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(U) OPERATIONS ORDER 068-2015-10 (Mission 10 – Juba):

(S) F-15E Sortie of Area of Responsibility (AOR) – On-Call CAS Support for Oscar-4 (Combat Outpost Eagles Nest Commanding Officer)

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

I. Situation

(S) Hawg Flight (4 x F-15E Flight) is tasked with providing On-Call CAS for Oscar-4 (Combat Outpost Eagles Nest Commanding Officer). Hawg Flight will be available for CAS operations as requested in the AOR.

A. Enemy Forces

(U) 1. Weather conditions in the AOR are variable with high temperature in the low 60's. Partly cloudy conditions are most likely. Moonlight illumination is 1/16 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 by reconnaissance assets occupying various cities and villages near COP Eagles Nest. S-2 reports a build-up of forces in and around the village of Sargveshi. Enemy armor and supply vehicle locations are being analyzed by the S-2 section at this time. Romeo-5 (US Army, Calvary Scout / Recon Team) is located at LM 55699 59555 conducting reconnaissance in the AO.

(S) 5. Activity: Enemy activity in the region is on-going and imminent. Multiple IED and VBIED attacks have taken place in and around the COP Eagles Nest AO. Mortar and artillery strikes on COP Moto have increased over the last 6 days.

(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 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: Enemy units in the AO are known to retreat, regroup, and ambush Coalition Forces upon contact. 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

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

(S) Oscar-4 (US Army, 10th Mountain Division, COP Moto CO): (Callsign: Oscar-4)
1 x CO (with laser designator), 125 x Coalition Forces, 12 x IFV's, 10 x HMMMV, 10 x Transport Vehicles, 8 x 105mm Howitzer Artillery, 16 x Mortar Artillery pieces, multiple perimeter outposts.

(S) Romeo-5 (US Army, Calvary Scout / Recon Team): (Callsign: Romeo-5)
1 x Team Leader (with laser designator), 1 x Recon Operator, 2 x Snipers (1 x Recon HMMMV)

(S) Hawg Flight (Close Air Support): (Callsign: Hawg 1-1)
4 x A-10C pilots (Hawg Flight) (Flight Lead): (Hawg 1-1)

(S) 2. Location and planned actions of units; Hawg Flight will depart Kutaisi AB and follow the established flight plan at Angels 12. Hawg Flight will contact Oscar-4 at WP2 for CAS tasking's in the AO. Multiple friendly ASO Recon and Scouting Patrols are active in the COP Eagles Nest AO.

C. Attachments/Detachments

(U) Attachment: None

II. Mission

(S)(1) Provide CAS for Oscar-4 (COP Eagles Nest CO).

(S)(2) Provide CAS to Ground Forces in the region if requested.

(S)(3) Complete tasks as directed by the Operational Commander in the region (Whiplash-1).

III. Execution

Intent

(U) Hawg Flight (4 x F-15E Flight) to provide On-Call CAS for Oscar-4 (Combat Outpost Eagles Nest Commanding Officer).

A. Concept of the Operation:

(S) The sortie will be conducted during the afternoon. Follow your established flight path around the Area of Responsibility. Provide CAS to Ground Forces in the region if requested. Oscar-4 will be conducting artillery strikes on enemy units located in the village of Nadaburi. Intelligence suggests enemy sniper teams (CODENAME: Juba) will be active in the Kutaisi AO. If actionable intelligence is received on locations of the snipers; deadly force will be authorized to neutralize the threat.

B. Tasks to Maneuver Units

(S) CSAR assets are on alert and positioned at FOB Suse. Multiple Conventional and Non-Conventional Coalition Forces are operating in the region. Utilize emergency radio if ejected and on the ground. Follow SERE SOP for the AOR. Whiplash-1 will task assets for search and rescue or support for DURESS calls from friendly forces in the AO. Always announce when crossing into another teams AOR or Sector to avoid friendly fire.

C. Tasks to Combat Support Units

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(S) CAS Flights will provide CAS as directed by ground force commanders.

D. Coordinating Instructions

(S) Team leaders will coordinate what movement speed, type of formation, and rules of engagement for their respective members. Whiplash-1 may dictate diversion in plans depending on the battlefield situation.

IV. Service Support

(S) Kutaisi Air Base is the main service and support airport for fixed wing assets in the AOR. Senaki Air Base is the designated alternate airfield in the AOR. Whiplash-1 will task CSAR assets from FOB Suse or COP Moto with CASEVAC transport if required.

A. General

(S) RV FOB Suse with CASEVAC patients.

B. Material and Services

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

C. Medical Evacuation:

(S) CSAR assets are on alert and positioned at FOB Suse and COP Moto. Utilize emergency radio if ejected and on the ground. Follow SERE SOP for the AOR.

D. Personnel:

(S) EPW's will be transported to FOB SUSE and held at the TIF Cropper.

E. Miscellaneous:

(S) Special equipment. Biometrics scanner.

V. Command & Signal

A. Command

(S) Hotel (CP) (Whiplash-1) has overall command of the region. Romeo-5 has overall command for coordinating CAS at in the AO. Oscar-4 has overall command of ground forces in the COP Eagles Nest AO. Hawg Flight Leader has overall command of Hawg Flight personnel for this sortie.

B. Signal

(S) Main Communications will be portable and long range encrypted radio signals. Ground teams must meet with the COMSEC NCOIC to ensure CCI keys are current before mission start. (Will be present at airstrip on FOB SUSE)

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)

Frequency: 33.500 VHF FM (Oscar-4 Command Post)

(S) Loss of communications:

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(S) Ground forces: Deploy WHITE smoke if in need of immediate help, with no communications. Closest friendly unit will backup team in duress. Inter-personal communications devices and manual hand and arm signals should be used by team for movements. Fixed wing assets: Return to Kutaishi 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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