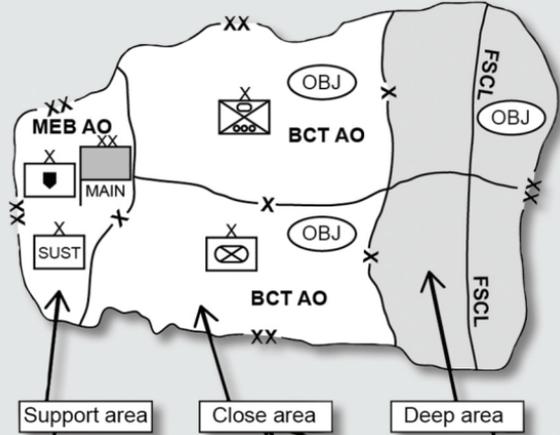
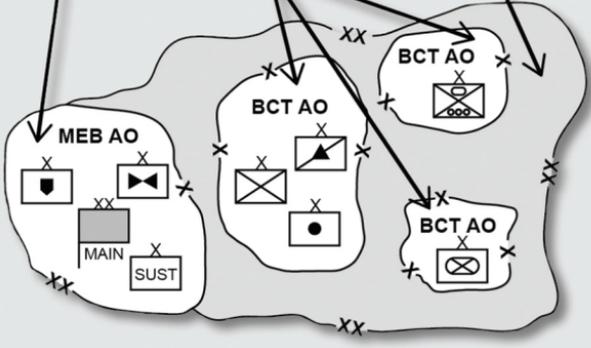


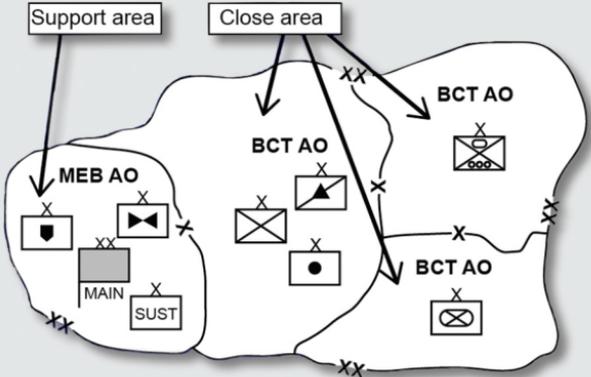
Linear AOs



Nonlinear and noncontiguous AOs



Nonlinear and contiguous AOs (no division deep area)



Responsibilities when assigned an AO

- Terrain management
- Information collection
- Civil affairs activities
- Movement control (air/ground)

- Clearance of fires
- Security
- Personnel recovery
- Environment considerations

Legend

- AO = Area of operations
- BCT = Brigade combat team
- FSCCL = Fire support coordination line
- MEB = Maneuver enhancement brigade
- OBJ = Objective
- SUST = Sustainment

Figure 1. This illustration compares operations in contiguous and noncontiguous environments.