

OLD DOMINION PRACTICAL EXERCISE

MISSION ANALYSIS—PURPOSE/INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Lesson Purpose

To develop a complete understanding of how to analyze information that can be used to identify the purpose of your mission. Additionally, to recognize that identifying known/unknown information is equally important.

2. References

- a. Mission Analysis—Purpose/Information Requirements class
- b. OLD DOMINION—General Situation/6th Marines Operation Order
- c. Middleburg/Fairfax 1:50,000 Color Composite Map Sheet
- d. MCWP 5-1, *Marine Corps Planning Process*

3. Materials (What You Need)

- a. References
- b. EWS Mission Analysis Worksheet
- c. EWS Time Analysis Worksheet
- d. RFI Tracking Log

4. Requirement

Acting as a staff officer for 2d Battalion, 6th Marines, using the 6th Marines Operation Order and the Commander's Orientation (TBI), answer the following questions. Record your answers on the "Mission Analysis Worksheet" and "Time Analysis Worksheet" provided.

- a. Identify your battalion's PURPOSE and how it relates to higher.
- b. List the specified and implied tasks that apply to your unit.
- c. List any limitations (constraints/restraints) that apply to your battalion.
- d. Prioritize the tasks you have identified for requirement "b" above. Note which are essential tasks.
- e. List any assumptions you need to make at this point in your planning. How do you plan to validate your assumptions?
- f. Review available assets and identify any shortfalls in resources or expertise.
- g. What information and intelligence requirements are you missing? What is your plan for obtaining the missing information?
- h. What are the critical times identified in relation to (irt) 2/6's mission? Be prepared to brief the factors affecting your allocation of time to subordinate units.
- i. Begin initial staff estimates.
- j. Draft the mission statement for your battalion (for later approval by the C.O.). What elements must be included in the mission statement to make it complete?

MISSION ANALYSIS WORKSHEET (Cont.)

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SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT SHORTFALLS
CCIR
PIR
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EEFI
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MISSION STATEMENT