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(U) OPERATIONS ORDER 231-2015-12 (Mission 12 – Juggernaut Pt.1):

(U) F-15E Sortie – Bombing Attack on Enemy Convoys

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

I. Situation

(S) On Christmas Day, 25 December 2015, Al-Doran and Special Purpose Islamic Army forces conducted a coordinated string of terrorist attacks across Georgia and Russia. There were five suicide bombings and attacks in Moscow, with approximately 521 casualties; the death toll is still rising at the time of this report. At the time of the Moscow terrorist attacks, enemy forces attacked Beslan Airbase and an army depot in Russia. In Georgia, Tbilisi-Lochini Airport was attacked and there are approximately 260 hostages. Vaziani Air Force Base was also attacked and is occupied by terrorist forces at the time of this report. Georgian and Russian officials are scrambling to respond to the attacks. The immediate concern is a large group of captured Russian armor, vehicles, and supplies which are enroute from the Beslan region towards Georgia. Intelligence suggests these units are enroute to reinforce the enemy forces at Tbilisi and Vaziani.

(S) Hawg Flight (4 x F-15E Flight) is tasked with neutralizing six convoys consisting of armor, IFV's, anti-air, and supply vehicles entering Georgia from the Russian Beslan AO. These vehicles were seized from Russian forces within the last 12 hours. Ghost 2-1 (MARSOC Recon Team) is located on ridgeline overlooking the AO at grid coordinates; 38 T MN 68178 31345.

(S) Additional Information: During the assault on Beslan AB in Russia 4 x MI-8's and 2 x MIG-21 went missing. Intelligence suggest, these missing aircraft were either taken by enemy forces, or sabotaged by defectors of the Russian military. There are currently no radar signatures of their whereabouts at time of this report. Overlord 1-1 (AWACS E-3) is in the AO and will provide updates if any enemy aircraft pop-up on the radar. Rambo 2-1 (F-15C CAP) will be present in the AO for support.

A. Enemy Forces

(U) 1. Weather conditions in the AOR is variable with high temperatures in the high 20's. Light cloud conditions have been observed throughout the region. Moonlight illumination is 1/4 strength within the next 24-48 hours.

(U) 2. Terrain: The region consists of high mountain ridges, 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, anti-air assets, artillery units, and motorized infantry units have been spotted in the region. Fixed wing Air Support and rotary assets for the enemy are probable.

(S) 4. Location(s): Enemy forces have been spotted moving towards Georgia from the Russian Beslan AO. Ghost 2-1 is located on a mountain ridge, grid coordinates; 38 T MN 68178 31345.

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(S) 5. Activity: Enemy activity in the region is on-going and imminent. Highly skilled enemy insurgents are located throughout the AO. Heavy armor assets are enroute to the Target AO.

(S) 6. Strength: Exact strength of the enemy force is unknown. Expect company, platoon, and squad size troop levels throughout the AO. Morale of the enemy forces is very high. Enemy equipment ranges from heavy weapons, crew-served weapons, anti-tank weapons, mortar, artillery, anti-air, and light armor. The enemy force is believed to have the capability to reinforce key terrain within 1 hour with platoon to company size units.

(U) 7. Probable course(s) of action when the enemy is contacted: Enemy units in the AO are expected to disperse once engaged. 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) Ghost 2-1 (MARSOC Recon Team): (Callsign: Ghost 2-1)

16 x Reconnaissance / Scout Operators (with laser designator) (4 x Reconnaissance HMMMV's)

(S) Rambo Flight (Combat Air Patrol): (Callsign: Rambo 2-1)

2 x F-15C pilots (Rambo Flight) (Flight Lead): (Rambo 2-1)

(S) Hawg Flight (Close Air Support): (Callsign: Hawg 1-1) 4

x F-15E pilots (Hawg Flight) (Flight Lead): (Hawg 1-1)

(S) 2. Location and planned actions of units; Hawg Flight will depart Ketaisi AB and follow the established flight plan at Angels 18. Hawg Flight will contact Ghost 2-1 at WP2/WP3 for CAS tasking's in the AO. Texaco 1-1 (KC-135 Air Refueler) will be on-station at Angels 16 orbiting South of the Target AO.

C. Attachments/Detachments

(U) Attachment: None

II. Mission

(S)(1) Eliminate armor units coming into Georgia from Russia.

(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) is tasked with providing CAS for Ghost 2-1 to neutralize enemy armor entering Georgia.

A. Concept of the Operation:

(S) The sortie will be conducted during the early afternoon. Follow your established flight path at Angels 18. Provide CAS to Ground Forces in the region as requested by Ghost 2-1.

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B. Tasks to Maneuver Units

(S) 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

(S) CAS Flights will provide CAS as directed by Ghost 2-1 and 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. Texaco 1-1 (KC-135) is on-station in the AO for aerial refueling.

A. General

(S) RV FOB Suse with CASEVAC patients.

B. Material and Services

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

C. Medical Evacuation:

(S) Additional 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. Ghost 2-1 has overall command for coordinating CAS at in the AO. Hawg Flight Leader has overall command of Hawg Flight personnel for this sortie.

B. Signal

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(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)

(S) Loss of communications:

(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 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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