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INTRODUCTION

We compiled this list in response to a flurry of reference questions posed to the HQ TRADOC Technical Library concerning recent military operations. We found that questions weren't so easy to answer, because there is no one source which provides basic information about who went where and did what to whom. We began by creating a simple list of operations giving the year and geographic region covered. This list generated even more questions, so we began gathering more specific details about each operation.

The task was surprisingly difficult because little has been written about many of the events identified here. As the results were needed rather quickly, we did not attempt to find the definitive work on each mission, but to make use of material on hand. In many cases, "material on hand" boiled down to the NEXIS service; news stories and wire reports were the only sources found. This was sufficient for our purposes, as we did not want to create a classified document, or one which would have to be limited in distribution.

We made every effort to be accurate, and we hope this list will save others some time and effort. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

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Mission: To monitor and report any military activity near the Macedonia-Serbia-Bulgaria border with the goal of keeping Macedonia out of the Bosnian civil war.

Dates: 12 July 1993-

Participating units: Primarily U.S. Army.

Type: Peacekeeping

Location: Macedonia


CONTINUE HOPE

Mission: Support of UNOSOM (UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN SOMALIA) II to establish a secure environment for humanitarian relief operations by providing personnel, logistical, communications, intelligence support, a quick reaction force, and other elements as required.

Dates: May-December 1993

Participating units: United Nations-led coalition forces

Type: Peacekeeping, humanitarian

Location: Somalia

DAGUET

Mission: Operation Daguet is the term used by the French for DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. ("Daguet" is the French for a young deer with its first growth of horns; the name follows the French convention of naming military operations for animals.)

Dates: Same as ODS

Participating Units: French coalition forces

Location: Persian Gulf


DENY FLIGHT

Mission: To keep aircraft out of the air-exclusion ("no-fly") zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina, imposed by the United Nations Resolution 816. This is the first time that NATO forces have conducted an operation out of its member-states' territories.

Dates: 13 April 1993-

Participating Units: U.S. Navy; U.S. Air Force, NATO forces. 164 aircraft, 4,000 NATO personnel.

Type: Peacekeeping

Location: Bosnia-Herzegovina

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DESERT CALM


DESERT FAREWELL

Mission: Redeployment following the Gulf war.

Dates: January 1992-

Participating Units: Primarily 5th Army; 425th Transportation Agency (MC)

Type: Logistics

Location: Persian Gulf

Bibliography: Schumm, Walter; Peschke, Rolla; Cone, Fred. "Fifth Army detects trends in DESERT STORM redeployment operations". Translog 6(2): 6+, July 1992

DESERT SABRE

Mission: To mount an airland offensive against the Iraqi Army in the Kuwaiti Theater of Operations (the "100-hour war").

Dates: 24-28 February 1991 (an operation within the overarching Operation DESERT STORM)

Participating Units: Joint, combined, and multinational (Coalition) forces.

Type: Offensive

Location: Persian Gulf

DESERt SHIELD

Mission: The name applied to all military operations from the first U.S. response on 6 August 1990 until the initiation of combat on 17 January 1991

Dates: 6 August 1990-17 January 1991

Participating Units: Joint, combined, and multinational (Coalition) forces.

Type: Defensive

Location: Persian Gulf

Bibliography: Too extensive to include here.

DESERt STORM

Mission: "An offensive campaign (to) enforce United Nations resolutions that Iraq must cease its rape and pillage of ...Kuwait" (Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command, message to the forces on 17 January 1991, from The U.S. Army in Operation DESERT STORM, Association of the United States Army, p. 11)

Dates: 17 January-28 February 1991 (Dates for DESERT SABRE, the ground war, are included in the period covered by DESERT STORM).

Participating Units: Joint, combined, and multinational (Coalition forces).

Type: Offensive

Location: Persian Gulf


DESERt SWORD:

Early name given to Operation DESERT SABRE.
EASTERN EXIT

Mission: Evacuation of 281 noncombatants from the U.S. Embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia.


Participating Units: USS Guam, USS Trenton, 4th Marine Expeditionary Bde, Air Force AC-130 (intelligence gathering and fire support, and 9-man Navy SEAL team), others.

Type: Evacuation

Location: Somalia


FIERY VIGIL

Mission: Evacuation of 19,000 Air Force and Naval personnel and their families from Clark AFB/Subic Bay during the eruption of Mount Pinatubo's volcano and Typhoon Yunya.

Dates: 16-26 June 1991

Participating Units: 17 7th Fleet ships; III MEF; MAGTF 4-90 (Marines)

Type: Humanitarian; Disaster Relief; Evacuation

Location: Philippines


GHOST ZONE

Mission: "To completely disband the drug-trafficking organizations that have operated throughout the Chapare' region (of Bolivia)"

Dates: March 1990-

Participating Units: Bolivian Special Antinarcotics Force (FELCN), Bolivian Rural Area Police Patrol Unit (UMOPAR), and 35 Americans from Army, Coast Guard, Customs, and DEA as the lead agency.

Type: Drug interdiction.

Location: Bolivia


GRANBY

Mission: Operation Granby is the British equivalent for DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM.

Dates: 9 August 1990 (first planes were sent) Dates are the same as for DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM.

Participating Units: British forces

Type: Offensive

Location: Persian Gulf


GREEN SWEEP

Mission: To arrest and prosecute marijuana growers and traffickers, eradicate plants, restore the cultivation site to original conditions, removal of agribusiness paraphernalia from the forest and restoration of the growing site.

Dates: July-August 1990

Participating Units: 110 California National Guard; 60 Active Army; Bureau of Land Management and other law enforcement agencies.

Type: Drug interdiction.

Location: Bolivia

Bibliography: See GHOST ZONE.

GTMO

Mission: To provide emergency relief to Haitian migrants. GTMO is shorthand for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, nicknamed Git'mo, where a camp for refugees was established.

Dates: 23 November 1991-

Participating Units: Joint Task Force Headed by Marine Corps BG George Walls, Jr.

Type: Humanitarian

Location: Haiti

**HURRICANE ANDREW**

Mission: To provide aid to the people of Florida and Louisiana. Supplies, troops, water and water purification systems were sent. Tent cities were built and security provided.

Dates: August - September 1992

Participating Units: 11,510 federal troops. Navy ships USS Sierra and USS Opportune.

Type: Disaster Relief

Location: Florida and Louisiana


**JTF-120**

Mission: Part of the Haitian Assistance Group (HAG) under the larger Caribbean Assistance Task Force this JTF was to enforce sanctions against Haiti.

Dates: September 1993

Participating Units: U.S. Navy and Coast Guard

Type: Interdiction of sea lanes

Location: Caribbean Sea


JTF-ALASKA OIL SPILL

Dates: April-September 1989

Type: Environmental Cleanup; Exxon Valdez

Location: Alaska


JTF-LA

Mission: 4,500 soldiers and Marines sent to support civilian authorities responding to rioting, looting and other violence. Military personnel were barred from performing civilian law enforcement duties. Primary role of military personnel was to provide security to free local law enforcement officials to carry out their traditional roles.

Dates: May 1992

Participating units: U.S. Army, Marines, and California Army National Guard Units.

Type: Civil Disturbance

Location: Los Angeles, California

Bibliography: Spitzer, Kirk. "Final decision on use of force left to soldiers on street". Gannett News Service, May 4, 1992


JTF-PHILIPPINES


Dates: November-December 1989

Participating Units: U.S. Air Force F-4 fighter jets from Clark AFB.

Type: Evacuation and Foreign Internal Defense.

Location: Philippines


JTF-SOMALIA

This is the broad term used for all operations in Somalia.

JUST CAUSE

Mission: To protect American lives and interests under the Panama Canal Treaty; destroy the combat capability of the Panama Defense Force (PDF); and to apprehend General Manuel Antonio Noreiga.

Dates: 20 December-1989-3 January 1990

Participating Units: Joint U.S. Task Forces

Type: Offensive

Location: Panama

MEDFLAG

Mission: Contingency response team, developed under the direction of the U.S. Army, Europe after the 1983 bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon. MEDFLAG missions test the contingency response team's ability to deploy, sustain themselves in the field environment and redeploy to their home station.

Dates: Various

Participating Units: Vary depend on mission and location.

Type: Humanitarian

Location: Varies


MILITARY SUPPORT TO U.S. EMBASSY, FREETOWN

Mission: To evacuate U.S. citizens from the capital after a military coup.

Dates: May 1992

Participating Units: U.S. Military aircraft

Type: Evacuation

Location: Freetown, Sierra Leone


MULTINATIONAL FORCE AND OBSERVERS

Mission: To keep watch in the Sinai at the Egypt-Israeli border.

Dates: 25 April 1982- (included in this list because the operation is ongoing at this time).

Participating Units: A coalition of about two thousand soldiers from eleven nations, about half of whom are American troops.

Type: Peacekeeping; Observation

Location: Sinai


NIMROD DANCER

Mission: Peacekeeping operation which includes, foreign internal defense, terrorism counteraction, peacekeeping operations, and contingency operations, "actions short of war".

Dates: May 1989-September 1989

Participating Units: 7th Infantry Division (Light), 2d Battalion, 8th Field Artillery, 193d Infantry Brigade (Light), Special Forces, and Navy and Marines elements.

Type: Peacekeeping

Location: Panama


PATRIOT DEFENDER

Mission: Defend Israel against Iraqi Scud Missile attacks. These were the first foreign troops ever deployed in Israel.

Dates: January - February 1991

Participating Units: 700 U.S. Army soldiers from Germany and Patriot Anti-missile batteries.

Type: Missile Defense

Location: Israel


POPLAR TREE

Mission: Rescue 12 Green Berets from a San Salvador hotel, if needed. They were released without the use of the U.S. special force.

Participating Units: U.S. Army special forces.

Type: Rescue

Location: San Salvador


PRODUCTIVE EFFORT

Original name of Operation SEA ANGEL.
PROMOTE LIBERTY

Mission: Follow-on operation of JUST CAUSE. To stabilize the country and aid the new government.

Dates: 3 January 1990-

Participating Units: Joint Task Force Panama

Type: Peacekeeping; civil affairs

Location: Panama


PROVEN FORCE

Mission: To create a second front in the north to deny Saddam Hussein access to areas out of range of the southern air and ground assaults.

Dates: January - February 1991

Participating Units: U.S. Air Force assigned to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey

Type: Offensive

Location: Turkey and Northern Iraqi


PROVIDE COMFORT

Mission: To provide humanitarian aid, primarily food distribution, to Kurdish refugees fleeing into Turkey.


Type: Humanitarian; Security

Location: Turkey


PROVIDE COMFORT II

Mission: To provide protection for Kurds and prevent further exodus into the mountains.

Dates: July 1991-

Participating Units: Combined Task Force, U.S. lead for rapid intervention.

Type: Humanitarian; Security

Location: Turkey

PROVIDE HOPE

Mission: To provide food, fuel, medicine and shelter to hospitals in the former Soviet Union. Working in conjunction with U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) and the American International Health Alliance (AIHA), forces were used to deliver the supplies. Two Russian aircraft were also used in the transport of these goods.

Dates: February 1992

Participating Units: U.S. Air Force aircraft.

Type: Relief

Location: Former Soviet Union

Bibliography: "Fact Sheet: Russia." Department of State Dispatch 04(33), Aug 16, 1993.

"Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh partner hospital in Minsk to recieve $10 million in U.S. aid and host visit from First Lady Hillary Clinton." PR Newswire, State and Regional News, Jan 12, 1994.


PROVIDE PROMISE

Mission: To supply food and medicine to Bosnian refugees in the Balkans.

Dates: July 1992

Participating Units: 435 Airlift Wing at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany. Supplemented by Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve C-130's. 5th Quartermaster Detachment of the Army. UN Peacekeeping Forces.

Type: Humanitarian

Location: Bosnia


PROVIDE REFUGE

Dates: January 1993
Type: Relief
Location: Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands


PROVIDE RELIEF

Mission: To conduct an emergency airlift of food to famine-stricken Somalia and to refugees in Kenya.

Participating Units: U.S. forces
Type: Humanitarian
Location: Kenya

PROVIDE TRANSITION

Mission: To provide airlifts and support the peace until elections could be held.

Dates: August 1992 - October 1992

Participating Units: U.S. Air Force C-130 aircraft

Type: Internal Defense

Location: Angola


QUICK LIFT

Mission: "...assist in the protection and evacuation of Americans and other foreigners..." after two days of rioting in the capital.

Dates: September 1991

Participating Units: U.S. Air Force C-141 aircraft and crews.

Type: Evacuation

Location: Zaire


RESTORE HOPE

Mission: "To use all necessary means to establish as soon as possible a secure environment for humanitarian relief operations in Somalia" -- Virginian-Pilot December 4, 1994, p.1.


Participating Units: 10th Mountain Division - principal unit, with troops from 14 other U.S. posts, reserve units and 4 locations in Germany. U.S. Marines.

Type: Humanitarian, Offensive

Location: Somalia

SEA ANGEL

Originally called "Operation PRODUCTIVE EFFORT". Named was changed when victims referred to forces as "Angels from the Sea".

Mission: Joint service operation providing relief to Bangladesh after the typhoon of May 1991.

Dates: May 1991-June 1991

Participating Units: U.S. joint & combined forces.

Type: Humanitarian

Location: Bangladesh


SEA ANGEL II

Dates: November 1992

Type: Disaster Relief

Location: Bangladesh

SHARP EDGE

Mission: "To secure the U.S. embassy with a reinforced rifle company. Evacuate embassy personnel, U.S. citizens, and designated foreign nationals from the U.S. embassy and area telecommunications receiver and transmitter sites. Provide logistics support to the U.S. embassy."

Dates: 5 August 1990 - 21 August 1990

Participating Units: Marines of Amphibious Squadron Four, Battalion Landing Team 2/4, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron, MEU (Marine Expeditionary Unit) Service Support Group 22, Navy Ships Saipan, Ponce, and Sumter.

Type: Evacuation

Location: Liberia


SOUTHERN WATCH

Mission: To enforce the air-exclusion ("no-fly") zone, barring all Iraqi aircraft south of the 32nd parallel, as protection for some seven million Shiite Marsh Arabs.

Dates: 27 August 1992-

Type: Peacekeeping (mainly an air operation, but the 24,000 ground troops stationed in the Persian Gulf are included).

Location: Persian Gulf

STEEL BOX

Mission: Removal of all U.S. chemical weapons from Germany. Under terms of a 1986 agreement all chemical weapons would be removed by 1992. In 1989 the removal was pushed ahead to be completed no later than 1991.

Dates: 26 June 1990 - 22 September 1990

Participating Units: 330th Ordnance Company, 3rd Ordnance Battalion, 59th Ordnance Brigade, with U.S. and German Chemical experts.

Type: Logistics

Location: Germany


TYPOHOON INIKI

Mission: To keep order on the stormed damaged Island of Kauai.

Dates: September - October 1992

Participating Units: U.S. Army

Type: Disaster Relief

Location: Kauai, Hawaii


TYPHOON OMAR

Mission: To provide relief to the victims of the storm on the island of Guam.

Dates: August - September 1992


Type: Disaster Relief

Location: Guam


VICTOR SQUARED

Mission: To evacuate Americans from Haiti after the coup that ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Dates: September 1991

Participating Units: U.S. Marines

Type: Evacuation

Location: Haiti
