

ART 1.5.3 Occupy and Establish a Battle or Defensive Position

As part of a defensive operation, move tactical forces into positions to prepare for further action. A battle position is a defensive location oriented on a likely enemy avenue of approach. Five kinds of battle positions exist: primary, alternate, supplementary, subsequent, and strongpoint. The positions may be located on any type of land and terrain, such as urban, natural, mountainous, piedmont, steppe, delta, desert, jungle, and arctic. (See CJCSM 3500.04E condition C 1.0 for factors that describe the physical environment.) (FM 3-90) (USACAC)
 Note: ART 1.7.1 (Site Obstacles) addresses defensive planning.

NO.	Scale	Measure
01	Yes/No	Unit can conduct a coherent defense from its positions.
02	Yes/No	Unit cleared enemy forces from the defended area.
03	Yes/No	The enemy did not surprise the unit main body.
04	Yes/No	All personnel and essential equipment moved into assigned positions by time specified in operation order.
05	Yes/No	Unit was prepared to defend by the time specified in operation order.
06	Percent	Of acceptable friendly losses.
07	Number	Of casualties from friendly fire.

Supporting Collective Tasks:

Task No.	Title	Proponent	Echelon
05-1-0015	Fight as Infantry	05 - Engineers (Collective)	Battalion
06-2-3001	Occupy a Tactical Area	06 - Field Artillery (Collective)	Company
06-2-3027	Perform Position Occupation	06 - Field Artillery (Collective)	Company
07-3-1351	Occupy a Mortar Firing Position (Section-Platoon)	07 - Infantry (Collective)	Platoon
10-2-0015	Set Up Platoon Operations	10 - Quartermaster	Company

		(Collective)	
10-2-0113	Set Up Headquarters and Headquarters Company	10 - Quartermaster (Collective)	Company
10-2-0761	Set Up Equipment Platoon Operations	10 - Quartermaster (Collective)	Company
10-2-0771	Set Up General Equipment/Electronic Parts Platoon	10 - Quartermaster (Collective)	Company
10-2-0772	Set Up Heavy Equipment Parts Platoon	10 - Quartermaster (Collective)	Company
10-2-0774	Set Up Deprocessing Platoon	10 - Quartermaster (Collective)	Company
44-2-2295	Emplace the Battery	44 - Air Defense (Collective)	Company
63-2-4518	Set Up Unit Headquarters and Bivouac Areas	63 - Multifunctional Logistics (Collective)	Company