

ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION

1. Detailed Mission analysis

a. Mission/intent of commander 2 levels up

b. Mission/intent of immediate commander

c. Tasks & purpose/specified & implied

d. Mission essential tasks

e. Constraints & limitations

f. Restated mission

g. Tentative time schedule

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2. Estimate situation/develop course of action

a. Terrain & weather - effects on personnel & equipment

OCOKA

**Visibility/trafficability
mobility/survivability**

b. Enemy situation & COA

Intentions

Capabilities

Disposition

Composition

Strengths

Weaknesses

Weapons/units

**Most probable COA based
on doctrine/situation**

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c. Friendly situation

Troops available

Equipment available

Time available

d. Friendly COA (repeat for each COA)

Decisive point & time to focus combat power

Results that must be achieved

Purposes & tasks of main & supporting efforts

Task organization to accomplish mission

Control measures

e. Prepare a COA statement & sketch

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3. Analyze COAs

Mission specific factors

mission essential tasks

commander's intent

relative effectiveness

logistic support

General Factors

**characteristics of offense and
defense**

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weapon utilization

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4. Compare Courses of Action considering how well the COA:	1	2	3
Supports scheme of maneuver			
Helps command & control			
Concentrates combat power at decisive point			
Forces provide mutual support			
Responds to maneuver elements & reserve			

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4. Compare Courses of Action considering how well the COA:	1	2	3
Exploits enemy weakness			
Accounts for weather			
Uses best avenue of approach			
Provides enough maneuver space			
Maximizes observation & ranges of weapon systems			
Provides cover & concealment			

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4. Compare Courses of Action considering how well the COA:	1	2	3
Considers obstacles			
Controls key terrain			
Helps speed of execution			
Does not require adjustment of unit positions			
Uses all HQs			
Requires normal CSS			
5. Decision			