

ART 6.5.3.4 Establish Observation Posts

Establish and maintain observation posts to prevent surprise to a protected force or to ensure observation of a designated area.(FM 3-90) (USACAC)

NO.	Scale	Measure
01	Yes/No	Observation post position allowed personnel to observe assigned area, such as likely enemy avenues of approach and named areas of interest.
02	Yes/No	Observation post personnel provided early warning in event of enemy activity.
03	Yes/No	Personnel manning observation post engaged and destroyed enemy reconnaissance elements within organic and available supporting capabilities.
04	Yes/No	Observation post was operational not later than the time the operation order specifies.
05	Yes/No	Observation posts communicated with higher headquarters.
06	Yes/No	Minimum of two personnel in observation post. Observation duties rotated on a given schedule.
07	Time	To plan and prepare to establish the observation post.
08	Time	To move from current position to proposed site of the observation point.
09	Time	To assess the proposed site for the observation post and move it to a more suitable location as necessary.
10	Time	To establish communications with higher headquarters.
11	Time	To establish local security including the selection of fighting and hide positions for combat vehicles; preparation of range cards; emplacing chemical agent alarms; and installing camouflage, concertina wire, and protective mines.
12	Time	To orient personnel manning observation posts to terrain and mission control graphics, such as target reference points and trigger points.
13	Percent	Of enemy or civilian activity detected and reported.
14	Percent	Of serviceable, on-hand equipment (such as map with control graphics, compass, communications equipment, and observation devices) to conduct observation

		mission.
15	Percent	Of unit personnel to man existing observation posts.
16	Percent	Of named AO covered by observation from existing observation posts.
17	Number	Of observation posts established.
18	Number	Of personnel to man existing observation posts.
19	Number	Of observation posts detected by enemy reconnaissance assets.

Supporting Collective Tasks:

Task No.	Title	Proponent	Echelon
07-2-1405	Establish an Outpost (Platoon-Company)	07 - Infantry (Collective)	Company
07-3-9016	Establish an Observation Post	07 - Infantry (Collective)	Platoon