

FROM: TK-7513, BRAVO SQUAD
TO: PLATOON COMMANDER
RE: MISSION TO PLANET GX-751-E

MISSION OBJECTIVE

Destruction of a Rebel outpost within half a light year of Emperor's Hammer territory.

MISSION PARAMETERS

At 09.00 local time, Bravo and Delta Squads will be dropped planetside approximately 25 clicks from the target. Bravo on the North side, Delta on the South side. Both Squads need to be in place at the designated time. At 05.00 they are to commence the assault.

BRAVO SQUAD

Will be in charge of distracting the Rebel troops. They will launch the attack with whatever weapons they can get and draw the enemy troops away from the base. Retreat is required to draw troops further away.

MISSION REPORT

At 05.00 heavy ordnance was launched at the Rebel base. Snipers were deployed to take out the guards. Enemy Walkers and ground forces were dispatched after the first explosions. We were able to take out a good number of enemy ground forces as they exited the base. At this point we were too far away to effectively deal with the enemy Walkers. As ordered, we retreated into the forest when ground troops closed in on our position. Once in the forest we were able to ambush the enemy and take out three of the Walkers. At this point the enemy retreated back to their base. We followed to delay them as much as possible.

CASUALTIES

Confirmed destruction of three enemy Walkers with the standard complement of two crewmembers, as well as fifteen enemy soldiers taken out by sniper fire. There are twenty two unconfirmed kills.

Five Imperial troopers were killed.

FROM: TK-6985, DELTA SQUAD
TO: PLATOON COMMANDER
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DELTA SQUAD

Will infiltrate the enemy base and set up demolition charges at key locations.

MISSION REPORT

Our Company took advantage of the enemy's distraction. Four troopers were able to gain access to the enemy facility via the waste disposal system. The maps provided to us were inaccurate, and so we were unable to reach our designated target areas. As result, charges were placed in locations we deemed critical to the survival of the base. After we exfiltrated the base and reached safe distance, the charges were detonated causing considerable damage to the facility.

CASUALTIES

Unknown. No losses.

FROM: TK-12514, PLATOON B17
TO: COMPANY COMMANDER
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MISSION EVALUATION

Intel report the Rebel facility was damaged but not destroyed. The charges were set in the wrong locations, resulting in the key positions not being destroyed. It is expected this facility will be back up and running within two weeks.

PLATOON COMMANDER RECOMMENDATIONS

Delta Squad was responsible for placing the charges. At this they have failed. They lay blame for this with inaccurate maps of the facility. The maps should be evaluated and proper action taken against those who supplied them. Action should also be taken against Delta Squad for not being able to adapt to changing mission parameters. Recommendation: termination.

FROM: TK-3951, PHOENIX COMPANY
TO: BATTALION COMMANDER
RE: MISSION TO PLANET GX-751-E

MISSION EVALUATION

Delta Squad of Platoon B17 was assigned the task of destroying a Rebel facility on planet GX-751-E at which they failed. Although damaged, the facility was not destroyed and will be up and running soon. The Rebels are now alerted to our knowledge of the existence of the facility so its destruction will be problematic.

COMPANY COMMANDER RECOMMENDATION

Members of Delta squad are to be terminated for their failure. Preferably this should be done in public to remind other troopers of the price of failure.

The enemy facility needs to be destroyed as quickly as possible before the enemy can supply the facility with reinforcements. As they are aware of our presence, a ground assault is unlikely to succeed at this point. Recommend deferring this assignment to the TIE Corps for an orbital assault on the facility.

High Admiral Anahorn Dempsey, Commodore of the mighty *Imperial-II* class Star Destroyer *Challenge*, threw the reports over her desk in frustration. The papers flew everywhere. LC Denys Elara could tell the Admiral was angry. Although angry might not be a strong enough word for it.

"These incompetent idiots," the Admiral said. "They want to waste a resource like the *Challenge* on something as insignificant as a Rebel facility that doesn't even have a starfighter defense? What good is a stormtrooper corps when they can't even handle a simple task like this!"

Elara nodded. Not much else to do at this point.

Dempsey sat back down and sighed. "Oh well," she said. "I suppose we better get this over with so we can get back to our actual task."

Elara stood up. "I'll make the arrangements," she said.

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An hour later, Firebird squadron's pilots entered the briefing room next to the *Challenge's* main hangar. They quickly found their seats as Elara stood before them. The woman before them was on the small side, but they knew that she was one of the most capable officers on the ship. She had definitely earned the respect she was due. Elara flicked a switch, and the holographic projector came to life. The image flickered, and showed an aerial map of a small facility.

"This is a Rebel facility on a planet dubbed GX-751-E," she started. "I know the name is lame, but it's the best we got. You see before you a small Rebel facility. We're not sure what exactly its objective is, this information is classified by the brass. What I can tell you is that it needs to be destroyed sooner rather than later."

"Excuse me, sir," Colonel Stryker said. "That looks like a rather small facility. Wouldn't a ground assault be better to take it out? Unless you want us on the ground of course."

Elara smiled.

"My thoughts exactly. A ground assault would be the preferred way to go. Unless of course the stormtrooper units assigned said ground assault screwed it up. Which they did. Which now means the Rebels know that we know they are there, and they will be expecting another assault. So we need to move quickly before reinforcements arrive. If they haven't already that is, we're unsure and unable to get you that intel before we have to move. So that job is a simple one. Flight II and their Y-wings will drop their bombs and destroy the facility. Flight I and II provide cover fire. I'd recommend a strafing run before the Y-wings go

in so you can get a feel for the situation and test their ground-to-air defenses, but that's up to you. You have half an hour to come up with a viable plan of action, then you launch. We've fed the planet's location and facility's coordinates to your R2 units. Unfortunately, that's all I can give you."

Stryker nodded. "No problem, sir. We'll get it done."

He nodded to his pilots, and as one they rose, gave the Wing Commander a salute, and walked off to the hangar bay to give their fighters a final check before departure.