

Training and Evaluation Outline Report

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Task Title: Conduct Area Reconnaissance (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	Yes
	FM 3-90-2	RECONNAISSANCE, SECURITY, AND TACTICAL ENABLING TASKS VOLUME 2	Yes	No
	FM 3-96	Brigade Combat Team	Yes	No

Condition: The brigade combat team (BCT) or battalion (BN) is conducting operations independently or as part of a division or Army forces, and receives an operation order (OPORD) or fragmentary order (FRAGORD) to conduct an area reconnaissance. The higher order(s) highlight a great degree of certainty regarding the reconnaissance objective. The area may or may not be contiguous to other friendly areas targeted for reconnaissance. Included in this order are the specific area(s) to be reconnoitered, line(s) of departure (LD), limit(s) of advance (LOA) or an objective, the higher commander's critical information requirements (CCIR), and higher commander's intent. Adequate time to accomplish the mission and gather critical information has been allocated by higher headquarters (HQ). All necessary 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 of this task should be performed in MOPP 4. This task should be trained under IED Threat conditions.

Standard: The BCT/BN conducts the area reconnaissance in accordance with (IAW) FM 3-20.96, Cavalry Squadron, the standard operating procedures (SOP), the order, and/or higher commander's guidance. The BCT/BN finds and reports all threat forces within the area(s), reconnoiters specific terrain within the area(s), reports areas of chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) contamination, renders route reports on major routes, reports details of the population in the area, and reports CCIR. If time permits, the BCT/BN also reconnoiters all terrain; inspects and evaluates all bridges; locates fords or crossing sites near all bridges; inspects and evaluates all overpasses, underpasses, and culverts; locates and clears all mines, obstacles, and barriers within capability, and locates bypasses around urban areas and routes through urban areas, obstacles, and contaminated areas. The BCT/BN complies with the ROE.

Safety Risk: Low

Task Statements

Cue: The brigade combat team (BCT) or battalion (BN) is conducting operations independently or as part of a division or Army forces, and receives an operation order (OPORD) or fragmentary order (FRAGORD) to conduct an area reconnaissance.

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. Commander and staff receive an order or anticipate a new mission, and begin the military decision-making process (MDMP). (Refer to task 71-8-5111, Conduct the Military Decision Making Process.)

a. Issue a warning order (WARNORD) to subordinates as appropriate.

b. Initiate movements that facilitate reconnaissance.

* 3. Commander and staff plan area reconnaissance.

a. Coordinates with higher HQ and adjacent units to obtain required intelligence products and other terrain products.

b. Conducts a map reconnaissance.

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

d. Conducts IPB. (Refer to task 71-8-2210, Perform Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield [Battalion - Corps].)

(1) Defines the battlefield environment using terrain analysis tools.

(2) Describes the battlefield effects on operations in terms of obstacles, cover and concealment, observation, key terrain, and avenues of approach for air and ground operations.

(3) Evaluates the enemy.

(4) Produces a modified combined obstacle overlay (MCOO) and disseminates to subordinate elements.

(5) Determines enemy courses of action (ECOAs).

e. Implements and integrates higher HQ reconnaissance plan.

f. Integrates the seven reconnaissance fundamentals.

(1) Ensures continuous reconnaissance.

(2) Does not keep reconnaissance assets in reserve.

(3) Orients on the reconnaissance objective(s), such as:

(a) Threat oriented.

(b) Terrain oriented.

(c) Society oriented.

(d) Infrastructure oriented.

(e) A combination of these factors.

(4) Reports all information rapidly and accurately.

(5) Retains freedom to maneuver.

(6) Gains and maintains threat contact.

(7) Develops the situation rapidly.

g. Defines reconnaissance objectives and assigns tasks to subordinate elements. Even though the unit is assigned an area reconnaissance mission, subordinate units could be assigned a zone, area, or route reconnaissance mission. (Refer to task 71-8-5123, Task Organize for Operations for further details.)

h. Determines speed of the reconnaissance effort and locations where more deliberate reconnaissance is required.

i. Integrate and synchronize warfighting functions (WFFs) based on the mission variables of mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available, time available and civil considerations (METT-TC).

(1) Integrates and synchronizes air and ground operations.

(a) Determines mission command relationship of the air and ground elements.

(b) Assigns areas for subordinate units and determines essential on-station times for the air elements.

(c) Prioritizes critical tasks to be performed by air and ground elements.

(2) Plans fire support.

(a) Assigns priority of fire or nonlethal effects, and priority of targets.

(b) Establishes fire support coordination measures (FSCM) that support the reconnaissance mission.

(c) Synchronizes movement of mortars, artillery, and attached fire support (FS) assets to scheme of maneuver.

(3) Plans engineer support.

(a) Plans for priority of support to the reconnaissance objective.

(b) Integrates obstacle intelligence (OBSTINTEL) requirements into the priority intelligence requirements (PIR) and reconnaissance plan.

(c) Plans adequate mission command to rapidly shift priority of effort and support in order to reinforce success or respond to a changing situation.

(d) Plans for emplacement situational obstacles, as needed.

(4) Plans air and missile defense (AMD) support (if support has been provided by higher HQ).

(a) Coordinates for adequate coverage of the unit during the mission.

(b) Shifts assets as required by phase of the operation.

(c) Plans for increased air defense (AD) coverage of areas where the unit is most vulnerable to air attacks.

(d) Coordinates AMD coverage with air defense and airspace management (ADAM)/brigade aviation element (BAE) if required.

(5) Plans chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) defense.

(a) Integrates CBRN reconnaissance assets into the reconnaissance plan.

(b) Ensures CBRN assets are positioned to quickly detect enemy use.

(c) Coordinates immediate and thorough decontamination based on the commander's priorities and vulnerability analysis.

(6) Plans sustainment operations.

(a) Integrates movement and positioning of sustainment assets with the scheme of maneuver.

(b) Plans timely resupply of class I, III, and V.

(c) Supports a rapid reorganization by providing immediate forward support once units reach the LOA.

(d) Plans and coordinates casualty evacuation.

j. Determines the tempo of the reconnaissance effort and links it to execution information.

k. Determines the engagement and bypass criteria.

4. BCT/BN commander and staff conducts risk management. (Refer to task 71-8-5145, Conduct Risk Management [Battalion - Corps].)

5. BCT/BN commander and staff prepares and disseminates orders and graphics.

6. BCT/BN commander and staff conduct confirmation briefings with subordinates immediately after OPOD is issued to ensure subordinates understand commander's intent and concept.

Note:

7. PREPARE - BCT/BN prepare for the mission.

a. Refine the plan based on continuously updated intelligence.

b. Conduct precombat checks.

c. Supervise subordinate MDMP and troop leading procedures to ensure planning and preparations are on track and consistent with the unit commander's intent.

d. Conduct rehearsals during day and limited visibility, if possible.

8. EXECUTE - Unit moves to the area of operations (AO).

Note:

9. Unit conducts passage of lines, as required. (Refer to task 07-6-1081, Conduct a Passage of Lines as Passing Unit [Battalion - Brigade] and/or 0761082, Conduct a Passage of Lines as a Stationary Unit [Battalion - Brigade] for further details.)

10. Unit conducts area reconnaissance to find and report all threat forces within the area.

a. Confirms or denies intelligence estimates at reconnaissance objectives, named areas of interest (NAI), or target areas of interest (TAI).

b. Identifies civilian unrest or resistance and other significant civilian factors.

c. Reports progress continually, informing higher HQ of all relevant information concerning the objective area.

d. Uses graphic control measures and COP to control progress through the area, assist in coordinating reconnaissance, assure security, and coordinate air and ground operations.

(1) Uses contact points with adjacent elements along boundaries and mission command systems to assist in coordinating reconnaissance and to assure security.

(2) Uses checkpoints (or other graphic control measures and COP to indicate critical terrain features, control reconnaissance, or coordinate air and ground operations.

(3) Uses additional control measures, as necessary.

e. Air elements reconnoiter forward or to the flanks of ground elements to provide early warning.

(1) Reconnoiters open terrain and areas not easily accessible to vehicles.

(2) Checks key points.

(3) Locates the flanks of enemy forces encountered.

(4) Reconnoiters gaps or close terrain between ground unit AOs.

(5) Screens open flanks.

(6) Locates bypasses around obstacles and threat positions.

(7) Provides security on the far side of obstacles.

(8) Locates and maintains contact with large threat formations, especially moving ones, before they make contact with ground elements.

(9) Coordinates joint air attack team (JAAT) or attached attack helicopter operations when a hasty attack is necessary.

f. Reconnoiters all key terrain within the objective area and renders route reports on major routes in the AO.

g. Locates and determines extent of all contaminated areas within the AO.

h. Inspects and evaluates all bridges within the area.

i. Locates suitable fording and crossing sites near all bridges and sends bridge report to update the COP.

- j. Inspects and evaluates all overpasses, underpasses, and culverts.
- k. Identifies and marks obstacles, creates lanes as specified in execution orders.
- l. Locates and reports bypasses around all urban areas, obstacles, and contaminated areas.
- m. Identifies and reports threat or factional forces within the area.

11. Unit reacts to contact IAW METT-TC, OPORD, and ROE.

Note:

12. BCT/BN consolidates as necessary. (Refer to task 07-6-5037, Conduct Consolidation [Battalion - Brigade].)

13. BCT/BN reorganizes as necessary. (Refer to task 07-6-5082, Conduct Reorganization [Battalion - Brigade].)

* 14. BCT/BN commander and staff assess the situation.

a. Conduct mission command and report the developing situation to higher HQ.

b. Reposition command posts (CPs) to sustain constant monitoring and tracking of subordinate units, and to evaluate information that impacts on decision points.

c. Staff tracks the operation; updates the COP; and updates higher, adjacent and subordinate unit's SU.

d. Provides complete reconnaissance report, to include sketch or overlay, to higher HQ.

15. BCT/BN continues operations as directed.

(Asterisks indicates a leader performance step.)

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	GO	NO-GO	N/A
1. BCT/BN leaders gained and/or maintained situational understanding.			
2. Commander and staff received an order or anticipated a new mission, and began the military decision-making process (MDMP).			
3. Commander and staff planned area reconnaissance.			
4. BCT/ CN commander and staff conducted risk management.			
5. BCT/BN commander and staff prepared and disseminated orders and graphics.			
6. BCT/BN commander and staff conducted confirmation briefings with subordinates immediately after OPORD was issued ensuring subordinates understood commander's intent and concept.			
7. BCT/BN prepared for the mission.			
8. Unit began movement to the area of operations (AO).			
9. Unit conducted passage of lines, as required.			
10. Unit conducted area reconnaissance to find and report all threat forces within the area.			
11. Unit reacted to contact IAW METT-TC, OPORD, and ROE.			
12. BCT/BN consolidated as necessary.			
13. BCT/BN reorganized as necessary.			
14. BCT/BN commander and staff assessed the situation.			
15. BCT/BN continued operations as directed.			

Supported AUTL/UJTL Task(s):

Task ID	Title
ART 1.8.3	Conduct an Area Reconnaissance

TADSS

Step ID	TADSS ID	Title	Product Type	Quantity
	71-03/6/1	Close Combat Tactical Trainer (CCTT) Mobile (RVS) Trailer (https://tsmats.atsc.army.mil/TSMATS/PAM/Armywide/71-03_6_1.doc)	DVC	1
	DVC-VBS2	VIRTUAL BATTLESPACE 2 (Local TADSS – Not in TSMATS/PAM 25-30)	SIM	1

Equipment (LIN)

Step ID	LIN	Nomenclature	Qty
No equipment specified			

Material Items (NSN)

Step ID	NSN	LIN	Title	Qty
No materiel items specified				

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 FM 3-34.5 Environmental Considerations and GTA 05-08-002 ENVIRONMENTAL-RELATED RISK ASSESSMENT. .

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. .