THE ARMY BATTLE LAB PRESENTS...



URBAN OPERATIONS

75% OF THE POPULATION LIVE IN AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT

THE URBAN COMMANDMENTS



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



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



Command and control is difficult Command forward, give and receive mission command freely



Expect a close fight Routine engagements are at 30-100 meters, the enemy will be closer



Armour has a vital role

In a defence or attack, armour is a force multiplier



Fires enable manoeuvre

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



Civilians are always present Plan for them, don't just react, don't expect rational behaviour



Everything takes longer

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



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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