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**OPERATION ORDER 2020-01 (MURDER HORNET) (UNCLASSIFIED)**

**(U) References:**

1. (a) Maps: 1:250,000: Digital: 5NINM3538, 5NINM3942.
2. VII Corps OPORD12-01-DA-ATR (ATROPIAN SOVEREIGNTY)
3. 70 ID OPORD 2013-01 (TRAILBLAZER RESOLVE)

**(U) Time Zone Used Throughout the OPORD:** Local

**(U) Task Organization:** See Annex A (Task Organization).

**1. (U) Situation.** In an attempt to gain control of Atropian energy resources, and against a backdrop of rising tensions and border clashes, the Government of Ariana (GoIRA) has invaded the country of Atropia with the 1st Arianan Field Group (AFG-1), consisting of Operational-Strategic Commands (OSC-1, OSC-2). The Arianans intend to seize the Atropian capital Baku and its nearby oil and gas fields, and to secure key energy infrastructure. OSC-1 attacked south to north in the western portion of Atropia to secure a major oil pipeline and to prevent coalition forces from reinforcing the capital. OSC-2 attacked south to north in the eastern portion of Atropia, towards Baku. Both OSCs initially overwhelmed the Atropian defenders, but CJTF-C attack aviation successfully interdicted OSC-1 elements as they attempted to seize primary LOCs in the western part of Atropia, forcing them to culminate short of their objectives. OSC-2 has continued the advance towards Baku while OSC-1 has transitioned to a defensive posture intended to disrupt CJTF-C forces as they approach from the west. This will allow OSC-2 time and space to seize Baku and its nearby oilfields before being decisively engaged by CJTF-C forces, thus giving GoIRA considerable leverage in a negotiated settlement. CJTF-C forces already deployed to the region are currently staging in TAAs within Atropia in preparation for a major offensive to expel the Arianans from Atropia and restore control to the Government of the Republic of Atropia (GoRA).

a. (U) Area of Operations. Refer to Appendix 2 (Operation Overlay) to Annex C (Operations). 2-1 BCT’s Area of Operations is AO BLACKJACK. AO BLACKJACK is approximately 100 km deep (north to south) and 30 km wide (east to west), and falls within the land areas and airways of Atropia. AO BLACKJACK is bounded in the north by the 70 ID boundary, and in the south by PL STEEL at the international border (IB). In the east the boundary generally parallels the Talish-Fuzuli road system south to a point near Bala-Bekhmanli. The west of the AO is bounded by the Lesser Caucasus Mountains in a line that passes to the east of the Sarsang Reservoir and the town of Stepanakert, and south to the IB near the town of Horadiz. AO BLACKJACK contains 4 objectives: OBJ COBRA in the town of Agdam; OBJ BOA in Fuzuli; OBJ RATTLER to the west of Fuzuli; and OBJ CORAL along the IB between Horadiz and Bala-Bekhmanli.

(1) (U) Terrain. Refer to Annex B (Intelligence).

(2) (U) Weather. Refer to Annex B (Intelligence).

b. (U) Area of Interest. See Intelligence Estimate in Annex B for a more detailed description and analysis of AI.

(1) (U) General. To our east in 172 BCT’s AO, the Arianan 114th Tank BTG (Divisional) is conducting disruption and defensive operations, and will likely have counter-reconnaissance elements forward as well as ADA assets on our eastern flank. To the west of AO BLACKJACK, in the Lesser Caucasus Mountains, is the breakaway Republic of Artzak, which extends to the Minarian border. The mountain trails and gorges contain historic hiding places and smuggling routes for insurgents and criminals alike. Minarian aviation may use facilities at Stepanakert on our western boundary, and Minarian helicopters are currently patroling the Artzak border.

(2) (U) Rotary Wing. To the south of the IB in Ariana lies the Arianan support zone. Attack aviation is operating out of forward staging areas at the Parsabad Airfield, and can mount 3 sorties of 4 x Mi-25M2 attack helicopters (analogous to an AH-64).

(3) (U) Reserves. South of Parsabad, an Arianan Motorized BTG is held in reserve, and can reinforce units in our AO within an hour.

(4) (U) CAS/Fixed Wing. In Ardabil, approximately 156 km southeast of the IB, the Arianan Air Force fields close air support aircraft from a dedicated military airfield, with the capability of mounting 3 sorties of 2 x SU-25TM (analogous to an A-10). In Tabriz, approximately 175 km to the southwest of the IB, the Arianan Air Force fields fighter/interceptor aircraft capable of mounting 1 sortie of 5 x SU-37 interceptors, similar to an F-16.

(5) (U) Fires. On the south bank of the Aras River, near Olton (roughly 7 km southeast of AO BLACKJACK), is 1 battery of 6 x 9A52-2 Smerch-M systems with a range of up to 90 km. In the vicinity of Kermanshah, approximately 570 km southwest of the IB, are facilities supporting Shahab-3A and B Theater Ballistic Missiles (1,930 km range).

c. (U) Enemy Forces.

(1) (U)General**.** 70 ID is opposed by the 11th DTG, consisting of the 111th Mechanized BTG, the 114th Armor BTG (Div), and the 121st Motorized BTG. The opposing enemy force in AO BLACKJACK is the 111th Mechanized BTG, consisting of the 1-111 Mechanized Infantry Battalion, 3-111 Mechanized Infantry Battalion, 4-111 Armor Battalion, 2 Armored Reconnaissance Companies, 1 Engineer Company, 1 Mechanized Artillery Battalion, and 1 Anti-Tank Battalion (with one company likely tasked organized to each maneuver battalion). The 111th BTG is supported by 1 Special Purpose Forces (SPF) company and the equivalent of 1 company of South Atropian People’s Army (SAPA) guerillas. SAPA also has a regional command center established on OBJ RATTLER. See Intelligence Estimate in Annex B.

(2) (U) Most Probable Course of Action. The purpose of this operation is to prevent the massing of combat power on the DTG DO to the east. The enemy will accomplish this by conducting a defense in depth. Decisive to this operation is the destruction of one 2-1 BCT maneuver battalion. This is decisive because it will prevent the BCT from continuing its attack. The DO, 4-111 Armor, defends to retain OBJ BOA in order to prevent the massing of combat power on the 114th Tank BTG. SO1, 1-111 Mech, defends to disrupt on OBJ COBRA in order to prevent 2-1 BCT from massing combat power on the DO. SO2, 3-111 Mech, defends to retain OBJ CORAL in order to facilitate support operations. SO3, SPF/SAPA, conducts reconnaissance and attacks to disrupt in sector in order to prevent 2-1 BCT from influencing 111th BTG operations. The purpose of fires is to disrupt and fix. The purpose of engineers is to provide countermobility to fix 2-1 BCT in engagement areas.

(3) (U) Most Dangerous Course of Action. The 11th DTG attacks to seize key terrain at Yevlakh in order to build combat power and deny CJTF-C forces the ability to mass combat power on OSC-2. 111th BTG will mass combat power at OBJ COBRA with the 114th BTG and attack north to seize key terrain near Yevlakh, securing the east-west corridor to Baku and establishing a disruption zone to deny friendly forces the ability to influence OSC-2 operations.

d. (U) Friendly Forces.

(1) (U) Higher Headquarters Mission and Intent.

(a) (U) VII Corps.

1. (U) Mission. O/O,Combined Joint Forces Land Component Commander (CJTF-LCC) / VII Corps deploys forces within Atropia to defend Atropian territory against aggressing Threat State forces that violate Atropian territorial integrity and attack to expel aggressing forces in order to maintain Atropian international borders. O/O, conducts stability operations ICW GoRA to neutralize irregular threat organizations and disrupting transnational threat networks and groups in order to enable legitimate GoRA governance. O/O, transitions full security responsibilities to Atropian Security Forces and develops Friendly State security capacity to promote regional stability.

2. (U) Commander’s Intent. CJTF-LCC will rapidly deploy forces into Atropia, array arriving force packages, initially, in a manner portraying strength so as to deter Threat Stateaggression. As CJTF-LCC builds combat power, forces will position and posture to conduct decisive action, in the event deterrence fails. Upon restoring Atropian sovereignty, CJTF-LCC forces will support the GoRA’s National Development Strategy (NDS), 2012-2016, especially, security force assistance and the effort to neutralize internal irregular threats. The Atropian population must see GoRA as capable and caring, possessing security forces that are fair and just instruments of a legitimate GoRA. The US Military is only one part of the NDS, and the CJTF will be in support of the US embassy in Baku during deterrence (Phase I). If deterrence fails, the CJTF assumes the lead agency function during Phases II and III. The VII Corps will assist other US government agencies, IGOs, and NGOs in supporting GoRA to develop security, infrastructure, and economic capacity, and to provide humanitarian aid. My expanded purpose for Land Component Forces is to quickly complete RSOI and reinforce Atropian military units in the defense, occupy TAAs to build combat power in order to conduct offensive operations to restore the Atropian international boundaries. Then forces will provide a safe and secure environment for restoration of pre-conflict governance, law and order and economic recovery for host nation and international organizations.

(a) (U) Key Tasks.

(1) (U) Rapid seizure of assigned objectives

(2) (U) Deliberate effort to minimize collateral damage to civilian and key infrastructure

(b) (U) End state. Regional States support Coalition intervention; Threat States deterred from aggression and participating in diplomatic engagement with Atropia. If deterrence fails, aggressing Threat State forces are defeated and expelled from and are incapable of violating Atropian territory, thus, maintaining Atropia’s sovereignty. Regional States’ support to irregular threats has ceased and such threats are neutralized. Regional transnational threat networks and groups are unable to disrupt legitimate Atropian governance and society. Regional States increase security force capacity (training, equipping, and manning). Regional oil and gas infrastructure protected ensuring future economic prosperity. CJTF forces transitions control to Atropian forces and redeploys to home station.

(b) (U) 70th Infantry Division.

1. (U) Mission. O/O, 70 ID deploys forces into Atropia and attacks to clear in vicinity of Yevlakh, Barda, Adjibadi, and Ujar Provinces (AO SWORD) to deter further aggression of Arianan and irregular threats in Atropia. O/O, transitions to stability operations to restore and maintain internationally recognized boundaries, while safeguarding critical populations and resources.

2. (U) Commander’s Intent. The purpose of TRAILBLAZER RESOLVE is to demonstrate international resolution in support of Atropia and UNSC Resolutions IOT deter Arianan operations against Atropia.

(a) (U) Key Tasks.

(1) (U) Establish a combined command structure capable of planning for, and providing Mission Command In Support Of (ISO) joint operations in AO SWORD.

(2) (U) Rapidly build combat power and capability throughout AO SWORD by rapidly positioning 173 IBCT to reinforce 344 Mech BDE’s (AF) defensive operations while 70 ID (-) completes RSOI.

(3) (U) Eject Arianan forces from Atropian territory and reestablish the International Border by quickly seizing key terrain.

(4) (U) Minimize and mitigate damage to civilian and economic infrastructure within Atropia.

(5) (U) Promote population support for the GoRA and CJTF forces through Inform and Influence Activities (IIA).

(6) (U) Set the conditions for transition to GoRA control of AO SWORD.

(7) (U) Restore essential services to the host nation.

(b) (U) Endstate. Arianan forces are initially deterred and irregular forces within Atropia are defeated. LOCs remain open for the free-flowing movement of materiel, economic activity, and government influence. GoRA assumes control of AO SWORD.

(2) (U) Missions of Adjacent Units.

(a) (U) 2SCR. Attacks along Axis MOOSE to seize OBJ Viper in order to prevent Arianan forces from re-positioning against the DO.

(b) (U) 172 ABCT. Attacks along Axis ELK to seize OBJ ASP in order to prevent enemy forces to re-position against the DO.

(c) (U) 12 CAB. Attacks to disrupt Arianan forces beyong PL STEEL in order to prevent the massing of combat power against the DO.

(d) (U) 4-358 AV (AF). Screens west of AO SWORD to prevent disruption of 70 ID RSOI and preparation for decisive operations.

(e) (U) 344 Mechanized Infantry BDE (AF). Currently conducting defensive operations in the vicinity of the FLOT in 70 ID AO SWORD, under operational control of the Atropian High Command. During Phase II of the operation, 344 Mech (AF) will become TACON to 70 ID, and 344 Mech (AF) elements will be TACON to BCTs.

(e) (U) Interagency, Intergovernmental and Nongovernmental Organizations. Refer to Annex V (Interagency Coordination). 2-1 BCT will operate in conjunction with governmental agencies and Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs) as authorized by 70 ID. 2-1 BCT S-3 will coordinate all interagency operations and task battalions as required. All interagency operations are considered classified and will be handled according to their specific security classification. Units will report all contact with government agencies that have not been approved and coordinated with 2-1 BCT. We will receive support from multiple NGOs and agencies during phase IV and subsequent operations. Units will receive specific tasks in a FRAGO and will be authorized to conduct direct liaison with organizations once tasked. 2-1 BCT units will provide security and transportation support as required. Battalions are required to track and report the status and progress of NGO operations within their assigned AOs during Commander’s Updates. Refer to Tab C (Civil Considerations) to Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate) to Annex B (Intelligence). See Annex K (Civil Affairs Operations) for a list of NGOs authorized to conduct operations in our AO.

(f) (U) Civil Considerations. Refer to Tab C (Civil Considerations) to Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate) to Annex B (Intelligence) and Annex K (Civil Affairs Operations).

(g) (U) Attachments and Detachments. See Annex A (Task Organization).

**2. (U) Mission.** 2-1 BCT attacks to clear objectives in AO BLACKJACK along AXIS CARIBOU NLT 04 1900 OCT in order to deter further aggression by Arianan and irregular threats in Atropia.

**3. (U) Execution.**

a. (U) Commander’s Intent. The purpose of MURDER HORNET is to expel Arianan forces, reestablish international boundaries and assist HNSF in enforcing Security, Stability and Essential Services.

(1) (U) Key Tasks.

(a) (U) Immediate integration with HNSF.

(b) (U) Eject Arianan forces from Atropian territory and reestablish the International Border by quickly seizing key terrain.

(c) (U) Minimize and mitigate damage to civilian and economic infrastructure within Atropia.

(d) (U) Promote population support for the GoRA and CJTF forces through Inform and Influence Activities (IIA).

(e) (U) Set the conditions for transition to GoRA control of AO BLACKJACK.

(2) (U) End State.

(a) (U) Arianan and irregular forces within Atropia are defeated.

(b) (U) LOCs remain open for the free-flowing movement of materiel, economic activity, and government influence.

(c) (U) GoRA assumes control of AO BLACKJACK.

b. (U)Concept of Operations. The purpose of this operation is to expel Arianan forces, reestablish international boundaries and assist HNSF in enforcing Security, Stability and Essential Services. We will accomplish this by conducting a penetration. The decisive point of this operation is the seizure of OBJ BOA. This is decisive because it will allow the brigade to mass combat power on Arianan forces remaining north of PL STEEL. We accept risk by attacking into a series of prepared defenses along a narrow mobility corridor. We will mitigate this risk by using air and indirect fires to create local advantages. The DO, TF 1-5 CAV, will seize OBJ BOA to deter further aggression by Arianan and irregular threats in Atropia. SO1, 4-9 CAV (ARS), conducts reconnaissance and security operations to provide freedom of maneuver for the DO. SO2, TF2-2 CAV (SCR), seizes OBJ COBRA to prevent the enemy from influencing the DO. SO3, TF 2-503 PIR, seizes OBJ RATTLER to prevent irregular forces from influencing the DO. SO4, 5-344 AR (AF), seizes OBJ CORAL to prevent the enemy from massing combat power on the DO. SO5, 93 BEB provides M/CM/S/GE support to maneuver forces and assists HNSF with security and stability operations

(1) (U) Key Tasks.

(a) (U) Integrate 5-344 AR at PL BANGOR (FLOT).

(b) (U) Prevent destruction of bridges leading south from OBJ COBRA.

(c) (U) De-conflict direct fires between OBJ BOA and OBJ RATTLER.

(d) (U) Set conditions for 5-344 AR to demonstrate effectiveness of Atropian defense forces during the seizure of OBJ CORAL.

(e) (U) Rapidly transition to defense of PL STEEL and stability operations in AO Blackjack.

(2) (U) End State. At end state Arianan forces are expelled from Atropia, irregular forces are defeated inside Atropia, the pre-conflict Atropian border is restored and controlled by GoRA forces. TF 1-5 CAV defends PL STEEL to the south vicinity OBJ CORAL CENTER, TF 2-2 CAV (SCR) defends PL STEEL to the south vicinity OBJ CORAL WEST, 4-9 CAV (ARS) screens PL RENO to the east, 2-503PIR, 93 BEB, and 5-344 AR (AF) conduct stability operations in AO BLACKJACK.

(3) (U) Phases of the Operation.

(a) (U) Phase I – Deterrence/Force Buildup. This phase begins upon the receipt of this order and concludes with 4-9 CAV crossing PL WHITE. Critical event during this phase is 5-344 AR (AF) integrating into Atropian defense.

(b) (U) Phase II – Reconnaissance. This phase begins when 4-9 CAV crosses the PL WHITE and ends with the completion of RHO between 4-9 CAV and 2-2 SCR. Critical events during this phase are route reconnaissance of MSR GREEN and PURPLE, and the RHO between 4-9 CAV and 2-2 SCR.

(c) (U) Phase IIIa – Seizure of OBJ COBRA. This phase begins with the RHO between 4-9 CAV and 2-2 SCR, and concludes with the passage of the brigade main body through 2-2 SCR. Critical events during this phase are the seizure of OBJ COBRA and the establishment of FARP 2 and PAA 2.

(d) (U) Phase IIIb – Seizure of OBJ BOA. This phase begins with passage of the brigade main body through 2-2 SCR and ends with the seizure of OBJ BOA. Critical events during this phase are the seizure of OBJ BOA and OBJ RATTLER.

(e) (U) Phase IIIc – Seizure of OBJ CORAL. This phase begins with the seizure of OBJ BOA and ends with the seizure of OBJ CORAL. Critical events during this phase are the zone reconnaissance of MSR GREEN and the seizure of OBJ CORAL.

(f) (U) Phase IV – Defense/Transition to Stability Operations. This phase begins with the seizure of OBJ CORAL and concludes with the transition to stability operations. Critical event during this phase is the establishment of the defense along PL STEEL.

c. (U)Scheme of Movement and Maneuver.

(1) (U) Phase I (Deterrence /Force Build-up). Phase I begins upon receipt of this order. 5-344 AR (AF) is integrated into Atropian defensive positions IVO PL BANGOR (FLOT). All US maneuver battalions remain in TAA Abrams vic grid 38T PK 53404 74045 planning and preparing for offensive operations. Phase I ends when 4-9 CAV LDs across PL WHITE (NLT 041900OCT).

(2) (U) Phase II (Reconnaissance). Phase II begins at when 4-9 CAV LDs across PL WHITE (NLT 041900OCT). 4-9 CAV conducts zone reconnaissance of zones A1, A2 & A3 focusing on trafficability and suitability of MSR GREEN and ASR PURPLE, and destruction of enemy reconnaissance elements in zone. 4-9 CAV halts on PL ALBANY until PAA 1 is established. 93 BEB provides engineer support to reconnaissance and survivability support for the establishment of PAA 1 and FARP 1. The brigade main body LDs PL WHITE one hour behind 4-9 CAV (042000OCT) in order of march 2-2 CAV, 3-82 FA, E 1-1 AVN, 1-5 CAB, 2-503 PIR. The main body halts at PL BANGOR (FLOT). When 4-9 CAV reaches PL ALBANY, 3-82 FA and E 1-1 AVN FPOL 173 BCT on MSR GREEN and establish PAA 1 and FARP 1. When PAA 1 is established, 2-2 SCR FPOL 173BCT and moves on ASR PURPLE, halting at PL ALBANY and 4-9 CAV continues the zone reconnaissance of zones A2 and A3.4-9 CAV guards PL DALLAS to the south. When the guard is established, 2-2 SCR moves on ASR PURPLE to conduct RHO with 4-9 CAV. Phase II ends with completion of the RHO.

(3) (U) Phase IIIa (Seizure of OBJ COBRA). Phase IIIa begins with completion of the RHO from 4-9 CAV to 2-2 CAV at PL DALLAS. 4-9 CAV begins Zone reconnaissance of zones B1, B2, and B3, then guards PL KNOXVILLE to the south.The brigade main body FPOL 173 BCT at PL BANGOR (FLOT) and moves on MSR GREEN to PL BOSTON. 1-5 CAB and 5-344 AR conduct refuel on the move at PL BOSTON. 2-2 CAV seizes OBJ COBRA. Following seizure of OBJ COBRA, 2-2 CAV establishes FARP 2 and PAA 2 on OBJ COBRA, and begins transfer of security to 173 BCT. 93 BEB reduce, proof, and mark vehicle lanes through tactical obstacles in support of the seizure of OBJ COBRA and provides survivability support for the establishment of FARP 2 and PAA2. The brigade main body passes 2-2 CAV and continues south on MSR GREEN. 2-503 PIR departs the brigade main body at FARP 2 and stages for AASLT during Phase IIIb. Phase IIIa ends with brigade main body passing 2-2 CAV.

(4) (U) Phase IIIb (Seizure of OBJ BOA). Phase IIIb begins with the brigade main body passing 2-2 CAV. 5-344 AR and 1-5 CAB continue south on MSR GREEN, conducting RHO with 4-9 CAV at PL KNOXVILLE. 4-9 CAV moves to east and south of OBJ BOA, halting vicinity ASR TEAL until OBJ BOA is seized. 5-344 AR establishes SBF to fix enemy armor on OBJ BOA EAST. 1-5 CAB seizes OBJ BOA WEST. 2-503 PIR conducts air assault from OBJ COBRA to LZ OWL and seizes OBJ RATTLER. 93 BEB reduce, proof, and marks vehicle lanes through tactical obstacles in support of the seizures of OBJ BOA and OBJ RATTLER. 5-344 AR ceases fire from SBF when 1-5 CAB reaches PL GREENVILLE. 2-2 CAV completes RIP/TOA with 173 BCT on OBJ COBRA, then moves south on MSR GREEN to PL KNOXVILLE until OBJ BOA is seized. Phase IIIb ends with the seizure of OBJ BOA.

(5) (U) Phase IIIc (Seizure of OBJ CORAL). Phase IIIc begins with the seizure of OBJ BOA. 4-9 CAV conducts zone reconnaissance of zone C2 (ASR PINK) and establishes blocking positions at PL PHOENIX to prevent displacement of enemy forces on OBJ CORAL. 2-2 CAV conducts zone reconnaissance of zone C1 (MSR GREEN) and screens PL PHOENIX to the south. 2-503 PIR transfers security of OBJ BOA from 1-5 CAB. 5-344 AR and 1-5 CAB move south on MSR GREEN and FPOL 2-2 CAV at PL PHOENIX. 5-344 seizes OBJ CORAL form west to east, with 1-5 CAB following in support. 93 BEB reduce, proof, and mark vehicle lanes through tactical obstacles in support of the seizure of OBJ CORAL. When 5-344 AR reaches PL HELENA, 4-9 CAV moves east to the north of OBJ CORAL and guards PL RENO to the EAST. Phase IIIc ends when OBJ CORAL is seized.

(6) (U) Phase IV (Defense / Transition to Stability Operations). Phase IV begins with the seizure of OBJ CORAL. 4-9 CAV guards PL RENO to the east. 5-344 AR defends PL STEEL from vicinity OBJ CORAL EAST. 1-5 CAV defends PL STEEL from vicinity OBJ CORAL CENTER. 2-2 CAV moves to OBJ CORAL WEST and defends PL STEEL from vicinity OBJ CORAL WEST. 2-503 PIR secures OBJ BOA. 93 BEB provides survivability and countermobility support for the establishment of the defense and prepares to transition to stability operations. Phase IV ends when the brigade transitions to stability operations.

(7) (U) Scheme of Mobility/Counter mobility.

(a) (U) Phase I.

1. (U) Task: Provide survivability and mobility preparation to BNs.

2. (U) Purpose: Enable 2-1 BCT survivability and mobility to plan, attack, and recon identified objectives and routes.

3. (U) Method: EN CO’s and PLTs will report to their respective BN or BDE TRAINS (reference task organization) and begin planning for route clearance, obstacle reduction, and survivability as needed during PH II-IV.

4. (U) Effect: 2-1 BCT will be prepared to achieve mobility, countermobility, and survivability throughout all phases of the operation.

(b) (U) Phase II.

1. (U) Task: Provide mobility through obstacles and route clearance.

2. (U) Purpose: Allow 4-9 CAV FOM.

3. (U) Method: 4-9 CAV will conduct zone reconnaissance and utilize route clearance CO and combat engineer sections as necessary to enable FOM.

4. (U) Effect: 4-9 CAV enables 2-1 BCT FOM with route(s) into or bypassing OBJ COBRA.

(c) (U) Phase III.

1. (U) Task: Provide mobility through obstacles and route clearance.

2. (U) Purpose: Allow 2-2 SCR, 2-503rd BN, and 1-5 CAV FOM.

3. (U) Method: 2-2 SCR, 2-503rd BN, and 1-5 CAV seize OBJ COBRA, OBJ BOA, and OBJ CORAL utilizing engineer assets as necessary to enable FOM.

4-9 CAV will conduct zone reconnaissance and utilize route clearance CO and combat engineer sections as necessary to enable FOM into OBJs or enable a bypass of OBJs.

4. (U) Effect: OBJ COBRA, OBJ BOA, and OBJ CORAL seized.

(d) (U) Phase IV.

1. (U) Task: Provide survivability and countermobility support in AO BLACKJACK

2. (U) Purpose: Enable the 2-1 ABCT defense of AO BLACKJACK

3. (U) Method: 2-2 SCR, 5-344 R, and 1-5 CAV utilize organic and engineer assets to prepare a deliberate defense and defeat the enemy counterattack at PL STEEL.

4. (U) Effect: OBJ COBRA, OBJ BOA, and OBJ CORAL are retained and enemy counterattack is defeated at PL STEEL.

(8) (U) Scheme of Battlefield Obscuration. Arianan conventional forces possess modern targeting devices capable of defeating most obscuration techniques. The focus of obscuration efforts should be on SAPA and SPF elements in our support area. Subordinate commanders should not take this focus as a directive not to use obscuration at hasty gap crossings and in support of SEAD operations, but that such support should be balanced against its impact on the operational tempo. During Phase I, authority for obscuration rests with CDR, 2-1 BCT. Priority of obscuration for Phase II will be 4-9 CAV, 2-2 SCR, then all others. Priority will shift in Phase IIIa to 2-2 SCR, 4-9 CAV, 1-5 CAB, 2-503 PIR. Priority in Phase IIIb will be 1-5 CAB, 2-503 PIR, 4-9 CAV, 2-2 SCR. Priority in Phase IIIc is 4-9 CAV, 1-5 CAB, 2-2 SCR, 2-503 PIR. Authority for obscuration during Phase IV will rest with CDR, 2-1 BCT.

(9) (U) Scheme of Information Collection. See Appendix 1 (Information Collection Plan) to Annex L (Information Collection).

d. (U) Scheme of Intelligence. See Annex B.

e. (U) Scheme of Fires.

* 1. (U) See Annex D (Fires) The purpose of artillery fires is to suppress enemy mechanized and field artillery forces to allow the battalions freedom of maneuver on their objectives throughout AO BLACKJACK.
     1. Phase I. 3-82 FA will support 2-1 BCT during Phase I, providing force protection throughout TAA ABRAMS.
     2. Phase II. 3-82 FA will support 4-9 CAV recon of OBJ Cobra during Phase II of the operation. 3-82 FA will be positioned at PAA 1(IVO 38T PQ 644 542) NLT 042130XX to support 4-9 CAV.
     3. Phase IIIa. 3-82 FA will support 2-2 SCR seizure of OBJ COBRA from PAA 1. O/O 3-82 FA will bound to PAA 2 IVO 38S PQ 687 287 after 2-2 SCR has seized OBJ COBRA.
     4. Phase IIIb. O/O, B BTRY will bound to PAA 3 IVO (38S PQ 790 073) ISO of seizure of OBJ BOA and OBJ RATTLER. O/O, 3-82 FA will bound to OBJ BOA to establish PAA 4.
     5. Phase IIIc. A BTRY will provide support to 2-2 SCR. B BTRY will provide support to seizure of OBJ CORAL.
     6. Phase IV. 3-82 FA will provide support to 2-1 BCT transition to stability OPS and enemy counterattack.

(2) (U) Fire Support Execution Matrix

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| PHASE I Deter/ Force Buildup | | | | | | | |
| **TASK:** FST 1: Conduct STRIKES against SPF and insurgent forces  **PURPOSE:** FST 1:Provide force protection and to protect GoRA governmental actions to restore stability within the region | | | | | | | |
| **EXECUTION**  POF FA – 4-9 CAV | | | | | | | |
| FST | T | T | L | O | D | A | C |
| FST 1 | Target of Opportunity | On Call | As acquired | P: Recon  A: UAS | 155mm FA | 6RD HE | Pri: BN Fires  Alt: BN CMD |
| FST 1 | Target of Opportunity | On Call | As acquired | P: Recon  A: UAS | 155mm FA | 6RD DPICM | Pri: BN Fires  Alt: BN CMD |
| ALLOCATIONS: 4-9 CAV, 2-2 CAV, 1-5 CAB, allocated 1 x FA priority target.  CAS, CCA- N/A | | | | | | | |
| POSITIONING GUIDANCE: FA at TAA ABRAMS | | | | | | | |
| RESTRICTIONS / FSCM: 100m radius NFAs around all friendly positions. No low angle fires within 100m of cities or built up areas. CFL is PL WHITE; DPICM is not authorized on any passage routes and MSRs. | | | | | | | |
| **ASSESSMENT:** Enemy unable to mass indirect and direct fires on detected recon elements. Friendly forces able to prep for Attack onto 2-1 ABCT Objectives. | | | | | | | |

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| PHASE II Seize the Initiative / Defend | | | | | | | |
| **TASK:** FST 2: Interdiction Fires  **PURPOSE:** FST 1:Disrupt the enemy ability to effectively mass indirect and direct fires on 4-9 CAV, IOT allow 4-9 CAV to conduct RECON | | | | | | | |
| **EXECUTION**  POF: POF of FA A BTRY to TF 4-9 CAV. POF of CCA 4-9 CAV | | | | | | | |
| FST | T | T | L | O | D | A | C |
| FST 1 | Target of Opportunity | On Call | As acquired | P: 4-9 CAV  A: UAS | 155mm FA | 6RD HE | Pri: BDE Fires  Alt: BDE CMD |
| FST 2 | Target of Opportunity | On Call | As acquired | P: 4-9 CAV  A: UAS | 155mm FA | 6RD HE | Pri: BDE Fires  Alt: BDE CMD |
| FST 5 | Target of Opportunity | On Call | As acquired | P: 4-9 CAV  A: UAS | 155mm FA | 6RD DPICM | Pri: BDE Fires  Alt: BDE CMD |
| FST 4 | Target of Opportunity | On Call | As acquired | P:4-9 CAV  A: UAS | 155mm FA | 6RD HE | Pri: BDE Fires  Alt: BDE CMD |
| ALLOCATIONS: 4-9 CAV allocated 1 x FA priority target, Excalibur 6 rds available, 1 x MLRS (6 RKTS DPICM) target for planning for 75th BDE (SEAD)  CAS- 4-9 CAV: 2 X SORTIES OF F/A-18C  CCA- 4-9 CAV: 2 X SORTIES AH-64, 2 X OH-58D | | | | | | | |
| POSITIONING: A BTRY PAA 1 PK (38TPQ 644 542) | | | | | | | |
| RESTRICTIONS / FSCM: 100m radius NFAs around all friendly positions. No low angle fires within 100m of cities or built up areas. CFL is PL TULSA; DPICM is not authorized on any passage routes and MSRs. | | | | | | | |
| **ASSESSMENT:** Enemy Scouts unable to mass indirect and direct fires on 4-9 CAV. | | | | | | | |

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| Phase III A Dominate / Attack OBJ COBRA | | | | | | | |
| **TASK: FST 1** Conduct STRIKES against enemy forces to DESTROY (cause 30% effects) his capabilities (VII Corps Task).  **Purpose:** To set conditions for commencement of VII Corps decisive operations.  **TASK: FST 2** Conduct planned & immediate SEAD against enemy AD systems in AO SWORD to NEUTRALIZE (cause 10% effects) his air defense network.  **PURPOSE:** To protect fixed and rotary wing attack assets during shaping and decisive operations.  **TASK: FST 3** Conduct COUNTERFIRE against enemy indirect fire assets to DESTROY (cause 30 % effects) his IDF capability.  **PURPOSE:** To prevent enemy IDF attacks from affecting 2-1 ABCT operations  **TASK: FST 4** Conduct STRIKES against enemy C2 nodes within AO SWORD to DESTROY (cause 30 % effects) his ability to C2 his forces.  **PURPOSE:** To deny enemy commanders situation awareness IOT prevent him from massing on2-1 ABCT decisive operations.  **TASK: FST 5** : Conduct STRIKES against enemy maneuver forces (attacking or defending) to DESTROY (cause 30 % effects) his capabilities. PURPOSE: To prevent the enemy from mounting coordinated attack or defense, allowing the BNs freedom to maneuver.  **TASK: FST 7** Conducts STRIKES against SPF and insurgent forces to DESTROY (cause 30 % effects) his capabilities. PURPOSE: To provide force protection and to protect GoRA | | | | | | | |
| Execution POF for B BTRY 2-2 CAV | | | | | | | |
| FST | T | T | L | O | D | A | C |
| FST 5 | PC 3001 | On Call | PK 657 367 | P: 2-2 CAV  A: BDE Scouts | 155mm FA | 6RD HE | Pri: BDE Fires  Alt: BDE CMD |
| FST 3 | Target of Opportunity | On Call | As acquired | P: 2-2 CAV  A: | 155mm FA | 6RD HE | Pri: BDE Fires  Alt: BDE CMD |
| FST 4 | PC 3005 | On Call | PK 650 298 | P: 2-2 CAV  A: | 155mm FA | 6RD HE | Pri: BDE Fires  Alt: BDE CMD |
| FST 5 | PC 3010 | On Call | PK 677 301 | P: 2-2 CAV  A: | 155mm FA | 6RD DPICM | Pri: BDE Fires  Alt: BDE CMD |
| ALLOCATIONS: 2-2 CAV allocated 2 FA priority target for planning.  CAS- 4-9 CAV: 2 X A-10 SORTIES, 2-2 CAV: 2 X F/A-18F  CCA- 4-9 CAV: 2 X OH-58D 2-2 CAV: 4 X SORTIES OF AH-64 | | | | | | | |
| POSITIONING GUIDANCE: 3-82 FA located PAA 1 TPK 546 515 | | | | | | | |
| RESTRICTIONS / FSCM: 100m radius NFAs around all friendly positions. No low angle fires within 100m of cities or built up areas. | | | | | | | |
| **ASSESSMENT:** (1) Enemy unable to mass indirect and direct fires on 2-2 CAV and able to seize OBJ COBRA. (2) Enemy unable to observe and mass indirect and direct fire. 4-9 CAV allowed FOM to conduct recon on OBJ BOA. | | | | | | | |

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| Phase III B. Dominate / Attack OBJ BOA | | | | | | | |
| **TASK: FST 1** Conduct STRIKES against enemy forces to DESTROY (cause 30% effects) his capabilities (VII Corps Task).  **Purpose:** To set conditions for commencement of VII Corps decisive operations.  **TASK: FST 2** Conduct planned & immediate SEAD against enemy AD systems in AO SWORD to NEUTRALIZE (cause 10% effects) his air defense network.  **PURPOSE:** To protect fixed and rotary wing attack assets during shaping and decisive operations.  **TASK: FST 3** Conduct COUNTERFIRE against enemy indirect fire assets to DESTROY (cause 30 % effects) his IDF capability.  **PURPOSE:** To prevent enemy IDF attacks from affecting 70 ID operations  **TASK: FST 4** Conduct STRIKES against enemy C2 nodes within AO SWORD to DESTROY (cause 30 % effects) his ability to C2 his forces.  **PURPOSE:** To deny enemy commanders situation awareness IOT prevent him from massing on 70 ID decisive operations.  **TASK: FST 5** Conduct STRIKES against enemy maneuver forces (attacking or defending) to DESTROY (cause 30 % effects) his capabilities. PURPOSE: To prevent the enemy from mounting coordinated attack or defense, allowing the BCTs freedom to maneuver.  **TASK: FST 7** Conducts STRIKES against SPF and insurgent forces to DESTROY (cause 30 % effects) his capabilities. PURPOSE: To provide force protection and to protect GoRA | | | | | | | |
| Execution POF: A BTRY 4-9 CAV, B BTRY 2-503 IN | | | | | | | |
| FST | T | T | L | O | D | A | C |
| FST 4 | PC 3301 | On Call | PJ 844 868 | P: 2-503 IN  A: UAS | 155mm FA | 6 rds HE | Pri: BDE Fires  Alt: BDE CMD |
| FST 5 | PC 3310 | On Call | PJ 896 854 | P:2-503 IN  A: UAS | 155mm FA | 6 rds,  DPICM | Pri: BDE Fires  Alt: BDE CMD |
| FST 7 | PC 3315 | On Call | PJ 871 813 | P: 2-503 IN  A: | 155mm FA | 6 rds HE | Pri: BDE Fires  Alt: BDE CMD |
| FST 5 | PC 3320 | On Call | PJ 895 855 | P: 2-503 IN  A: UAS | 155mm FA | 6 rds HE | Pri: BDE Fires  Alt: BDE CMD |
| ALLOCATIONS: 2-503 IN 2 x Priority targets, 2-503 allocated 18 rounds Excalibur  CAS- 4-9 CAV: 2 X SORTIES OF A-10, 2-503 IN: 2 X SORTIES OF F/A-18C, 6 X SORTIES OF A-10  CCA- 4-9 CAV: 2 X OH-58D, 2-503 IN: 4 X AH-64 | | | | | | | |
| POSITIONING GUIDANCE: A BTRY PAA 2 38S PK 687 287, B BTRY PAA 3 790 073 | | | | | | | |
| RESTRICTIONS / FSCM: 100m radius NFAs around all friendly positions. No low angle fires within 100m of cities or built up areas. CFL is PL TUCK and PL CARSON; DPICM is not authorized on any passage routes and MSRs. | | | | | | | |
| Enemy unable to mass direct and indirect fires on 4-9 during recon. (2) 2-503 IN allowed FOM during Air Assault of OBJ BOA | | | | | | | |
| Phase III C Dominate / Attack OBJ CORAL | | | | | | | |
| **TASK: FST 1** Conduct STRIKES against enemy forces to DESTROY (cause 30% effects) his capabilities (VII Corps Task).  **Purpose:** To set conditions for commencement of VII Corps decisive operations.  **TASK: FST 2** Conduct planned & immediate SEAD against enemy AD systems in AO SWORD to NEUTRALIZE (cause 10% effects) his air defense network.  **PURPOSE:** To protect fixed and rotary wing attack assets during shaping and decisive operations.  **TASK: FST 3** Conduct COUNTERFIRE against enemy indirect fire assets to DESTROY (cause 30 % effects) his IDF capability.  **PURPOSE:** To prevent enemy IDF attacks from affecting 70 ID operations  **TASK: FST 4** Conduct STRIKES against enemy C2 nodes within AO SWORD to DESTROY (cause 30 % effects) his ability to C2 his forces.  **PURPOSE:** To deny enemy commanders situation awareness IOT prevent him from massing on 70 ID decisive operations.  **TASK: FST 5** : Conduct STRIKES against enemy maneuver forces (attacking or defending) to DESTROY (cause 30 % effects) his capabilities. PURPOSE: To prevent the enemy from mounting coordinated attack or defense, allowing the BCTs freedom to maneuver.  **TASK: FST 7** Conducts STRIKES against SPF and insurgent forces to DESTROY (cause 30 % effects) his capabilities. PURPOSE: To provide force protection and to protect GoRA | | | | | | | |
| A BTRY POF 1-5 CAB  B BTRY POF 4-9 CAV | | | | | | | |
| FST | T | T | L | O | D | A | C |
| FST 3 | PC 3501 | On Call | PJ 9686 6667 | P: 1-5 CAB  A: 4-9 CAV | 155mm FA | 8 rds HE | Pri: BDE Fires  Alt: BDE CMD |
| FST 4 | PC 3510 | On Call | PJ 9810 6658 | P: 1-5 CAB  A: 4-9 CAV | 155mm FA | 8 rds HE | Pri: BDE Fires  Alt: BDE CMD |
| FST 5 | PC 3515 | On Call | PJ 941 687 | P: 1-5 CAB | 155mm FA | 6 rds HE | Pri: BDE Fires  Alt: BDE CMD |
| FST 6 | PC 3520 | On Call | PJ 984 692 | P: 1-5 CAB  A: 4-9 CAV | 155mm FA | 6 rds HE | Pri: BDE Fires  Alt: BDE CMD |
| ALLOCATIONS: 2-2 CAV 1 x Priority target, 1-5 CAB 2 x Priority targets for planning,  CAS- 4-9 CAV: 2 X SORTIES OF A-10, 1-5 CAB: 3 X SORTIES OF A-10, 2 X SORTIES OF F/A-18C  CCA- 4-9 CAV: 4 X OH 58D, 1-5 CAB: 2 X SORTIES OF AH-64 | | | | | | | |
| POSITIONING GUIDANCE: A BTRY located PAA 4 38s PJ 861 833, B BTRY located PAA 4 PJ 861 833 | | | | | | | |
| RESTRICTIONS / FSCM: 100m radius NFAs around all friendly positions. No low angle fires within 100m of cities or built up areas. CFL is PL TUCK and PL CARSON; DPICM is not authorized on any passage routes and MSRs. | | | | | | | |
| Enemy unable to mount a coordinated defense of OBJ Coral 1-5 CAB allowed FOM to Seize OBJ Coral. | | | | | | | |

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| PHASE IV | | | | | | | |
| **TASK:** FST 1: Provide destruction  **PURPOSE:** FST 1: Destroy enemy CATK formations to allow 2-1 ABCT transition to stability operations. | | | | | | | |
| **EXECUTION**  POF: POF A BTRY 1-5 CAB, B BTRY 4-9 CAV | | | | | | | |
| FST | T | T | L | O | D | A | C |
| FST 6 | Target of opportunity | On Call | As acquired | P: 1-5 CAB  A: 4-9 CAV | 155mm FA | 6RD HE | Pri: BN Fires  Alt: BNCMD |
| FST 6 | Target of opportunity | On Call | As acquired | P: 4-9 CAV  A: 1-5 CAB | 155mm FA | 6RD HE | Pri: BN Fires  Alt: BNCMD |
| ALLOCATIONS: 5-14 CAV, TF 1-327 IN, TF 2-327, TF 1-21 IN and TF 1-15 IN each allocated 1 FA priority target for planning.  CAS  CCA- 4-9 CAV: 4 X OH-58D | | | | | | | |
| POSITIONING GUIDANCE: 3-82 FA located at PAA 4 38S PJ 861 833 | | | | | | | |
| RESTRICTIONS / FSCM: 100m radius NFAs around all friendly positions. No low angle fires within 100m of cities or built up areas. CFL is PL TUCK and PL CARSON; DPICM is not authorized on any passage routes and MSRs. VII Corps Commander is release authority for all fires across I-B | | | | | | | |
| ASSESSMENT: Enemy unable to disrupt 2-1 ABCT transition to stability operations. | | | | | | | |

f. (U). Scheme of Protection. 2-1 BCT protection efforts will focus on degrading the effectiveness of Arianan TBMs and artillery systems, disrupting SAPA/SPF attacks on M/ASRs, and defeating Arianan air operations.

(1) (U) Priority of Protection. Priority of protection efforts in all phases is the protection of logistical assets. Subordinate battalions are responsible for conducting internal resupply operations in such a manner that convoys are capable of defeating Level III threats. 2-1 BCT will coordinate to reinforce battalion protection efforts as feasible.

(2) (U) Air and Missile Defense. 2-1 BCT units will conduct passive protection measures in order to avoid presenting lucrative targets for Arianan strike assets. These measures will include all command posts remaining less than twelve hours in any one location, the employment of camouflage nets by all logistical and C2nodes that are stationary for more than sixty minutes or moving to a pre-planned location, use of retransmission stations and remote antennas, and conducting operations in accordance with reduced emissions SOPs.

(a) (U) VII Corps provides THAAD and BMD coverage through all phases of this operation. Air and missile attack warnings will be passed as flash traffic across all 2-1 BCT Mission Command systems as well as voice radio.

(b) (U) 2-1 BCT SHORAD will be provided by 2-44 ADA, with SHORAD priority as follows:

1. (U) Phase I. TAA ABRAMS, then FPOL lanes IVO PL BANGOR. Air defense status during this phase will be YELLOW/TIGHT.

2. (U) Phase II. TAA ABRAMS, then FPOL lanes IVO PL BANGOR. O/O, priority shifts to PAA 1 and FARP 1.

3. (U) Phase IIIa. OBJ COBRA, then 1-5 CAB ROM site.

4. (U) Phase IIIb. OBJ BOA, then LZ OWL, then OBJ COBRA.

5. (U) Phase IIIc. 4-9 CAV blocking position, OBJ CORAL, OBJ BOA.

4. (U) Phase IV. SHORAD support will go to units on OBJ CORAL, then OBJ BOA, then OBJ COBRA.

(c) (U) 3-82 FA will provide counter-fire acquisition capability at TAA ABRAMS and all PAAs to degrade SAPA’s indirect fire capability. At a minimum, BNs will employ counter-fire systems at stationary CPs and all permanent positions.

3. (U) Route Security. During Phases I through III, BNs will secure routes within their respective battlespaces. During Phase IV, 93 BEB will reinforce GoRA efforts to secure routes throughout AO BLACKJACK to facilitate the return to flow of commerce.

g. (U) Stability Operations. During Phases I-III, 2-1 BCT forces will only conduct stability tasks that facilitate the primary task of defeating 111th BTG. However, 93 BEB will develop plans to address IDPs and humanitarian crises. In Phase IV, 2-1 BCT will support the GoRA’s efforts to restore civil security and control during the reconstruction process. Priority of effort will be given to providing security for GoRA elements conducting reconstruction of critical infrastructure.

h. (U) Assessment. See Annex M (Assessment) for a full description of 70 ID and 2-1 BCT conditions and measures of effectiveness (MOEs).

i. (U) Tasks to Subordinate Units.

(a) TF 1-5 CAB (DO).

1. (U) Seize OBJ BOA.

2. (U) Follow and Support 5-344 AR.

3. (U) BPT follow and assume 2-2 CAV (SCR).

4. (U) BPT follow and assume 2-503 IN (ABN).

5. (U) O/O, conduct linear defense IVO CORAL CENTER and PL STEEL.

(b) (U) TF 2-2 CAV (SCR) (SO1).

1. (U) Seize OBJ COBRA.

2. (U) Conduct Link up with 173 (ABN)

3. (U) O/O, conduct zone reconnaissance of zone C-1.

4. (U) BPT follow and assume 2-503 PIR.

5. (U) Conduct BHO of OBJ COBRA to 173 IBCT.

6. (U) Secure and establish PAA1 and FARP 1 in Phase II.

(c) (U) TF 4-9 CAV (SO2).

1. (U) O/O, conduct zone reconnaissance of zones A1-A3, B1-B3, & C-2.

2. (U) O/O, Establish guard IVO PL KNOXVILLE.

3. (U) O/O, Establish screen line east of OBJ CORAL EAST oriented south.

(d) (U) TF 2-503 IN (ABN) (SO3).

1. (U) Air assault from OBJ COBRA to LZ OWL.

2. (U) Seize OBJ RATTLER.

3. (U) Conduct Stability and Support Operations on OBJ BOA (Phase IV).

(e) (U) 3-82 FA.

1. (U) O/O, provide fires for 2-1 BCT attack from PL WHITE to PL STEEL to defeat remaining Arianan forces IVO OBJs COBRA, BOA and CORAL.

2. (U) O/O, support 2-1 BCT hasty defense along the IB.

3. (U) BPT support attack across IB to defeat Arianan counter attack and defeat bypassed Arianan forces within AO BLACKJACK.

(f) (U) 93 BEB

1. (U) Clear and maintain MSRs and ASRs along 2-1 ABCT LOC to enable FOM.

2. (U) Develop IDP and detainee plan.

3. (U) Reduce, proof, and mark vehicle lanes through tactical and natural obstacles to support the advance of friendly forces and the seizures of OBJs COBRA, BOA, and CORAL.

4. (U) Provide survivability support to brigade critical assets.

5. (U) Provide survivability and countermobility support to defeat enemy counter attack.

6. (U) Provide general engineering support for stability operations.

j. (U) Coordinating Instructions.

(1) (U) OPERATION ORDER MURDER HORNET 2013-01effective upon receipt.

(2) (U) Commander’s Critical Information Requirements.

(a) (U) PIR.

1. (U) Where is the enemy defending in BN or greater strength between PL WHITE and PL TULSA? LTIOV: D+2.

2. (U) Location, and activities of SOF in our AO (are they operating outside of designated NFA’s, what is their mission?)

3. (U) Where is the enemy staging counterattack forces or artillery IVO PL STEEL? LTIOV: D+5.

4. (U) Where is the enemy defending in BN or greater strength between PL TULSA and PL STEEL? LTIOV: D+4.

5. (U) Location, disposition, and composition of Aranian forces and OSC-1 reserve forces south and east of PL STEEL that can be committed in support of the BN defensive positions? LTIOV: D+5.

6. (U) What are the locations of artillery assets supporting the 111th BTG defense to include OSC-1 SSMs? LTIOV: D+5

(b) (U) FFIR.

1. (U) Loss of any manned aircraft or UAS.

2. (U) Loss of any electronic sensor.

3. (U) Weapons system readiness rate falls below 80%.

4. (U) Loss of 1 or more rotary wing aircraft in single operation.

5. (U) Loss of any BN leadership.

6. (U) Closure of LOC for more than one hour.

7. (U) Loss of capability to defend along PL WHITE by Atropian forces.

8. (U) PLT rendered combat ineffective.

(3) (U) Essential Elements of Friendly Information.

(a) (U) Location of friendly engineer/breach assets.

(b) (U) TAA Locations.

(c) (U) Location of man-made crossing points (bridge assets).

(d) (U) Location of FARP supporting 2-503rd AASSLT.

(e) (U) Time and location of FPOLs and ROMs.

(4) (U) Fire Support Coordination Measures.

(a) (U) NFA 200m over all friendly positions and NFAs on all confirmed civilian occupied areas.

(b) (U) DPICM is not authorized on routes.

(c) (U) VII Corps Fire Support Coordination Line (FSCL). During Phase I, VII Corps has established FSCLs along the international borders: FSCL WEST runs along the border between Atropia and Minaria (21 ID sector) and between Atropia and Artzak (70 ID sector); FSCL NORTH runs along the border between Atropia and Donovia (52 ID / 12 UK sectors); In the 70 ID & 35 ID sectors, VII Corps has established FSCL SOUTH, running along the Atropia and Ariana border (also PL STEEL). During Phase II, VII Corps will move FSCL SOUTH as the Arianan forces advance. During Phase III, we anticipate the FSCL to initially follow PL YUMA in the 70 ID sector. O/O, VII Corps will shift the FSCL to PL PHOENIX, then to PL STEEL.

(d) (U) 70 ID Coordinated Fire Line (CFL). During Phase I, 70 ID will not establish a Division CFL. During Phase II, 70 ID will establish CFLs based on the positioning of 344 Mech Bde and any US BCTs defending IVO PL WHITE. At the beginning of Phase III, we anticipate the CFL to be along PL BOSTON. As the Division attacks to the Southeast, the CFL will shift to PL TULSA, PL YUMA, PL ATLANTA, PL PHOENIX, then to PL STEEL.

(5) (U) Airspace Coordinating Measures. See Appendix 10 (Airspace Command and Control) to Annex C.

(6) (U) Rules of Engagement. See Appendix 11 (Rules of Engagement) to Annex C.

(7) (U) Risk Reduction Control Measures.

(a) (U) Current MOPP Level is 1. During Phase III, all units will transition to MOPP Level 3.

(b) (U) Fratricide Avoidance.

1. (U) No vehicle may cross PL WHITE without an operational Blue Force Tracker (BFT) beacon or BFT-compatible system. All units south of PL DALLAS whose BFT fails will report this as PRIORITY traffic to 2-1 BCT MAIN.

a. (U) Battalion commanders may authorize mission essential exceptions to this policy in writing with a courtesy copy being provided to 2-1 BCT S3 for tracking purposes.

2. (U) A minimum of 2 vehicles with operational communications are required for movement outside of Coalition assembly areas prior to H-Hour.

3. (U) All US ground vehicles will display an infrared marker panel on the front left and right vehicle doors. Tracked vehicles will display an IR marker panel on the left rear and right rear of turrets or vehicle hull as appropriate.

4. (U) Partnered Atropian vehicles will display a VS-17 panel on the roof or rear deck of all vehicles south of PL WHITE.

5. (U) No aircraft may operate within CFLCC airspace without an operational MODE I-IV transponder. Aircrew members will refer to daily ATO / ACO / SPINS to determine appropriate transponder codes and downed aircrew procedures.

6. (U) Each aircraft will have not less than one blood chit and one operational PRC-112 radio with PLS.

7. (U) During Phase IV, host nation interpreters will accompany all military convoys in AO BLACKJACK. Battalion commanders may request exceptions to this policy in writing within their respective AOs NLT 3 hours prior to expected movement.

(8) (U) Personnel Recovery Coordination Measures. See Appendix 2 (Personnel Recovery) to Annex E.

(a) Battalions will review and update their personnel recovery procedures NLT H-30, then provide a copy of the updated procedures to 2-1 BCT S3 NLT H-26.

(b) 74 ID G-3 will publish a listing of all CJFACC CSAR assets available to support CJTF CAUCASUS operations in the current ATO.

(c) 2-1 BCT S3 will maintain connectivity with the 70 ID Personnel Recovery Coordination Cell in order to facilitate recovery operations in their AO.

(d) 2-1 BCT Fires Cells will place No Fire Areas (NFAs) over active Designated Areas for Recovery (DARs) within 74 ID’s sector.

(9) (U) Environmental Considerations. Refer to Appendix 6 (Environmental Considerations) to Annex G.

(10) (U) Themes and Messages.

(a) Theme 1 – Mission. We are here to help our allies protect their territory from Arianan aggression. The GoRA, acting as the legitimate sovereign government of Atropia, has requested our aid.

(b) Theme 2 – Commitment. CFLCC forces will remain in Atropia as long as necessary to defend our mutual interests, defeat Arianan aggression, and rebuild Atropia.

(c) Theme 3 – Legitimacy. Attacks by Ariana are a violation of U.N. resolutions, and therefore the international community will defend Atropia against the aggressor state.

(d) Theme 4 – Rule of Law. The Arianan invasion and subsequent actions to date demonstrates a complete disregard for international law and common decency.

(e) Theme 5 – Concern for the Arianan People. We hope the Arianan Armed Forces will join the Arianan people in putting an end to this tragic miscalculation. Their leaders have clearly acted irresponsibly and with disregard for the people of Ariana. The leaders of Ariana have forfeited any legitimacy they may have once had.

(f) Theme 6 – Support for Nongovernment Humanitarian Relief Organizations. We support the humanitarian efforts of legitimate NGOs to alleviate the suffering of the people of this region. We are committed to minimizing the impact of hostilities on the lives and health of noncombatants.

(11) (U) Other Coordinating Instructions.

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(a) (U) LOA for all 2-1 BCT operations is PL STEEL in the south and the AO BLACKJACK boundary in the west.

(b) (U) All units will provide security capable of defeating Level III threats to all logistical movements south of PL WHITE during this operation.

(c) (U) Subordinate commanders may add to any of the risk reduction provisions as they see fit to suit their units’ changing operational situation. Commanders may not detract from any of these risk reduction measures without explicit authorization from CDR, 2-1 BCT.

(d) (U) EPW security and transportation are the responsibility of the capturing battalion until the EPWs are handed over to BSTB MP CO.

(e) (U) All battalions will provide basic support and security to embedded media teams.

(f) (U) Timeline

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| DTG | Event |
| 020400OCTXX | BCT OPORD, BDE set in TAA ABRAMS |
| 021700OCTXX | BCT sync, map rehearsal |
| 030400OCTXX | BCT Fires rehearsal |
| 030900OCTXX | BCT CSS rehearsal / 173 conducts air movement to reinforce 344 MECH BDE (AF) defense |
| 04031200OCTXX | BCT combined arms rehearsal |
| 040400OCTXX | BCT COMMEX |
| **041900OCTXX** | **(H HOUR)** 4-9 CAV (ARS) SP to conduct zone reconnaissance of Zones B1, B2, B3 IVO OBJ COBRA |
| 042000OCTXX | 2-2 CAV (SCR) SP to establish PAA1, FARP IVO PL SEATTLE |
| 042130OCTXX | PAA1, FARP established IVO PL SEATTLE |
| 050600OCTXX | DECISION PT 1 |
| 051900OCTXX | **(H + 24)** 2-2 CAV attacks along AXIS PRONGHORN, secures FARP 2 |
| 052100OCTXX | 4-9 CAV RHO with 2-2 CAV at PL DALLAS |
| 052200OCTXX | 4-9 CAV conducts zone reconnaissance of Zone C3 |
| 060200OCTXX | 2-2 CAV attacks to seize OBJ COBRA |
| 061000OCTXX | **(H+39)** NLT OBJ COBRA secured, 2-2 CAV FLT PL HOUSTON |
| 062000OCTXX | 1-5 CAB and 5-344 AR (AF) move from OBJ COBRA to PL KNOXVILLE |
| 062200OCTXX | 1-5 CAB and 5-344 AR (AF) conduct RHO with 4-9 CAV IVO PL KNOXVILLE |
| 070200OCTXX | 2-503RD (AASSLT) PZ POSTURE on FARP 2, OBJ COBRA |
| 070245OCTXX | 5-344 AR (AF) establishes SBF, 1-5 CAB attacks to seize BOA WEST |
| 070330OCTXX | 2-503RD wheels down at LZ OWL, attacks to seize OBJ RATTLER |
| 071600OCTXX | **(H+69)** OBJ BOA seized |
| 072200OCTXX | 4-9 CAV and 2-2 SCR zone reconnaissance complete |
| 080100OCTXX | 5-344 AR (AF) attacks to seize OBJ CORAL |
| 081300OCTXX | **(H+90)** OBJ CORAL SEIZED |

**4.** **(U)** **Sustainment**. See Annex F. O/O, 15th BSB establishes initial BSA IVO TAA ABRAMS (38TPK 5342 8678) in support of 2/1 ABCT. The 16 SB establishes LSA KNIGHT (38TPK55568655/TAA HOOD) IOT provide sustainment support to the 15th BSB. The priority of support is: 1-5 CAV, 2-2 CAV, 2-503 ABN, 4-9 CAV, 3-82 FA, and 15th BSB. Ground transportation is the primary means of distribution and aerial delivery is for emergency by request. 15th BSB will be responsible for establishing FARPs throughout the Operational Environment (OE) ISO the offensive operation. The Brigade Support Medical Company will establish a ROLE II treatment facility vic TAA ABRAMS (38TPK 5342 8678) in support of 2/1 ABCT units. The Field Maintenance Company will establish the Brigade’s Maintenance Collection Point (MCP) vic TAA ABRAMS (38TPK 5342 8678). Initial repair time limits and evacuation timelines are: on site – 2 hours; UMCP – 24 hours; BSA – 48 hours, LSA - 120 hours. 15th BSB provides field maintenance and the FSC is responsible for evacuation to BSA MCP for BDE elements. Cannibalization authorized by the Brigade Commander. Initial MA collection point will be established vic TAA ABRAMS (38TPK 5342 8678).

(a) (U) Logistics. See Annex F.

(b) (U) Personnel. See Annex F.

(c) (U) Army Health System Support. See Annex F.

5. **(U) Command and Signal.**

a. (U) Command.

(1) (U) Location of Commander. The BCT CDR will be located at PAF with the TOC

(2) (U) Succession of Command. BCT DCO, BCT XO, CDR 1-15 IN, CDR 1-21 IN, CDR 2-327 IN, CDR 1-327 IN, CDR 5-14 CAV.

(3) (U) Liaison Requirements. All units BPT provide LKA units in their respective AO a squad with FM/VHF communication capability. All units integrate LKA into operations.

b. (U) Control.

(1) (U) Command Posts. TOC/TAC located at PAF.

(2) (U) Reports. IAW SOP.

c. (U) Signal.

(1) (U) Primary communication FM. Secondary VHF.

(2) (U) Primary communication with SOF by TACSAT. Secondary FM.

(3) (U) SOI Index: BC025 in effect unless compromised. Version A0100 in effect O/O.

(4) (U) BCT TAC and MAIN primary communication VHF, secondary FM. TF primary communication, FM secondary VHF.

(5) (U) CMD NET, O/I NET, FIRES NET.

(6) (U) COMMEX at 030600OCT12.

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