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Operation Urgent-Phantom Crisis Record

Operation Staff;

CIC Command Staff:

Commanding Officer Major Liam Cristensen

Executive Officer Captain Ren Valoris

CIC Staff Officers:

1Lt. Jerome Sewell (CIC Staff Officer)

<u>1Lt.</u>. Edward Mark Marshal (CIC Staff Officer)

<u>1Lt. Ralph MeBride</u> (CIC Staff Officer)

1Lt. Lukas Eric Brzenska (CIC Staff Officer)

1Lt. Maria Hylegir (Auxiliary Support Officer)

USS Saturnine Crew Manifest Data-Link: [

USS Saturnine Crew Complement: 42

USS Saturnine Marine Complement: 83 [2 Platoons]

Weyland-Yutani Observers:

OPERATION GRID DESIGNATION: UNIFORM- CHARLIE

Post Operation Report;

Marine Casualties: Deceased, 12 severely wounded, 2 Missing in Action

Crew Casualties: 4 Engineering Staff Deceased, 2 Medical Staff severely wounded

Mission Objective: Recover Corporate Scientists

Mission Result: [PENDING]

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MISSION REPORT ANALYSIS

[Conducted by:]
MISSION REPORT DATA-LINK: [

This Analysis is conducted onboard the USS Blackstone currently enroute to the Neroid Sector. Personally The report itself has many contradictions in regards to the Intelligence provided to us by Weyland-Yutani. We cannot confirm nor deny this publicly as of yet, hence the reason for this analysis. The issue here is that the report was provided by Executive Officer Captain Ren Valoris himself who has so far been cooperating with us in finding out the truth of what happened.

Operation Urgent-Phantom Crisis was conducted at the Weyland-Yutani Colony of LV-LL, a research colony that specializes in biochemical and bioengineering research. The Company reported a bombing by the land and sent out a distress call. The USS Saturnine was sent to respond to this distress call while UAAC (United Americas Allied Command) and the UA Government held private talks with the land to clear up some things and prevent escalation.

The USS Saturnine was commanded by Major Liam Cristensen, a grizzled veteran who has been battling CLF Terrorists in the Neroid Sector for decades now. His second in command, Captain Ren Valoris is new to the position of XO but has proved his worth after multiple deployments. He is also the one who wrote the mission report in place of Major Cristensen after his passing.

Upon entering orbit, the USS Saturnine was hit by a high velocity missile from an undetected vessel which damaged its Engines. After a quick scan, the Saturnine crew discovered a ship in a polar orbit that is moving to intersect their orbital path seemingly trying to board the Saturnine. The Major tried to hail the ship but to no avail. With little time to spare before colliding with the approaching ship, the Major made his decision. According to the ship AI, Major Cristensen gave the order to open fire on the ship. Two XIM-28A Long Lance ASAT Missiles were fired and impacted on the enemy ship at Mach 10. No countermeasures were detected and the ship fell out of orbit.

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After damage control teams managed to contain the damage, the ship's AI revealed that orbital scans suggested that there were soldiers of unknown origin present groundside. According to the report, the Weyland-Yutani observers sent with the Marines said that "These are terrorists trying to execute our researchers and steal company secrets." After two more Orbital scans, it was finalized that there were about **100 - 150 combatants** present in the AO.

The observers urged the Major to deploy the Marines and rescue the researchers. According to the report, Valoris states that "The Major confessed that the odds of both rescuing the scientists and driving out these terrorists were not ideal, considering the number of Marines they have compared to OPFOR. The fact that a ship was also present in the area was concerning as well..." They speculated that a UPP backed terrorist group bombing a W-Y colony is not impossible, but still unlikely.

To fully grasp the situation, the Major had decided to deploy a reconnaissance group to probe and gather intel against OPFOR. A team of 8 Marines along with an Intel Officer was deployed at 0330 AO-time via a dropship. The initial drop saw no problems and there were no signs of being detected as well. The shrubbery and the trees provided cover for the dropship when landing.

The reconnaissance team arrived at the outskirts of the WY research facility and saw it heavily guarded. The Saturnine, observing from a perpendicular orbit of the AO, counted over 50 IR signatures scattered all over the facility, none of which the Company observers confirmed to be theirs. Thus, they were branded as OPFOR. Damage to the research facility itself was strictly prohibited as per the ROE set by the Major himself after being advised by the observers. After much scanning of the facility, the reconnaissance team reported that the terrorists looked very similar to personnel and were using both Marine and weapons alike.

The AI would report that a storm was going to pass over the AO and would hinder much of the orbital scans for the next 27 hours, and thus the recon squad was ordered to exfil. At 0500 AO-time, enroute to their evac point, the recon team would encounter an OPFOR patrol and exchange fire, alerting the nearby patrols to converge on their location. At 0532, around 4 Marines were mortally wounded with 1 Marine dead. The Intelligence officer would call in "Star Fall" which is the code that requests for all fire support be directed at their location.

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At 0538, a dropship loaded with Napalm would launch from the Saturnine to provide **Close-Air-Support** (CAS) to the pinned Marines. As the storm drew overhead, it became more difficult to monitor them from Orbit, however they reported that the sudden arrival of CAS drew most of them away and allowed them to exfil from the AO.

Having broken their element of surprise and after pressure from the corporate observers, the Major gave the order to deploy. According to the report, the Major himself alongside two staff officers were to be deployed alongside 70 Marines to assault and take over the facility. High-Explosive Shells were loaded on the ship's cannons to provide **Orbital Bombardment** (OB) support should the situation need it. About two trucks and two APCs were also brought up for support.

However, Valoris states that "...The Major is in a dilemma. He could either deploy now through the storm and potentially save the scientists before they are executed, which was a possibility brought up by the observers, or he could wait 27 hours until the storm has left the AO and risk the lives of the scientists. It was a tough situation to be in, but after careful consideration, we decided that time is precious and now was the best time to deploy and deny them any preparation."

The Marines are reported to have landed 5 klicks (5 Kilometers/3 Miles) west of the facility at 0830. Two squads from 1st Platoon departed to secure a path towards the facility for the vehicles. First contact would be made at 0843 when Alpha Squad exchanged fire with what they reported to be a "...a Squad sent to attack FOB before the fortifications were set!" Alpha Squad would be joined with Delta Squad who would manage to repel the attackers, albeit with some casualties. 8 Marines reported dead.

At 0845, the APCs and Trucks would arrive. Mortars were already set and dialed. Alpha, Charlie and Delta squads moved up with the vehicles and began the assault. Initially, OPFOR was caught by surprise at the sudden arrival of armored vehicles, but as soon as the Marines entered the facility, they found the scientists unharmed and confused. They resisted compliance at first, as reported. Valoris would later comment outside of the mission report that "The corporate observers seemed concerned and suggested we force them to comply via gunpoint. CIC went quiet for a moment when they said that. As if I saw it coming, they tried to cover it up with a joke…"

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1st Lieutenant Edward Marshal who was with Alpha Squad inside the research facility reported "We're having trouble on having the scientists comply. They don't seem to recognize us for some reason." That would be his last transmission. According to Marine witnesses, several OPFOR combatants managed to come in from the other side and a firefight ensued inside the facility.

Outside the facility, 1st Lieutenant Ralph McBride who was inside the APC was killed when an RPG struck the APC from behind. An OPFOR RPG team managed to slip past the perimeter of Marines who would still have been engaging against OPFOR skirmishers and managed to let off a round. Everyone inside the APC died immediately.

According to a Marine survivor, "...the sudden explosion of the APC seemed to have signaled the to counterattack. Our defensive cordon just rolled backwards. Next thing I knew, the second APC took another rocket but still kept firing. The Major tried to keep the lines from collapsing but even he knew it could not hold..."

The Marines were surrounded and were pushed back into the facility. Seeing the situation, Ren Valoris deployed groundside and appointed 1st Lieutenant Maria Hylegir as acting CO shipside. He also woke up another squad from Cryosleep and had them deployed with him. It should be noted that the AO is still under the effects of a storm.

According to the mission report and several Marine witnesses, Captain Valoris rallied the idle Marines from FOB and sallied out to relieve the encircled Squads. He would successfully break through the enemy lines and relieve the Marines there along with the Major and the scientists. According to Captain Valoris, "The Major's lower body was gone yet somehow he was still alive... If you could even call him that. He was pale and shaking. But when he saw me, he smiled and told me to 'take these men home.' He died right there..."

Captain Valoris, now the acting Commanding Officer of the Saturnine, called in a retreat to FOB for immediate evacuation. Despite the protests of the Corporate Observers, Captain Valoris would launch an Orbital Strike at the Facility, killing everyone inside and the immediate vicinity. The Operation ended at 1237 AO-time.

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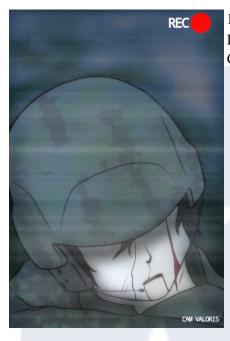
Contradicting Report

The Mission Report does seem legitimate, however one cannot deny the contradicting details it has with the details provided to us by reliable intelligence sources. For one, it was reported that there was no Ship involved in the Operation. What is more interesting was that Weyland-Yutani denied that there were any bombings in one of their colonies, as that would damage existing relations with the UA and other Earth Countries. UAAC also released a report that the talks with the revealed that they did not bomb any Weyland-Yutani Colonies, and that they only had one outpost in that region of space.

Aftermath

After reviewing the reports several times, the 4th Colonial Marine Division along with UAAC and the Office of Internal Security decided to cover up the incident and put a hold on all USS Saturnine Operations. The death of a Major is something that would cause some issues in the future as well. Captain Ren Valoris, despite having taken part in an International Incident, was recommended to be promoted to the rank of Commanding Officer. **As of now his promotion to Major is still Pending**.

GALLERY;



Extracted recording of Major Liam Cristensen's Death from Executive Officer Captain Ren Valoris



Extracted from Executive Officer Captain Ren Valoris of a Designated Marksman operating in the AO

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