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Summary Report for Staff Drill Task
Drill Number: 71-DIV-D3210
Drill Title: React to Close Air Support request.[Battalion through Division]
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Drill Data

Proponent: 71 - Combined Arms (Collective)

Drill Type: Staff

Approved: 27 Oct 2014

Obsolete:

Restricted Read: No

Route To TMD Reviewer: Yes

TMD Concurrence: Yes

TMD Comments: Concur

Safety Level: Low

Conditions:

The command receives a request for close air support. The command has communications with higher, lower, and adjacent units, and the mission command system is operating and processing information. The command has target reference points throughout its area of operations.

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

Standards:

The Battle Staff determines priority of close air support and gathers all necessary information required through the mission command system. The staff requests close air support within established time limits. The staff follows commanders guidance, standard operating procedures, and rules of engagement.

Drill Statements:

DANGER

Leaders have an inherent responsibility to conduct Risk Management to ensure the safety of all Soldiers and promote mission accomplishment.

WARNING

Risk Management is the Army's primary decision-making process to identify hazards, reduce risk, and prevent both accidental and tactical loss. All Soldiers have the responsibility to learn and understand the risks associated with this task.

CAUTION

Identifying hazards and controlling risks across the full spectrum of Army functions, operations, and activities is the responsibility of all Soldiers.

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. .

Environment: Environmental protection is not just the law but the right thing to do. It is a continual process and starts with deliberate planning. Always be alert to ways to protect our environment during training and missions. In doing so, you will contribute to the sustainment of our training resources while protecting people and the environment from harmful effects. Refer to the current Environmental Considerations manual and the current GTA Environmental-related Risk Assessment card. .

Cue: The staff receives a request for close air support.

Note: Task content last updated: 23 October 2014.

Note 2: This task's Performance Steps and associated Performance Measures may not apply to every staff, unit, or echelon. Prior to evaluation, coordination should be made between evaluator and the evaluated staff's or units' higher headquarters to determine the Performance Steps and Measures that will not be evaluated.

Note 3: While Army doctrine has changed to 'Mission Command' over 'Command and Control' (C2 - which is now a component of Mission Command), and changed from using 'ISR' (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) to 'information collection' (comprised of reconnaissance and surveillance, security operations, and intelligence operations), joint doctrine still retains the primacy of C2 over Mission Command as well as the use of ISR. Commanders and staffs of Army headquarters serving as a joint task force, joint force land component command, Army forces, or Army service component command headquarters should refer to applicable

joint or multinational doctrine for the exercise and use of C2 and ISR.

Note 4: The referenced joint publications for this task can be found on the Joint Doctrine, Education and Training Electronic Information System (JDEIS) here: <https://jdeis.js.mil/jdeis/index.jsp> .

Coaching Point: Ensure SOP is current.

Ensure close air request has all eight essential elements.

Continue to practice how to execute this task until you have mastered the drill.

TASK STEPS

1. The staff receives initial close air support (CAS) request and notifies:
 - a. Command group.
 - b. Current operations integration cell.
 - c. Aviation liaison officer, if assigned.
2. The staff determines the priority for CAS based on the commander's guidance and unit standard operating procedures (SOP).
3. Battle Captain requests the required information based on unit SOP:
 - a. Unit Call Sign.
 - b. Frequency modulation (FM) or ultrahigh frequency (UHF) (UHF preferred).
 - c. Primary and Alternate Frequencies.
 - d. If there is a Terminal Air Controller (TAC) with the requesting unit.
 - e. Friendly Location.
 - f. Method to mark/identify friendly position.
 - g. Enemy Location.
4. The staff plans for CAS by:
 - a. Planning for Suppression of Enemy Air Defense (SEAD) targets.
 - b. Identifying the location of all friendly personnel in the area.
 - c. Coordinating target marking.
 - d. Integrating CAS with scheme of fires.
 - e. Establishing communications with forward air controller (if available).
 - f. Preparing the close air request with eight essential elements:
 - (1) Observer Identification.
 - (2) Warning order.
 - (3) Target type and quantity.
 - (4) Target location.
 - (5) Desired time on target.

(6) Results desired on target.

(7) Final control.

(8) Remarks.

5. The staff forwards the CAS request to higher fire support element (FSE) within the established time limit.

a. Forwards a request for Immediate CAS if a TAC is with the unit.

b. Forwards a request for Emergency CAS if a TAC is not with the unit.

6. The staff coordinates Airspace Coordination Areas (ACA) in terms of:

a. Altitude.

b. Time and space.

c. Deconfliction of field artillery, naval surface fire support (NSFS), and other close air support missions.

7. The staff validates synchronized timing, 9-line air support brief, risk estimate distance, target marking, final attack control, current weather, and enemy air defense artillery.

8. Battle Captain tells the requesting unit to monitor its Net(s).

9. Battle Captain requests a battle damage assessment (BDA) upon completion of the CAS mission.

(Asterisks indicates a leader performance step.)

TASK MEASURES

1. The staff received initial close air support (CAS) request and notified appropriate personnel.
 2. The staff determined the priority for CAS based on the commander's guidance and unit standard operating procedures (SOP).
 3. Battle Captain requested the required information based on unit SOP.
 4. The staff planned for CAS.
 5. The staff forwarded the CAS request to higher fire support element (FSE) within the established time limit.
 6. The staff coordinated Airspace Coordination Areas (ACA).
 7. The staff validated synchronized timing, 9-line air support brief, risk estimate distance, target marking, final attack control, current weather, and enemy air defense artillery.
 8. Battle Captain told the requesting unit to monitor its Net(s).
 9. Battle Captain requested a battle damage assessment (BDA) upon completion of the CAS mission.
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Talk:

a.Orientation: The object of this drill is to react to a request for close air support.

b.Safety: Emphasize that following SOP and close air support protocols are critical for preventing fratricide.

c.Demonstration: Have staff read select close air support vignettes found in JP 3-09.3.

d.Explanation: Refer to performance measures and explain what each member of the staff must do to react to a request for close air support.

e.Unit Instructions: The staff is coordinating current operations and receives a request for close air support.

Walk:

1. Refer to performance measures and have staff members perform their part slowly at first as the XO/DCO/S3/G3 or other appropriate leader talks them through the process.
 2. Continue to practice, increasing speed of execution each iteration.
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Run:

a.Run-Through Instructions: The staff should practice this drill until they can perform the drill according to the standards and without the drill book or coaching from the leader.

b.Coaching Point: Ensure SOP is current.

Ensure close air request has all eight essential elements.

Continue to practice how to execute this task until you have mastered the drill.

c.Performance Instructions: When the staff can perform this drill according to the standards, the leader should evaluate them and conduct an after action review (AAR).

Equipment (LIN)

Step ID	LIN	Nomenclature	Qty
	FA9530	Tactical Operations Center	1

Materiel Items (NSN)

Step ID	NSN	LIN	Title	Qty
No materiel items specified				

Support Personnel

Personnel Type	Description	School	Qty	Remarks
No support personnel specified				

TADSS

Step ID	TADSS ID	Title	Product Type	Qty
	06-118/A	Joint Close Air Support Modification Kit (JCAS MOD) Kit	DVC	1

Supporting Individual Tasks

Step ID	Task ID	Status	Task Title
	061-C01-1047	Approved	Synchronize a Close Air Support (CAS) Request
	150-MC-5112	Approved	Conduct Mission Analysis
	150-MC-5200	Approved	Conduct Command Post Operations

Prerequisite Individual Tasks

Step ID	Task ID	Status	Task Title
No prerequisite individual tasks specified			

Supporting Collective Tasks

Step ID	Task ID	Status	Title
	71-9-3210	Approved	Conduct Close Air Support (Division Echelon and Above)

Prerequisite Collective Tasks

Step ID	Task ID	Status	Title
	71-9-3210	Approved	Conduct Close Air Support (Division Echelon and Above)

Supporting Drill Tasks

Step ID	Drill ID	Status	Drill Title
	44-5-D9010	Approved	Perform airspace control procedures for Immediate Close Air Support

OPFOR

Task Number	Title	Status
No supporting OPFOR tasks specified		

REFERENCES

Step Number	Reference ID	Reference Name	Required	Primary
	ATP 3-09.23	Field Artillery Cannon Battalion	Yes	No
	ATP 3-09.42	FIRE SUPPORT FOR THE BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM	Yes	No
	FM 3-09	FIELD ARTILLERY OPERATIONS AND FIRE SUPPORT http://armypubs.army.mil/doctrine/DR_pubs/dr_a/pdf/fm3_09.pdf	Yes	No
	JP 3-09.3	Close Air Support	Yes	Yes

Training Setup

I. Resources.

a. Table(s) of organization and equipment (TOE) assigned personnel and equipment; weapons; vehicles; and communication equipment/mission command systems.

b. All appropriate software and IT infrastructure.

Training Facilities

Facility ID	Facility Name	Facility Type
13511	Communication Lines, Above Ground	F13500-Communication Lines
14113	Access Control Facility	F14113-Access Control Facilities

DODIC

DODIC	Name	Qty
No DODIC		

Associated Documents

Media ID	Media Type	Title	Subtitle
No Associated Documents			

GLOSSARY TERMS

Glossary Term	Definition
No glossary terms specified	

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Acronym/Abbreviation	Definition
No acronyms/abbreviations specified	