

Dilemma in Intopia by SGT Kristian Bregaard, Norwegian Army

Situation

You are a U.S. Marine infantry squad leader operating in the country of Intopia. At the moment there is a lot of tension in Intopia. For the last 2 weeks there have been several terrorist attacks against civilians and the peacekeeping allied forces. One of your supply convoys is about to move from the city of Sagados to Nafiq, a distance of 35 miles. There are five trucks in the convoy loaded with ammunition and explosives.

You are sent with your squad to the little village of Beggina, halfway between Sagados and Nafiq. Your mission is to establish a covert observation post (OP) in Beggina in order to secure the road through the village from attacks from terrorists or rebels against the convoy. Because it gives the best observation angle of the village, you have placed your OP in the barn next to House 12.



At 1408 the convoy reports that they are approximately 7 minutes west of Beggina. Two minutes later one of your Marines reports that he observes two gun barrels pointing from a window on the fourth floor of the southern side of Building 2. The barrels are pointing westward. Only the gun barrels are visible, so a clean shot from the barn is impossible. South of Building 2 there are 10 children at play. You try to raise your parent unit on the net without any luck. A change of battery and antenna gives no positive result.

Requirement

In a time limit of 5 minutes, write down your orders and the reports that you will make to higher headquarters. Provide an overlay of your plan of action. Include the rationale for your actions.