

Solution — Tactical Vignette 00-01 *Ragin' Cajun Time*

(Author's Solution to the January-February 2000 Vignette)

TASK 1 – Issue 2nd Platoon FRAGO – “All White elements, this is White one, FRAGO follows.”

SITUATION: Scout report three BMPs followed by one T-72 vic MR235047.

MISSION: No Change.

EXECUTION:

-Occupy BP 1A and orient on **EA Houston** between TRPs 1 and 3.

-Alpha section orient from TRP 1 north to TRP 3; work far to near. Bravo section orient on TRP 3 south to TRP 1; work inside out.

-On order, displace and reposition to BP 1D, orient into **EA Seattle**. Alpha section orient from TRP 7 north to TRP 8; work far to near. Bravo section orient on TRP 8 south to TRP 7; work inside out.

-Engagement trigger is three tanks or four BMPs (what we believe is the FSE) in either **EA Houston** or **EA Seattle**.

-Trigger to reorient fires into **EA Seattle** is negative contact in **EA Houston** or

confirmed enemy company (+) size element in **EA Seattle**.

-White displacement criterion is three tanks vicinity **EA Seattle**.

-Engagement priority is tanks, EN vehicles, BMPs, then all others.

SERVICE AND SUPPORT:

No change.

COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

CO will be with Red (1st) platoon; XO will be with blue (3rd) platoon.

“Acknowledge, over.”

TASK 2 – White's response to SPOT reports over company net –

EVENT 1 – Report of one tank and one BMP vic TRP 1 in EA Houston.

Your response should be to continue to observe and monitor the situation. Both you and the Blue platoon see these enemy vehicles.

The size and activity of this enemy element does not meet any of the criteria set

by your company commander for engagement, reorientation into your alternate engagement area (EA Seattle), or displacement to your alternate BP (BP 1D).

EVENT 2 – Report of three tanks and two BMPs vic EA Seattle.

Your response, because you cannot get contact with your commander or XO, should be to displace and occupy BP 1D.

This SPOT report meets the criteria set by your commander for your platoon to displace to BP 1D and begin engaging the enemy.

While this SPOT report also meets one of the criteria for you to reorient your platoon fires into your alternate engagement area (EA Seattle), it would do no good.

You are set in BP 1A. Your fires from there would be ineffective into EA Seattle because you are too far away (3km to the southern portion of EA Seattle). You must displace to BP 1D, reorient your platoon's fires to the appropriate TRPs, and begin engaging the enemy.