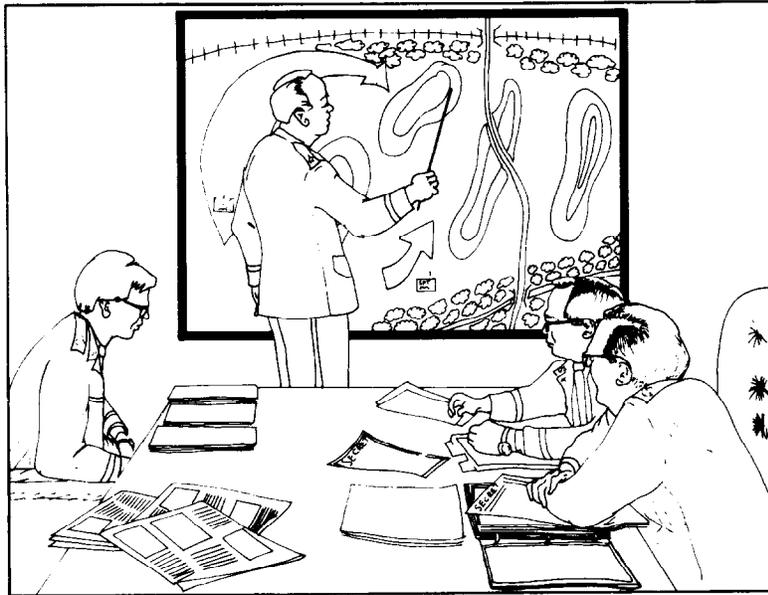


The guerrilla force structure and operational methods must be thoroughly understood. To assess guerrilla capabilities properly, the commander must understand the area of operations and how the guerrilla uses the area to his advantage.



COMMANDER'S GUIDANCE

The commander's guidance for tactical operations in IDAD must be detailed and comprehensive. Prior to the receipt of the specific mission, the commander's guidance must consider probable missions of supporting consolidation campaigns and conducting strike campaigns, as well as characteristics of the guerrilla, terrain, and population in the operational area. After receipt of the mission, his guidance will become more specific and should include the extent the brigade will be involved in tactical, intelligence, psychological, populace and resources control, civil affairs, and advisory assistance operations.

COMMANDER'S ESTIMATES AND STAFF APPRAISALS

Planning for IDAD operations requires a detailed knowledge of the civil and military situations. Estimates and appraisals are based on the analysis of the area of operations, the mission, commander's guidance, and other information previously outlined. Special considerations for counterguerrilla operations are - -

WEATHER AND TERRAIN.

- Effects of weather, seasons of the year (to include planting and harvesting periods), phases of the moon, and coastal tides.
- Suitability of terrain (to include landing zones and pickup zones) and road net for tactical and logistical operations.