

Basic Map Reading

1. The top of the map is North
2. Each grid equals one kilometre
3. Read **across** (the X axis) then **up** (the Y axis)
4. The RFS uses 3 x 3 grouping for grid references, for example 789 987
5. Read across the first two figures at the top or bottom edge of the map then interpolate for the third figure, repeat the process by reading up the first two figures for the left or right edge, then interpolate
6. If the reference falls on a grid line then the last (trailing) figure would be zero
7. Referring to the map below the grid at the arrow heads would be **978 270**
8. The first two figures were obtained from the edge of the map, while the third figure (underlined) has been interpolated from between the grid lines
9. Firecomm may ask for the map number which in this case is '2437'. This is to avoid referencing the wrong map 100 kilometres away.

