with (IAW) FM 3-90-2, standard operating procedures (SOP), the order, and/or higher commander's guidance. The BCT/BN coordinates with the stationary unit to ensure that the stationary unit establishes control and secures ample maneuver space within the area of operation (AO) to allow the BCT/BN to pass through and form into a combat formation prior to gaining contact with the enemy. The BCT/BN maintains enemy contact and provides constant fires on the enemy for a rearward passage of lines. The BCT BN reconnoiters passage points and passage lanes. The BCT BN complies with the ROE, mission instructions, higher HQ's order, and other special orders. All communication and reporting is IAW applicable SOP.

Safety Risk: Low

Task Statements

Cue: The brigade combat team (BCT) or battalion (BN) is conducting operations independently or as part of higher headquarters (HQ) and receives an operation order (OPORD) or fragmentary order (FRAGORD) requiring the conduct of a passage of lines as the passing unit.

DANGER
None

WARNING

None

CAUTION

None

Remarks: None

Notes: None

TASK STEPS

* 1. PLAN - BCT/BN leaders gain and/or maintain situational understanding (SU) using available communications equipment, maps, intelligence summaries, situation reports (SITREPs), and other available information sources. Intelligence sources include human intelligence (HUMINT), signal intelligence (SIGINT), and imagery intelligence (IMINT) to include unmanned aircraft systems (UASs) and unattended ground sensors (UGSs).

* 2. The BCT/BN commander and staff receive an order or anticipate a new mission and begin the military decisionmaking process (MDMP). (Refer to Task 71-8-5110, Plan Operations using the Military Decisionmaking Process [Battalion-Corps].)

* 3. The BCT/BN commander and staff begin plans to conduct a passage of lines as a passing unit. The two units involved develop the passage plan together. They take the following actions:

a. Conduct a map reconnaissance. Reconnoiter routes and lanes selected by the stationary unit that provide cover and concealment, do not disrupt stationary unit's defense, and provide for rapid movement.

b. Update the joint common database and common operational picture (COP), provide current SU to provide timely and accurate information for intelligence preparation of the battlefield (IPB), and the planning process.

c. Organize the BCT/BN to accomplish the mission. (Refer to Task 71-8-5123, Task Organize for Operations [Battalion - Corps] for further details.)

d. Conduct IPB. (Refer to Task 71-8-2210, Perform Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield [Battalion - Corps] for further details.)

e. Confirm higher HQ for both units directing passage. Designate the following:

(1) Subsequent mission for both forces.

(2) When and under what conditions passage of command takes place.

(3) Start and finish times for the passage.

(4) Contact points between the units involved.

(5) Common maneuver control measures and graphics.

f. Focus planning efforts based on the commander's concept and intent, including:

(1) Coordination with the stationary force.

(2) Guidance to subordinate units conducting the passage.

g. Conduct detailed coordination with the stationary unit. Take the following actions:

(1) Coordinate the exchange of intelligence and combat information.

(2) Coordinate the current friendly dispositions and tactical plans, especially deception and obstacle (closure and execution) plans.

(3) Plan and coordinate direct and indirect fires and/or close air support (CAS) to delay or neutralize repositioning enemy forces and reserves.

(4) Coordinate any necessary maneuver control measures and graphics not directed by the higher HQ that include:

- (a) Boundary changes.
- (b) Battle handover line (BHL).
- (c) Emergency sustainment points.
- (d) Assembly area(s) (AA) to be used.
- (e) Firing positions for artillery, air defense, and other units.

(5) Coordinate long-range and short-range recognition symbols and vehicle markings to reduce the probability of fratricide.

(6) Coordinate the transfer of the (AO) from one BCT/BN to the other at a time and place designated by higher command or mutual agreement.

(7) Coordinate provisions for movement control, if not directed by higher HQ, that include:

- (a) Contact points.
- (b) Start and release points.
- (c) Route selection (primary and alternate).
- (d) Priorities for using routes and facilities.
- (e) Passage points.
- (f) Provision for guides (especially through obstacles).

(8) Coordinate the reconnaissance plan.

(9) Ensure no redundancy in communications signal means between units.

(10) Coordinate signal operating instruction (SOI) details such as call signs, frequencies, and recognition signals, digital systems, connectivity, recognition signals, and communication procedures and requirements, to ensure both elements maintain a COP.

(11) Coordinate security measures during the passage. Include chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) reconnaissance and biological detection systems.

(12) Coordinate fires, obscurants, and any other warfighting functions provided by the stationary unit.

(13) Coordinate measures to reduce both units' vulnerability to attack by enemy weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

(14) Coordinate operational security (OPSEC) measures required before or during the passage.

(15) Coordinate allocation of terrain.

(16) Coordinate air defense artillery (ADA) cover-up to and forward of the BHL. Other ADA considerations include:

(a) Stationary unit provide ADA protection to the passing unit, enabling passing unit ADA forces to move with the passing unit.

(b) Disseminating ADA early warning and ADA mission command information early in the planning process to reduce the risk of fratricide.

(17) Coordinate logistics support that will be provided by the stationary unit, to include fuel, maintenance, and medical treatment.

(18) Ensure fires cells of both units coordinate allocation of firing positions, including:

(a) Positioning fires elements far enough forward to not have to redeploy during critical stages of the battle.

(b) Positioning fires elements in areas not identified by the enemy.

(19) Physically see all obstacles and routes and gaps through them.

(20) Establish a security area in which responsibility will transition from the BCT/BN to the stationary force.

(21) Augment the traffic control capability of the stationary units.

Note:

h. BCT/BN commander and staff conduct confirmation briefings with subordinate commanders immediately after OPORD is issued to ensure subordinates understand the commander's intent and concept of the operation.

4. PREPARE - BCT/BN prepare for the passage.

a. Collocate command posts (CPs) for ease of coordination, making direct liaison, updating plans, and sending changes to higher HQ (if CPs were not collocated earlier in the planning process).

b. Conduct extensive reconnaissance operations by:

(1) Locating contact points on movement routes.

(2) Reconnoitering passage points and passage lanes.

(3) Verifying passage lanes are clear of obstacles, provide concealment, and allow for integration with the plan of attack or withdrawal.

(4) Locating AA and/or attack positions that do not interfere with stationary units but provide cover, concealment, and enough room for dispersion.

c. Obtain updated reconnaissance information from the stationary unit and higher HQ.

d. Refine the plan based on continuously updated intelligence.

e. Transmit changes in the plan to the stationary unit.

f. Employ OPSEC measures to deny the enemy information.

g. Verify communications (internal and with the stationary unit).

h. Supervise subordinate MDMP/troop-leading procedures to ensure planning and preparations are on track and consistent with the BCT/BN commander's intent.

i. Conduct rehearsals during day and limited visibility if possible.

5. EXECUTE - Position forces IAW the plan.

a. The stationary unit establishes control and secures the AO far enough to its front so the BCT/BN can pass through prior to contact with the enemy force.

b. Verify contact points (CPs).

c. Verify overlay data received from stationary unit.

d. Position engineer units and equipment to be prepared to help stationary unit maintain routes.

Note:

6. BCT/BN conducts a forward passage of lines.

a. Provide the element designated to coordinate and assist the passage with a list of elements to go through designated passage points.

b. Move along assigned routes and/or lanes.

c. Move to and occupy attack positions when observation by the enemy is unlikely.

d. Display correct visual signals.

e. Identify and send contaminated units to designated passage points.

f. Pass through the stationary unit without halting in a combat formation.

g. Maintain cover, concealment, and dispersion.

h. Impose minimum radio traffic or radio listening silence for forward passage.

i. Ensure reconnaissance elements operate forward of the release points and establish a screen in front of the BCT/BN.

j. Coordinate all fire support. (Commander does this after assuming responsibility for the AO.)

k. Assume control of fires forward of the BHL. (Commander does this on passage of command.)

l. Conduct operations beyond the BHL once the attack begins. (Commander assumes this responsibility.)

m. Pass through the lines as soon as possible after the lead elements complete their passage and locates where it can best control operations. (CP does this.)

n. Receive provided emergency sustainment from the stationary unit, once coordinated, to allow continued movement, including:

(1) Emergency medical.

(2) Recovery.

(3) Class III.

o. Assume full responsibility for sustainment support forward of the BHL.

p. Orient subordinate elements and complete closure.

7. BCT/BN conducts a rearward passage of lines.

a. Ensure commander relinquishes control of elements remaining in contact at the time of the transfer of responsibility to the stationary commander.

b. Move along assigned routes and/or lanes.

c. Move to and occupy attack positions when observation by the enemy is unlikely.

d. Display correct visual signals.

e. Identify and send contaminated units to designated passage points.

f. Pass through the stationary unit without halting in a combat formation.

g. Maintain cover, concealment, and dispersion.

h. Ensure commander maintains command of subordinate elements throughout the retrograde and rearward passage.

i. Ensure the BCT/BN comes under the control of the stationary unit once the lead element of the unit reaches the passage point.

j. If in contact with the enemy, control the battle from the colocated CPs while the stationary unit monitors and controls the passage of lines until battle handover occurs.

k. Ensure CP passes through the lines as soon as possible after the lead elements complete their passage and locates where it can best control operations.

l. Ensure fire support assets displace rearward to provide continuous fire support for the BCT/BN until it successfully disengages.

m. Ensure AD assets echelon rearward to provide continuous AD coverage for the BCT/BN until it successfully disengages.

n. Receive provided emergency sustainment from the stationary unit, once coordinated, to allow continued movement, including:

(1) Emergency medical.

(2) Recovery.

(3) Class III.

o. Orient subordinate elements and complete closure.

Prerequisite Collective Task(s):

Step Number	Task Number	Title	Proponent	Status
	71-8-5111	Conduct the Military Decisionmaking Process (Battalion - Corps)	71 - Combined Arms (Collective)	Approved

Supporting Collective Task(s):

Step Number	Task Number	Title	Proponent	Status
	07-6-1082	Conduct a Passage of Lines as Stationary Unit (Battalion - Brigade)	07 - Infantry (Collective)	Approved
	07-6-5037	Conduct Consolidation (Battalion - Brigade)	07 - Infantry (Collective)	Approved
	17-6-3809	Conduct Battle Handover (Battalion - Brigade)	17 - Armor (Collective)	Approved
	71-8-5121	Establish Coordination and Liaison (Battalion - Corps)	71 - Combined Arms (Collective)	Approved
	71-8-5122	Perform a Rehearsal (Battalion - Corps)	71 - Combined Arms (Collective)	Approved
	71-8-5200	Conduct Command Post Operations (Battalion - Corps)	71 - Combined Arms (Collective)	Approved

Supporting Individual Task(s):

Step Number	Task Number	Title	Proponent	Status
	071-410-0010	Conduct a Leader's Reconnaissance	071 - Infantry (Individual)	Approved
	071-450-0030	Conduct a Passage of Lines	071 - Infantry (Individual)	Approved
	171-133-5314	Supervise Establishment of a Command Post (CP)	171 - Armor (Individual)	Approved

Supporting Drill Task(s):

Step Number	Drill Number	Drill Title	Drill Type	Proponent	Status
	07-3-D9501	React to Direct Fire Contact	Battle Drill	07 - Infantry (Collective)	Approved
	07-3-D9504	React to Indirect Fire	Battle Drill	07 - Infantry (Collective)	Approved

Supported AUTL/UJTL Task(s):

Task ID	Title
ART 1.2.8	Conduct Passage of Lines

TADSS

Step ID	TADSS ID	Title	Product Type	Quantity
	71-02/7	Close Combat Tactical Trainer (CCTT) Fixed Site HMMWV Series	DVC	1
	71-02	Close Combat Tactical Trainer (CCTT) Fixed Site Installation	DVC	1
	20-91	Games For Training (GFT) (Includes Virtual Battlespace 2 Training Simulation)	GFT	1

Equipment (LIN)

Step ID	LIN	Nomenclature	Qty
No equipment specified			

Materiel Items (NSN)

Step ID	NSN	LIN	Title	Qty
No materiel items specified				

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Safety: In a training environment, leaders must perform a risk assessment in accordance with ATP 5-19, Risk Management. Leaders will complete the current Deliberate Risk Assessment Worksheet in accordance with the TRADOC Safety Officer during the planning and completion of each task and sub-task by assessing mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available-time available and civil considerations, (METT-TC). Note: During MOPP training, leaders must ensure personnel are monitored for potential heat injury. Local policies and procedures must be followed during times of increased heat category in order to avoid heat related injury. Consider the MOPP work/rest cycles and water replacement guidelines IAW FM 3-11.4, Multiservice Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical (NBC) Protection, FM 3-11.5, Multiservice Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Decontamination. .