

OP SUMMARY

Ser	Key Info Requirements	Detail	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	OP NAME:	PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3 <b>Typographical error-unrelated operation name</b>	
2.	DTG OF OP:	PoD 21/22 AUG	
3.	TF 81 PERS INVOLVED:	STRIKE TP, SQN HQ, SHADOW	
4.	OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED:	CRU, PSR(S)1 AC-130 <b>Support aircraft</b>	
5.	TYPE OF OP:	KILL/CAPTURE	
6.	LOCATION OF OP:	TIGIRAN VALLEY, BAGHLAN	
7.	REASON FOR OP:	KILL/CAPTURE OBJ BURNHAM AND OBJ NOVA WHO WERE WANTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE ATTACK ON THE NZPRT PATROL ON 3 AUG.	
8.	SUMMARY OF OP:	<p>OP WAS SQN LED. HAF IN 2 x CH-47 and PSR(S)1 <b>Support aircraft</b> DEP FROM BAF TO THE TA.</p> <p>ToT WAS 0030 AS SCHEDULED. THE ASSAULT FORCE ARRIVED FIRST AND IMMEDIATELY MOVED TOWARD A1.</p> <p>ARMED ENEMY PERS WERE OBSERVED BY THE AWT ELM MOVING UP THE HIGH GROUND AWAY FROM THE TARGET TO THE WEST.</p> <p>IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE ASSAULT ONTO A1 AWT ELM ENGAGED ENY PERS 100M WEST OF THE TP ON THE EASTERN FACE OF THE FEATURE BELOW THE OVERWATCH POSTION.</p> <p>A CALLOUT WAS CONDUCTED FOLLOWED BY AN EXPLOSIVE BREACH. HOWEVER, A CASUALTY WAS SUSTAINED DURING THE ENTRY TO THE ALPHA. GP 2 WAS CALLED FORWARD AND TOLD TO CLEAR A1 FOLLOWED BY A2, WHICH THEY DID. AWT CONDITINUED TO ENGAGE VARIOUS PERS ON THE HIGH GROUND THROUGHOUT.</p> <p>ONCE A1/A2 WERE CLEARED EXPLOIT WAS CALLED FORWARD WITH THE MEDIC TO TREAT THE CASUALTY. THE STRIKE TP WAS REORGANISED AND BEGAN TO MOVE TO A3. THE ARF LANDED IN VIC OF A1 AND BECAME THE RESERVE.</p> <p>A CALLOUT WAS CONDUCTED ON A3 BEFORE GP 2 MOVED THROUGH AND CLEARED IT AND THE MINOR DWELLINGS TO THE SOUTH. TSE WAS CONDUCTED AND THE TP BEGAN TO EXFIL BUT WAS FORCED TO HALT AS PERS WERE INFILTRATING FROM THE SOUTH.</p> <p>THE CASUALTY WAS EXFILED FROM VIC A1 WHILE A BLOCKING POSITION WAS ESTABLISHED TO INTERDICT THE PERS INFILTRATING FROM THE SOUTH</p>	

		<p>BUT THEY MANOEUVRED AROUND THE HIGH GROUND AND WERE ENGAGED BY AC-130.</p> <p>THE ASSAULT FORCE MOVED BACK TO A1 AND LINKED UP WITH EXPLOIT WHO HAD CONDUCTED TSE AND THEN DESTRUCTION OF CONTRABAND WAS CONDUCTED BEFORE MOVING BACK TO THE HLZ FOR EXFIL.</p> <p>A KLE 'OF SORTS' WAS CONDUCTED IVO OF A1. AT THIS STAGE A3 WAS ON FIRE AND A1 CAUGHT ON FIRE AS WELL AFTER THE CONTRABAND WAS DESTROYED.</p> <p>EXFIL WAS CALLED FOR 0330 AND EXPLOIT FOLLOWED BY THE ASSAULT FORCE ARRIVED AT THE HLZ SHORTLY BEFORE THIS TIMING AND AWAITED EXFIL AT APPROX 0340.</p> <p>THE AIR ELMS MOVED TO BAMIAN AND RE-FUELLED BEFORE FLYING BACK TO CW.</p>	
9.	<b>SUMMARY OF ENY TTP:</b>	<p>ENY FLED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL BUT LIKELY WHEN THEY HEARD THE AIRCRAFT FLYING IN.</p> <p>ENY FLED INTO THE LOW GROUND INITIALLY WHICH CONCEALED THEM FROM ISR. ENEMY THEN ATTEMPTED TO FLEE UP THE FEATURES AND ONTO THE HIGH GROUND</p> <p>ENY APPEARED TO HAVE CALLED REINFORCEMENTS AS PERS BEGAN TO APPROACH THE VALLEY FROM DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS CREATING A 360DEGREE BATTLESPACE.</p>	
10.	<b>KEY LESSONS LEARNT:</b>	<p>BUILDINGS IN BAGHLAN ARE NOT AS WELL CONSTRUCTED AS THE COMPOUNDS IN LOGAR.</p> <p>INS ELMS WILL ATTEMPT TO FLEE WHEN THEY HEAR AIRCRAFT BUT MAY ATTEMPT TO MANOEUVRE AROUND THE HIGH GROUND AND ATTACK FRIENDLY FORCES IN THE VALLEY.</p> <p>PSR(S)3</p> <p>ENEMY PERS CAN MOVE VERY QUICKLY BY NIGHT ACROSS STEEP AND BROKEN TERRAIN WITHOUT LIGHTS AND ARE THEREFORE ABLE TO OUTFLANK FRIENDLY POSITIONS.</p> <p>AIR ELEMENTS ARE NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR LAND BASED MANOEUVRE FORCES BUT ARE AN ACCEPTABLE RISK ALTERNATIVE AND CAN BE USED FOR DIRECT AND PRECISION FIRES.</p>	