

OP PORTCULLIS - A-10C - OPERATIONAL SERIES PRE-FLT BRIEF

Two Flts of 4 operating from Al-Dahfra. Assume Boar Flt to the North, Hog Flt to the North-east.
On entry to ac, as soon as practical - check your load-out is correct and confirm routes entered.

SADL Boar - 97-11 to 97-14 Hog 97-21 to 97-24

Listen out for check with Flt Cdr on 251.0, 31.0 (Boar), 32.0 (Hog) and then listen out on ATC 125.6.
Flt Cdrs (ONLY) call for start up, taxi, and take-off.

Once airborne and passing 2000 ft, Flt Cdrs call Flt to 138.0, and check Flt in.

Ensure you can see flt members on SADL.

From 2000 ft Dep Pt Flt Ldrs set 92 % and climb at 200 > 190 > 185 etc. Flt goes 'Spread-4' formation.
Flts climb to 18,000 (No 1 & No 2) and 17,000 ft (No 3 and 4), At Ht set 90% and accept 200-220 kias.
At Ft Cdrs discretion each pair will hunt alone, but maintain SADL and R/T contact.

Maintain cross-cover – there will be Red fighters in the area.

Check for SAM-6, SAM-3, SAM-2 etc while running into combat area.

R/T check with CAP on 251.0 ?

Listen out on AWACS 251.0 for incoming bandits. Stay aware of what is happening.

Call for CAP cover a/r – If things get very nasty turn South and dive for home – try not to jettison..

Once running in call "C/S running in on SAM at BP 234 367"

Take out the dangerous SAMs first. Ideally Tunguskas (S6), Tors (15), OSAs (8). These can reach to 18,000 – 22,000 ft, at a range of 4-7 nm so ideally use Mavs for these.

There will also be lower level SAMs and AAA, including some that do not emit and so will only be detectable via the TGP, so stay above 12,000 ft. Shoulder fired SAM may not be detected at all.

Then concentrate on critical targets: Tanks, Artillery, BMPs. The local population is friendly – let's keep it that way – minimise collateral damage and use CBU's only in open areas.

Keep an eye on your fuel, use a bingo of 1800 lbs. Ldrs to monitor.

RTB as a formation, or at least as 2 pairs.

Rejoin via Inbound Pt (Reservoir at) at 2000 ft. Fly level on RH downwind at 2000 ft 220 kias
Turn in once 3-4 nm beyond R/W threshold, descend to 1000 ft for break to land.