Observation Posts: React to Visual Contact

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Situation: You are the TL for 1-2A. 1-2 has been tasked to pull South / Southwestern security for the Ranger platoon performing perimeter defense in a town to your Northeast. Attached to your squad is one gun team. Your SL places the gun team, making sure both TLs see the gun teams fields of fire (marked in blue). Your SL then orders 1-2B to pull local security to the West of the gun team, and orders 1-2A to set up two, two-man OPs to the South.

After both OPs have been established, you confirm that both OPs can mutually support one another. You do so by confirming both OPs have clear LOS on the terrain to the direct South of either OP. You are positioned with your SAW gunner on the Western-most OP. The other buddy team to the East consists of a Rifleman and Grenadier. Both OPs offer good concealment but mediocre to poor cover.

After observing for 30 minutes, you hear an urgent call over the radio. The Eastern OP spots an enemy squad sized element cresting a hill to the South moving North. The Eastern OP reports that on their current heading and speed, the enemy squad will likely be within hand-grenade range in the next two minutes.

Requirements: You have one minute to issue any orders, call for reports, or otherwise issue any other communications. Provide explanation of your rationale.

