

FIRE SUPPORT COMBAT TRAINERS



MANEUVER COMMANDER'S GUIDANCE FOR FIRE SUPPORT

PRACTICAL EXERCISE





TASK, CONDITION and STANDARDS



TASK: Develop Guidance for Fire Support

CONDITION: Given the following products from TF Mission Analysis:

- TF Task Organization
- Mission Analysis Excerpts from TF S2, S3, FSO
- Recommended COA Statement and Sketch
- SITEMP
- BCT Graphics
- FM 101-5, App. B, Commander's Guidance Guidelines (Fire Support)

STANDARDS: Develop Commander's Guidance for Fires to Support the Task Force Mission



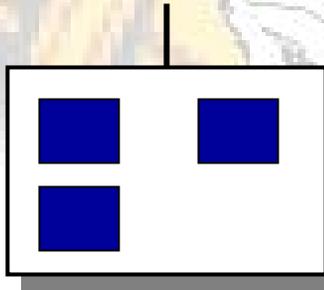
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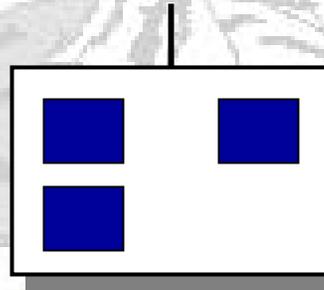
- You are the Commander of a TF 1-10, a Mechanized Infantry TF Assigned to the 1st BCT, 52nd ID (Mech). The Division Deployed to the Country of Mojavia approximately 45 Days Ago Amid Escalating Tensions Between the Countries of Mojavia and Krasnovia.
- Once on the Ground in Mojavia, the BCT Built Combat Power and Conducted 3 Weeks of Show of Force Operations Consisting of TF Level Lanes.
- Hostilities Between Mojavia and Krasnovia Erupted 10 Days Ago and the BCT Entered Combat Operations 8 Days Ago to Restore the International Border.
- The BCT Conducted Several Successful Offensive Operations Against Enemy Security Zones. Yesterday the BCT Received Orders to Attack the Main Enemy Defense (vic OBJ BLUE and BLACK).
- The Attack Must Be Executed Within 48 Hours as it is Believed the Enemy Will Reinforce His Forces in the Area With an Additional MRR. A Follow-On Enemy Division is Arrayed on the International Border and Can Move Into the 52nd ID's AO within 96 Hours.



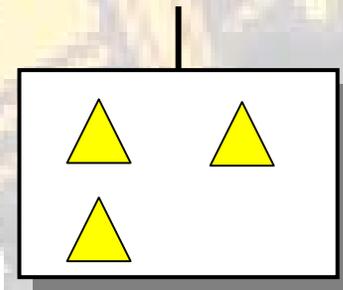
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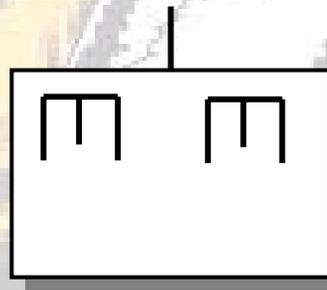
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B MECH



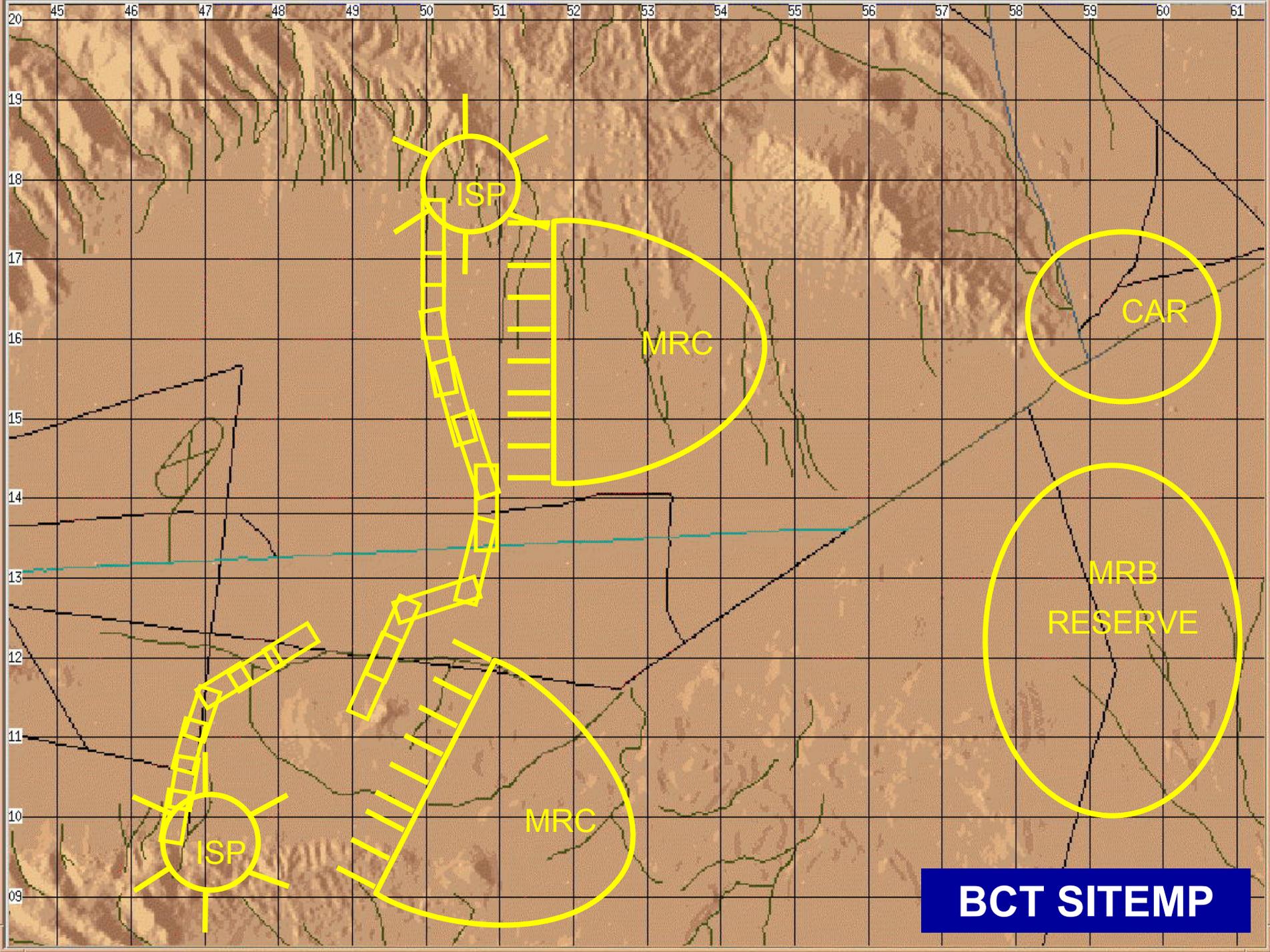
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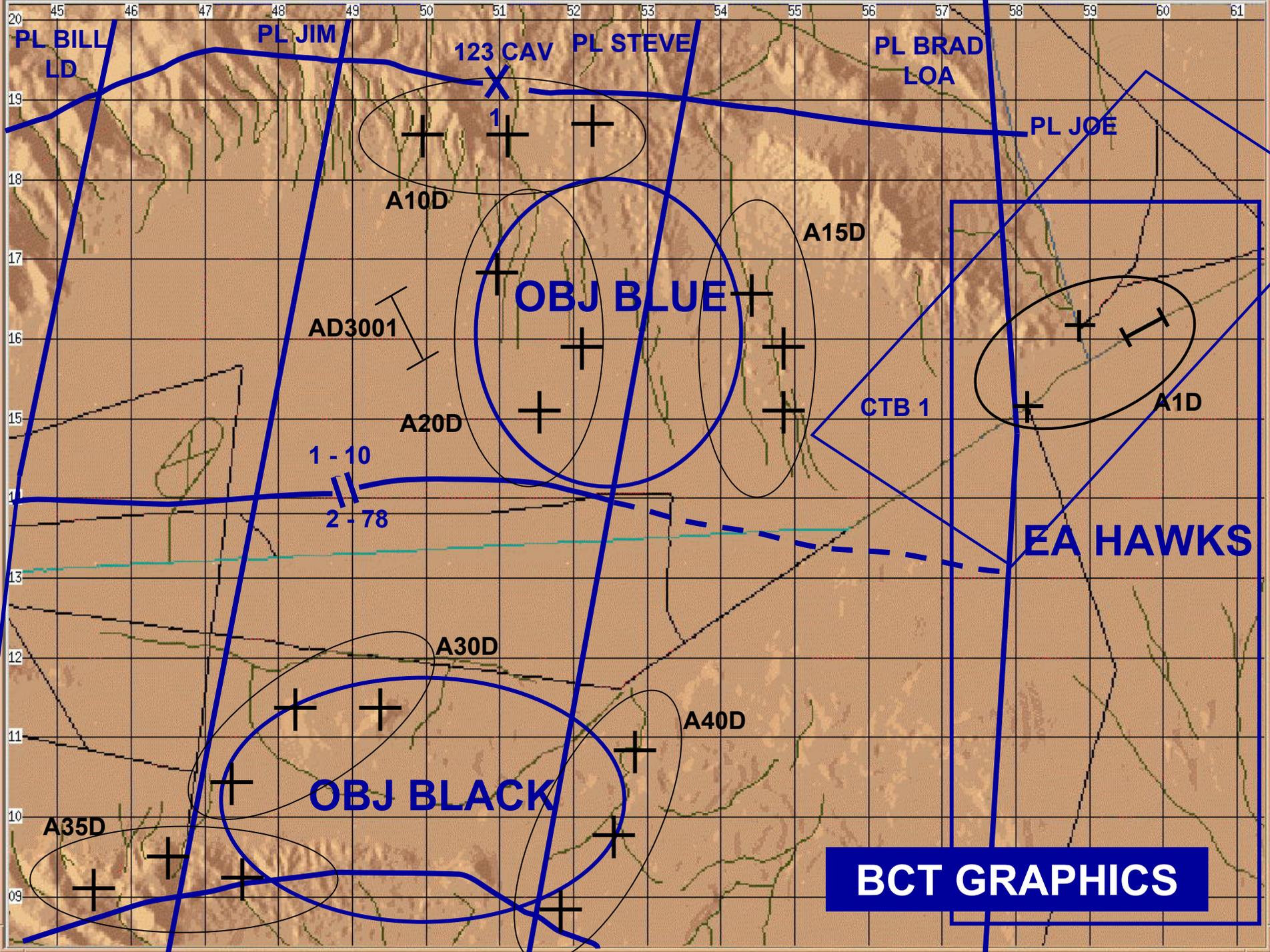
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TF CONTROL

SCOUT PLT
MORTAR PLT
CHEM PLT (Dual Purpose)
ADA PLT (BSFV)
E-TAC
TOC / TAC
TFSA / CTCP



BCT SITEMP



PL BILL
LD

PL JIM

123 CAV

PL STEVE

PL BRAD
LOA

PL JOE

A10D

A15D

OBJ BLUE

AD3001

CTB 1

A1D

1 - 10

2 - 78

EA HAWKS

A30D

A40D

OBJ BLACK

A35D

BCT GRAPHICS



BCT MISSION AND CDR's INTENT



- **BCT MISSION:** 1st BCT, 52nd ID (M) Attacks In Zone, 190400 JUN 00 to Seize OBJs BLUE and BLACK IOT Protect the Northern Flank of 2 BCT (Div ME). On Order, 1st BCT Defends in Sector to Destroy Attacking MRR and Retain Key Terrain.
- **BCT CDRs INTENT:**
 - **PURPOSE:** Destroy Defending MRCs on OBJs BLUE and BLACK IOT Protect Flank of 2 BCT.
 - **KEY TASKS:**
 - Conduct Counter Reconnaissance to PL JIM
 - Destroy CSOPs In Zone
 - Aggressive Movement to OBJ BLUE to set conditions for atk on OBJ BLACK
 - Defeat Counterattack from Reserve Forces (MRB Reserve, CAR)
 - Destroy MRCs, Infantry Strongpoints and AT-5 Firing Lines
 - Utilize CAS and Indirect Fires to Assist in Destruction of CAR / MRB Reserve
 - **END STATE:** MRB Destroyed, BCT Above 70% Combat Power and Postured to Transition to the Defense to Continue Combat Operations



RESULTS OF MISSION ANALYSIS



- The TF Staff, Under the Direction of the TF Executive Officer, Conducted Mission Analysis Using the BCT OPORD, Graphics and SITEMP. Excerpts From the Briefs of Key Staff Officers Are Included (S2, S3, FSO).
- The TF Staff Determined the Mission Is Supportable With Current Assets On Hand.
- TF Combat Power:

M1A1: Current:	11 / 14	Projected at LD:	12 / 14
M2A2: Current:	20 / 28	Projected at LD:	26 / 28
- The TF is at 92% Manning and all Crews are Certified



TASK FORCE MISSION ANALYSIS



S2

Enemy Composition:

- Enemy MRC on OBJ BLUE consists of 3 T-80 and 7 BMP-2 (95% Strength)
- Expect 2-3 CSOPs Forward of MRC Defensive Pos'n. Each CSOP Consists of 1 BMP-2 and 1BRDM.
- Dismounted Infantry and AT-5 Systems Will Occupy Wadi's in the North of the TF Zone.
- Enemy MRB Reserve (3/10) and CAR (3/8) are at 100%, Having Been Reinforced with Remnants of Security Zone Forces.

Weather / Terrain:

- No Significant Weather Forecasted
- Terrain Favors Defending Force. Terrain in the Southern Half of TF Zone is Open With Great Fields of Fire. In the Northern Half of the TF Zone the Terrain Contains Numerous Wadis Running N / S Which Significantly Restrict Movement. Wadis Provide Excellent Concealment for AT Weapon Positions.

Engineer Effort:

- Enemy Retains Significant Engineering Assets (Utilized Little Eng Effort in SZ). Expect Obstacle Belt Throughout the Width of the TF Zone, Consisting Mainly of Tank Ditches and Berms. Wire Will Be Used Extensively, However, Mines are Limited and Will Be Used Primarily Around Dismounted Infantry Positions and at Anchor Points Where Obstacles Tie-In to Natural Terrain.
- Enemy Will Use Extensive Engineer Effort to Prepare Vehicle Positions on OBJ BLUE. Dismounted Infantry Positions Will Be Heavily Fortified by Engineers.



TASK FORCE MISSION ANALYSIS



S2

Special Munitions:

- Expect Enemy to Employ Non-Persistent Chemical to Disrupt Our Movement Formation. May Use Persistent Chemical In our Zone When a Breach in the Obstacle is Identified.
- Will Likely Re-Seed a Breach of the Obstacle With FASCAM.

Most Likely Enemy COA:

- Enemy Defends with 2 CSOPs Forward of Main MRC Pos'n. AT Systems and Dismounted Infantry Occupy Wadis Northwest of MRC Position to Engage Advancing TF with Flank Shots. MRPs Remain In Hide Pos'n Until CSOPs Identify TF Movement in Zone. MRPs Re-Position to Prepared Positions and Defend Against Attacking TFs. MRB Reserve Moves to Reinforce Southern MRC(TF 2-78 Zone) and Prevent the BCT from Gaining Key Terrain vic OBJ BLACK. CAR Counterattacks to Reinforce Either MRC and Prevent BCT From Advancing East of the 58 Northing.

Most Dangerous Enemy COA:

- Same as Most Likely COA, However, MRB Reserve is Split Into 2 Elements With an MRP(+) Moving to Reinforce the Northern MRC (TF 1-10 Zone). CAR Counterattacks Into TF1-10 Zone IOT Retain Key Terrain Along Northern Wall.



TASK FORCE MISSION ANALYSIS



S3

SPECIFIED TASKS:

- Destroy MRC on OBJ BLUE
- Maintain Aggressive Movement to OBJ BLUE to Set Conditions for TF 2-78 (BCT ME)
- Defeat Counterattack Forces in Zone
- Maintain 70% Combat Power
- Destroy CSOPs, ISPs and AT-5 Firing Lines in Zone

IMPLIED TASKS:

- Execute Breach
- Position Combat Power Beyond OBJ BLUE to Defeat Counterattack Force
- Maintain Communications With and Provide TF 2-78 With Intel on MRC Positions and Obstacle Locations
- Prepare CL IV Package for Follow-On Mission of Defense

RESTATED MISSION:

TF 1-10 ATTACKS IN ZONE, 190400 JUN 00 TO DESTROY AN MRC ON OBJ BLUE IOT SET THE CONDITIONS FOR TF 2-78 ATTACK ON OBJ BLACK. ESTABLISHES ABF POSITION TO DEFEAT COUNTERATTACK FORCE. ON ORDER, TRANSITIONS TO A HASTY DEFENSE TO DESTROY AN MRB AND RETAIN KEY TERRAIN.



TASK FORCE MISSION ANALYSIS



FSO

FIST STATUS:

- A Mech: FMC
- B Mech: Vehicle Automotively FMC but Targeting Station NMC -- Can Dismount GVLLD / Night Site
- C Tank: Vehicle Overheating, Questionable Status for LD

MORTAR STATUS:

- All Sections FMC
- CL V = Green (>90% UBL), 1Hour of 500m Smoke Available

COLT LOCATIONS:

- COLT 3 Planned OP vic NV 557180 (Ground Insert at LD - 12 Hours)

BRIGADE EFST ALLOCATIONS:

- BCT Fires Prep (3 Groups in TF Zone, A10D, A15D, A20D) on Templated AT-5 Positions, Suspected MRC Vehicle Hide Positions, and CSOPs. Expected BDA = 3 AT-5, 4 BMPs, 10 Dismounts
- Planned Artillery Smoke TGT = AD3001 (1000m for 30 Duration). Trigger = SBF TM Crosses PL BILL
- Planned Suppression TGT = Group A20D (3 TGTs, PLT 1/Min for 20 Minutes). Trigger = TF Crosses PL JIM
- CAS Planned to Interdict CAR / MRB Reserve in CTB 1. Earliest Time On Station = 0600.
- 1 Q36 Radar Zone Authorized for Planning Purposes



RECOMMENDED TF EFST



The TF FSO Developed the Following TF Essential Fire Support Tasks

- 1 **T:** Destroy Enemy CSOPs and AT-5 Systems.
P: Allow TF Freedom of Maneuver Through Zone
M: FA BN 1 on AT-5 and FA BN 3 on CSOPs. Observer: Scouts (Pri), Scouts (Alt).
E: Enemy CSOPs Destroyed. 4 AT-5 Systems Destroyed. No Loss of Friendly Forces From AT or Enemy Artillery Fires.

- 2 **T:** Obscure Zone Of Penetration.
P: Prevent Enemy Observation of TF Breach Efforts.
M: Artillery Smoke, 1000m x 50m, 30 Minute Duration. Observer: COLT 3 (Pri), Scouts (Alt).
E: Enemy Unable to Identify TF ZOP. No Losses Incurred by Breach Force or Assault Force at ZOP.

- 3 **T:** Suppress Zone of Penetration.
P: Prevent Enemy Direct Fire Systems From Influencing Breach Operations and Prevent Enemy Vehicles from Repositioning.
M: Continuous FA and Mortar Fires on Enemy Hide Positions. Observers: Scouts (Pri), A MECH (Alt).
E: Enemy Unable to Direct Fire on Breach Force or Assault Force and Enemy Unable to Effectively Reposition From Hide Positions to Prepared Defensive Positions.



RECOMMENDED TF COA

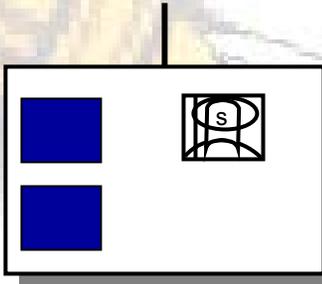


For Purposes of this PE, The TF S3 Devised a Recommended TF COA to Support the Operation. The COA Sketch and Statement are Included.

This COA is Only a Recommendation. You May Edit the COA or Develop an Alternate COA.

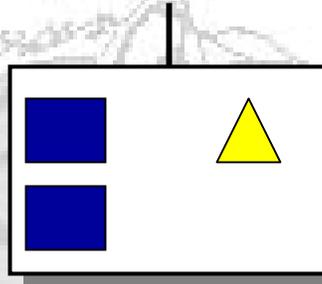


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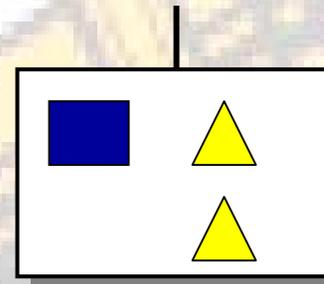
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FORCE**



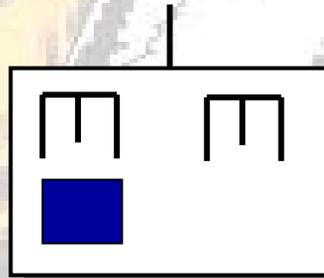
B MECH

**FOLLOW / ASSUME
FORCE**



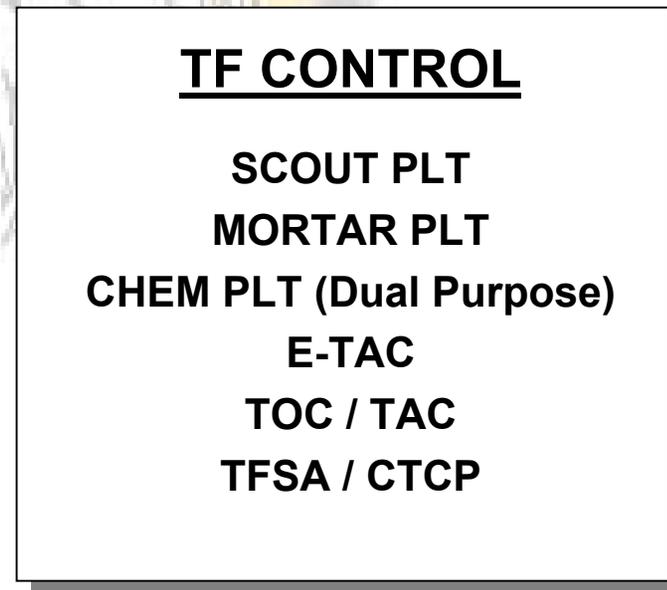
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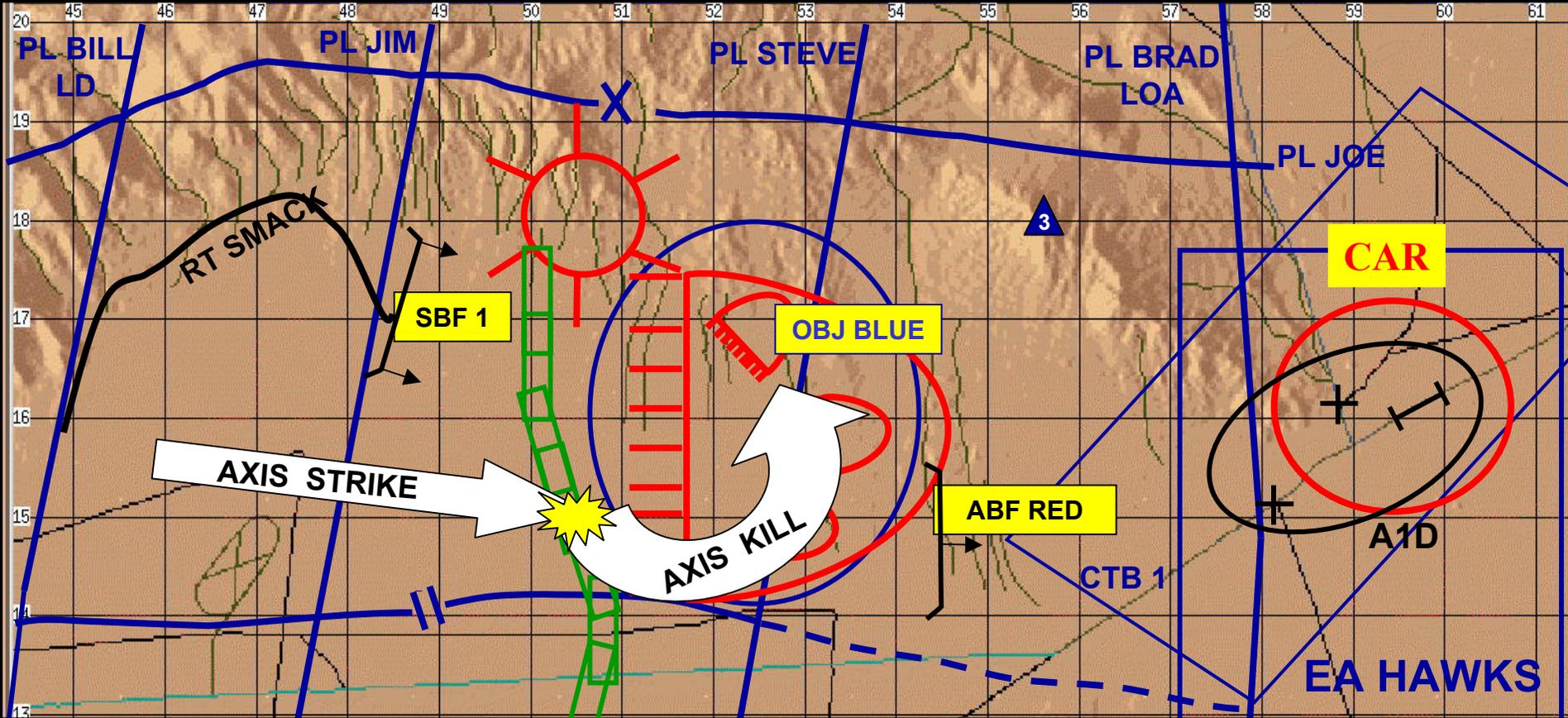
**ASSAULT
FORCE**



TM BLADE

**BREACH
FORCE**





SECURITY: TF Scouts Conduct Zone Recon from PL BILL (LD) to PL JIM to Identify Enemy Vehicle Positions and Obstacle Locations. Scouts Move to Positions Along the TF Northern Boundary with the Task to Destroy AT-5 Systems and Observe CAR / MRB Reserve Movements.

DEEP: COLT 3 Inserts by Ground NLT LD -12 Hours to Provide Locations of Enemy Vehicles and Obstacle Locations. Disrupts Enemy Engineer Efforts with Artillery Fires. Provides Initial Observation of Obscuration and Suppression Targets Until TF Observers are Set.

CLOSE: A MECH Moves Along RT SMACK and Occupies SBF 1 to Suppress Northern MRP. TM BLADE Moves Along AXIS STRIKE to Establish a POP. C TANK (ME) Initially Attacks on AXIS STRIKE then Attacks on AXIS KILL to Destroy MRPs on OBJ BLUE. B MECH Follows C TANK on AXIS KILL and Establishes ABF RED to Destroy Elements of the Enemy CAR as it Moves into Zone.

RESERVE: The TF Assumes Risk By Not Maintaining a Reserve

REAR: TF TOC Occupies West of PL BILL NLT LD-4 Hours. Upon B MECH Establishing ABF RED, TF TOC Moves to vic SBF 1. TF TAC Follows B MECH. TF Trains Occupies West of PL BILL. Upon B MECH Establishing ABF RED, TF Trains Move to vic NV470155.



STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE



**You Have 30 Minutes to Develop
Commander's Guidance for Fires to
Support Your Task Force Mission.**

**A Copy of the Fire Support Guidelines for
Commander's Guidance from FM 101-5-1
Appendix B and a TTP Slide for Developing
CDR's FS Guidance are Included.**



COMMANDER'S GUIDANCE GUIDELINES



FIRE SUPPORT

- ✓ High Pay-Off Targets (Method of Engagement, Desired Effects)
- ✓ Guidance For Fires
- ✓ Observer Plan
- ✓ Employment of COLTs
- ✓ Task and Purpose of Fires
- ✓ Counterfires and Use of Radars
- ✓ Requirements, Restrictions, and Priorities of Special Munitions
- ✓ Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses (SEAD) Guidance
- ✓ Critical Zones
- ✓ Critical Friendly Zones (CFZs) and Call For Fire Zones (CFFZs)
- ✓ Fire Support Coordinating Measures (FSCMs)
- ✓ Synchronization and Focus of Fires with Maneuver
- ✓ Attack Guidance
- ✓ Protected Target List (Include Cultural, Religious, Historical, High-Density Civilian Population Areas)

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Appendix B
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CONSIDERATIONS FOR COMMANDER'S GUIDANCE FOR FIRE SUPPORT



• MANEUVER COMMANDER'S GUIDANCE

- FOCUS FIRES ON DECISIVE MANEUVER OPERATIONS
- DEVELOP FEWER TASKS NOT MORE: PRINCIPLE OF MASS
- SPECIFY PRIORITY OF FIRES AND CRITERIA TO SHIFT
- PHILOSOPHY OF FIRE AND MANEUVER
- TIE FIRE SUPPORT TASKS TO MANEUVER ACTION
- ADDRESS SPECIAL MUNITIONS: CAS, SMOKE, CPH, FASCAM, ILLUM
- USE DOCTRINAL EFFECTS: SUPPRESS, NEUTRALIZE, DESTROY
- QUANTIFY DESIRED EFFECTS BY VEHICLE TYPE AND QUANTITY
- SPECIFY WHERE YOU MUST HAVE OBSERVATION OF FIRES

POOR: "DESTROY
ALL AT-5s IN ZONE"

VS

BETTER: "SUPPRESS
AT-5s VICINITY HILL
760 TO SUPPORT A
COMPANY MANEUVER
TO SBF2"