

ART 1.2.1.1 Conduct an Envelopment

An envelopment is a form of maneuver in which an attacking force seeks to avoid the principal enemy defenses by seizing objectives to the enemy rear to destroy the enemy in his current positions. At the tactical level, envelopments focus on seizing terrain, destroying specific enemy forces, and interdicting enemy withdrawal routes. Envelopments avoid the enemy front where enemy forces are protected and can easily concentrate fires. Single envelopments maneuver against one enemy flank; double envelopments maneuver against both. A vertical envelopment (an air assault or airborne operation) creates an assailable flank by arriving from an unexpected direction. An envelopment may result in an encirclement. (FM 3-90) (USACAC)

Note: Airborne, air assault, and amphibious operations are tactical aspects of forcible entry operations that involve seizing and holding a military lodgment in the face of armed opposition. Joint force commanders conduct forcible entry operations at the operational level. (See JP 3-18.)

Forcible entry operation tasks are addressed in the Universal Joint Task List (UJTL).

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Supporting Collective Tasks:

Task No.	Title	Proponent	Echelon
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