

Chapter 2

Command and Control



In the mountains, major axes of advance are limited to accessible valleys and often separated by restrictive terrain. The compartmented nature of the terrain makes it difficult to switch the effort from one axis to another or to offer mutual support between axes. The battle to control the major lines of communications of Level I develops on the ridges and heights of Level II. In turn, the occupation of the dominating heights in Level II may leave a force assailable from the restrictive terrain of Level III. Each operational terrain level influences the application of tactics, techniques, and procedures necessary for successful operations.

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