

TACTICAL VIGNETTE 99-1

**FORGING STEEL —
Exploiting a Brigade's Success**

**WHAT'S
YOUR
NEXT
MOVE??**



Situation:

You are "Hammer 6," the Task Force commander of TF 1-40, (BDE Reserve), with two tank teams (M1A2) and one mech team.

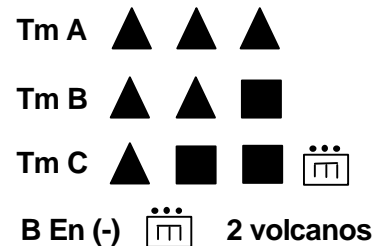
The brigade just conducted a deliberate attack against a stationary enemy mechanized infantry battalion (MIBN) on Objective Anvil. Objective Anvil is located three kilometers to the west of PL Red. The brigade's attack was a success. However, it encountered less resistance than expected and the reserve, TF 1-40, was not committed.

The other two task forces of the brigade are currently consolidating and reorganizing along PL Red. Your task force is postured in Tactical Assembly Area Pittsburg 2 km west of PL Red.

Enemy:

Division intelligence reports indicate there is a key bridge site along the river Quasimodo that must be secured. The bridge site is currently undefended and is the only way across the river. An enemy MIBN (6 T-80s and 15 BMPs) is moving west toward the bridge with an ETA of 40 minutes. In the south, your scout #3 reports enemy vehicles, 2 T-80 tanks and 5 BMPs, moving northeastward. These vehicles are suspected remnants from the MIBN defeated on Objective Anvil and are most likely moving towards the bridge and defend it until the MIBN from the east can reinforce them. In the north, scout #1 reported 2 tanks vicinity grid 040205 and a small dust cloud behind them moving southwest out of the town of Dirk-

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heim. Before scout #1 could pass any further information, radio contact was lost.

TF Mission:

The brigade commander wants to capitalize on the success of his attack and he wants your TF to exploit that success! The commander issues a FRAGO to your TF. Your mission, Hammer 6, is to attack to secure the bridge site on Objective Steel. You have priority of FA fires (1 DS Bn with DPICM/HE/Smoke). You will also have 2 sorties of A-10s loaded with Mavericks on station in 15 minutes. You must act now! What do you do!

Requirement:

You have ten minutes to assess the situation and formulate a FRAGO. Issue your FRAGO as if talking on the radio to your company commanders. Submit your solutions to the Bn/Bde Branch by e-mail at: BilaferJ@ftknox-dtdd-emh5.army.mil, or mail your solution to ARMOR, ATTN: ATZK-TDM, Fort Knox, KY 40121-5210.

