

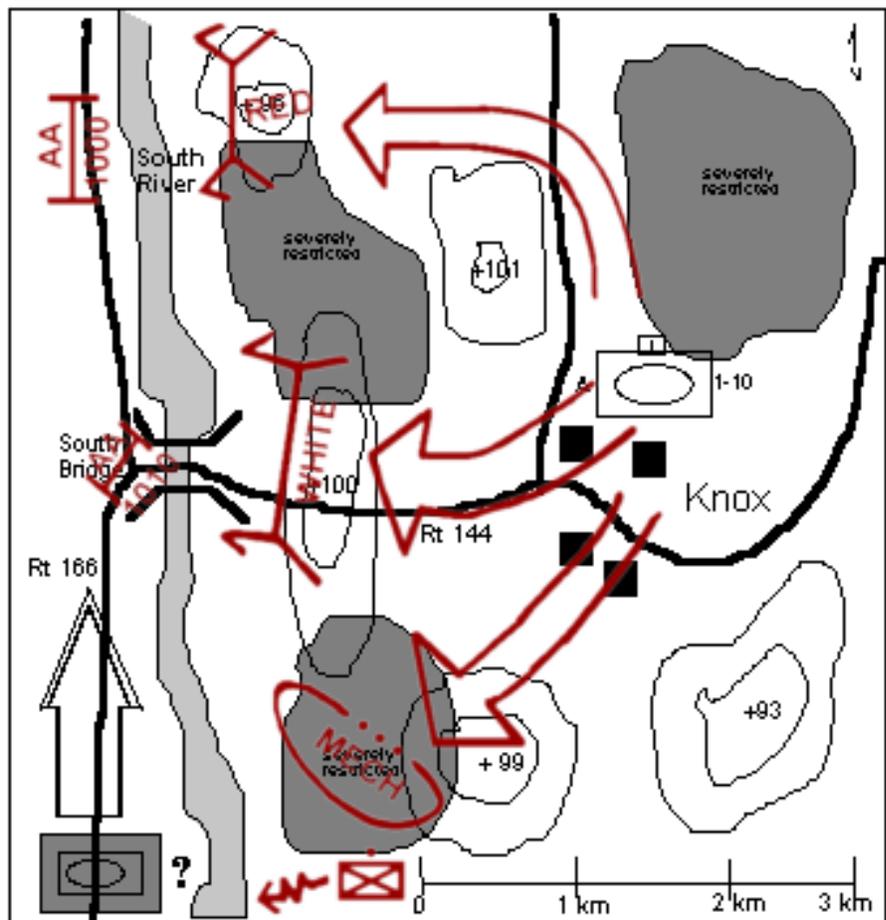
TDGs: Suggested Solutions

SCENARIO 1

FRAG: "Guidons, Guidons, this is Black Six. Scouts have been engaged by a unknown size enemy force south of the bridge along Rt 166. My intent is to develop the situation and at a minimum keep the enemy west of the river. Red, establish ABF on Hill 96 orient west. White, establish ABF on Hill 100 orient South Bridge, Mech establish a blocking position in the trees just west of Hill 99 — protect our left flank and see if you can get eyes on situation to the south. FO, give me a linear target at the road intersection of Rt 166 and Rt 144 and another linear target west of hill 96 along RT 166. XO, call battalion with an update and let them know if it is larger than a company-size force, we will force him north along Rt 166. Also, get me that scout platoon on the radio. I will be

with White. All platoons have permission to engage after positive identification of enemy. Remember we have a friendly scout platoon to our front! Move out...!"

Rationale. While my first reaction is to rush across the bridge to save the scouts, running the company into a kill zone would only make things worse. Still, aggressive action is vital and I feel that we must be in a position to not only accomplish our screening mission, but also be able to cover or facilitate the scouts' withdrawal. I chose to move west because I feel that at a minimum I must keep the enemy (assuming that it he is able to fight through my screen) along one avenue of Approach (AA), even though the area around the town of Knox would make an ideal company size engagement area (EA). By denying the enemy

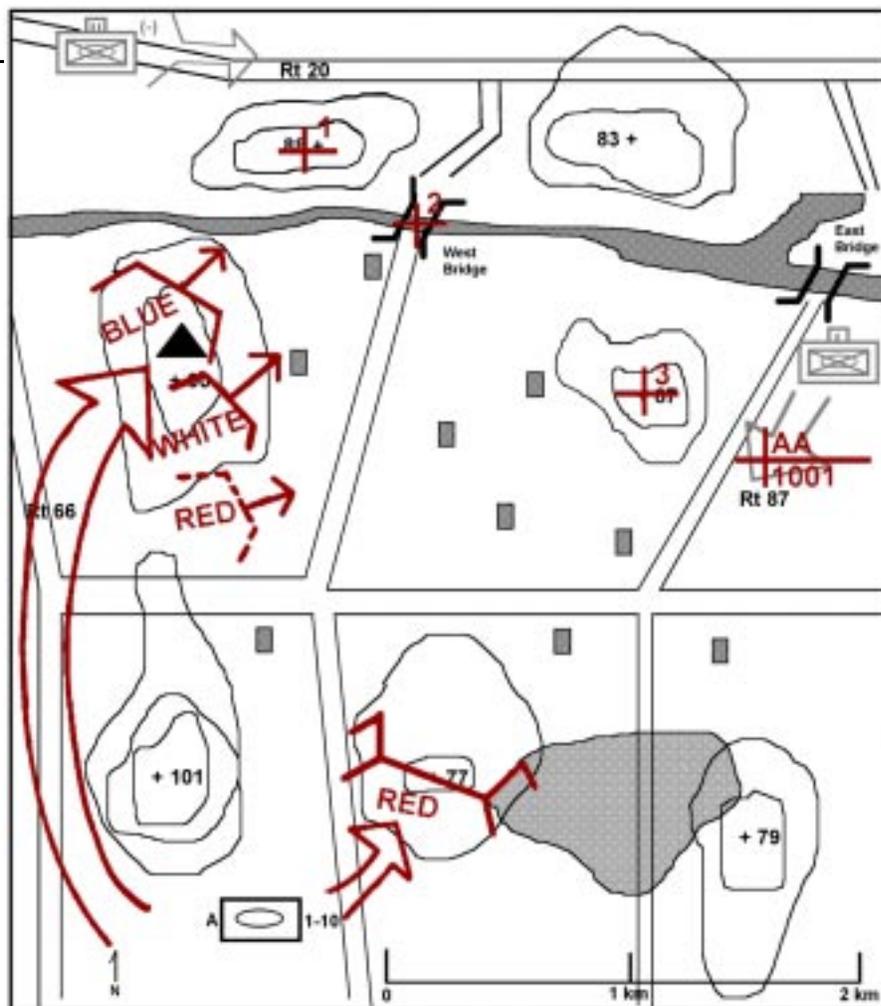


force the south bridge and forcing him north along Rt 166, I will facilitate the task force's ability to meet this unexpected threat. Hopefully, my mech platoon will be able to quickly (yet safely) find out some information on the scouts and, as the situation develops, we will be able to act more aggressively in ensuring the scout platoon's safe withdrawal.

SCENARIO 2

FRAG: "Guidons, this is black six. We have 3 T-72s and 6 BMPs to our north vicinity East Bridge. Also, there is a battalion (-) size element north of the river vicinity Hill 88. I want to stop the battalion (-) north of the West Bridge, so it can be destroyed by the task force. Red, establish a SBF — overwatch from Hill 77 and cover our move to Hill 90. Orient on the enemy company (-) moving down Rt 87. Do not let the T-72s and BMPs interfere with our movement. Blue and White follow me to Hill 90. Once we are set, Red move and tie into our southern flank. Blue, orient TRP 1 which is Hill 88, White orient TRP 2 which is the West Bridge, and Red orient TRP 3 which is Hill 87. FIST move with Red and give me immediate suppression on the enemy vehicles moving down RT 87. XO move with RED and coordinate with higher, we are going to need some serious help up here, OUT."

Rationale. While the most immediate threat to my company is the enemy force vicinity the East Bridge, the biggest threat to our task force (TF) is the enemy battalion (-) which I am assuming is trying to find the safest route south across the river. I see Hill 90 as the decisive terrain and will race to occupy it before the enemy battalion (-) can cross the river. From Hill 90 I



should be in a solid position to fix the battalion (-) to allow the TF to maneuver to either destroy or bypass. Having my two tank platoons "follow me" is the quickest way to do this in this situation. When Red suppresses the enemy company in the east, this should make the West Bridge an even more likely AA for the battalion (-). Although I am

accepting some risk in the east, indirect fires as well as a few tank platoon volleys should be sufficient to force that enemy company to go to ground. I will then focus entirely on the battalion (-) trying to cross the river. My XO has the most important job since coordination with the other companies and higher is crucial to our success.