

A Company 8st Regiment,
USACC
Republic of Atropia

(U) OPORD 18-01 (OPN GOLD STRIKE)

(U) References: ATP 3-21.8

(U) Time Zone Used Throughout Order: Local

(U) Grid Coordinates Used Throughout the Order: UTM MGRS

(U) Company Task Organization: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd PLTs pure, with no attachments or detachments. Each PLT has three organic maneuver SQDs with an M249 each and a Weapon SQD equipped with 2 x MMGs.

1) **SITUATION**. Elements of the Ariana 3251st Special-Purpose Forces (SPF) Brigade (Airborne) and have been conducting operations within AO PANTHER. They have the task to establish and defend key mission command, communications sites, mortar firing positions, and cache positions throughout the AO as well as seize and hold key terrain. This will set conditions for a 1st Mech (Ariana) counterattack planned for later this summer. Area of Interest. The Area of Interest extends approximately 2 km beyond our area of operations to include areas in Ariana and Atropia that provide material, personnel and moral support to enemy. This area also includes fire support assets that exist outside our AO that support Ariana elements operating in our AO.

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b) **Area of Operations**. To the north, Alpha's AO is bordered by Highway 1638 and TF Wolverine. To the east, Alpha's AO is bordered by Otter Creek and Charlie Company. To the South, Alpha's AO is bordered by Twin Bridges Road and Bravo Company. Alpha Company's western boundary generally follows the 83 Easting and the Ariana/ Atropian border. SEE ANNEX C (AO Map) to **OPORD 18-01 (OPN GOLD STRIKE)**

(1) **Terrain**. Generally the terrain in Alpha AO consists of densely wooded hills and low lying wet areas that will severely restrict vehicular movement, but provide cover and concealment for small, dismounted maneuver units. Sporadic, sandy open areas with low brush and grass provide two high speed, north south avenues of approach through the AO, but limited options for cover and concealment for dismounted maneuver.

(a) **Obstacles**. Otter Creek on the eastern boundary can be a significant obstacle to dismounted and mounted travel after persistent precipitation. Otter Creek can only be crossed in AO Panther at the Bridge site southwest of checkpoint 11. Additionally, dangerous cliffs on Otter Creek could severely restrict maneuver in and around this obstacle. The remnants of open pit mineral mining attempts have created some rough, sandy, broken terrain in the western portion of the Alpha CO AO that will slow dismounted and mounted maneuver, but provide some cover and concealment.

(b) **Avenues of Approach**. RTE 60 in the South of the AO runs east to west and is a hard ball road that can support two combat vehicles abreast moving at speeds up to 60 kph. Within the AO two unimproved roads, MSR FORT and MSR PINWHEEL, run generally north to south and allow for a company of combat vehicles travelling in column with platoons in column, travelling up to 30 kph. One unimproved road, MSR CROSS, running generally east to west can support a company of combat vehicles travelling with platoons in column travelling up to 30 kph.

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(c)Key Terrain. Key Terrain (K1) is a hilltop vic Grid EG 8391 9789, this hill is key terrain provides cover and concealment, observation, and field of fire that can control east/west movement along HWY 1382 and north south movement along MSR FORT accessing the Alpha AO from Wolverine's AO in the north.

(d)Observation and Fields of Fire. Observation within the CO AO varies greatly. Along roads and trails observation can approach 400-600m providing good fields of fire for all weapon systems oriented on these linear features. Once in the wooded area observation is generally reduced from 30m to 150m depending on vegetation type. Fields of fire are greatly reduced in these areas.

(e)Cover and Concealment. In most wooded areas cover is excellent as sufficient old growth trees provide good cover and adequate concealment. In many other areas dense vegetation and tall grasses provided excellent concealment but offer limited cover from enemy weapon systems.

(2)Weather. See Appendix 1 (Weather Light and Lunar Data) to Annex B (Intelligence) to OPOD 18-01 (OPN GOLD STRIKE)

c)Enemy Forces. Ariana conventional forces are currently operating in the Regimental AO (AO PANTHER) in Hardin Province. They have been operating on the Atropian side of the border with limited disruption for more than a week. Intelligence indicates 3251 SPF BDE is utilizing SAPA elements to conduct harassing attacks in AO Grizzly.

(1)Disposition. Within the Regimental AO a reinforced rifle company with up to five Infantry PLTs exists in the AO. Precise locations for these PLTs have not been identified.

(a)Within the A Co AO we are facing a reinforced rifle PLT (Rifle PLT + 1 Rifle SQD) operating at the SQD and PLT level

(b)Intelligence reporting indicates that there is an Ariana SQD located at EG 839 979 (OBJ BOA) defending key terrain that provides observation/fields of fire that control avenues of approach into the northern portion of AO Panther.

(c)Ariana fire teams have been observed moving along unimproved trails from OBJ BOA EG 839 979 to OBJ FER DE LANCE EG 845 971 transporting equipment that may be part of a counter UAS system capable of interdicting Coalition Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS).

(d)An Ariana Platoon recently attacked an American Special Operations team forward deployed in zone providing covert reports on Ariana activities vicinity EG 835 970.

(e)Another Ariana SQD is believed to be unloading anti-tank weapons and ammunition vicinity EG 843 977 (OBJ COBRA).

(2)Composition. An Ariana PLT consists of 35-45 mixed gender soldiers arranged into four squads (3 rifle squads and a weapons squad). Each Rifle Squad is led by an NCO and consists of 9-10 personnel, arranged in two fire teams of 4-5 personnel. One of the two fire teams in each squad is equipped with a M249 LMG. Each SQD has portable FM radio with a range of 1-2km. The weapons squad consists of 7-8 personnel arranged into two gun teams of 3-4 personnel. Each Gun team carries the M240B MMG.

(3)Strengths and Weaknesses. The strength of the Ariana Military force within AO PANTHER comes from their high level of training and short range communications capabilities. This allows them to operate effectively at the SQD level and then consolidate rapidly for operations at the PLT level. These Soldiers are not local to the area and do not know the physical terrain well. They

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have been identified moving equipment containing components of a "Counter UAS" device. They do have command post and communication nodes somewhere within the AO. Their disciplined use of Ariana Army uniforms (Black Uniform Tops) makes them easily identifiable. Some Ariana Soldiers may wear boonie hats, chest racks and desert military style pants and have cell phone communications. They lack night vision goggles and tactical long range communication (not reliable beyond 1500m). PLT HQ use satellite communication nodes to communicate with CO HQs back in Ariana. The Ariana elements are supported by capable mortar squads that can usually deliver indirect fire support within 15 minutes of the call for fire using both light and medium mortar systems.

(4)Most Likely Course of Action. Ariana forces will continue to conduct defensive operations in the AO to hold terrain that they have established mortar firing points, mission command nodes, cache sites or terrain that controls the road network. If they lose control of a defensive position it is likely that they will attempt to retake the position within 12 hours in order to regain the position and any material they lost. When we first enter the AO, we can expect that the Ariana elements will aggressively conduct reconnaissance of our activities in order to gain intelligence to support future offensive operations. An Arianan mission command node will typically locate near mortar firing positions to provide more rapid fire support to maneuver forces in zone. They will attempt to employ electronic warfare assets to interdict or anti-aircraft weapons to shoot down any manned or unmanned aircraft they can identify. Ariana forces will seek contact with US forces to disrupt our movements and operations and will attack static locations (Patrol bases, defensive locations) with PLT and SQD size elements to destroy US forces.

(5)Most Dangerous Course of Action. The most dangerous course of action is for an Ariana forces to consolidate at the PLT level and coordinate an attack with adjacent forces resulting in the delivery of overwhelming forces and firepower on a US position.

d)Friendly Forces.

(1)Higher Headquarters Mission and Intent.

(a)Higher Headquarters Two Levels Up.

1)Mission. CJTF-100 (Coalition Joint Forces Command-100) conducts offensive and defensive operations in the AOR over the next 90 days IOT set the conditions for the transfer of security responsibility to Atropian Security forces.

2)Commander's Intent

(a)The purpose of our operation are to assist the Atropian Security Forces in eliminating threats to their people, land and government so that they may secure their country from internal and external threats without direct coalition intervention.

(b)Key Tasks.

(1)Defeat Ariana forces that remain in Atropia

(2)Establish positive relationships with Atropian security forces, local civil officials and host nation personnel to provide coalition forces legitimacy and freedom of action in the AOR.

(3)Defend Coalition and Atropian forces and fixed locations from Ariana attacks

(4)Partner with host nation security forces at every level to train, advise, and assist these forces to improve their ability to conduct security operations.

(c)Endstate. The CJTF-100 AO is under the control Atropian Security Forces and Atropian security forces are capable of accomplishing basic security tasks throughout

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the AO. No Ariana forces at the PLT level or above exist in Atropia in our AOR; SAPA does not have the support of the majority of the population. No civilian humanitarian crisis exists.

(b)Higher Headquarters.

1)Mission. 8st RGT, CJTF-100 conducts operations in AO PANTHER over the next 120 hours to destroy Ariana forces in the 1st RGT AO.

2)Commander's Intent. The purpose of our operations are to set the conditions so that we can turn the AO over to Atropian Security Forces after the elimination of organized Ariana forces in the AO.

(a)Key Tasks.

1)Aggressively locate and destroy Ariana and Forces in the Regimental AO.

2)Treat the local populace with dignity and respect, engage them when appropriate to prevent their demise or gain intelligence.

3)Maintain an offensive mindset and conduct defensive operations only to prevent Ariana forces from retaking key terrain or regaining supplies and materials.

4)Strict adherence to the Rules of Engagement to prevent unnecessary loss of US/Atropian and civilian life and property.

(2)Adjacent Unit Missions:

(a)B Company destroys Ariana forces in sector in order to secure the AO and set the conditions for handover of security functions to host nation security forces. B Company is located to our South, bordered by ASR Cross

(b) C Company destroys Ariana forces in sector in order to secure the AO and set the conditions for handover of security functions to host nation security forces. C Company is located to our east bordered by Otter Creek.

(c)D Company destroys Ariana forces in sector in order to secure the AO and set the conditions for handover of security functions to host nation security forces. D Co is located to our East and is bordered by ASR Cross to the North and hardball road to the West.

b)Interagency, Intergovernmental, and Nongovernmental Organizations. We currently lack a solid understanding of the presence of non-military entities that exist in the AO. None are known at this time but may be present.

c)Civil Considerations

(1)In AO Panther there are no known civilian personnel. The few villages in the AO are believed to be abandoned and void of civilian personnel due to intense fighting. It is not believed that the enemy is using the abandoned villages.

(2)It is possible that civilians may re-enter the AO in order to secure belongings or property, gather livestock or occupy their homes.

(3)Avoid causing civilian casualties or causing damage to civilian property or infrastructure whenever feasible. The erosion of civil support will impair our ability to complete our mission.

d)Attachments and Detachments. None.

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2) **MISSION.** NLT_290730_JUL18__ Alpha Company, _8_RGT, CJTF 100, destroys enemy forces in the CO AO in order to set the conditions for continued offensive operations against Ariana and eventual transition of the AO to Atropian Security Forces.

3) **EXECUTION**

a) Commander's Intent.

(1) Purpose The purpose of our initial operation is to reduce the enemy capabilities and freedom of movement within the AO.

(2) Key Tasks.

(a) Conduct aggressive offensive operations to kill/capture Ariana Forces and their support material in the AO.

(b) Conduct detailed planning and rehearsals to ensure our forces are prepared for various contingencies and unforeseen opportunities and challenges during the conduct of our missions.

(c) Hold terrain when necessary to prevent Ariana forces from controlling Key Avenue of approach.

(3) Endstate: Ariana forces are degraded due to our initial operations. Friendly forces will be poised to conduct additional operations based on intelligence gained from the initial operations. Civilian forces will not be significantly impacted by our initial operation.

b) Concept of the Operation. The purpose of the operation is to deny the enemy freedom of maneuver and destroy mission command capabilities. We will accomplish this by conducting an envelopment. Decisive to this operation is to retain OBJ BOA. This is decisive because it denies the enemy mission command, communication capabilities, and freedom of maneuver and entry into the northern sector of our AO. This will be completed by conducting three PLT level missions nearly simultaneously. The DO (2__PLT) conducts an Attack to destroy Ariana SQD at OBJ BOA (EG 8391 9789) in order to degrade enemy capabilities. SO1 (3__PLT) conducts a recon to confirm a suspected cache site vic OBJ COBRA. SO2 (4__PLT) conducts a recon of Ariana elements in the vicinity of OBJ FER DE LANCE to identify Counter-UAS.

The purpose of fires is to disrupt the enemy at fixed locations prior to our assault. Our AO is in range of Company 60mm Mortars. Priority of fires to DO, SO1, SO2. Decisive to the operation is the destruction of the enemy SQD at OBJ BOA as it will unhinge their defenses in the CO AO. At the end of the operation, two enemy elements will be identified and one PLT will hold the terrain at OBJ BOA. There are 3x company targets in effect for this operation.

| Target | Trigger | Location | Observer | Delivery System | Attack Guidance | Comm Net |
|--|---|-----------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| AB1000 Expected enemy AoA for attack | Pos ID of enemy forces attacking OBJ BoA | EG 8362 9702 | PLT FO | 60 mm | 1 Rnd HE | Co Net |

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|--|--|--------------|--------|-------|----------|--------|
| AB1005 Estimated enemy AoA and reinforcement staging area | Pos ID of enemy forces vic OBJ Hognose | EG 8433 9662 | PLT FO | 60 mm | 1 Rnd HE | Co Net |
| AB1010 Main enemy AoA for reinforcements | Pos ID enemy forces attacking OBJ Boa | EG 8400 9780 | PLT FO | 60 mm | 1 Rnd HE | Co Net |

c) Scheme of Maneuver. We will accomplish this mission in four phases.

Phase I - Planning. This phase begins receipt of this order and continues until crossing Line of Departure (LD). All three platoon will move from TAA Densburger to their respective start points by foot. 3__PLT will be 1st OOM and SP TAA at 0630 to vic EG 842 973 and establish Attack Position Charlie and continue TLPs until SP to ORP. 4__PLT will be 2nd OOM and SP TAA at 0645 and move to vic EG 846 966 to establish Attack Position Echo to continue TLPs until SP to ORP. 2__PLT will be 3rd OOM and SP TAA at 0700 to vic EG 840 966 and establish Attack Position Delta to continue TLPs until SP to ORP. All Platoons will radio company CP for guidance to cross LD NET 0700.

Phase II - Movement. This phase begins up crossing LDs and ends upon establishment of the ORPs. Once on the ground at the start points, platoons will move to their ORPs. Phase III - Actions on objective. This phase begins upon establishment of the ORPs and ends once actions on objectives are complete.

Phase IV - Reconsolidation and preparation for follow on operations. This phase begins once actions on the objective are complete and continues until orders are received. All Platoons will radio the CP once actions on objective are complete and are prepared for O/O missions.

d) Tasks to Subordinate Units.

- (1) 2__PLT (DO)
 - (a) Attack to destroy Ariana SQD at OBJ BOA (EG 8391 9789) in order to degrade enemy capabilities NLT __1000_____.
 - (b) PLT has 1x target allocated for this operation.
 - (c) O/O defend OBJ BOA.
- (2) 3__PLT (SO1)
 - (a) Conduct recon to assess possible enemy cache to deny enemy resupply of weapons/ammunition vic OBJ COBRA (EG 8435 9775) NLT __1000_____.
 - (b) Authorized 1x target for this operation.
 - (c) O/O establish patrol base vic EG 842 973 (C).
- (2) 4__PLT (SO2)
 - (a) Conduct recon to confirm an Ariana Counter UAS position at OBJ FER DE LANCE (EG 8447 9713) NLT __1000_____.
 - (b) Authorized 1x target for this operation.
 - (c) O/O establish patrol base vic EG 846 966 (E).

b) Coordinating Instructions

(1) Reporting Requirements

- (a) Casualties. Friendly, HNSF, Enemy, or Civilian Casualties
- (b) Explosions. Explosions of any nature (indirect fire, IEDs, unknown)
- (c) Identification of enemy reconnaissance of US or HNSF
- (d) Direct contact with enemy elements (Aerial, CBRNE, direct fire, electronic, obstacles, visual)

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(2)CCIR

(a)PIR

- 1)PIR 1: What locations are Ariana caches in the CO AO?
- 2)PIR 2: When and where will Ariana forces attack coalition forces?
- 3)PIR 3: Where and when will Ariana elements conduct resupply operations?
- 4)PIR 4: Where are the Ariana Mission Command nodes at the PLT CO or BN level located inside Atropia?
- 5)PIR 5: What environmental factors (weather) will create unsafe conditions for our operations?

(b)FFIR

- 1)FFIR 1: Physical or operational loss of a weapon system or Soldier
- 2)FFIR 2: Injury to civilian personnel or civilian property.
- 3)FFIR 3: Death or injury to any Soldier.
- 4)FFIR 4: Troops in contact.

(3)ROE: Refer to the published ROE Cards

(4)Tentative Timeline (Refinements pending)

- Day 16
 - OPORD Issued
- Day 17
 - 0630-0700 SP TAA Densburger
 - 0700 SP from PB
 - 1000 Actions on OBJ Complete

(5)Priority of Rehearsals. Actions on OBJ, Actions on Contact (Direct, Visual, Indirect), Movement Formations, LDA crossing, Patrol Base Operations.

(6)Provide CO COC PLT timeline that includes times for WARNO, OPORD Brief, Rehearsals and PCIs.

(7)Collect intelligence and enemy equipment when possible. Radio Company CP for guidance if required.

(8)All movement in the AO must be the most direct approach to avoid contact with adjacent units.

(9)All patrol bases must be free of trash prior to SP.

4)SUSTAINMENT. Packing list as prescribed; modifications approved by the CO CDR.

a)Logistics

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(1)Class I. Ration cycle M-M-M after departing TAA Densburger. Water available within CO TAA. Depart for the mission with a least 100oz of water per person. Water resupply available at following grids (grids for water can drop off are TBD, will be located near OBJs)

EG 8421 9780
EG 8415 9697
EG 8449 9658

(2)Class II. Limited resupply available for expendable CL II. All Soldiers deploy with required CL II.

(3)Class III. All Soldiers deploy from TAA Densburger with individual CLP Bottle as part of weapons cleaning kit.

(4)Class IV. No CL IV resupply available. Use any Class IV found on OBJ for friendly use. Equipment is available to assist in manipulating any found CLIV.

(5)Class V. Ammunition Resupply coordinated through RGT HQ. Basic Load for all systems not available. Evenly distribute available ammunition. Draw time TBP.

(6)Class VIII – Each PLT Deploy with CLS Bag with medical supplies, VS-17 Panel, and two pole less litters.

(7)) Class IX. All MILES must be operational and with batteries prior to departure from TAA Densburger and checked for serviceability. Note any deficiencies along with battery request for MILES and other equipment to CO HQ. All Cadets carry a MILES casualty card at all times.

(8)Latrines available at

-EG 8437 9743
-EG 8413 9664
-EG 8421 9780
-EG 8415 9697
-EG 8449 9658

b)Shower and Laundry. All personnel should be afforded an opportunity to shower and launder uniforms while at TAA Densburger IAW TLP timeline.

c)Transportation. None. Movement from CO TAA to CO AO via foot.

e)Lightning Protective Areas. Lightning protective area located at TAA Densburger. When a LPA is not available, assume the lightning protective posture under guidance by Cadre by standing on the balls of the feet with a poncho over your head away in low ground away from open areas. All PB Locations are LPAs for A Co AO.

d)Medical Evacuation (Scenario)

(1)Request medical evacuation (ground or aerial) as required using the standard 9 line format.

(2)BPT establish LU Point for ground evacuation or HLZ for air evacuation

e)Medical Evacuation (Real World).

(1)Any real world injuries are immediately brought to the attention of the nearest cadre for assessment.

(2)All routine injuries will be evaluated by a cadre member or medic and evacuated with internal assets.

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(3) Serious injuries can be evacuated through Range Control.

(4) Sick Call conducted twice daily

(5) Immersion coolers will be located near OBJ/PBs.

2) COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a) Command

(1) Company CDR/XO/1SG generally located at the CP (EG 8418 9696) for all phases of the operation.

(2) Succession of command: CDR, FSO, XO, 1PL, 2PL, 3PL

b) Signal

(1) SOI in effect

(a) Method of communication. Primary/Alternate: ASIP/IMBTRY

(2) Passwords

(a) Challenge/Password: Summer/Sky

(b) Number Combination: 7

(c) Running Password: Rain

ROBERTS
CDR, A CO

OFFICIAL:

Annex A Not Used

Annex B Intelligence

Appendix 1 Solar, Lunar, Weather Data

Annex C Operations Overlay (imagery)

Appendix 1 Operational Overlay (map)