

# The Company Leader

Leadership Lessons from the Tactical Level of War

## TACTICAL DECISION GAMES

### Attacking Objective Rhino

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IBCT PLT Attack





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“What the hell did this place do to piss off God?” you think as you press your hands deeper into your pockets hoping they will find warmth. You want a pinch of Copenhagen, but its too damned cold to pull your hands out to get one. Your platoon has been in its patrol base for six hours, but you haven’t slept a bit. In just 45-more minutes you can rotate out to the D Company vehicle that is in a security position. They might not let you turn the truck on to get the heat started, but maybe you can find some relief from the wind. “Hey, you awake?” your squad leader says as he shoves you. “Get your team up and moving, Red Warrior 6 just called into the Commander. We got a mission. WARNORD brief in 5 minutes.”



Photo retrieved from 1-12 IN from their 2019 PLT LFX.  
Image by Capt. Chelsea Hall.

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## Situation

The South Atropian People's Army (SAPA)—an irregular militant force with Arianan sympathies— has increased its activity in the western portion of the AO to facilitate offensive operations by the Democratic Republic of Ariana Army (DRAA). SAPA forces continue to build up their forces and increase their activity around the Sangari district. HUMINT sources indicate that SAPA is caching munitions and explosives in vicinity of Sangari. They intent to create a logistics center to supply arms and ammunition to their forces. Their goal is to provide a means of resupply and support when the DRA reinitiate offensive operations.



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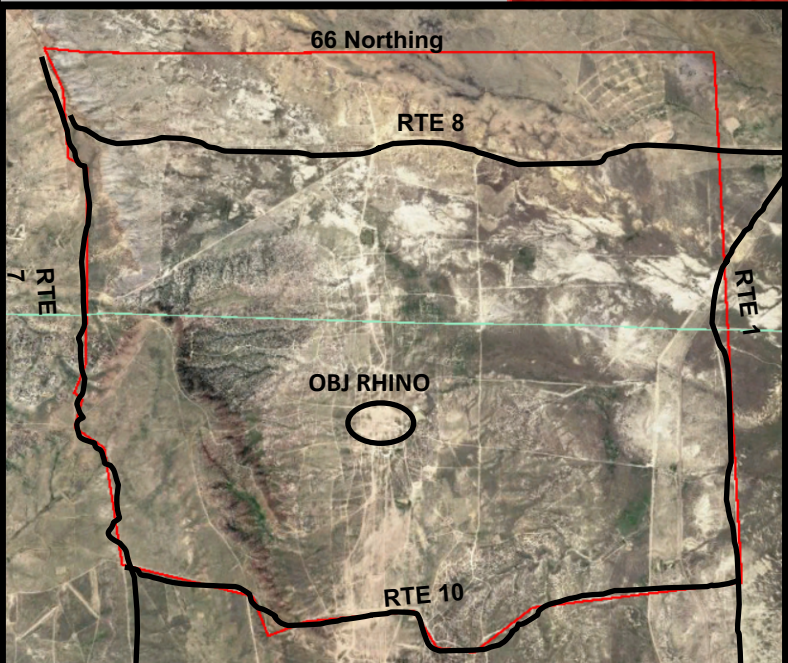
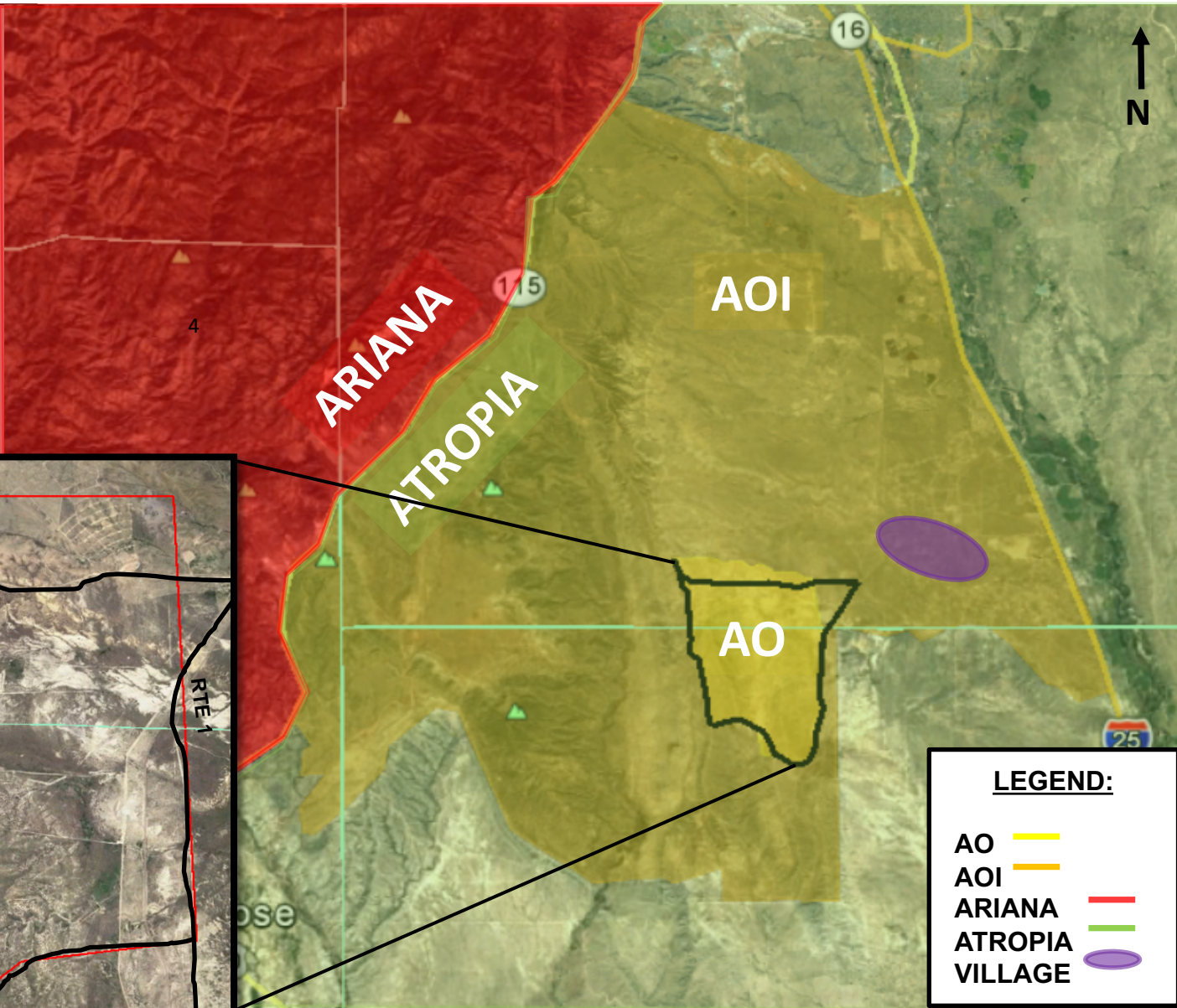
## Define the Operating Environment

### Area Of Interest

- North: Gate 6 to Gate 9 on RTE 2
- West: HWY 115
- East: HWY 25
- South: RTE 15/11/14/1

### Area of Operations (AO)

- North: RTE 8
- West: RTE 7
- East: Tank Trail by RTE 1
- South: RTE 10A
- MSRr throughout the AO are all weather loose surface roads



**LEGEND:**

- AO
- AOI
- ARIANA
- ATROPIA
- VILLAGE



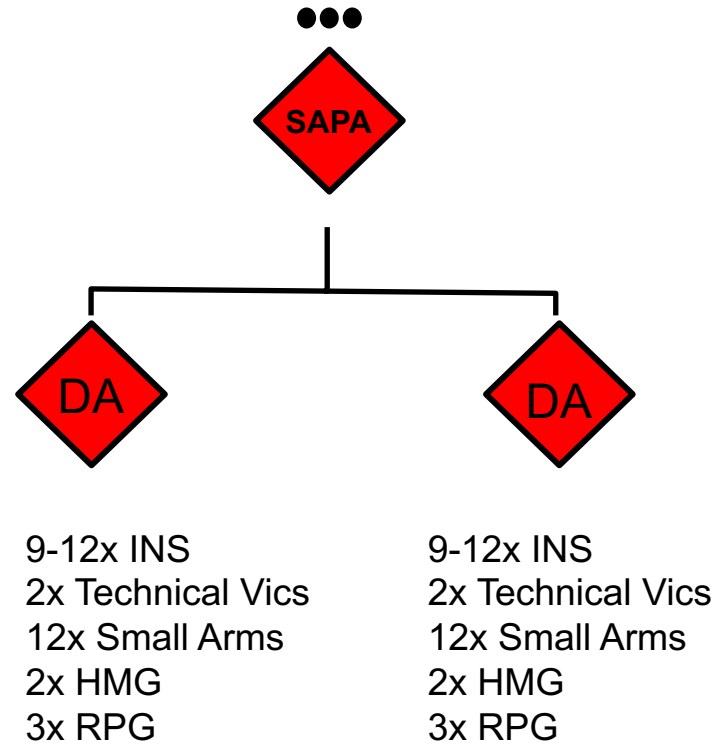
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## Enemy

Jamil Mutazz, a Sangari businessman and owner/operator of the café, is a member or associate of the Baqqvani Crime Family (BCF). He is reportedly actively supporting the SAPA and IRA, both financially and logistically. Jamil owns two isolated buildings on the outskirts of Sangari village (OBJ RHINO). Sources have confirmed that those two buildings are currently accommodating one Squad size elements (9-12pax).

One Squad size element (9-12 pax) w/ SAFs was detected east of Sangari village on D-5, this Squad is a part of DA PLT providing security to its logistics center.





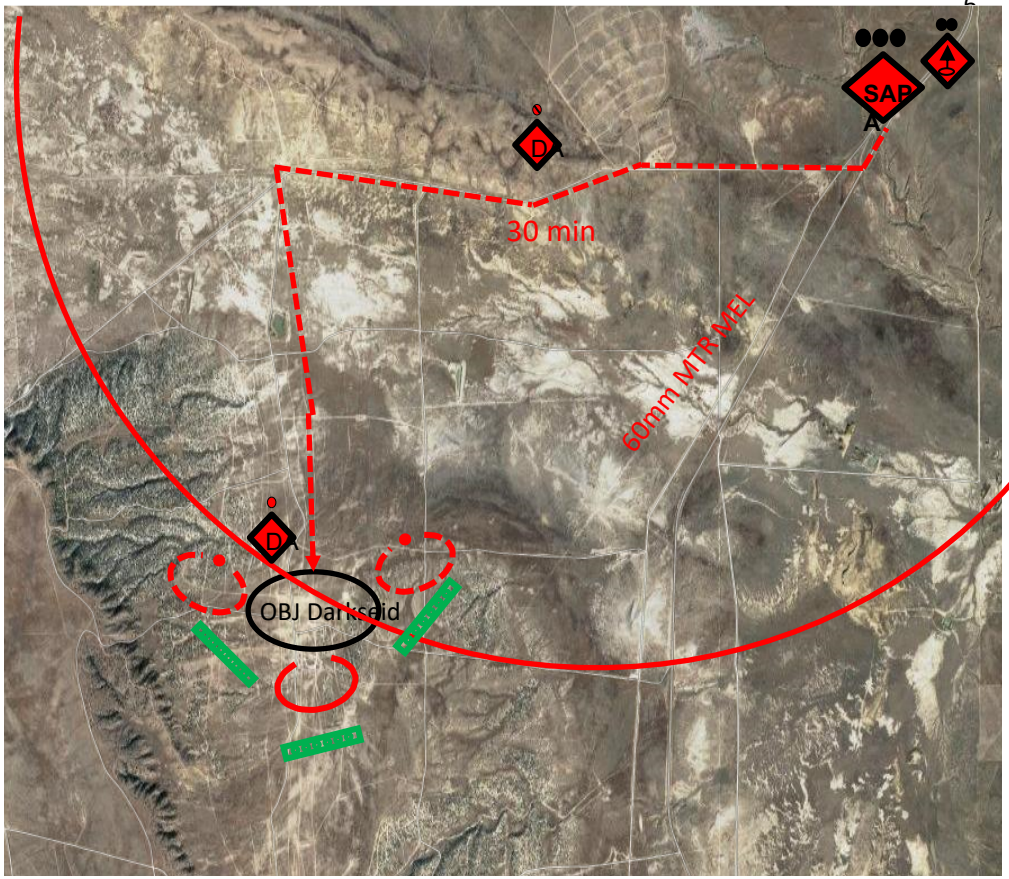
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## Enemy

Enemy forces will likely conduct a hasty defense north of OBJ RHINO NLT D-2 to control key terrain. Decisive to their operation is the identification and disruption of U.S. coalition forces moving NW toward the Arianian –Atropian border. This is decisive because it will deny U.S. ability to influence a larger conventional Arianian Force to the North.

We expect the Enemy to utilize 60mm mortars to degrade U.S. forces along their movement toward OBJ RHINO. They will likely utilize engineer assets to build mine/wired obstacles along key avenues of approach to turn U.S. forces into their desired kill zone.



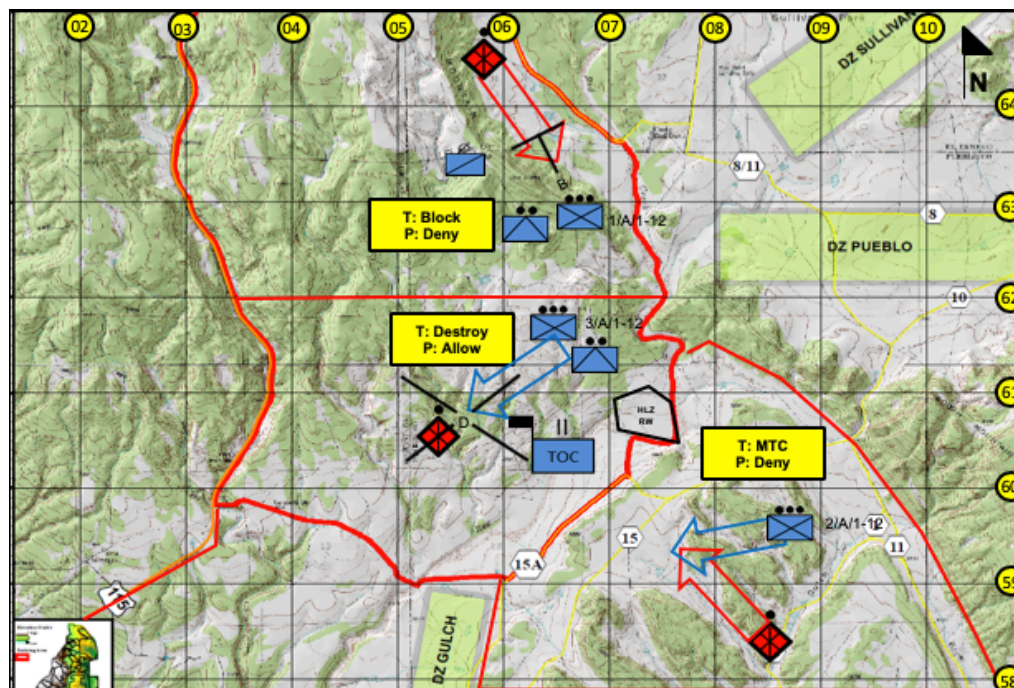


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## Friendly

1-12 Infantry continues to conduct combat operations throughout AO Red Warrior to destroy enemy forces and prevent their control of key terrain. B Company is conducting operations to interdict logistics operations to the north and C Company is conducting patrols along the southern edge of the AO to deny enemy FOM.

Your company, A Company, is conducting offensive operations inside AO Arrowhead. 1st Platoon is conducting a blocking operation to the north to deny the enemy the opportunity to reinforce their element on OBJ RHINO. 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon is conducting a movement to contact to interdict enemy forces in the south for the same purpose.

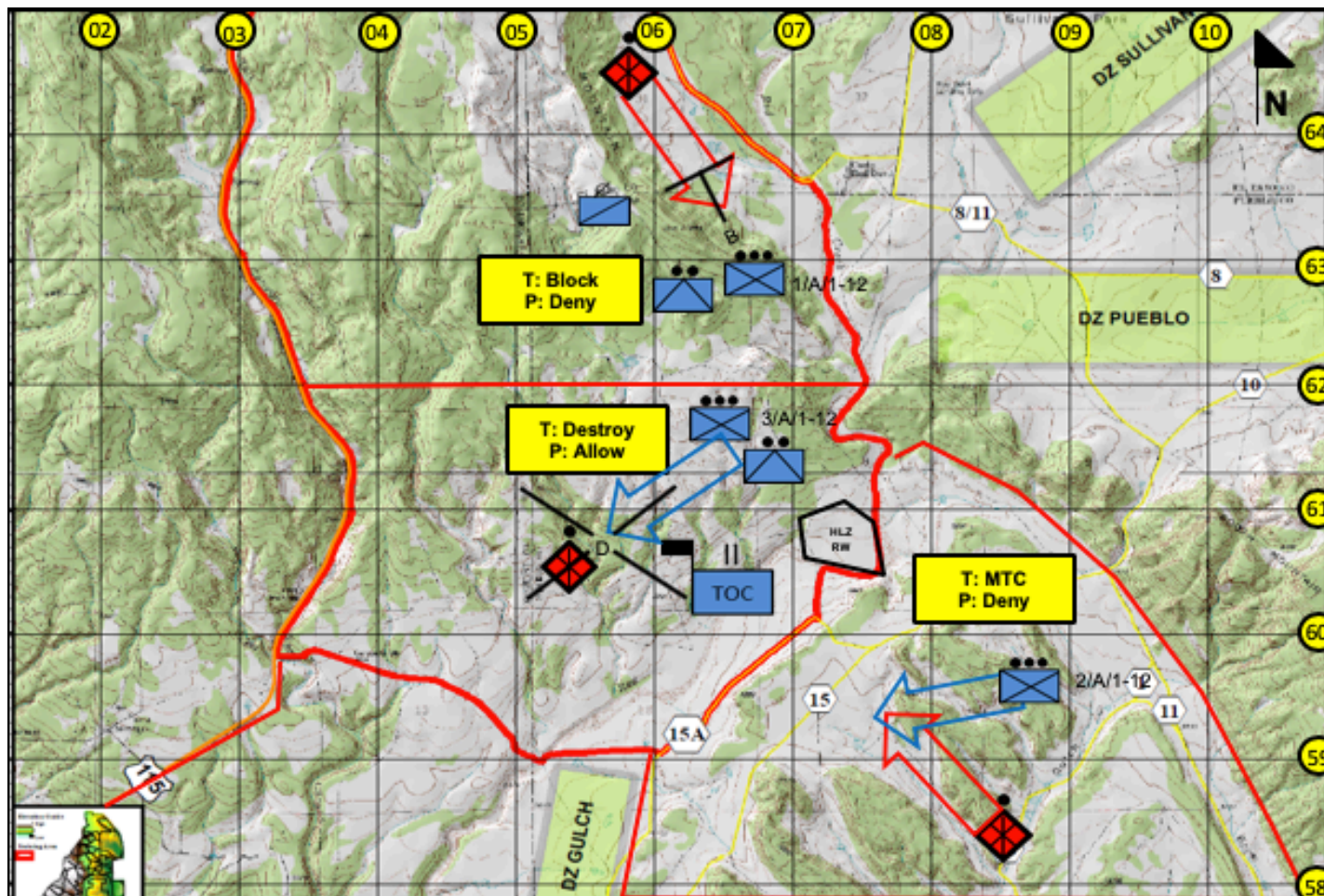




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## Mission

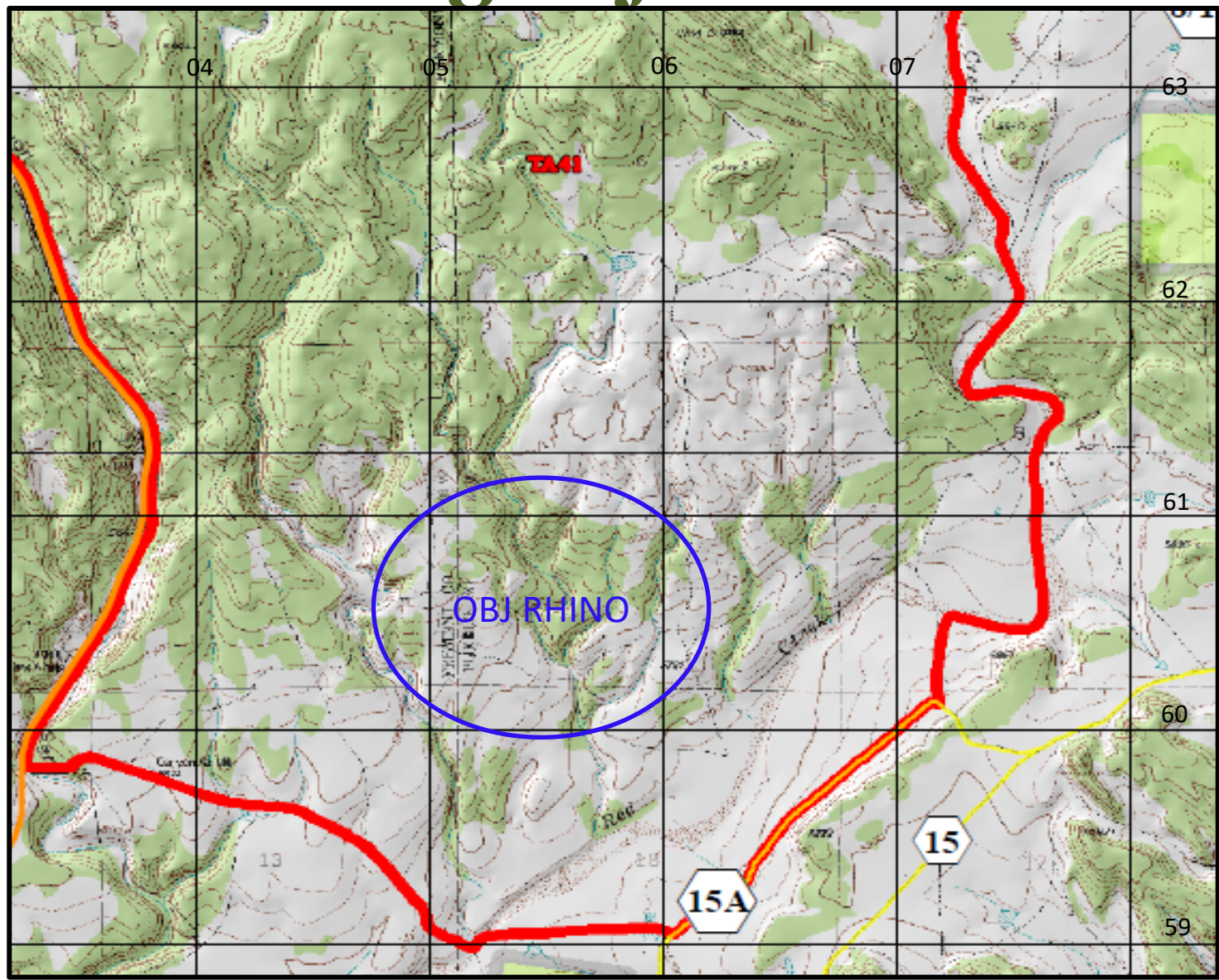
3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, Arrowhead Company, 1-12 IN will conduct an attack to destroy enemy vic OBJ RHINO NLT than H-hour IOT allow the Atropian Government to reestablish security within the region.







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## Output Required

You have 25 minutes. Develop a FRAGORD with a concept statement and sketch (using the graphic above). Include tasks to subordinate units. Be prepared to brief your plan to the Company Commander with a general fires plan and triggers.

### **A Few Leader Questions to Consider:**

1. How do you think the enemy will be arrayed on the objective?
2. Where is the probable line of contact?
3. What is your movement and maneuver plan?
4. Are there any assets at company-level that you should request?
5. What indirect fires assets do you have and how will you echelon them?
6. What is your plan for casualties?



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