

Reconnaissance Troops

According to the encyclopedia Wikipedia, reconnaissance is the military term for the active gathering of information about an enemy, or other conditions, by physical observation. It is a part of combat intelligence.

Reconnaissance troops (or 'Recce' as they are more commonly known) are an essential element in the gathering of battlefield intelligence. Recce soldiers are trained in the art of information gathering by stealth, both from vehicles and on foot. They work in teams. Such a team is one of the few assets available to commanders that can provide information 24 hour a day in all weather conditions.

Recce soldiers normally work in a group of 12 men and they spend long periods of time self-contained and on occasions behind enemy lines. Patience, nerve and cunning are essential characteristics of recce soldiers. The information they gather helps the commander decide what forces are needed to defeat the enemy.

Recce soldiers are mounted on reconnaissance vehicles which have specialist observation equipment as well as a cannon. They use high quality binoculars, night vision devices and remote sensors for doing their work. However, Recce soldiers usually spend as much time on the ground patrolling or hiding up in an observation position as on their vehicles.