

GAME MASTER DIARIES

Smackdown

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Episode One

Terror Begins

CAMPAIGN LOG

Episode 1 began with an introduction from our local TOP NEWS UPDATE 1 affiliate that gave a brief overview of the present state of the War on Terror.

Then from there the action went to the briefing room where Col. Thomas J Masters informed the team of their first mission: Swoop down out of the sky in a Little Bird helicopter, disembark, find Wali-ur-Rehman Meshud, eliminate or capture him, eliminate or capture any other High Value Targets (HVTs) eliminate any hostile presences in the area, and recover any valuable intelligence about local / international terror networks.



When the Little Bird landed the 5 man group split into 2 separate two-man assault teams with Lawrence McHenry (a PC) providing cover with his SAW.

One guard was visible immediately in front of one of the two target buildings and was dropped before he had a chance to react by the SAW of Lawrence McHenry. As Trey Nation (a PC) and Lee (a PC) ran towards one of the target buildings a wild-eyed man exited the target building and fired in the general direction of the assault team. Fortunately no-one was hit by his imprecise aim and Trey and Lee were on him within a matter of seconds and Trey silenced him with a three-round burst to his cranium.

While this assault was taking place Sgts. Thomas and Jerry were exchanging fire with two other men who had exited the second target building. The two men were spraying their AKs wildly at the intermittent muzzle flashes but with no success. Within minutes, both of the fanatical suspects had been dropped from wounds from their heads.

Back at the first target building, Lee threw a flash bang into the building and immediately rushed in. Inside the room was a dazed and immobile hostile that Lee instantly subdued and restrained. A further search of the room would lead to the capture of a laptop that would later turn up some interesting information.

Silence filled the area, and Lawrence began working his way over to where Sgts. Thomas and Jerry were securing the second target building. As Lawrence approached the building he began to hear someone crying out for assistance in a heavily accented voice. After a thorough search of the area, a trapdoor was found under a Persian rug and revealed a small chamber in the basement that held rusty farming tools and a captive French journalist.

After questioning the French journalist it was established that he was one of two journalists who were recently captured by Taliban and that in the last safe house that he was at he saw a meeting between African Islamists and the Taliban. He also mentioned that the he kept hearing the word “missile” in the conversation.

While the journalist was being questioned Lee was interrogating his restrained suspect and found out that the man was a local claimed that he grabbed his weapon only because he heard shooting outside of his compound. He claimed innocence about not being a member of the Taliban and says that he has never even seen Wali-ur Meshud. Nonetheless, the man was put aboard the exfil chopper and was taken back to the base with the rest of the team as a large formation of Taliban troops were beginning to ascend the hilltop from the town below.

BRIEFING (READ ALOUD)

As the briefing room closes behind you, Colonel Thomas J Masters instructs you to “sit down and listen up!” Masters is 6’3, stands ramrod straight in his digital-pattern camouflage, and is as bald as he is black.

“Men, I’ll get straight to the point. We’ve got credible up-to-date Intel on the number 2 HVT in all of Pakistani Taliban: Wali-ur-Rehman Mehsud. He is the current leader of the Taliban inside of Pakistan.

Our contact on this mission is codenamed FIREBRAND because he works in one of the local Wahhabi madrassas helping disadvantaged Jihadists find their martyr selves as well a militant Allah. FIREBRAND was flipped about a year-and-a-half ago when the then Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud forced his younger mentally retarded brother to carry out a suicide bombing of an all girls’ school in Southern Pakistan. Apparently some of these people do have a conscience because a few weeks later FIREBRAND contacted us and asked how he could help.

For the skeptics in the audience FIREBRAND has already helped us capture three minor targets and was the guy who passed us the information that directly led to Baitullah Mehsuds’ untimely death at the hands of a Predator drone’s Hellfire Missile last year. So, FIREBRAND is the real deal.

FIREBRAND has received intelligence that tells us that Wali is going to see his favorite wife in a small village tonight before he heads off to a large meeting of Taliban bigwigs tomorrow. Now, unfortunately for us, FIREBRAND does NOT know where the meeting will be held but he is aware of the location of the wife.

We will conduct three other simultaneous takeoffs, maneuvers, and landings at three other locations to pull some attention off of your assault. At your request, your cover teams will be inserted by Blackhawks outside of the village/compound and your assault will be dropped off by Little Birds inside of the compound.

Your mission is to ELIMINATE or CAPTURE Wali-ur-Rehman Mehsud, ELIMINATE or CAPTURE other HVTs and to ELIMINATE all other hostile presences in the area. Lastly, secure as much Intel as possible. When you have accomplished these tasks call for extraction and we will bring you home.

In this folder you should find all relevant information about FIREBRAND, your mission which is codenamed OPERATION FIRE DUST, and the support that you'll have available. In less you have any further questions I shall leave you up to your own devices.

TOP NIGHTLY NEWS (READ ALOUD)

The renewed efforts by the revitalized Taliban have been a major thorn in the side of the current administration. While this administration has had its hands full with fighting increased unemployment while also trying to halt the weakening of the economy, the situation along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border is becoming dire for residents there.

For the last year and a half numerous tribes along this border have switched their allegiance away from their respective governments and have joined with the resurgent Taliban. N.A.T.O. forces in the area have reported that local villagers are becoming increasingly hostile and N.A.T.O. officials have aired public fears that this trend may be spreading to other parts of these fledgling nations.

In a press conference earlier today in Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, the American Commander in Eastern Afghanistan, Major General Thomas Ventrelli, stated that N.A.T.O. troops would be aggressively pursuing the Taliban and that freedom would again be seen in this war-torn nation.

Major General Thomas Ventrelli stated that, "with the well-trained and motivated N.A.T.O. troops at my disposal, I am confident that the remnants of the Taliban will be systematically and effectively neutralized so that the good people of this area can breathe free and easy again."

In other world news today, the Yemeni government has said that it has reached an agreement with Al-Qaeda linked separatists there and that more information about this agreement would be forthcoming. Obama administration officials have recently mentioned their fears of a resurgent Al-Qaeda in the Horn of Africa region.

Also today, a short video tape was released by the Taliban of two French Journalists who were captured almost three weeks ago just outside of Kabul. The tape was given to the French Television station France 3 today where the journalists asked their government to increase

the speed of negotiations with the Taliban over their release. The French government has declined to answer any questions regarding this new development.

Finally tonight, director of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, who has been criticized for her comments following the attempted Christmas Day bombing, said today that while America still faces sizeable threats both here and abroad, that she is confident that her department can and will keep Americans safe.

From all of us here at TOP News, Goodnight.

INFORMATION RETRIEVED FROM LAPTOP

(Secured on the night of February 15th prepared by the National Intelligence Agency)

TOP SECRET

List of Taliban meetings from the months of January and February of 2010.

Meeting with "African brothers" mentioned

Discussion about "transfer of weapons" to "African brothers" discussed on numerous occasions.

No final verdict about "transfer" found on laptop

Comments regarding the effectiveness of the current American unmanned drone offensive in the tribal areas. (Apparently the Pakistani Taliban leadership are deathly afraid of the UAVs and are unsure of how to combat their effectiveness.)

Information regarding the placement of Taliban troops within the Helmand province of Southern Afghanistan. (Information about troops has been forwarded to Gen. Stanley McChrystal.)

List of name of Taliban contacts in and around North Waziristan

The actual name of Firebrand was NOT one of the names listed.

Leads on numerous forthcoming terrorist attacks in Pakistan, Britain, Philippines, and the U.S.

No information on any link to a Minneapolis based terrorist cell.

Episode Two

Disassembling the Networks

CAMPAIGN LOG

Episode 2 began with an introduction from our local TOP NEWS UPDATE 2 affiliate that gave a brief overview of the present state of the War on Terror at both home and abroad.

At the beginning of the episode The F.B.I. was contacted by a young Somali-American (Nadif) who says he had an interest in joining the Bureau. The taskforce put him forth as a “willing” recruit to the Imam Mahammad Kahalil who is believed to have knowledge of the missing Somali boys and possible links to homegrown terrorists. After the initial introductions were made the Imam asked Yasabi (a PC who is on loan to the F.B.I. from the Mossad) to “procure” a large truck for an upcoming operation.

Later that day Jack Cooper (a PC) received a message that he had a visitor at the F.B.I. headquarters and that the contact had information regarding the ongoing case against the Somali cell. When Jack went back to headquarters he found Lev “The Bear” waiting for him – a Russian mobster whom Jack has worked with in the past. Lev told Jack that there was/is a Chechen drug dealer (Habib) on the streets whom Lev believes is involved with the cell that Jack is chasing. In return for this information Lev asked Jack for a “future favor”. Jack agreed.

The team (Yasabi, Jack, and Lucy) then tracked down Habib, both threatening him to turn over information about the Somali cell and to go to work for the taskforce. This was done by Jack holding an unloaded weapon into the mouth of Habib in an abandoned warehouse. After Habib conceded to these “requests” the local police arrived (Lt. Kowalski) was first on the scene.



After stonewalling Kowalski, his superior, Deputy Police Chief Ali arrived on the scene and had a heated exchange with Jack about “future cooperation”. Ali was insulted by both Jack and Lucy. Ali insisted that he would help if he knew what was going on but no-one in the group gave him any relevant information about the case.

The group then sent Habib undercover in the Mosque to meet with the Imam. Habib found out information that led to the group’s realization that the Imam was/is being contacted by someone above him (via beeper) and that they communicate by writing draft emails but never

sending them. Also, the group found out that the target of the attack is going to be on the next Saturday afternoon at 12:00 in the Mall of America. There is going to be a huge interfaith ceremony between a bishop in the Greek Orthodox Church and an Orthodox Rabbi from Israel and that somehow the Imam and his group is going to attack it.

The group then found out that the Imam only has transactions with one specific teller who also happens to be Somali. The group bugged her home and found out that she was going to have a late-night meeting with a local hardware store owner, who was also under suspicion of being a terrorist, about facilitating the purchase of explosives for a terror attack. The group tapped her phones but did not intercept her during their meeting.

The next morning the group found out that just a few minutes ago Lt. Kowalski had been driving by the hardware store on a “routine inspection” and was shot at by armed persons inside of the store. He was not injured, called for backup, and a stand-off ensued. S.W.A.T. was sent to the scene of the crime and when they stormed the building, the owner and his two sons (who were armed and actively fighting the police) were killed and the owner’s daughter (who was being used as a human shield) was also killed.

Moments after the standoff was ended by the S.W.A.T. team Jack received a message that Habib, their Chechen contact had been found murdered in an alleyway that morning in an “apparent Mafiya-style execution”.

TOP NIGHTLY NEWS (READ ALOUD)

The battle for Southern Afghanistan continues tonight as American-led N.A.T.O. forces continue to battle the Taliban in the Southern province of Helmand. Fierce fighting has been reported from our TOP NEWS correspondents in the field and apparently numerous Taliban have been killed.

Also today, Afghani President Hamid Karzai has again denounced N.A.T.O. tactics he claims have killed over 100 civilians since the beginning of the spring offensive. An N.A.T.O. spokesman stated today at a press conference that all possible measures are being implemented to prevent the loss of innocent life.

On the home front today, still no word on the missing Somali-Americans who have gone abroad to commit acts of terror and Jihad against America and American interests. Both local and federal law enforcement agencies have been looking for the men since last November. If you have any information about the whereabouts of these men, please contact your local authorities.

For TOP News, Goodnight.

Episode Three

The Conclusion

CAMPAIGN LOG

Episode three again began with an introduction from our local TOP NEWS UPDATE affiliate that gave information about the shootout at the Hardware Store that “rocked the nation”.

At the beginning of the episode Lev “The Bear” was taken by police and he called Jack for assistance as a reimbursement for his earlier lead about Habib the Chechen drug dealer. Jack simply ignored his pleas and was then reamed out by his boss Deputy Director Pistole for not utilizing local law enforcement in his investigation.

The group then found out information that led them to believe that their undercover Nadif was the second driver in the terror attack; which lead them to begin searching for the other driver. Quickly find out from differing sources that one driver, Yousef, is going to be a decoy, and that the driver of the real attack is nowhere to be found.

Following this was the investigation of Nadiyah Rahman, the bank teller who was the only contact between Imam Mahammad Kahalil and the local bank. After her door was kicked in she claimed that she was forced to assist the Imam and his cronies and that on three separate occasions her baby had been kidnapped and was not returned back to her until she had agreed to continue helping the Islamists. After being threatened with jail time and with the possibility of being separated again from her baby because of Jack’s threats, Nadiyah became hysterical and fought against Jack when he attempted to take the baby out of her hands. After a brief scuffle the baby was dropped to the ground and Nadiyah was taken out of the house in handcuffs screaming at her neighbors that armed men are trying to kill her and that the police had murdered her baby.



On their way back to the station a large plume of smoke was seen in the distance and the group was informed from their dispatcher that when a team was about to enter the Mosque, on their orders, that Imam Mahammad Kahalil detonated an explosive that destroyed almost an entire city block, including the Mosque and all of the evidence that the team had hoped to recover from there.

When the group got back to the station, Deputy Director Pistole relieved Jack of command and instructed him to take no further part of the case. Lucy was promoted to command

the group and grudgingly told Assistant Police Chief Al-Malik about the upcoming Mall of America attack. Al-Malik flipped out and threatened to ignore Lucy and her crew until the operation is over.

After being verbally assaulted by Al-Malik, Lucy set up a meet with the undercover operator Nadif. The group (with Jack incognito) went to meet with Nadif's while he was driving his 18-wheeler truck in a crappy part of town. However, whenever the team arrived at the meeting place the truck appeared to be abandoned.

Yasabi decided to investigate the truck and when he got up the truck he saw what looked like Nadif's body laying dead on the seat of the truck with the glass of the window shattered.

Instead of entering the vehicle, Yasabi turned around to call Jack up for assistance with the truck, when he was shot in the upper shoulder from afar. Yasabi rolled under the truck as Lucy exited the car, grabbed her sniper rifle out of the truck, and sought cover in a concrete restroom in the park. As Lucy scanned for the hidden sniper Jack drove the car up to the 18-wheeler and Yasabi jumped in.

Using her sniper training from the military, Lucy took aim at a reflection on a rooftop roughly 500 yards away and squeezed her trigger. After exchanging three rounds with the sniper, the reflection did not reappear and the team cautiously drove up to the building and entered carefully.

Lucy went up the stairs first to inspect her kill and on the roof of the building she found an off-duty S.W.A.T. officer with a sniper rifle lying next to his corpse. The group begins to feel even stronger that someone high-up in the law enforcement food chain is assisting the terrorists and was actively working against them.

When the police arrive at the 18-wheeler they disarm three bobby traps and proclaim that Nadif was indeed the dead man laid out in the truck.

With few leads remaining, the team went to the Crescent Moon Bakery, which was only a few block from the recently destroyed Mosque. The Crescent Moon Bakery was the former employer of Jalal Turk, the man who was first captured and it was also supposed to be where Nadif was to receive his final instructions. With nothing to lose and with time running out, Lucy entered the bakery from a rear entrance and Yasabi entered the store from the front.

In a back storage room, Lucy rummaged around, found some incriminating evidence, but unfortunately she found nothing solid. Nothing that is, until a cell-phone vibrated in a desk drawer. Unable to muster enough courage to answer the phone, Lucy waited until the phone stopped ringing, she waited for the vibration alert that a message had been left and then she flipped-open the phone. Lucy was shocked when she heard the enraged voice of Assistant Police Chief Al-Malik chastising whom he thought was the second truck driver wondering

where he was and stating that he had altered his troops' locations so that the attack could proceed as planned.

With the incriminating evidence in hand, Lucy snuck back to her car only to find that Yasabi had a handcuffed Somali in the backseat of their car whom he explained was their mysterious second driver: Ishan Yousef.

Lucy called Deputy Director Pistole of their find and he shocked them by telling them that he was not surprised. Pistole told the team that the F.B.I. had been watching Al-Malik for the last four years in regards to terrorism but never had enough evidence to prosecute. Pistole then told the team that they had done a great job and that the F.B.I. already had Al-Malik in custody and that the threat from him was over.

Pistole then informed the team that Lucy would keep her promotion as head of the Minnesota F.B.I., Yasabi would be returned back to the Mossad with a huge monetary thank you to the Israeli government, and that Jack was going to be sued by Nadiyah Rahman for the wrongful death of her son. Pistole reassured Jack that he would do everything in his power to help him but noted that there was a chance that Jack could spend some time in jail.

However, there was no word about the missiles that our Delta Force team heard about just a few weeks ago. Perhaps the higher-up will allow Delta Force to intercept them before they can be put into use against America, her allies, or her interests...

TOP NIGHTLY NEWS (READ ALOUD)

Press Release for TOP Nightly News 3-3-2010

There was big trouble in the Twin Cities today when a patrolling police officer was shot at from fundamentalist Muslims who were located inside of a local hardware store. Lt. Kowalski, of the Minneapolis Police Department, took fire from the stores' owner, Ammar Abdel, who is suspected of being an Islamic militant.

Back-up arrived minutes later and it has been reported that Ammar's two sons were also armed and exchanged fire with the Minneapolis Police Department. After a stand-off that lasted for close to four hours, a local S.W.A.T. team was sent in and shot and killed both Muhammad and Dharr Abdel, Ammar's sons. Also, TOP NEWS has learned that Ammar's daughter, was killed while being used as a human shield.

The store's owner, Ammar was injured in the shoot-out and is currently being held in an undisclosed local hospital and is labeled as being in critical condition. The F.B.I. has declined to comment on this situation.

For TOP News, Goodnight.