

THE ARMY BATTLE LAB

PRESENTS...



FIGHT TONIGHT

URBAN OPERATIONS

75% OF THE POPULATION LIVE IN AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT

THE URBAN COMMANDMENTS

1

Adapt your capability to the environment

Exploit your strengths and mitigate your weaknesses
but avoiding urban areas is not an option
- you must have an effect

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Use the terrain

It provides cover, manoeuvre and
deception opportunities

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Situational awareness is a struggle

Expect to be uncomfortable, fight for information,
react to change

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Command and control is difficult

Command forward, give and receive
mission command freely

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Expect a close fight

Routine engagements are at 30-100 meters,
the enemy will be closer

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Armour has a vital role

In a defence or attack, armour is a force multiplier

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Fires enable manoeuvre

Fires still have a key role, but the complex terrain and
collateral damage require more planning

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Civilians are always present

Plan for them, don't just react, don't expect
rational behaviour

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Everything takes longer

Manoeuvre, CASEVAC and resupply will take up to
eight times longer than in the rural areas

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Logistics planning takes longer

If your log and med planning begin at H-hour,
you've already lost! Move everything closer
to the point of need



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