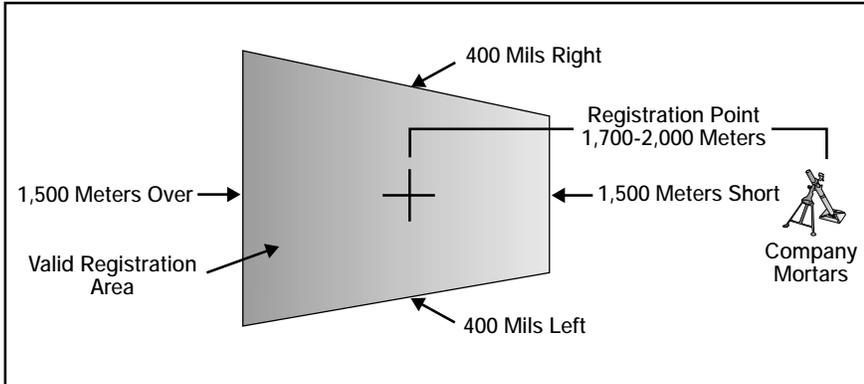


# Correction to "TLP for Light Company Fire Support Planning for the Defense"

The figure on Page 35 in the March-April article "TLP for Light Company Fire Support Planning for the Defense" [by Sergeant First Class Jeffrey A.

Mubarak] has an error. The figure limits the registration corrections for mortars to 800-mm short of and 800-mm beyond the registration point. However,



Corrected Figure 3: Targets outside the valid registration area require additional registration points, which adjusts the ammunition requests, tasks for mortars and time line.

Figure 14-4 on Page 14-4 of *FM 23-91 Mortar Gunnery* illustrates that registration corrections may be applied 1500-mm short of and 1500-mm beyond the registration point along the gun-target line. [The figure is shown corrected with this letter.]

The difference is significant and must be understood by fire supporters. It should be noted that the 1500-mm transfer limit is the same regardless of the size of the mortar.

More information about registering mortars can be found in CALL [Center for Army Lessons Learned] Bulletin 99-3 at [http://call.army.mil/products/ctc\\_bull/99-3/chap4.htm](http://call.army.mil/products/ctc_bull/99-3/chap4.htm). Figure 14-4 of *FM 23-91* can be viewed online <http://www.adtdl.army.mil/cgi-bin/atdl.dll/fm/23-91/ch14.htm#pl>.

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Now there is an "FSO Handbook" on line to help the FSO. *ST 6-20-20 FSO Handbook* provides some considerations for the type of material that should be in an FSO's Smart Book. *ST 6-20-20*

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