

Company Intelligence Support Team (CoIST) Analyst
Skill Level 1 (PFC)

The Company Intelligence Support Team (CoIST) mission is to describe the effects of the weather, enemy, terrain, and local population on friendly operations to reduce uncertainty and aid in decision making at the company command level. This is a simple and clear mission with a powerful purpose. However, the operation of the CoIST is far from simple. Company leaders must review and interpret huge volumes of data on a daily basis to determine relevance and relationships. A few examples of this data include weapons intelligence team reports, patrol debriefs, intelligence summaries (INTSUMs), link diagrams, and be-on-the-lookout (BOLO) lists. Although the commander will determine and direct the exact requirements for the CoIST, specified and implied tasks usually include targeting; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR); patrol briefings and debriefings; detainee operations; and site exploitation. The CoIST provides a 24/7 analytical, production, and dissemination capability at the company level, which gives the commander options to exploit enemy vulnerabilities. Analysis is focused on the company OE, with the ability to report and help populate the overall battalion (BN) and brigade combat team common operational picture. If managed properly, a CoIST will assist the commander in managing battlefield effects and operational expectations across all full spectrum operations.

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