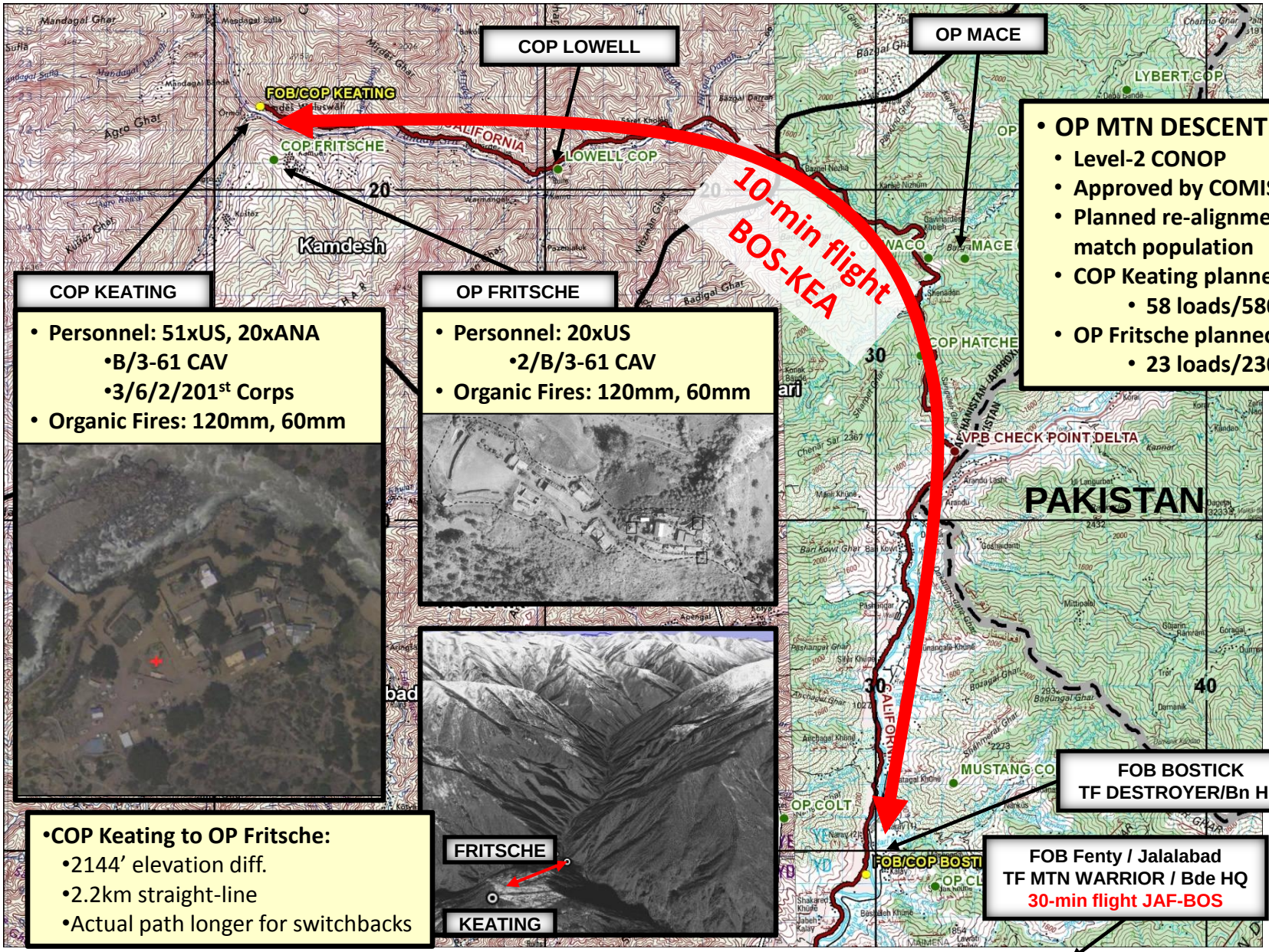
RC-East – Keating/Fritsche Attacks
Pre-Attack Force Posture



- **OP MTN DESCENT**
  - **Level-2 CONOP**
  - **Approved by COMISAF 01OCT09**
  - **Planned re-alignment of forces to match population**
  - **COP Keating planned 09-15 OCT**
    - **58 loads/580K lb**
  - **OP Fritsche planned 16-19 OCT**
    - **23 loads/230K lb**

COP KEATING

- **Personnel: 51xUS, 20xANA**
  - **B/3-61 CAV**
  - **3/6/2/201st Corps**
- **Organic Fires: 120mm, 60mm**

OP FRITSCHE

- **Personnel: 20xUS**
  - **2/B/3-61 CAV**
- **Organic Fires: 120mm, 60mm**

- **COP Keating to OP Fritsche:**
  - 2144' elevation diff.
  - 2.2km straight-line
  - Actual path longer for switchbacks

FOB BOSTICK
TF DESTROYER/Bn HQ

FOB Fenty / Jalalabad
TF MTN WARRIOR / Bde HQ
30-min flight JAF-BOS

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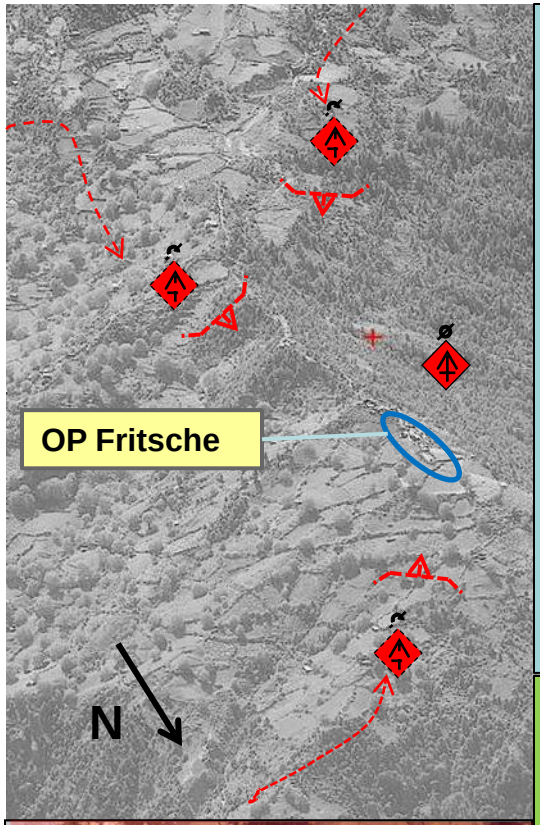
03 Oct 2009 Attack



Key Events (03OCT09)

0130z First report of attack
0132z FRI mortar crew pinned down
0135z First report of casualties (2xWIA)
0154z CAS arrives
0211z Fritsche reports enemy at the wire
0219z Enemy breaches Keating
0237z Fritsche mortar pit operational
0246z AWT arrives
0325z SIGINT arrives
0428z FMV arrives
0535z AWT coverage withdrawn for AAA
0709z QRF insertion begins at FRI.
1030z QRF departs FRI for KEA
1236z KEA reports enemy broke contact
1432z QRF reaches KEA and are entering
1434z 1st KEA medevac executed.
1741z All KEA medevacs complete
2130z ODA/CDO infil complete to FRI.
2300z CI1/5 resupply completed to KEA.

Supporting Assets

CAS: F-15/16, B-1B, A-10, AC-130
- 21 minutes response

Close Combat Aviation: AH-64D
- 64 minutes response

SIGINT: RedRidge, LLVI
- 115 minutes response

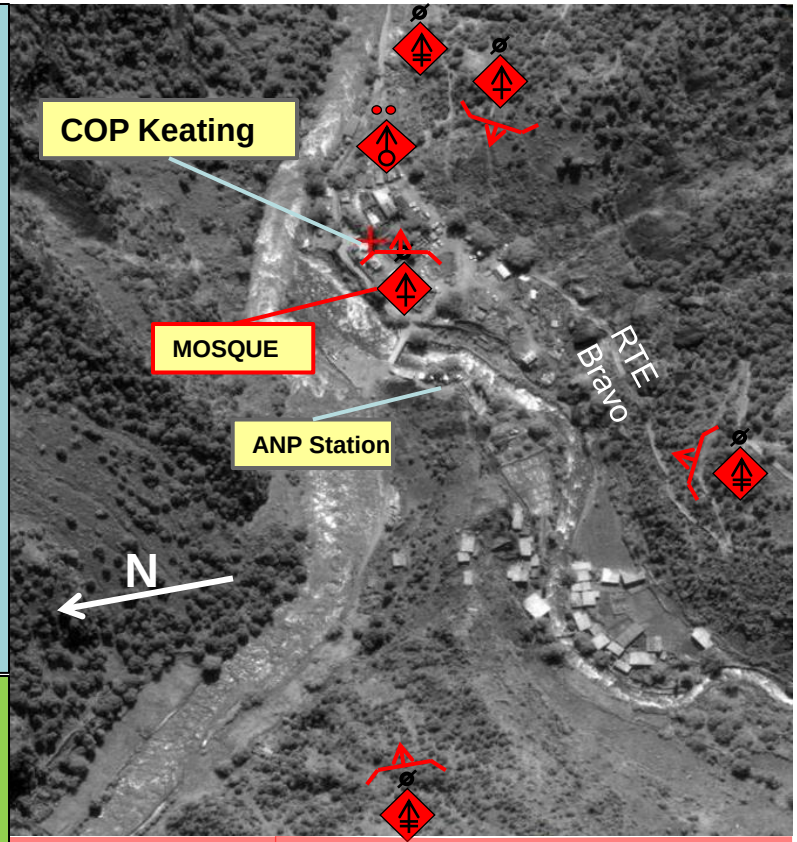
FMV: Predator (2), Reaper (3)
- 175 minutes response

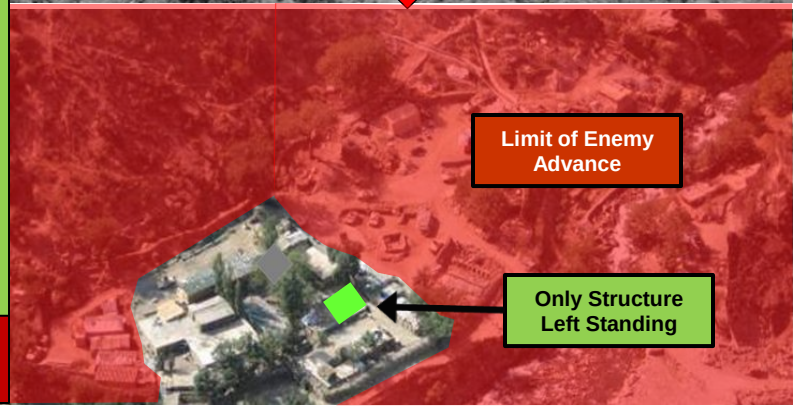
Medevac: UH-60 (USA), HH-60 (USAF)
- 13 hours response

Reinforcements: 2xPLT 1-32 IN, 2xODA with 120x ANA Commandos
- 5.5 hours response

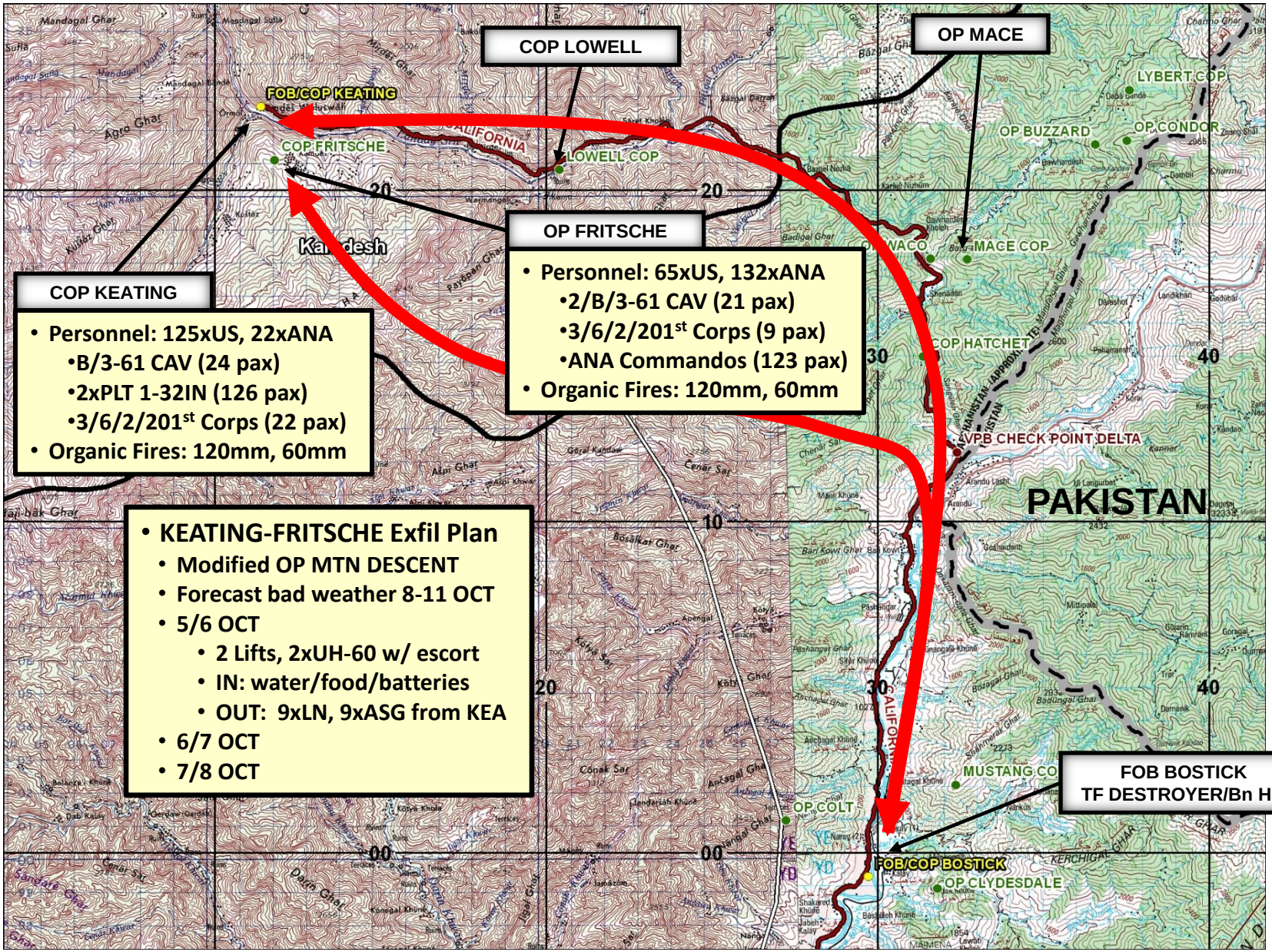
Casualties

KIA: 8xUS, 2xANA, **WIA:** 4xUS, 9xANA





RC-East – Keating/Fritsche Attacks Current Situation



COP KEATING

- Personnel: 125xUS, 22xANA
  - B/3-61 CAV (24 pax)
  - 2xPLT 1-32IN (126 pax)
  - 3/6/2/201st Corps (22 pax)
- Organic Fires: 120mm, 60mm

OP FRITSCHE

- Personnel: 65xUS, 132xANA
  - 2/B/3-61 CAV (21 pax)
  - 3/6/2/201st Corps (9 pax)
  - ANA Commandos (123 pax)
- Organic Fires: 120mm, 60mm

- **KEATING-FRITSCHE Exfil Plan**
  - Modified OP MTN DESCENT
  - Forecast bad weather 8-11 OCT
  - 5/6 OCT
    - 2 Lifts, 2xUH-60 w/ escort
    - IN: water/food/batteries
    - OUT: 9xLN, 9xASG from KEA
  - 6/7 OCT
  - 7/8 OCT