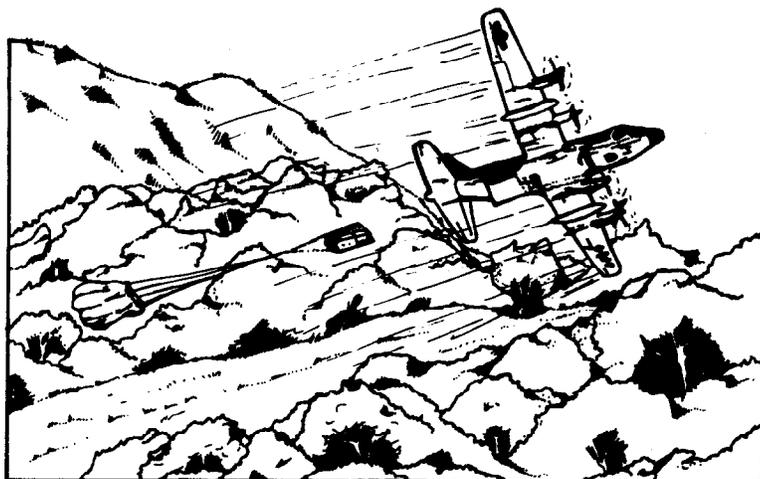


vehicles during daylight and darkness. It includes the use of aircraft or boats. Populated areas contiguous to the base are searched, and surprise checkpoints are established along known or suspected routes of enemy communications.

■ Dug-in or concealed night ambush sites are manned outside the barrier system trace on a random basis. Indigenous personnel should accompany ambushes near populated areas. Their knowledge of local populace and terrain assists the ambush mission. Artillery and mortar concentrations are registered and plotted to provide rapid on-call support. When a free-fire zone is established forward of the barrier trace, it is seldom necessary to occupy ambush sites in the zone. Detectors and sensors are emplaced to provide early approach. When local restrictions preclude establishment of a free-fire zone, ambush sites are manned forward of the barrier trace, and reaction forces are prepared to assist on call.

■ BDF or other base unit reconnaissance patrols obtain target acquisition data. They may penetrate known enemy-controlled territory to install sensors that will report the enemy's presence along infiltration/supply routes. In addition, such patrols observe known infiltration/supply routes and report enemy activities along these routes. They provide early warning of enemy activities - - assembly of personnel; movement of weapons, ammunition, or other supplies; and preparation of mortar/rocket firing sites - - to the base defense force. In addition to the acquisition of specific targets, reconnaissance patrols may be used to locate suspected areas where other types of surveillance or acquisition systems may be employed to obtain information. Indigenous personnel are valuable assets to reconnaissance patrols. Their knowledge of the terrain, ability to operate effectively in the environment, knowledge of the language, and familiarity with the local customs are useful attributes.



■ Combat patrols are employed in difficult terrain some distance from the base but within range of supporting artillery. Combat patrols employ ranger-type tactics and remain committed for relatively long periods. They may be supplied by air and equipped to communicate with the base and supporting aircraft. Such patrols may vary from squad to platoon in size. They have the