Operation Hormuz Campaign

Mission 15 Wild Weasel Day

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Situation

The CVN-71 Carrier Group successfully defended an anti-ship attack by the IAF at midnight on Day 14. The Fifth Fleet commander was also more vigilant regarding the enemy's offensive moves. On the defensive side of the Iranian Army, mobile SAMs consisted of several SA-6 Gainful, SA-8 Gecko, and SA-11 sets that were provided by the Russians and had been deployed in the Iranian-controlled area. With the height suppression from Mount Genu, our ground forces had control over the desert valley in the Rezvan region. Besides the fierce battle in the North Corridor, 50nm to the northeast of Bandar Abbas, in the Faryab region, the Iranians had also sent multiple reinforcements including self-propelled artilleries, armored vehicles, and battle tanks. They had grouped up and their objective is presumably to take back Minab City. The Iranians started a major counter-offensive attack on Day 14 in the Faryab region, causing significant loss to our allied ground forces, whereby the U.S. Marine's 2nd Regiment 1st Battalion had to retreat from Dehbarez back to Kormon. However, two AV-8B Harriers were shot down by SAMs that were newly deployed in the Faryab region, when they were providing close air support for the Marines to retreat from Dehbarez. It was assessed that these Iranian air defenses had upgraded with Russia's latest early-warning radar datalink system with its command center in Jiroft Airbase, which posed a major threat to our air operations in the region. Therefore, neutralizing the Iranian air defense system in the Faryab region now became a priority for our allied forces. A pair of four-ship DEAD Flights were briefed and prepared by the CVN-71 Carrier Group to destroy these SAMs. With engines spooling up on the deck, these pilots signaled "Good to go" with thumbs up, but deeply in their hearts, everyone knew it was going to be a dangerous mission.

Briefing

Case I Departure 0200UTC. Coordinate N251040 E572350
Case I Recovery 0420UTC. Expected Reocvery Location N245248 E574053
Mother Frequency 305.0AM, TACAN 71X, ILS: 11, ACLS LINK 4: 336.0

[Designer's note] (1) As the Mission Commander, the 1st Player must select Hawk 1-1 (tail# 211). The 2nd player is recommended to sit in Hawk 1-2 (tail# 212). The 3rd and 4th Players are recommended to select Hawk 2-1 (tail# 213) and Hawk 2-2 (tail# 214). If more than 4 Players join the mission, recommend to sit into Hawk 1 and Hawk 2 evenly. **(2)** If Hawk 2 is not seated by any Players, an AI Hawk 2 Flight will be activated to assist Players to complete the mission but don't expect them to do too much. **(3)** It's highly recommended that all Players should do aeriel refueling as briefed before entering into operation area, otherwise Player may not have enough fuel to complete all the objectives. However, refueling will not be counted as a condition for mission success.

[Mission Briefing] Hawk 1-1 is the Mission Commander and Lead for Hawk 1 Flight, whilst Hawk 2-1 is the Lead for Hawk 2 Flight. At cold start, bingo fuel setting is 5000lbs and Bullseye point is WP7. Case I launch, fly to WP1 (RV) to regroup with TACAN Rendezvous at MSL 20K, regrouping should be done by 0625LT. After regrouping, we will switch PRI COMM to STRIKE (Channel 2) and AUX COMM to HAWK (Channel 3 for Hawk 1 and Channel 4 for Hawk 2), then we will push for WP2 (REF). During ingress phase, we will check in with STRIKE and get updated information on our tanker positions who should be operating over the land area between our WP2 and WP3. Once everyone has a happy drink, we will switch our PRI COMM from Tanker's channel back to STRIKE, and report mission-ready status, then fence in and organize our attacks at WP3 (IN) at MSL 20K. WP3 will be our Station Point to initiate our SEAD attack. Based on our latest intel, three SAM sites are active in the Faryab region at the moment: one SA-11 site located 40nm to the north of WP3, another SA-11 site located 35nm to the east of WP3, and one SA-6 site located 30nm to the northeast of WP3. Keep in mind that these SAMs have high mobility and could be repositioned but they should be too far from the places we have mentioned. These three SAM sites are our primary objective and should be eliminated first. It's recommended for the element lead to use your ATFLIR pod to locate these SAM sites and use JSOW missiles to initiate an attack to take maximum destruction to those SAMs, also remember to set appropriate VT and wind direction adjustment (500 to 1000 feet recommended). However, feel free to fire your AGM-88 HARM missiles if you feel threatened. Meanwhile, element wing should keep monitoring their RWR and cover their lead, After these three SAM sites are neutralized, we will report back to STRIKE and clarify our purpose to attack those offline SAMs or RTB. Be advised these offline SAM sites have datalink shared with their control center in Jiroft Airbase, they know your position without turning on their search radar. If we continue with the secondary objective, we will need to send our decoy birds out to lure those offline SAM sites to turn on their tracking radar first. Once we see a spike, we can either attack immediately with an AGM-88 HARM missile, or we can try to locate them by using JHMCS and ATFLIR and assess the best options for the attack. Before engaging those offline SAM sites in the Faryab region, we also have an option to make an attack with our HARM Missiles in PB mode at the SA-10 radars at Jiroft Airbase (WP6), the HARM code for S-300 system's "Big Bird" radar is 104, and for "Clam Shell" radar is 103. Neutralizing these radars first will not only force those offline SAM sites to turn on their search radar but also help to reduce the SA-10 threat we are facing with. After the Faryab region is cleared, we will report back to STRIKE and assess our fuel and ammo status to decide if we continue with the tertiary objective to attack the SA-10 site deployed in Jiroft Airbase. The SA-10 Site consists of several searching and tracking radars, missile launchers, as well as supply vehicles, trying to make as much damage as we can. After all objectives are completed, or either Bingo or Winchester, we will report to STRIKE for RTB and egress via WP8 (OUT) in the southwest of Minab City. Last but not least, our friendly air defense is also in operation near Minab and Takht, their location is charted on our briefing maps, friendly fire is not acceptable. It will be a long day and a tough mission but we are good at getting things done. Now let's get on board and good luck!

Tasks

Primary Objective:	Destroy two active SA-11 and one active SA-6 sites in Faryab region
Secondary Objective:	Search and destroy other offline SAM sites in Faryab region
Tertiary Objective:	Destroy Iranian 23rd Air Defense Battalion (SA-10) located in Jiroft Airbase

Threats

1. SA-6, SA-8, SA-11 in Faryab region
2. SA-10, SA-15 and AAA in Jiroft Airbase
3. IAF CAP Flight F-14, Mig-29 from the north

Package	Flight	Callsign	Aircraft	Task	Tail #	Payload
	Hawk 1	Hawk 1-1	F/A-18C	DEAD	211 (Lead)	2*AIM-9X, 1*AIM-120C, 2*AGM-88C, 2*AGM-154A, 3*ADM-141A, 1*Fuel tank, ATFLIR
		Hawk 1-2	F/A-18C	DEAD	212	2*AIM-9X, 1*AIM-120C, 4*AGM-88C, 1*Fuel tank, ATFLIR
		Hawk 1-3	F/A-18C	DEAD	213	2*AIM-9X, 1*AIM-120C, 2*AGM-88C, 2*AGM-154A, 3*ADM-141A, 1*Fuel tank, ATFLIR
		Hawk 1-4	F/A-18C	DEAD	214	2*AIM-9X, 1*AIM-120C, 4*AGM-88C, 1*Fuel tank, ATFLIR
	Hawk 2	Hawk 2-1	F/A-18C	DEAD	207 (Lead)	2*AIM-9X, 1*AIM-120C, 2*AGM-88C, 2*AGM-154A, 3*ADM-141A, 1*Fuel tank, ATFLIR
		Hawk 2-2	F/A-18C	DEAD	208	2*AIM-9X, 1*AIM-120C, 4*AGM-88C, 1*Fuel tank, ATFLIR
		Hawk 2-3	F/A-18C	DEAD	209	2*AIM-9X, 1*AIM-120C, 2*AGM-88C, 2*AGM-154A, 3*ADM-141A, 1*Fuel tank, ATFLIR
		Hawk 2-4	F/A-18C	DEAD	210	2*AIM-9X, 1*AIM-120C, 4*AGM-88C, 1*Fuel tank, ATFLIR

Support	Flight	Callsign	Aircraft	Task	TACAN	Frequency	Channel	Planned Altitude
	Magic 1	STRIKE	E-2D	AWACS	N/A	265.0 AM	2	N/A
	Shell 1	Shell 1-1	S-3B	A-A Refuel	55X	270.0 AM	7	MSL 10K
	Arco 1	Arco 1-1	KC-130	A-A Refuel	51X	257.0 AM	8	MSL 16K
	Arco 2	Arco 2-1	KC-130	A-A Refuel	52X	255.0 AM	9	MSL 18K
	Texaco 1	Texaco 1-1	KC-135	A-A Refuel	60X	262.0 AM	10	MSL 22K

Emergency Airport	Tower	Coordinate
Khasab Airport	124.350 Mhz	N 26°10'57", E 56°14'37"
Bandar-e-Jask	118.15 Mhz	N 25°39'02", E 57°47'34"

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Mission Radio Cards

Radio COMM1					Radio COMM2				
Channel	**Code**	**Callsign**	**Frequency**	**Module**	**Channel**	**Code**	**Callsign**	**Frequency**	**Module**
1	Green	Mother	305.0	AM	1	Green	Mother	305.0	AM
2	Red 1	Strike	264.0	AM	2	Red 1	Strike	264.0	AM
3	Yellow 1	Hawk 1	265.0	AM	3	Yellow 1	Hawk 1	265.0	AM
4	Yellow 2	Hawk 2	256.0	AM	4	Yellow 2	Hawk 2	256.0	AM
5	Yellow 3	Sting 1	254.0	AM	5	Yellow 3	Sting 1	254.0	AM
6	Yellow 4	Sting 2	250.0	AM	6	Yellow 4	Sting 2	250.0	AM
7	Purple 1	Shell 1	270.0	AM	7	Purple 1	Shell 1	270.0	AM
8	Purple 2	Arco 1	257.0	AM	8	Purple 2	Arco 1	257.0	AM
9	Purple 3	Arco 2	255.0	AM	9	Purple 3	Arco 2	255.0	AM
10	Purple 4	Texaco	262.0	AM	10	Purple 4	Texaco	262.0	AM
11	Blue 1	Darknight	259.0	AM	11	Blue 1	Darknight	259.0	AM
12	Blue 2	Deathstar	268.0	AM	12	Blue 2	Deathstar	268.0	AM
13	Blue 3	Hammer	269.0	AM	13	Blue 3	Hammer	269.0	AM
14	Blue 4	Warrior	260.0	AM	14	Blue 4	Warrior	260.0	AM
15	Blue 5	Firefly	263.0	AM	15	Blue 5	Firefly	263.0	AM
16	Blue 6	Axeman	261.0	AM	16	Blue 6	Axeman	261.0	AM
17	Orange 1	Colt	267.0	AM	17	Orange 1	Colt	267.0	AM
18	Orange 2	Chevy	251.0	AM	18	Orange 2	Chevy	251.0	AM
19	Orange 3	Check	253.0	AM	19	Orange 3	Check	253.0	AM
20	Orange 4	Ford	266.0	AM	20	Orange 4	Ford	266.0	AM

Flight Plan Cards

Hawk 1 Flight Plan						
Number	**Name**	**Altitude**	**Speed**	**Time**	**Description**	**Remark**
0				0610LT	Launch	
1	RV	MSL 20K	0.50M	0625LT	Regroup	Perform TACAN Rendezvous
2	REF	MSL 20K	0.70M	0640LT	Refuel	Tanker: Arco 1 & Arco 2
3	IN	MSL 20K	0.70M	0710LT	Fence In	Landmark: Shamil Reservoir
4	SAM				DEAD attack	Faryab region
5	SAM				DEAD attack	Faryab region
6	JFT				DEAD attack	Jiroft Airbase
7	ROCK				Bullseye Point	Landmark: Minab Reservoir
8	OUT	MSL 25K	0.70M	0800LT	Egress	Feet dry
9	SHE	MSL 25K	0.70M	0810LT	Recovery Tanker	Tanker: Shell 1
10	HOME			0820LT	Landing	

Hawk 2 Flight Plan						
Number	**Name**	**Altitude**	**Speed**	**Time**	**Description**	**Remark**
0				0610LT	Launch	
1	RV	MSL 20K	0.50M	0625LT	Regroup	Perform TACAN Rendezvous
2	REF	MSL 20K	0.70M	0640LT	Refuel	Tanker: Arco 1 & Arco 2
3	IN	MSL 20K	0.70M	0710LT	Fence In	Landmark: Shamil Reservoir
4	SAM				DEAD attack	Faryab region
5	SAM				DEAD attack	Faryab region
6	JFT				DEAD attack	Jiroft Airbase
7	ROCK				Bullseye Point	Landmark: Minab Reservoir
8	OUT	MSL 25K	0.70M	0800LT	Egress	Feet dry
9	SHE	MSL 25K	0.70M	0810LT	Recovery Tanker	Tanker: Shell 1
10	HOME			0820LT	Landing	

Targets Cards

Hawk 1 & Hawk 2 Targets					
TGT#	**Priority**	**Type**	**Coordinate**	**Elevation**	**Remark**
1	High	SA-11	N 27°36'35", E 57°28'18"	1600 ft	Coordinate not precise
2	High	SA-11	N 28°20'02", E 56°55'47"	4900 ft	Coordinate not precise
3	High	SA-6	N 28°00'52", E 57°15'56"	2100 ft	Coordinate not precise
4	Mid	SA-6			Faryab region, details unknown
5	Mid	SA-8			Faryab region, details unknown
6	Mid	SA-11			Faryab region, details unknown
7	Low	SA-10			Deployed in Jiroft Airbase
8	Low	SA-15			Deployed in Jiroft Airbase

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Flight Plan (Hawk 1 & Hawk 2)

DEAD Mission Area with Marks

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Battleground Situation Update

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