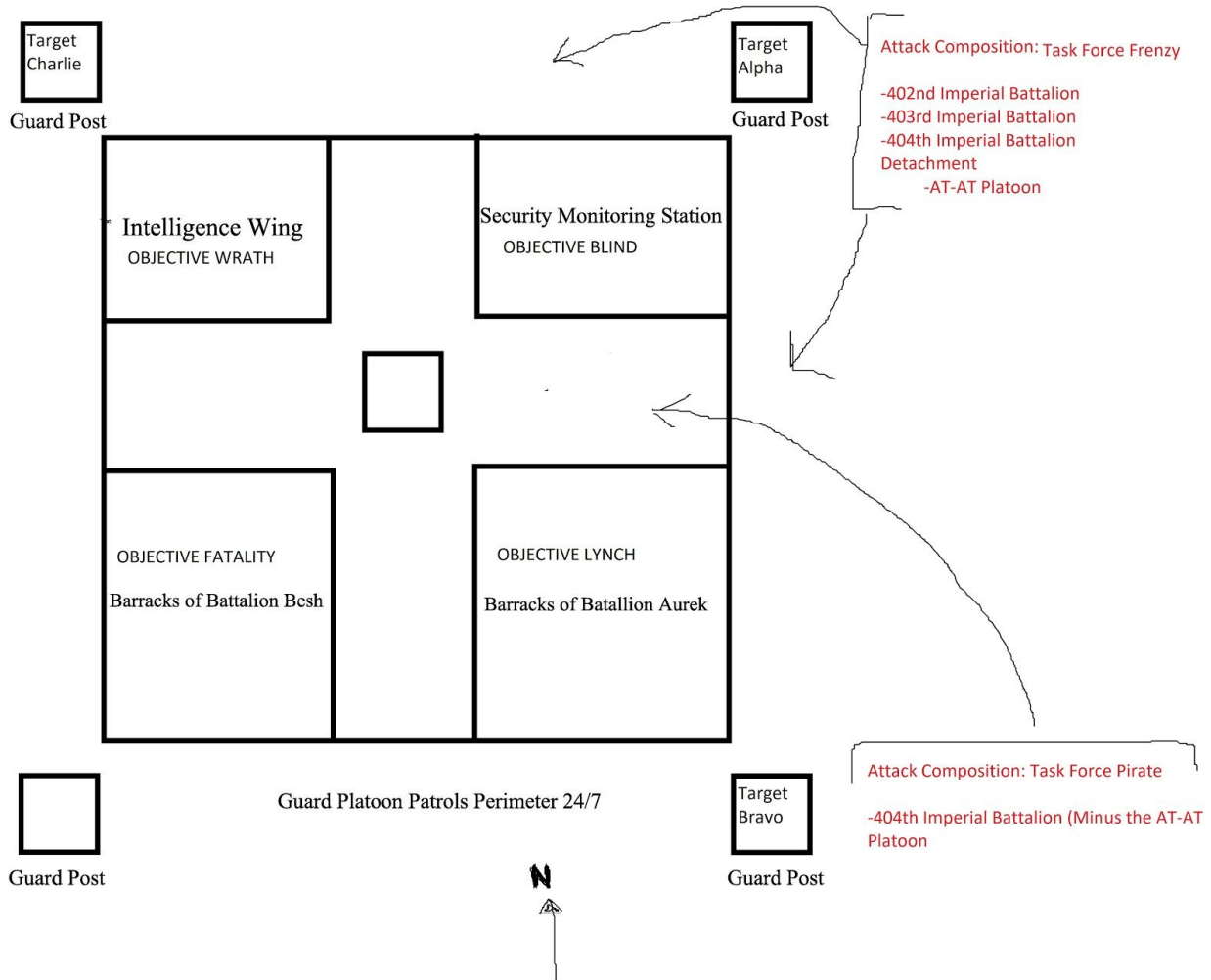


OPERATION SIDESTEP [CLASSIFIED]

Warrior Derek Cinn



GENERAL:

The objective for Operation Sidestep is the elimination of a stronghold of Meraxis loyalists. Only high value prisoners are to be taken such as officers and higher enlisted. All others are to be killed on sight. NOTE: Priority is not prisoners. Kill on sight and only take captives if opportune. Due to the lack of intelligence regarding Meraxis reinforcements, the target is to begin withdrawal 1.5 hours into the operation so any Meraxis reinforcements will not trap the 4th Imperial Regiment.

Attack will commence at 0430 towards the beginning of the second guard shift of the night. These guards will have just been woken up and still slightly drowsy.

Preliminary Preparations:

Newly knighted member Angel Snow will begin the mission by sneaking into the fortress. Her insertion time will be at 0300. She will check in every 15 minutes. If she misses a check-in the assault will begin early to preserve the element of surprise

Primary Objective: Set explosives on the South and West entryways to block them off cutting off escape for the defenders.

Secondary Objective: Rig traps on the exits of the barracks.

The destruction of the South and West entryways will block off the garrison from escaping or allowing a means of outflanking our attacking forces. This way all defenders will be funneled into the North and East entrances, greatly simplifying the line of attack.

The secondary objective will only be done if it will not tip off the guards. This will be at the discretion of Knight Snow. The traps will kill a and wound handful of defenders before they are able to aid in the defense. This will aid in the confusion and slow down reinforcements. Any wounded enemy will also divert valuable resources from fighting as they leave behind men to tend to the injured.

Angel Snow will contact Derek Cinn once she has successfully escaped the compound.

The Assault:

As stated earlier the attack will begin at 0430 unless Knight Angel Snow misses a check-in.

Infantry will be positioned on the North and East sides of the fortress. AT-STs and Hover Tanks will be hidden from view behind the infantry line. Artillery will be positioned in the distance to the Northwest and zeroed in on Target Alpha and Bravo. AT-AT will be positioned far enough away so they do not alert the garrison by sight or sound. To do this any sizable indents in the geography surrounding the fortress will be utilized.

At precisely 0130 artillery will begin their barrage on their targets and the air support companies and recon companies will begin attacking Patrols around the structure and secure the perimeter. With the focus on this attack, the attacking force will move forward. AT-ATs will advance and will provide fire support where necessary from range.

Most of Task Force Frenzy will be tasked with keeping the defenders occupied from the outside. The assault companies and from the 401st and 402nd and the attack armor company from the 401st will assault the Northern Entry while Task Force Pirate attacks the Eastern Entry. It is at this point that the charges are set blocking the the Southern and Western Entrances.

At this stage, the AT-ATs and artillery support units will begin their withdrawal. With friendly forces inside the stronghold the risk of friendly fire is too high. It is also necessary to begin withdrawal of slower and larger units to meet the set time deadline.

Upon entry, Objective Blind and Objective Wrath are to be secured and all data that can be obtained from intelligence and command computers must be secured. The Objectives must then be set to be destroyed after withdrawal. The barracks or Objectives Lynch and Fatality must be destroyed from the outside. Much of the garrison will have retreated there to hold out against our attack. It will take too long and cost too many men to assault these sections. Before withdrawal, explosives must be set to ensure total destruction of the fortress from within. This includes the support column at the center of the fortress.

During this final stage of setting explosives, all wounded men must be evacuated before the rest of the assault force retreats.

Withdrawal:

Once all objectives have been accomplished, all forces must begin to move out towards the extraction point. The forces that were not involved in the entry of the fortress will cover their retreat from what little opposition remains from the stronghold. Once men have cleared the structure the explosive can be set off to cripple the facility once and for all.

Final:

A primary focus for the mission is to cripple the target with minimal casualties in terms of both soldiers and equipment. Any risk of dead or wounded has been assessed and deemed necessary for the completion of the mission.