

Abkhazian Antics 2 – Madame Cholet’s Surprise

SHORT BRIEFING:

The Abkhazians have invaded western Georgia with Russian backing, knocking out all of the airbases west of Tbilisi.

They’ve installed defences at Senaki airbase and Zugdidi city.

We’ve established a FARP in the north – Wimbledon Common – (& another at Batumi for Su25) and are now launching strikes against reinforcements and artillery.

Beware of SAMs.

FULL BRIEFING:

Situation

In a very busy day, the Abkhazians have invaded Georgia, taking control of Zugdidi city and the airbases and airports in the west of the country.

They’re consolidating their position at Senaki airbase with armour, SAMs and AAA, while facilities at other airbases are being demolished, and runways cratered – presumably to prevent the Georgians using them. The airport at Batumi has been virtually destroyed by Abkhazian paratroops, but they’ve pulled out and the Georgians have repaired the runway sufficiently to land in an emergency.

FARP Wimbledon Common has been set up in the north, close to the mountains and is being used by British Harriers and Gazelles on attachment to the Georgians. The British government has not yet instructed their forces to stand down, so they’re following the instructions of the Georgian commanders they’ve been working with prior to the invasion.

Harriers are to strike a column of reinforcements spotted heading east from the coastal town of Anaklia.

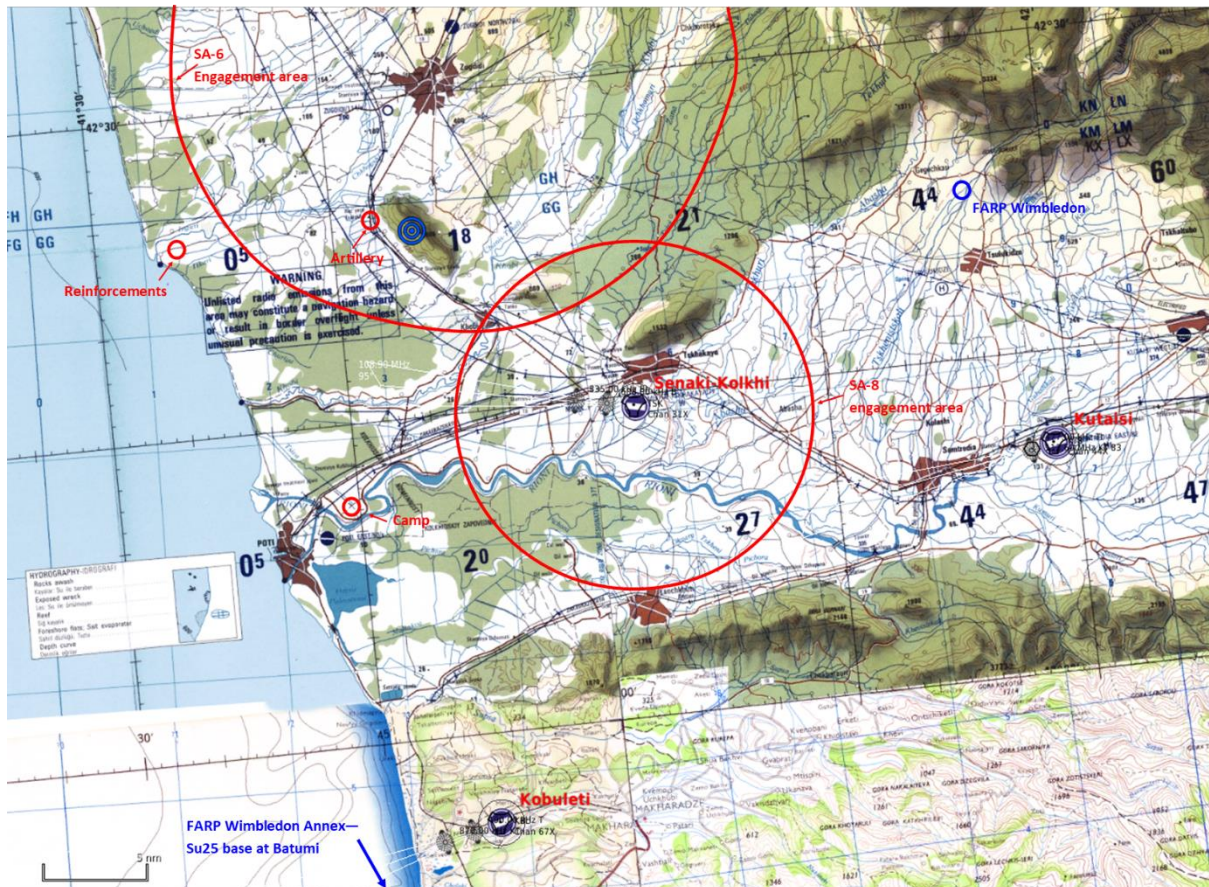
Gazelles are to strike a group of Uragan artillery rocket launchers spotted travelling along the main road toward Senaki.

Beware of anti-air defences around Senaki (SA8) and Zugdidi (SA6) + AAA + MANPADS – keep clear of their engagement zones (marked in red on map), or as low as possible to avoid their radar.

Objectives:

Dodge flight - destroy the reinforcements column

Springfield flight – destroy the artillery



FRIENDLY FORCES:

Air Units:

Dodge flight

Type: 1x Harrier based at FARP Wimbledon (or Su25T based at Batumi)

Freq: 243MHz (124MHz for Su25)

Task: Destroy reinforcements column

Ordnance: Harrier: 2x AGM-65F, 6x Mk20, cannon (although you're welcome to choose other ordnance – you'll see the re-supply trucks by the road – trundle up closer to them and you can re-arm. The Su25 can re-arm on the ramp)

Notes: Column comprises mainly lorries + BTRs. Unconfirmed AAA

Waypoints:

1. Anaklia – last known position of the reinforcements column
2. Senaki airbase – for reference
3. For Harrier: FARP Wimbledon Common, for Su25: Batumi
4. Divert field – For Harrier: Batumi (minimal facilities, but the runway is just about intact), for Su25 pilots: FARP Wimbledon

5. Bullseye – Hill18

Springfield

Type: 1x SA342 Gazelle based at FARP Wimbledon

Freq: 124MHz

Task: Destroy the 3 Uragan MRLS launchers

Ordnance: 4x HOT or Rockets & Cannon – your choice

Notes: Small group of support vehicles spotted travelling with them, including a pair of BRDMs

Waypoints:

1. Last reported position of the launchers, travelling east along the main road toward Senaki
2. FARP Wimbledon Common
3. Senaki airbase – for reference

Pontiac

Type: 2x Mig21 operating from Vaziani

Freq: 264MHz

Task: CAP

Ordnance: unknown

Ground Units:

Several small groups of Georgian armour conducting counter-attacks against the Abkhazians at Senaki and Kutaisi airfields

Friendly Bases:

Vaziani: 42.2Mhz

HOSTILE FORCES

Ground threats:

Senaki airbase:

Multiple SA-8 launchers

Multiple ZSU-23

Multiple MANPADs

Zugdidi area:

SA-6 battery to the north of the city threatens the area almost out to the coast

Multiple ZSU-23 and SA-9 launchers

Other areas:

Various light armoured vehicles patrolling the roads North & West of Senaki, some AAA reported, MANPADs likely

Airborne Threats:

Frequent Russian SU-27s operating north of the mountains, so far haven't crossed the border.

Little sign of Abkhazian fighters, but SU-25s and Mi-24s spotted landing at Senaki

Bullseye:

The centre of "Hill 18" - the large hill between Zugdidi and Senaki, in the centre of grid square 18

Time & Weather:

Take off 18:30

Scattered cloud

Wind 4kts at 46 degrees at ground level