

Winning the Fire Fight

(Useful tips to remember not mentioned in the ACF manual)

Suppressing the enemy

- The maximum use of fire power
- Economy - have a reserve 10% ammo

Although the section commander will use the section's organic weapons to suppress the enemy, he may also be able to call on or make use of suppressive fire from artillery, mortars and direct fire weapons such as tanks and GPMG (SF).

While suppressing the enemy the section commander must do his estimate (battle plan). This is likely to be an extremely rapid and simple process. In the vast majority of tactical circumstances the section will not be mounting its own independent attack but will be forming an element of an attack mounted by a platoon-sized or larger operation. The 2IC must be prepared to take on all aspects of the section's fight.

Doing the Battle Estimate

The section should give the section commander rapid fire when they raise their heads up to get better eyes on the target.

Don't rise above cover unless there is fire going down to the target area.

This of course will use up ammo so it needs to be in short intervals by the commander. Once the commander has confirmed the location they need to send a contact report to the platoon commander.

Even when you have suppressed the enemy by accurate fire, you are going to need good fire control orders to concentrate your fire on the enemy positions. Remember you may need an ammunition re supply, so conserve your ammunition.