# Chapter 5

Reconnaissance

# ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE

Distances will be expressed in metric dimensions on at reports

## Critical Features

The following features must be considered:

- · Road width slopes, and curves.
- Bridges fords, tunnels ferries, underpasses, swim sites, and other traffic restricting features.
- · Obstacles and NBC contaminated areas
- · Slide areas
- Drainage
- Other natural and man made features, such as wooded, built up, and possible dispersion areas

# Classification

See Table 5-1 and Figure 5-1

Table 5-1. Route widths

FLOW POSSIBILITIES	WIDTH FOR WHEELED VEHICLES	WIDTH FOR TRACKED VEHICLES
Isolated vehicles of appropriate width only and in one direction only	At least 3.50 (11.5 ft)	At least 4M (13 ft)
Generally one way only: no overtaking or passing in opposite direction	3 500 to 5.500 (11 5 ft to 18 ft)	40 to 60 (13 ft to 19.5 ft)
Single flow	5.5M to 7.3M (18 ft to 24 ft)	6M to 8M (19.5 ft to 26 ft)
Double flow	Over 7.38 (24 ft)	Over 88 (26 ft)



Figure 5-1. Route classification formula

# **Slopes and Radius Computation**

See Figures 5-2 and 5-3 (page 5-2)



Figure 5-2. Radius of curvature calculation



Figure 5-3. Slope computation (road gradient)

# Obstruction (OB)

The obstructions are any factors which restrict type, amount, or sped of traffic flow. Whenever (OB) appears in the route formula, the exact nature must be shown on the overlay. The most common obstruction are—

- Overhead clearance less than 4.3 meters (14 feet).
- Width below minimum standard prescribed for the type of traffic in Table 5-1.
- Slopes of 7 percent or greater and curves with 25-meter (82 foot) radius or less (Refer to the end of this chapter for overlay symbols and details).
- Fords ferries and all tunnels that do not meet the criteria in Table 5-1 or the minimum overhead clearance is less than 4.3 meters (14 feet).

# Report and Overlay

The report consists of an overlay specific features reconnaissance reports (bridge, ford, or road), and any other supplementary overlays reports, or sketches to support the route report. Figure 5-4 shows an example of a route reconnaissance overlay. (Refer to the end of this chapter for the appropriate symbols used on the overlay.)



Figure 5-4. Route reconnaissance overlay

### ROAD RECONNAISSANCE

#### Classification

Road classification is expressed in a standardized sequence prefix (A - no limiting characteristics or B some limiting characteristics), limiting characteristics (Table 5.2), traveled way width/traveled way plus shoulder width road surface material (Table 5.3), road length enclosed in parentheses, obstructions, and special conditions (Figure 5-1).

#### Table 5-2. Road limiting characteristics and symbols

LIMITING CHARACTERISTICS	SYMBOL
Curves (radius 25 meters (82 feet) or less).	c
Gradients (seven percent or greater)	g
Drainage (inadequate ditches_culverts).	d
Foundation (unstable).	t
Surface condition (bumby, rutted, or potholed).	s
Camber or superelevation (excessive crown).	I
Unknown characteristics (used with other	7
above symbols enclosed in parenthesis)	
Example: (c?) = unknown radius.	

All reports will be submitted in metric measurements

Table 5-3. Road surface materials and symbols

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Figure 5-5 Road reconnaissance report (front)

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Figure 5-6 Road reconnaissance report (back)

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#### BRIDGE RECONNAISSANCE

#### Hasty

To make an immediate crossing use Tables 5-4 and 5-5 to determine a hasty bridge classification When a bridge shows any sign of damage or if a permanent classification is desired, a qualified engineer should determine the allowable load classification using TM 5 312.

#### Deliberate

In order to accurately classify a bridge or prepare a bridge for demolition a detailed reconnaissance must be accomplished . Use DA Form 1249( Bridge Reconnaissance Report), Table 5-6, and Figures 5-7 through 5-13 to record the needed data. Table 5-6 may be used as a guide for developing a line-number report format for voice or digital transmission of bridge data. The obtained information is used in conjunction with TM 5-312 for classification.

BRIDGE CLASSIFICATION	MINIMUM WIDTH ONE LANE M (FT)	BETWEEN CURBS TWO LANE M (FT)
4-12	2.75 (9)	5.50 (18)
13-30	3.35 (11)	5.50 (18)
31-60	4.00 (13)	7.30 (24)
61-100	4 50 (15)	8.20 (27)
101-150	5.0 (17)	9.8 (32)
	MINIMUM OVERH	EAD CLEARANCE
	M (	FT)
All classes	4.5	(15)

Table 5-5. Minimum bridge criteria

DIMENSIONS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE FRONT SIDE OF DA 1249								
NUMBER On Figure	DIMENSION DATA	SIMPLE STRINGER (FIGURE 5-7)	SLAB (FIGURE 5-8)	T-BEAM (FIGURE 5-8)	TRUSs (FIGURE 5-9)	GIRDER (FIGURE 5-10	ARCH ) (FIGURE 5-11)	SUSPENSION (FIGURE 5-12)
1	Overall length	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2	Number of spans	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
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2a	Panel length				x			x
3	Height above streambed	x	x	x	X	x	x	x
3a	Height above estimated normal	}						
	water level	I	x	x	x	x	x	x
4	Traveled way width	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
5	Overhead clearance				x			X
6	Horizontal clearance	x	X	x	x	x	X	x

Table 5-6. Dimensions required on the seven basic bridges

THIS TABLE SHOWS THE MEASUREMENTS REQUIRED TO REPORT THE SEVEN BASIC TYPES OF BRIDGES. FIGURES 5-7 THROUGH 5-15 SHOW WHERE TO TAKE THESE MEASUREMENTS.

DIMENSIONS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE BACK OF DA 1249												
LETTER DESIG NATION	CAPACITY <sup>(a)</sup> DIMENSION DATA		(1	SIMPLE STRINGER IGURE 5-	7)		SLAB (FIGURE 5-8)	T-BEAM (FIGURE 5-8)	TRUSS (FIGURE 5-9	GIRDER ) (FIGURE 5-10	ARCH ) (FIGURE 5-11	SUSPENSION )(FIGURE 5-12)
4	Thickness of wearing surface			x			x	X	1	x	x	x
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	depth of fill at crown			x			x	x	x	x	x	x
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c	Distance, c-to-c, between T-beams,											
	stringers, or floor beams	x	x	x	X	x		x	x	x	x	X
d	Number of T-beams or stringers .	x	x	x	X	x		x	x	x		. <b>X</b>
e	Depth of each T-beam or stringer	x	(b)	L X	X	x		x	x	x		X
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k	Rise of arch										X	
	Diameter of each size of cable											x
	Depth of plate girder									. <b>X</b>		
	Width of flange plates									. <b>x</b>		
0	Thickness of flange plates									. X		
P	Number of flange plates									. κ		
q	Depth of flange angle									. <b>X</b>		
1	Width of flange angle									. X		
s	s Thickness of flange angle x											
t	t Depth of web plate x											
U	u Thickness of web plate x											
v	v Average thickness of flange											
•	w Depth of cover x											
The letter "x" indicates that the dimension is required (b) Diameter (a) Capacity is computed by the use of formulas and data outlined in TM 5-312 (c) Width of flance												

# Table 5-6. Dimensions required on the seven basic bridges (continued)



Figure 5-7. Dimensions required to report simple stringer bridges







Figure 5-9. Dimensions required to report steel truss bridges











Figure 5-12. Dimensions required to report suspension bridges



Figure 5-13. Span types and construction material used for completing DA Form 1249

#### Report

To send bridge reconnaissance information, complete a DA Form 1249 (Figures 5-14 and 5-15, page 5-14). Use Table 5-6 (pages 5-7 and 5-8) to ensure that all requirements are covered.







#### TUNNEL RECONNAISSANCE

Refer to Table 5-1 (page 5-1) for roadway width requirements. Overhead clearances less than 43 meters are classified as obstructions. Complete the DA Form 1250 (Tunnel Reconnaissance Report) in accordance with the bridge reconnaissance report. Figure 5-16 shows a typical sketch of a tunnel with minimum required dimensions.





# WATER-CROSSING RECONNAISSANCE

All water-crossing reconnaissance, such as swim, ford, raft, bridge, and ferry, include the following factors:

# **Road Network**

The road network should support the largest vehicles and have good drainage facilities

# **Avenues To and From the River**

The avenues should be straight for at least 150 meters, have a 10 percent maximum grade, have two lanes with a turnaround, and have all-weather surface whenever possible.

#### **Riverbanks**

The riverbanks should have stability, slope, and height as shown in Figure 5-17.



- 1. The width of streambed from bank to bank.
- The actual width of the water, measured at normal stage (maximum width 2a and minimum width 2b are estimated, based on local observations or records of high water and low water).
- 3. The actual depth of the stream at normal water level.
- 3a. Estimated maximum water depth based on local observations or records.
- 3b. Estimated minimum water depth based on local observations (watermarks) or records.
- 4. The slope of the approaches is the slope of the stream banks through which the approach roads are cut.

% Slope = 
$$\frac{4a}{4b}$$
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4a = Approach elevation.

4b = Approach distance.



# Widths

Measure the widths by using a string or tape across the river scaled off the map, or as shown in Figure 5-18.



Figure 5-18. Measuring stream width with a compass

#### Depths

Record the depths every 3 meters by using a measured pole/rod or weighted ropes/strings.

# Sites

Assembly areas and other needed areas should be spacious, provide good concealment, and have easy access routes. Velocity Measure the velocity by using the procedures in Figure 5-19.



Figure 5-19. Measuring stream velocity

### Obstructions

Some obstructions are sandbars, floating debris, and other water obstacles or restrictions.

#### Drainage

The drainage should be adequate.

#### Soil Stability

The seal should be adequate for anchoraging. Check the banks and river bottoms for stability.

#### FORD RECONNAISSANCE

Use Table 5-7 to determine trafficability. When DA Form 1251 (Ford Reconnaissance Report) is used for swim site, it must specify that the site is for swimming only.

Table 5-7. Trafficability of fords

TYPE OF TRAFFIC	SHALLOW FORDABLE DEPTH IN METERS (INCHES)	MINIMUM WIDTH IN METERS	MAXIMUM PERCENT OF SLOPE FOR APPROACHES 1
Foot	1 (39)	1 (39 in) (single file) 2 (79 in) (columns of 2)	100% 1:1
Trucks and truck-dr <del>awn</del> artillery	. 75 (30)	3.6 (12 ft)	33% 1:3
Light tanks	1 (39)	4.2 (14 ft)	<b>50%</b> 1:2
Medium tanks <sup>2</sup>	1.05 (42)	4.2 (14 ft)	50% 1:2

Based on hard, dry surface

<sup>2</sup> Depths up to 4.3 meters can be negotiated with deep water fording kit

# ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE

The engineer reconnaissance report consists of a completed DA Form 1711-R (Engineer Reconnaissance Report) and an engineer reconnaissance overlay (Figures 5-20 and 5-21 page 5-18). A reconnaissance checklist is provided in Table 5-8 When looking for water point locations select sites with running water if possible To determine the capacity of the water source in liters per minute use; the following formula:

 $Q = A \times V 48.000$ 

Where Q = Flow in liters per minute

A = Cross section of stream flow in square meters

V = Meters per second

48,000 = Conversion and correction factor

Check the color, odor, turbidity, and taste (do not drink) of water. Report any possible pollution such as human or industrial waste, dead fish, and so forth. Overlay symbols are shown on pages 5-19 through 5-21 and material facility equipment and service symbols are shown in Figure 5-22. Table 5-8. Engineer reconnaissance checklist

	ROADS. Classify using symbols.
	BRIDGES. FORDS, AND FERRIES. Classify using symbols and include possible sypass for existing crossings.
	DBSTACLES TO MOVEMENT. Report natural and artificial obstacles including lemolitions, mines, and booby traps.
	[ERRAIN. Report general nature, ridge system, drainage system including ordability, forests, swamps, and areas suitable for mechanized operations.
	NGINEER MATERIALS. Report road material, bridge timbers, lumber, steel, and xplosives.
	ENGINEER EQUIPMENT. Record data on rock crushers, sawmills, garages, nachine shops, blacksmith shops, or other facilities or equipment,
	ERRORS AND OMISSIONS ON MAPS USED.
	NATER POINTS. Recommend locations.
	BARRIERS TO ENEMY MOVEMENT. Describe natural, or artificial barriers and sites for construction of improvement (work estimates).
	STREAMS, Give a general description of width, depth, banks, approaches,
	DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.
	BIVOUAC AREAS. Give data on entrances, soil, drainage, sanitation, and
	PETROLEUM STORAGE AND EQUIPMENT.
	JTILITIES. Report water, sewage, electricity, and gas utilities available.
	PORTS. Show wharves, sunken obstacles, cargo handling facilities, storage acilities, and transportation routes.
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Figure 5-20. Sample engineer reconnaissance report (front)



Figure 5-21. Sample engineer reconnaissance report (back)







Figure 5-22. Material, facility equipment, and service symbols

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