Syria CAS – Dodge One AH64 v 3.3

Situation

The insurgent push North continues. ISIS now control the strategically important Raqqa and Al Tabqa. Intelligence reports units moving North on both banks of the Euphrates towards Manbij on the West bank and putting pressure on the strategically important hydro station to the Southeast of Manbij.

Allied forces have units embedded on the front line to curb the advance of militant factions.

The allies have air domination. There are reports of SAM units being deployed South of Raqqa. The low level MANPAD threat is unknown. AAA constitutes an ongoing hazard as the insurgents attempt to disrupt air support operations and there have been frequent reports of small arms fire from settlements, so **avoid built up areas** wherever possible. Friendly UAV's are operating in the area at angels 12, beneath the cloud base.

A group of four AH64s on station at Kharab Ishk, Dodge 1, are scheduled for night ops providing air support in theatre. CAC is being co-ordinated by an E3A AWACS out of Incirlik.

The weather isn't good tonight with heavy showers forecast.

Obviously you can make it beautiful clear daylight should you wish!

Waypoint Notes

The loaded waypoints (alpha points) are used in tasking. The displayed route between these waypoints is not required and is of no use. Your kneeboard has waypoint co-ordinates and allied asset details. **Remember** that any FACs/JTACs will pass gird information in 3 digit format. This means you will need to add a zero to each co-ordinate group when setting up a target point. For example, 37 S DA 342 625 needs to be entered as 37SDA34206250. If you forget this, you'll probably have a target that is on your chart but a LONG way away!

Communications

Remember - you will need to specify a load out before departure!!

Check in with CAC from the communications menu (F10) and request tasking when able. Two FARPs are operating in theatre – London, to the Southeast of Manbij dam (alpha point 4) and Dallas, located 21 miles Northwest of Raqqa (alpha point 12). Both have repair, refuelling and re-arming capability. There are communications options on the F10 menu for returning to a FARP for re-supply.

Request tasking when your current task objective is complete, or at any time you wish to trigger a new task.

Check out before returning to home plate and remember to check out from any JTAC/FAC units with whom you have been in contact.

** You will receive tasking at any time up to 12 minutes from check in for tasking! **

Tasking

Tasking will be sent in Nineline format as follows (have a pen and pad available!):

IPW : IP Waypoint
HDG : Inbound heading to target
NM : Distance to target from IP
ELE : Target elevation
DES : Target description
LOC : Target GRID
TYP : Source of targeting information
FRN : Bearing and distance of any friendly forces from target
EGR : Egress direction or details
RMK : Remarks

Changes from v3.2

Refined threat locations
Relocated FARP London
Added new tasks
Added new technical
Altered signal flare logic
Numerous mission tweaks and fixes