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Summary Report for Individual Task
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Conduct the Battery or Platoon Reconnaissance, Selection, and Occupation of a Position
Status: Approved

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Condition: Given a battery or platoon requiring displacement and/or movement and a specified area of operations, howitzer systems, battery personnel, and equipment. Some iterations of this task should be performed in MOPP.

Standard: Conduct reconnaissance, selection, and occupation of position (RSOP) ensuring the area is secured and the howitzer positions have been identified and setup, the azimuth of fire have been provided to the advance party to a tolerance of +/-20 mils.

Special Condition: None

Safety Level: Low

MOPP: Sometimes

Task Statements

Cue: mission requirements

DANGER

None

WARNING

None

CAUTION

None

Remarks: None

Notes: None

Performance Steps

1. Reconnoiter route(s) of march using the factors of METT-TC, and the following:
 - a. Ensure prescribed vehicle intervals are maintained.
 - b. Enforce light and noise discipline.
 - c. Verify suitability of primary and alternate march routes using the acronym OCOKA including.
 - (1) Check for likely ambush sites.
 - (2) Check travel time required.
 - (3) Check travel distance.
 - (4) Check for likely positions along the route to conduct emergency missions.
2. Select position areas.
 - a. Select primary position.
 - b. Select alternate positions.
 - c. Select supplementary positions.
3. Perform advance party procedures.
 - a. Sweep and secure new position area.
 - b. Maintain continuous security.
 - c. Conceal advance party vehicle.
 - d. Establish perimeter.
4. Organize the battery/platoon position.
 - a. Select howitzer positions.
 - b. Assign howitzer position numbers.
 - c. Position howitzer sections.
 - d. Select primary entrance and exit point(s).
5. Occupy a position.
 - a. Set up and orient the GLPS or aiming circle.
 - b. Give each gun guide the azimuth of fire.

- c. Determine and record the initial deflection to each howitzer.
- d. Ensure each gun guide emplaces panel marking stake and records initial deflection from aiming circle.
- e. Determine distance and vertical angle from the howitzer to the aiming circle and record it.
- f. Give initial data to the FDC representative.
- g. Ensure gun guides obtain site to crest and piece to crest.
- h. Determine XO's min QE for the lowest charge the unit expects to fire in the position.
- i. Determine and record alternate aiming points.
- j. Designate and briefs track plan for vehicles.
- k. Establish wire communication.

6. Maintain position security.

(Asterisks indicates a leader performance step.)

Evaluation Preparation: Setup: Ensure that all information, references, and equipment required to perform the task are available. Use the performance measures and the references to score the Soldier's performance. Brief the Soldier. Tell the Soldier what he is required to IAW the task conditions and standards.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	GO	NO-GO	N/A
1. Reconnoitered route(s) of march.			
2. Selected the position.			
3. Performed advance party procedures.			
4. Organized the selected position.			
5. Occupied the selected position.			
6. Maintained security.			

Supporting Reference(s):

Step Number	Reference ID	Reference Name	Required	Primary
	FM 6-50	Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for the Field Artillery Cannon Battery	Yes	No

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 FM 5-19, Composite Risk Management. Leaders will complete a DA Form 7566 COMPOSITE RISK MANAGEMENT WORKSHEET 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. Safety considerations must be in accordance with the Post regulations and unit SOP.

Prerequisite Individual Tasks : None

Supporting Individual Tasks : None

Supported Individual Tasks : None

Supported Collective Tasks : None