



Mission 3, Shooting star

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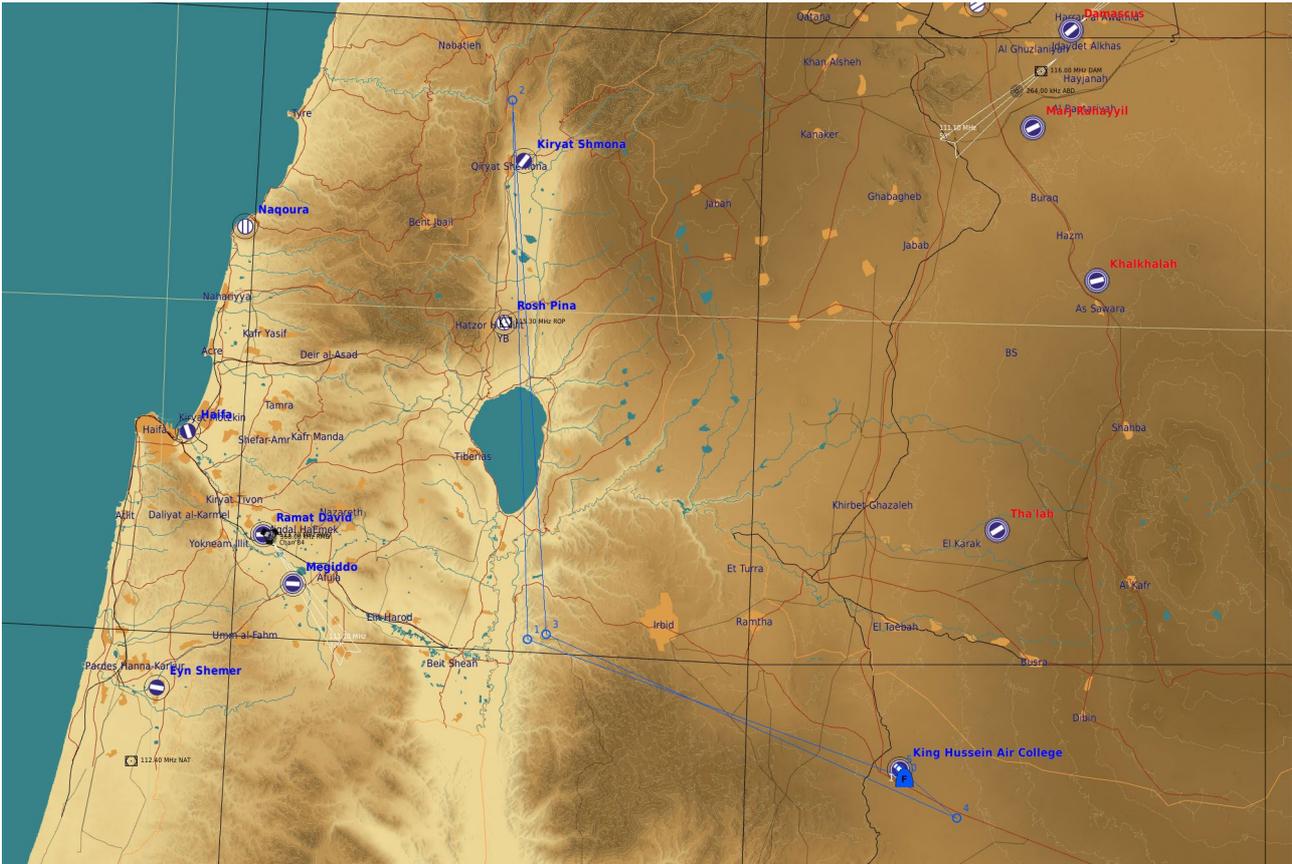
15th of March 1993

The previous mission was a great success, resulting in a stop to the skirmishes on the ground. Your collaboration with the copters was exemplary. You have high hope that the message has been understood this time. But as a swing of pendulum, when the ground is quiet, the sky wakes up ...

Two days ago, a Syrian MiG-25 crossed the Lebanese airspace from NE to SW and back. And according to Lebanese air traffic control, it is not the first time. Probably MiG-25s in RB version carrying out recce missions of military locations. Lebanese government's protests against Syria were unsuccessful.

This situation is unacceptable. The Mirage 2000s are in charge of the air policing in this operation so France's credibility is at stake. But a MiG-25 is like a shooting star. With a max speed of Mach 2.8 and a service ceiling above 60,000 feet, it only spends a few minutes above Lebanon and it is almost impossible to intercept. The 13th of March, the Mirage 2000 patrol on alert didn't even have time to take off.

So one Mirage 2000 has been prepared ready to go 24/7 as light as possible : **2.3t fuel, no gun, no Magic**, only 2 Super 530Ds.



Briefing

Today you are on Quick Reaction Alert with this Mirage. If a suspect activity is detected, you will take off, climb and go to WP2 / angels **40** as fast as possible then manage the target ... and your fuel !

You can't really compete with the MiG-25 in speed and ceiling. But you have some keys to win. Mirage 2000 has an excellent climb rate, Super 530D is able of enough elevation gain to fill the ceiling's gap, MiG-25RB probably brings no weapon for this kind of mission to be as fast as possible, and due to its speed and altitude it hardly manoeuvres.

Because of your configuration, an **inflight refuelling** will be **mandatory** before returning to Mafraq.

Mission starting at **12:40 pm**

- WP1** Full AB / 20 000 ft
- WP2** Full AB / 40 000 ft
- WP3** 450 kt / 20 000 ft
- WP4** 350 kt / 5 000 ft
- WP5** Mafraq Air Base

Radio frequencies

Mafrag Tower	118.30	Green Radio Channel 1
Magic (AWACS)	253.00	Green Radio Channel 2
Shell (Tanker) / TACAN 31X	255.00	Green Radio Channel 3
Ground units	257.00	Green Radio Channel 4
Mission (Brennos)	251.00	Red Radio Channel 1

For approach and landing, use the standard F5 ATC radio menu !

This is a **hot** start.

To complete this mission you will need to follow Brennos instructions, intercept the MiG-25, carry out an inflight refuelling then land at Mafrag Air Base in good weather conditions and park your plane to the assigned location **(29)**.

Advice

- Respect the borders, use the passageway previously defined to go in and out Lebanon.
- Use the standard AWACS radio menu to communicate with Magic and locate your opponent.
- Wait for the clearance before shooting.
- Don't shoot if your opponent is not inside the Lebanese airspace.

References

Syria bought 8 MiG-25RBs from Soviet Union. As indicated by its name, this version is dedicated to Recce (with cameras in the nose and ELINT equipment) and Bombing.

Bug in DCS 2.7 : Super 530Ds won't warm up (so impossible to launch them) if Magics are not present in the initial configuration of the aircraft (see [dedicated forum topic](#)). So I added 2 Magics to have a working configuration. But in the end, it doesn't change much.

(Kneeboard available in flight)

Airfield

Mafraq Air Base Radio 118.30

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Package

Codename	Aircraft	Country	Role	Ordnance
Colt	M2000C x 1 -> Me	Fr	Intercept.	Super 530D x 2
Magic	E-3 Sentry	NATO	AWACS	
Shell	KC-135	NATO	Tanker	TACAN 31X

Flight plan

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Notes

Assigned location at Mafraq Air Base -> 29 !