

### BATTLE DRILL 3 REACT TO AMBUSH

**SITUATION:** The squad or platoon enters a kill zone and the enemy initiates an ambush with a casualty-producing device and a high volume of fire.

**REQUIRED ACTIONS:** See Figure 6-3.

1. Near ambush (within hand-grenade range).
  - a. Soldiers in the kill zone return fire immediately. How they go about this depends on the terrain. If—
    - Cover is not available, Soldiers immediately, without order or signal, assume prone position and throw concussion or fragmentation and smoke grenades.
    - Cover is available, without order or signal, Soldiers seek the nearest covered position, assume the prone position, and throw fragmentation or concussion and smoke grenades.
  - b. Immediately after the explosion of the concussion or fragmentation grenades, Soldiers in the kill zone return fire and assault through the ambush position using fire and movement.
  - c. Soldiers not in the kill zone identify the enemy's position. Fire is shifted as the personnel in the kill zone begin to assault.
  - d. Soldiers in the kill zone continue the assault to eliminate the ambush or until contact is broken.
  - e. The platoon/squad conducts consolidation and reorganization.
2. Far ambush (out of hand-grenade range). Soldiers receiving fire immediately return fire, take up covered positions, and suppress the enemy by—
  - Destroying or suppressing enemy crew-served weapons.
  - Sustaining suppressive fires.
3. Soldiers (squad/teams) not receiving fires move by a covered and concealed route to a vulnerable flank of the enemy position and assault using fire and movement techniques.
4. Soldiers in the kill zone continue suppressive fires and shift fires as the assaulting squad/team fights through the enemy position.
5. The platoon FO calls for and adjusts indirect fires as directed by the platoon leader. On order, he shifts or ceases fires to isolate the enemy position or to attack them with indirect fires as they retreat.
6. The platoon/squad leader reports, reorganizes as necessary, and continues the mission.

Figure 6-3. REACT TO AMBUSH

