



TIGERS OF THE PACIFIC MISSION 1

MISSION 1: FIRST LIGHT

Good morning, Marines. I know this is pretty late compared to your early mornings at boot camp but it still rates as Zero Dark Thirty to me. Anyway, it's time to get to work. During the night, we approached within range of the Island Chain of Agana, currently under Sunchon Occupation. The enemy holds the harbours of Saipan and Guam; as well as the major Airports including the large cargo depot airport of Anderson. Fortunately, there was no military cargo there but between the fuel and food supplies stored there for civilian use, a blockade has few chances to be successful.

All Harriers will be divided into teams. One and Two will fly as Springfield 1. Three and Four will fly as Springfield 2. Five and Six as Springfield 3.

Between our signal intelligence efforts and satellite images, we have concluded that the enemy operate at least two early warning radars; one on Saipan and one on Guam. Your task will be to destroy the Early Warning Radar on Saipan (**WAYPOINT 3**). We have no recon photos of the target but we have narrowed down its location to a matter of meters. It is a Soviet Style 55G6 Radar; quite difficult to move so we are convinced it has not been relocated since the last satellite information was relayed to us. It is also quite impossible to miss; being easily the tallest structure around so we feel confident not sending you out there without any pictures of the target - not even stock ones, I'm afraid. The target is defended by SA-8 Radar Guided missiles but remember the Intelligence Brief; Sunchon missiles are home made and lack the same range as the Soviet counterparts. Stay high to remain out of their range.

To make things easier for you, we have deployed an improvised FORECON team on the Islands during the night and they will be in position to laze the target for you if desired. Contact ANVIL on Channel 243 if you require their services.

Your target is close to Saipans Airbase. By our estimate, there will be two *MiG 21Bis Fishbed* there as a quick reaction force. Expect them to interfere with your mission as we can not spare any aircraft to escort you to the target. Once the EWR has been destroyed, Springfield 2 and 3 will proceed to the harbour and destroy two enemy naval vessels currently moored there.

MISSION 1 DETAILS

Loadout:

2x AIM-9M Sidewinder, 2x GBU 12; Litening Targeting Pod.
Pilots may opt to switch their GBU's for Mavericks instead.

Radio:

243 AM (Preset 1)
243 AM (JTAC ANVIL)

Navigation:

Waypoint 1 is a Steerpoint to avoid the Harbour AA. Waypoint 2 is IP Point. Waypoint 3 is your target location.

TACAN:

1X (USS Nassau)

USS NASSAU

WAYPOINT 1

TARGET

20 km



TIGERS OF THE PACIFIC MISSION 2

MISSION 2: HARBOR STRIKE

You will need to finish your coffee quick because we are going to send you back out there at once while we have the enemy on the back foot. While you were returning from the boat during your last sortie, we sent the rest of the squadron to hit naval vessels in Saipan Harbour. They reported that unloading was taking place from three cargo vessels moored in the harbour. This is an opportunity we simply cannot miss. The targets are immobile so you will be carrying dumb bombs for this one. The harbour has an impressive air to air defence consisting of two SA-8 Sites and a number of 57mm guns.

We will be sending Springfield 3 in ahead of you to neutralise as much of these defences as possible. Give them a few minutes headstart, then proceed to the target and sink those ships before the enemy rally for a counterattack.

MISSION 2 DETAILS

Loadout:

6x Mk 82 Bombs

Radio:

243 AM (Preset 1)

Navigation:

Waypoint 1 is a Steerpoint. Waypoint 2 is the target location.

TACAN:

1X (USS Nassau)

USS NASSAU

WAYPOINT 1

TARGET

20 km





TIGERS OF THE PACIFIC MISSION 3

MISSION 3: FLEET DEFENSE

Pay attention, we do not have much time. A radio amateur we established contact with has provided us with intelligence from a civilian close to the airport. The intelligence is - and I quote - "Large aircraft are being loaded with missiles under the wings and warming up the engines". This intelligence is twenty minutes old; and that means you need to scramble at once. We can muster four airplanes with four sidewinders each.

We suspect the enemy aircraft are Xian B-6Ds, the export variant of the Chinese H-6J Bomber. The Sunchon Air Force operate sixteen of these and we have spotted eight deployed to the Island. Each bomber can carry six *Nalchi* missiles; enough to overwhelm our defences. Standard Chinese tactics is to come in several waves; the first wave launched on the escorting ships while the second targets the Carrier. Expect the Sunchon to copy this tactic and be aware that the enemy will most likely send their MiG 21 Fishbeds to escort the bombers.

Now get going, we expect to be detected by the enemy search radar at any moment.

MISSION 3 DETAILS

Loadout:

4x AIM-9M Sidewinder, Gun Pod

Radio:

243 AM (Preset 1)

Navigation:

Waypoint 1 is a Breakpoint. Break at Waypoint 1, then find the enemy at high altitude between Waypoint 1 and 2.

Waypoint 1 is Bullseye

TACAN:

1X (USS Nassau)

USS NASSAU

WAYPOINT 1

INTERCEPT
COURSE

20 km





TIGERS OF THE PACIFIC MISSION 4

MISSION 4: CLOSE AIR SUPPORT

During the night, the President and the Joint Chiefs have granted this area of operations priority in terms of reinforcements. However, the Navy and the Marines still does not have anything to send. The Army and the Air Force are gathering assets in Pearl Harbour but we need to secure a place for them to land. The choice is Saipans Airfield since most of our strikes has been directed at that Island and we have a plan.

The main task of our FORECON team on the Island has been to rally volunteers into a well organised militia to harass the Sunchon forces but now they will need to do a straight up infantry assault. For this to have any chance of succeeding, we need to degrade the enemy army units close to the airport. FORECON is under orders to be seen and then retreat north; with any luck a sizeable portion of the airport defenders will follow them, drawing them into the open and away from the Airfields Anti-Aircraft defences. Meanwhile, our Task Force will move south to blockade the route between Saipan and Guam to prevent the enemy from interfering. Since all enemy naval ships been sunk and heavy bombers has been shot down, this should not put the Task Force in any considerable danger.

Springfield 1 will be acting as close air support for FORECON, Callsign ANVIL. You will have limited ordinance that will be dropped only on command from their JTAC: Follow their directions to the letter.

Springfield 2 will be conducting air interdictions to engage enemy forces in transit towards the FORECON Team.

Springfield 3 will be conducting a Combat Air Patrol above Saipan.

Be alert. Enemy MiG 21 are still based on Tinian and we are curious as to why they have not gotten involved yet. Oh, and Springfield 1. We still haven't found the problem with Plane 2, wait in the plane for news from the mechanics.

MISSION 4 DETAILS

Loadout:

1x GBU-16, 1x Rocket Pod, 1x Gun Pod

Radio:

243 AM (Preset 1)

Navigation:

Waypoint 1 is a Breakpoint. Waypoint 2 is the location of friendly forces.

TACAN:

1X (USS Nassau)

USS NASSAU

WAYPOINT 1

FORECON
TEAM

20 km





TIGERS OF THE PACIFIC MISSION 5

MISSION 5: IRON HAND

The first phase of the operation went well enough. The Suncheon forces reacted more quickly than anticipated but close air support handled the problem and significantly degraded the enemy forces on Saipan. Our next objective is to neutralise air defences around the enemy forward operating base and the Saipan Airfield to give freedom of action for future CAS sorties.

Springfield 1 will neutralise the three remaining SA-8 batteries on the Island. Two are placed near the Airfield (WAYPOINT 2), the third one is placed at the enemy forward operating base at the golf course where you destroyed the Early Warning Radar. You will go in close and use Sidearm missiles for this task so make sure your angle of attack is clear; you will have precious little time to veer away after launch.

Springfield 2 and 3 will hold until the SA-8s are taken out and will engage the Anti-Air Artillery and the Forward Operating Base respectively. We expect that the infantry assaults will proceed more smoothly with the enemy being disorganised following our attacks - Springfield 2 will reload at once and stand by to operate as CAS - Springfield 1 and 3 will be held in reserve as we need to conserve our airframes. Lack of spare parts and keeping all our Harriers flying may quickly become a problem if we continue to operate in this matter.

At the same time, we will attempt to secure Tinian with a bold assault using our ships and MARDET Marines onboard the Task Force. We will conduct a precision strike against air defenses and deploy our marines using the task force helicopters. This is a risky move so be alert in case the assault force needs additional support.

MISSION 5 DETAILS

Loadout:

4x Sidearm, 2x Maverick

Radio:

243 AM (Preset 1)

Navigation:

Waypoint 1 is a Breakpoint. Waypoint 2 is the Saipan Airfield. Waypoint 3 is the enemy FOB.

TACAN:

1X (USS Nassau)

USS NASSAU

SA-8

WAYPOINT 1

20 km





TIGERS OF THE PACIFIC MISSION 6

MISSION 6: THE LAST FULL MEASURE

The capture of Saipain and Tinian proceeded above expectations. Most Sunchon forces, thinking they faced regular US Infantry surrendered or fled allowing us to fly in more troops and airplanes from Hawaii. We have done an outstanding job to allow the arrival of these reinforcements, consisting of a patriot battery, ground troops and twelve F-16C Vipers as well as an E-3 Sentry. Currently, convoys of C-130s are flying in even more forces.

However, the Nassau Task Force has spent so much missiles and spare parts - not to mention the strain on the crew - that it has been declared combat ineffective and has been ordered to return to Pearl for resupply. However, the US Air Force has requested we provide some air frames for their bait and switch operation against the fighters on Guam and you volunteered so here is the business of the day.

The Vipers are divided into three groups. Ford 1, Ford 2 and Ford 3. Ford 1 and 2 will establish a combat air patrol between Saipan and Ruta while Ford 3 is currently underway to destroy Guams EW Radar. This is meant to deceive the enemy into thinking we are planning a major strike on their airfield; they will have no choice but to scramble everything - once in the Air, the Vipers will engage and destroy the enemy with our new air-to-air missile, the AIM-120 AMRAAM or Slammer as it has become known thanks to its effectiveness.

Springfield 1 role in this operation is to neutralise the small airfield on the Island of Rota. Don't worry about the MiGs, the Vipers will handle them. Your primary target is the runway itself that must be put out of action so the enemy aircraft have no place to flee too. Last recon sweep showed the Island to be guarded by Shilkas; Springfield 1-2 will carry Mavericks to counter this threat. Once the mission is complete, return to Saipan. We will be flown out with a C-130 to Pearl after the operation; giving a few days to relax before the Nassau arrives with her task force.

Darkstar and Ford Flights will all relay information on 243 but I will be your flight controller as usual.

MISSION 6 DETAILS

Loadout:

4x Mk 83 Bombs, 2x Sidewinder.
Do not change your loadout.

Radio:

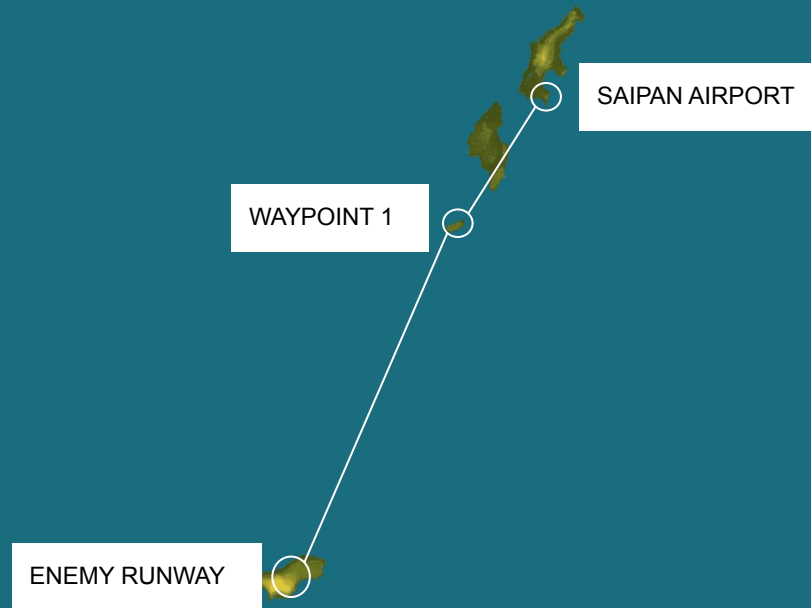
243 AM (Preset 1)

Navigation:

Waypoint 1 is a navigation point. Waypoint 2 is the Target Waypoint. Waypoint 3 is Saipan Airfield.

TACAN:

None available.



A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a historic brick building on the right, featuring a balcony with ornate black metal railings. A large American flag flies from a pole extending from the building. In the background, a modern glass skyscraper with a 'Citi' logo is visible against a bright, overcast sky. The text 'TIGERS OF THE PACIFIC EPILOGUE' is overlaid in the bottom left corner.

TIGERS OF THE PACIFIC EPILOGUE

EPILOGUE

Shortly after your mission to destroy the Runway on Rota, a negotiated withdrawal of the Sunchon forces took place. This settlement was aided by the fact that Sunchon command realised further resistance would only lead to more casualties and the fact that their occupation had been mild with no civilian casualties. You and your wingman reached Hawaii and enjoyed a week of R&R until the USS Nassau joined you for reloads and repairs.

The 1996 Taiwan Crisis would likewise be settled peacefully without shots being fired on either side.

Your airplanes would never leave the Islands. Rather, they would be stripped of valuable equipment and donated to the local government to become the staple of a new museum over the short war built outside the Airport gates. You alongside your squadron attended the museums inauguration in 1999 during the USS Nassaus visit during the anniversary of the end of the Sunchon Ockupation.

The USAF Deployment of F-16s and a E-3 Sentry AWACS class aircraft continue to this day.