

Chapter 1

G2/S2 ROLES AND MISSIONS

WHY YOU NEED THIS HANDBOOK

The G2/S2 must provide continuous intelligence and information for the commander to conduct operations and minimize risk.

Intelligence is the commander's decisionmaking tool. The commander, who drives intelligence, does so for planning before deployment, while enroute, and during operations and redeployment. The S2/NCO—

- Provides the commander timely and accurate intelligence, IPB, I&W, and vulnerability assessments for force protection, targeting, and BDA.
- Makes decisive predictions on when and where an action will take place.
- Prioritizes IR.
- Integrates with other staff elements on I&S issues.
- Provides the commander with a view of all facets of the battlefield.
- Ensures his staff is trained.

PURPOSE OF THIS HANDBOOK

This manual does not replace the doctrine and TTP contained in the other FM 34-series manuals; it does, however, focus on their application. It also summarizes information that helps the S2 manage and coordinate the CCIR. It provides the S2 the roles and missions required for executing the intelligence support function.

The G2/S2 is the "Top Down"/"Bottom Up" integrator of RISTA operations, which have always been performed at the brigade and battalion levels. Three factors help to redefine traditional R&S planning:

- Top Down reporting.
- Bottom Up reporting.
- Digitization.

Systems and technologies available to units make an integrated approach to managing "top down" and "bottom up" reporting feasible. The ACT serves as the nexus of RISTA operations, digitally linking the brigade S2 with the automated capabilities of the DS MI company, resulting in RISTA operations which blend intelligence, R&S, and TA. (See FM 101-5 for G2/S2 responsibilities and Table 1-1 for RISTA collection resources.)

Table 1-1. Collection resources

IEW	RISTA
SIGINT	Troops in contact
IMINT	Other troops in contact (RAS)
HUMINT	Scouts (aerial & ground)
CI	LRS, SOF
MASINT	Countermortar & CB radars
TECHINT	Gun cameras
	Hand emplaced sensors
	CA, PAO, PSYOP