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(U) OPERATIONS ORDER 032-2015-07 (Mission 03 – Bug Out):

(U) A-10C Sortie – Overwatch, Reconnaissance, and CAS for Ground Forces (Callsign Rodeo-7)

(S) Task Organization: JSOC / Operational Commander, Convoy Commander, Hawg Flight Lead, Hawg Flight Wingman.

I. Situation

(S) Rebel and terrorist forces have occupied key cities within the Country of Georgia. Al-Doran, SPIA, and other key terrorist organizations have flocked to the region to regroup, retrain, and strategize to take over Europe and spread their Islamic ideals to the world. A small United Nations peacekeeping force was ordered into the country under Resolution 435.1 to establish a Secure Zone and No-Fly Zone in the southern and central region of Georgia. The UN forces under strict rules of engagement were quickly overtaken by the rebel and terrorist forces in the region, and were forced to retreat. Coalition Forces led by the United States are tasked in bringing order back to the region, eliminate the terrorist nexus, and Capture or Kill High Value Targets / War Criminals who have engulfed the region. Enemy resistance has been very strong, and Intelligence Reports suggest many of the rebel and terrorist groups are receiving financial and supply assistance from Iran, Syria, IIPR, and possibly senior members of other Middle Eastern countries.

(S) Hawg Flight to maintain surveillance on Romeo-7 (4 x HMMV Gun Trucks) and conduct reconnaissance on MSR Irish. Romeo-7 will depart FOB Suse through Golf-22 (NW Gate) and conduct ASO Recon on MSR Irish once CAS flights are in position over WP1 (Suse).

A. Enemy Forces

(U) 1. Weather conditions in the AOR are variable with high temperature in the high 90's. Partly cloudy conditions are most likely. Moonlight illumination is 1/8 strength within the next 24-48 hours.

(U) 2. Terrain: The region consists of heavily forested areas, man-made and natural obstacles, urban areas, and variable elevation.

(U) 3. Identification of enemy forces: Al-Doran and Rebel forces will range from semi-skilled militia fighters in mixed military gear, to highly skilled infantry and anti-tank personnel with full body armor and light to heavy weapons. Armored assets and motorized infantry units have been spotted in the region. Fixed wing Air Support for the enemy is not likely. However, rotary assets are possible.

(S) 4. Location(s): Enemy forces have been spotted along MSR Tampa and MSR Irish within the last 24 hours.

(S) 5. Activity: Enemy activity in the region is on-going and imminent. Small scale to large scale indirect and direct attacks on coalition forces is prevalent. Intelligence reports indicated a major attack is imminent on FOB Suse within the next 24-48 hours.

(S) 6. Strength: Exact strength of the enemy force is unknown. Expect company, platoon, and squad size troop levels throughout the region. Morale of the enemy forces is very high. Enemy equipment ranges from small arms, crew-served weapons, heavy machine guns, anti-tank weapons, and light armor. The

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enemy force is believed to have the capability to reinforce key terrain within 4-6 hours with platoon to company size units.

(U) 7. Probable course(s) of action when the enemy is contacted: Contact Command with SITREP, Rules of Engagement are Weapons Free on confirmed enemy forces. Contact Command for authorization for force on non-positive identified forces in the region.

B. Friendly Forces

(S) 1. Mission and concept of next higher unit:

(S) Hotel Team: (HQ / Command Post) JSOC Commander / Operational Commander / Callsign - Whiplash-1, Convoy Commander (Callsign – Romeo-7).

(S) Regional Wing Commander, Squadron Commander, Executive Officer, Hawg Flight Leader.

(U) 2. Location and planned actions of units; conduct patrol and overwatch operations for Ground Forces – Rodeo-7 consisting of 4 x HMMV Gun trucks conducting ASO Recon on MSR Irish. Air Units providing fire support / Close Air Support as directed.

C. Attachments/Detachments

(U) Attachment: None

II. Mission

(S)(1) Provide Overwatch and CAS (if Required) for Romeo-7 (4 x HMMV Gun Trucks).

(S)(2) Complete tasks as directed by the Operational Commander in the region (Whiplash-1).

III. Execution

Intent

(U) Provide overwatch, reconnaissance, and CAS if required for Romeo-7.

A. Concept of the Operation:

Hawg Flight to maintain surveillance on Romeo-7 and conduct reconnaissance on MSR Irish. Romeo-7 will depart FOB Suse through Golf-22 (NW Gate) and conduct ASO Recon on MSR Irish once CAS flights are in position over WP1 (Suse). Reaper Flight (2 x AH-64) will provide overwatch and CAS for Romeo-7.

B. Tasks to Maneuver Units

(S) Romeo-7 is tasked with sweeping and clearing MSR Irish for enemy forces and gather intelligence for a future convoy scheduled later in the evening.

C. Tasks to Combat Support Units

(S) CAS Flights will orbit the area and provide overwatch, reconnaissance, and CAS as directed by Whiplash-1 and/or Romeo-7. Reaper Flight (2 x AH-64) will provide overwatch and CAS as required for Romeo-7.

D. Coordinating Instructions

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(S) Flight leads will coordinate what movement speed, type of formation, and rules of engagement for their respective members. Hotel (CP) and Romeo-7 may dictate diversion in plans depending on the battlefield situation.

IV. Service Support

(S) Hotel (CP) and/or Romeo-7 will task CSAR forces for CASEVAC transport if required. Romeo-7 will task Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) if IED's are located along MSR Irish.

A. General

(S) RV FOB SUSE with CASEVAC patients. (GREEN smoke indicator for pickup)

B. Material and Services

(S) Contact Hotel (CP) for supply needs.

C. Medical Evacuation:

(S) Hotel (CP) and/or Romeo-7 will task friendly ground or air forces with resupply drops and/or pick up for CASEVAC transport.

D. Personnel:

(S) N/A

E. Miscellaneous:

(S) Special equipment. Blueforce tracker (Romeo-7).

Captured equipment. Any enemy equipment which is captured can be used or destroyed depending on mission needs.

V. Command & Signal

A. Command

(S) Hotel (CP) (Whiplash-1) has overall command of the region. Romeo-7 is designated as Ground Commander along MSR Irish. Hawg Flight Leader has overall command of Hawg Flight personnel for this sortie.

B. Signal

(S) Main Communications will be long range encrypted radio signals.
Frequency: 251.000 UHF (Interflight and Command Communications)
Frequency: 135.000 VHF AM (Air-to-Air, Fire Direction Center)
Frequency: 33.000 VHF FM (Ground Operations)

(S) Loss of communications:

Return to Kutaisi Air Base. Fly upwind of airfield and flare six times to alert ground forces you are without radio communications. Tower will utilize light gun and give further instructions for landing. Pilot must be with 1.5 km's of airfield for proper utilization of manual / alternate communication methods.

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