

Tactical Reference Guide Company Intelligence Cell

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Considerations for Leaders

The CIC is the Commander's asset:

- Provide daily guidance and clarify intent.
- Be willing to listen to your "intel advisors."

Pick the right people:

- Must be capable of performing company missions; must have credibility within the company.
- Minimum of 2 pax; 4–6 is ideal.
- Be flexible and stick to it:
- It will take time to develop the CIC to its fullest capability.
- It will take time to adequately understand the COIN Terrain and the enemy.

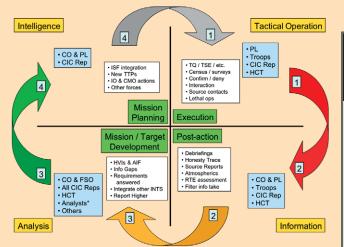
Do you know everything about the "Terrain" in your operating environment?

- If not, you should have many questions—Information Requirements—about your Terrain.
- Information Requirements translate into missions to gather more information to enable better operations.

Intelligence drives Operations; Operations are conducted to gather more Intelligence.

■ Find the Enemy—THINK to Contact!

Company-level intelligence development is internal to your MDMP and Troop Leading Procedures.



CIC Must Do's

Must report information higher (BN) and laterally (other companies).

Must show a graphic display of the information.

MUST THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX!!!

Think asymmetrically and frequently ask yourself, "If I were an adversary, what could/would I do?"

The Art of the Possible.

Step 1: Develop/Re-evaluate Specific Information Requirements (SIRs)

Develop SIRs

- Ask yourself the following questions: ■ What are the Commander's SIRs
- (purpose and intent)?
- What don't you know about your lethal and non-lethal targets?
- What information completes the targeting process?
- What information do you need to find, close on, and adequately engage the target?

Find the Information Gaps

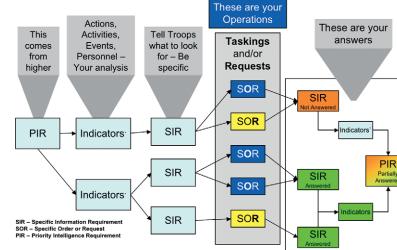
Re-evaluate SIRs

Based on new data you will need to re-evaluate your SIRs.

The enemy will adjust their operations to counter yours. Because of this you must constantly re-evaluate requirements and develop new SIRs.

Always be flexible and adjust your focus to ensure you are collecting the most relevant data.

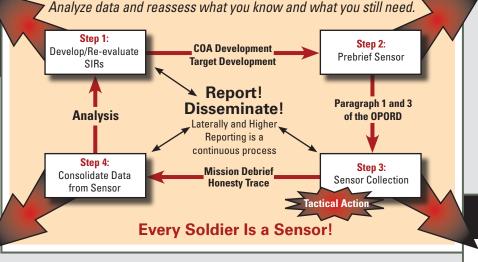
Always gather feedback from the commander and other staff to determine if you are providing the right information. If not, why?



Combat Intel Cycle

Step 1: Identify what you know and what you need to find out. Develop targets, both lethal and non-lethal.

- Step 2: Tell the Sensor what to look for during pre-patrol briefs.
- BE SPECIFIC. Use plain language. Tell why it is important.
- Step 3: Employ the Sensor.
- Plan and conduct missions to gain information and feed target development. Step 4: Debrief the Sensor.
- What did they collect that answers your specific questions?
- Pull any and all data from the Sensor using patrol debriefs.



Record actual movement vs. planned movement—honesty trace.

Honesty Trace

Track all company elements' movement over time (actual vs. planned). ■ Identify friendly patterns before the enemy can exploit them. Look for friendly actions that correlate to enemy activity.

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Step 4: Consolidate Data from the Sensor

The sensors have returned! This is the standard for EVERY debrief:

EVERY member of the patrol participates. (The team member with less experience might have seen something the more experienced member did not.)

- Establish a "no rank" debrief.
- Get answers to tasked information requirements first.
- Each individual will go through each event.
- Have a relaxed place (if possible) to hold the debrief. It
- is going to take some time to complete; be comfortable.
- NOT an AAR.
- NOT a critique.

When conducting the debrief the following hints help:

- DO NOT ask leading guestions.
- **X** WRONG: Did they go left?
- RIGHT: Which way did they go?
- DO NOT accept "yes" or "no" answers.
- Use the chronological method: From the time the patrol exited to the time it returned, no matter how long or what occurred. What happened start to finish?

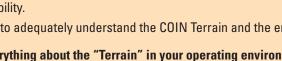
- FRIENDLY:

- The following information should be included (at a minimum): Last 24 hours' significant activities. Current assessments and future expectations.
- Updates on Key Personalities, groups, events, and threats.
- Collection assignment (recon focus). Be On Look Out (BOLO) lists.

Step 3: Sensor Collection

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Must Do's:

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and enforce it.

■ You must share information—how

will you move info higher and laterally?

You must have a method for catalog-

ing, databasing, retrieving, and analyz-

Prebriefings and debriefings must

occur-you have to set the standard

You must work closely with the Bat-

Determine your info gaps.

Train and cross-train!

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Target Development

The SIRs and COAs are developed; target development is your next focus.

Look at the target list and determine what information you have and what information is still needed. Add potential targets as necessary.

Examples of information to research or collect for target development:

Enemy locations and activities (e.g., grids, imagery, types and methods of attacks, etc.). Types, quantity, quality, and capability of equipment used.

Persons associated with an individual, group, event, location, or object of interest.

Courses of Action

ENEMY: The potential enemy courses of action (COA)

The CIC tells the Commander what, according to the information, the enemy can/might do.

■ Multiple COAs should be considered so that your collection and analysis focus is not single-minded.

Predicting the enemy's COA is an ever-evolving process.

Look for patterns in their actions.

- Be predictive! What is the enemy likely/unlikely to do next?

It is a graphic illustration of what you expect to happen.

- It should be constantly updated along with all other SIRs.

COA development follows target development so that the most current threat data is used in developing friendly COAs—unit missions.

Step 2: Prebrief the Sensor

After the SIRs are determined the sensors must be briefed on what to SPECIFICALLY look for and collect.

Address the COIN

- Population
- Infrastructure
- The actual terrain

No briefing = No data!

Prebriefing the Sensor is included in the enemy situation and execution paragraph of the operations order.

During the prebrief you told them what to collect and why it's important.

While the sensors are collecting (e.g., conducting missions), prepare for the data return—Battle Track!

Prepare the debriefing area by gathering all items and tools needed. Research any data that may have been disseminated since the sensor prebrief. Prepare an outline of topics and questions for the sensor debrief. 07-03899

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Analysis

The debrief is over and you have a mountain of information; it's now time to analyze.

When analyzing new information it is important to remember to: Review the information thoroughly!

- Cross-reference the information with past reporting and events.
- Do not try to manipulate or change information to correspond with a theory you are trying to prove.
- Think about other assets you can draw information from.
- Share your data laterally and higher!

The purpose of analyzing information is to PREDICT what will happen next.

- It is important to remember the following about predictive analysis:
- It is based on established patterns.
- It only determines the LIKELIHOOD of a future occurrence.
- It is influenced by external and internal events.
- It is not 100 percent assured.
- It is not risk free.

When conducting research and analysis you must store the information in a way it is easily retrievable. This is done by building databases.

Analysis Tools

Graphs Timelines Pattern Wheels/Grids

- Association Matrix **Activities Matrix Link Diagrams**
 - Event Maps **Time-Event Charts**
- Graphically display all pertinent information from your AO and AI.
- Pictures, diagrams, etc., ensure the entire Company has the same Common **Operating Picture and Situational Awareness**
- Analysis tools are effective briefing tools.

TOOLS ARE NOT ANALYSIS

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NIPRNET Sites

■ AKO Intelligence page—From your AKO Home Page, select Site Map - AKO Home > Army Organizations > Intelligence > Home

■ DA IIS-Portal—From your AKO Home Page, select Site Map - AKO Home > Army Organizations > Intelligence > DA-IIS Research Portal > DA-IIS Portal :: Home

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Analysis Tools

Association Matrix

The "WHO"

- Shows WHO is associated to WHO.
- Display both known and suspected associations-be conservative.
- Maintained for longevity - Basis for the Link Diagram

Activities Matrix

■ The WHAT can be a/an

– Group

Position

– Item

associations-be conservative.

- Basis for the Link Diagram

Combines information from both

Association and Activities Matrices.

Shows interrelationships that would

Makes it easier to read and interpret

Avoid trying to create Link Diagrams

without first building the Matrices.

Can be built and rebuilt to display

otherwise not be clearly understood.

large amounts of information.

information in different ways.

Maintained for longevity

Link Diagram

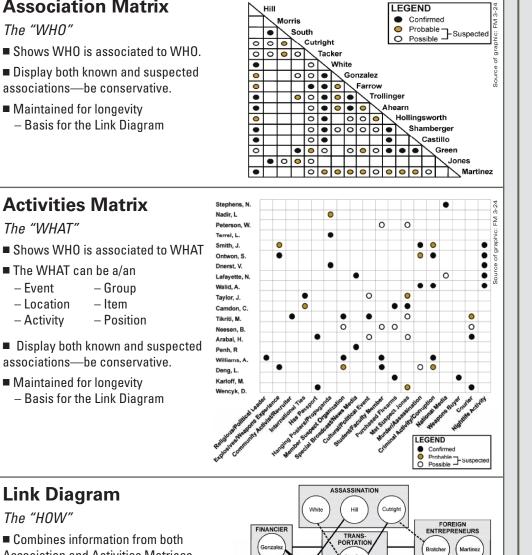
The "HOW"

The "WHAT"

Event

Location

- Activity



Identifying Patterns and Event Relationships

might happen again.

Coordinate Register (Incident Map)

- The "WHERE"
- Track threat activity in a given area over time.
- Use and layer various overlays to create different pictures of the terrain.
- Use multiple Coordinate Registers—can encompass
- One grid square to several kilometers
- Towns or other urban areas
- Tier 1 sites, HVTs, etc.

Time-Event Charts

The "WHEN"

- Semi-graphic chronological listing of activities or events.
- Charts a historical perspective of largerscale patterns.
- Reveals patterns in time and place—time between events.
- Reveals patterns in activities.

Pattern Wheel and Table

The "WHEN"

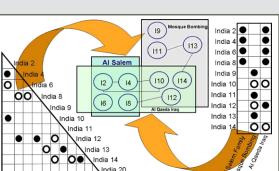
- Rings = days.
- Wedges = hours of the day.
- Table = days of the month.
- Must use the wheel and table together.
- Periods of inactivity are just as important
- as clusters of activity.

ces feed into the Link Diagram. With not only WHO the enemy is but WHAT he does and who he KNOWS.



Identifying Command and Control/Lines of

Communication The Association and Activities Matrithese you can see a clearer picture of



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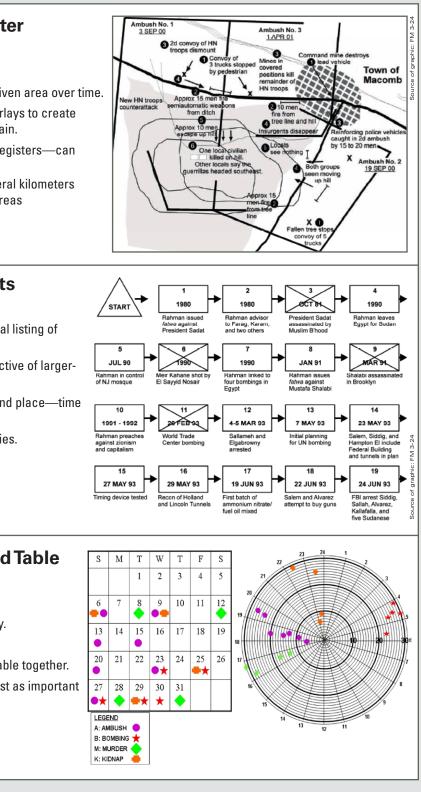
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Using different pattern analysis tools you can identify when an event does/does not occur and when it



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