

The following comes from the archives of the USS CORSAIR and the Omega Team assigned to Marine Detachment, the 327th, the Scurvy Dogs. The names of the Omega Team have been changed in the interest of Federation Security.

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Special Task Order 3BDE-2380-0023 – Special Mission Groups

Stardate:57243.43

I. Situation

Increased traffic to and from a remote space station in the Prexnak system, under the control of the Brunt Cartel, indicates this may be the focal point for cartel research, and where the stolen technology and kidnapped scientists may have been taken. Further, reports of strange activity that may be related have been received from the nearby Lappa IV. These reports may indicate a Borg presence in that area.

ADDED: Evidence of Borg on Lappa IV as reported by USS Zavala and 302MSG. Transport reported from Prexnak did stop there, and now may be enroute to the Thalos system.

ADDED: USS Battle Born encountered two D'Kora class marauders that appear to be modified by the Borg. This confirms an out break of Borg in the Prexnak system. Further Borg on station below in unknown numbers

- A. Enemy Forces
 - a. Two modified D'Kora marauders presently engaged with USS Battle Born.
 - b. Unknown number of Borg forces on the research station.
- B. Friendly Forces – Task Group 31B established from the following units and ships.
 - a. 301MSG, 300MSG, 333MSG
 - b. USS Battle Born, USS Navras, USS Regulator
 - a. Task Group 31C established from the following units and ships
 - b. 314MSG, 326 MSG, 345MSG
 - c. USS Firebird, USS Lafitte, USS Ravensclaw
 - d. (TS/SCI/WT) Special Mission Teams
 - e. 323MSG Omega Team Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta
 - f. **327MSG Omega Team Alpha**
- C. Attachments/Detachments
 - a. None

II. Mission

Units designated under Friendly forces are now labeled Task Force 31. Task Force 31 will investigate and report on both reports of possible Borg activity in the Lappa system as well as the Brunt Cartel station in the Prexnak system. Task Force 31 will contain any Borg threat, reclaim any surviving Federation scientists and prevent the spread of Borg technology to unfriendly forces.

ADDED: Task Group 31A will engage the Borg threat in the Lappa and Thalos Systems and neutralize. Task Group 31A will be mindful of civilian presence belonging to foreign allies.

ADDED: Task Groups 31B and 31C, will proceed to the outer Prexnak system at best possible speed to provide combat assistance to USS Battle Born currently engaged with two hostiles. Task Group 31B will then land forces to secure the research station, and Task Group 31C will proceed further into the system to provide any required assistance to USS Firebird.

ADDED: (TS/SCI/WT) Omega Teams specified above will conduct clandestine operations to secure functional Borg technologies and return them to Ark Angel Station for delivery. These actions will be done without alerting fellow unit members not included in these orders.

III. Execution

- A. Commander's Intent – To prevent the Borg assimilation cycle, stop the threats from both loose Borg and the Brunt Cartel, and rescue Federation scientists. Every attempt will be made to maintain positive relations with the Ferengi Government.
 - a. Desired Endstate – The quadrant will be returned to a peaceful state, free of Borg.
- B. Concept of the Operations
 - a. Except where noted below, Task Force 31 will proceed at best possible speed to rendezvous at Deep Space 9, there to resupply and prepare for further instructions. All units will prepare for the full scope of combat against Ferengi and Borg forces.
 - b. ADDED: Task Group 31A will execute the portions of the mission taking place away from the Prexnak system.
 - c. ADDED: Task Group 31B will execute the portions of this mission taking place in the outer Prexnak system.
 - d. ADDED: Task Group 31C will execute the portions of the mission taking place in the inner Praxnak system.
 - e. ADDED: (TS/SCI/WT) 323MSG Omega Teams will execute the portions of this special mission taking place in the Praxnak system.
 - f. ADDED: (TS/SCI/WT) 327MSG Omega Team will execute the portions of this special mission taking place in the Thalos system.
- C. Tasks
 - a. ADDED: USS Zavala and attached 302MSG will proceed to Thalos system to track the transport possibly carrying Federation scientists and likely Borg threat. Objective is to discover and detain this ship until USS Corsair arrives.
 - b. ADDED: USS Lone Star and attached 318MSG will proceed to Lappa IV where 318MSG will use any medivac assets to aid civilian populace, and SFSO teams to neutralize the Borg threat on the planet.
 - c. ADDED: USS Corsair and attached 327MSG will make best possible speed to rendezvous with USS Zavala – there to aid in discovery of the transport, detain it, and board it. Recover any Federation personnel.
 - d. ADDED: USS Navras and attached 300MSG will engage Hostile 1, establish a Forward Operating Base on the asteroids surface to facilitate landing combat forces, including attached infantry.
 - e. ADDED: USS Regulator and attached 333MSG will take lead on Aerospace fighter support for the area, engage Hostile 2, and land armor units once FOB is

established.

- f. ADDED: USS Battle Born and attached 301MSG will continue to survive Borg encounter until help arrives. Pending combat capability at that point, will land Data Warfare team to support combat operations and search and rescue efforts.
 - g. ADDED: Task Group 31C entire will assist as needed and then head further in system at impulse power and standby for further instructions.
 - h. ADDED: (TS/SCI/WT) 323MSG Omega Teams will procure active Borg technologies from the Prexnak system using organic spacelift. Rendezvous with Omega team from 327MSG to take aboard their mission goal then return captured technologies to Ark Angel Station immediately.
 - i. **ADDED: (TS/SCI/WT) 327MSG Omega team will procure active Borg technologies from the D'Kora transport which USS Corsair/327MSG is presently engaged with. Rendezvous with Omega teams from 323MSG to hand over mission goal assets and rejoin USS Corsair.**
- D. Coordinating Instructions
 - a. All Omega Teams will follow their standard coordinating instructions, reporting only to Brigade HQ as mission dictates or is completed.

IV. Command and Control

- A. Command
 - a. Location of Key Leaders – Brigade Commander and staff located are en route to Deep Space 9 to establish a command center for this operation.
 - b. Succession of Command Brigade and Region chain of command unchanged.
 - c. Task Force 31 remains under direct command of 3rd Brigade Commander.

Operation Rhino

Chapter 1 - "Orders are Orders"

The orders didn't come through the normal channels. ALPHA looked at his PADD, *not the first time the Old Man didn't know about an op, and I'm sure not the last.* The mission was a simple "snatch and grab" then turn over the materials to elements of the 323rd Logistical Studies Group. Rumors were that the 323rd was just a cover for something bigger but everyone, at least in the SpecOps community, knew better than to ask.

ALPHA saw General Tunis in the hallway heading towards the briefing room. He knew the all the other teams except the Omega Team were going on the boarding action. As far as ALPHA was concerned that made his special assignment all the easier.

It was a short walk to the Marine Mess Hall, which was empty since the other members of the 327th were in their assigned areas waiting for their Team Leaders to brief them on their missions. ALPHA sat down at a table in the rear of the Mess Hall and was soon joined by the other seven members of the Omega Team. In a few moments the team started arranging silverware, condiments and other Mess Hall items to map out their plan.

Chapter 2 - "Under Their Noses"

BRAVO , a twenty year veteran of the Starfleet Marine Corps, turned to ALPHA and asked, “Has this ever been tried before?”

“Only in theory.” ALPHA replied.

The Omega Team members passed the other marines of the 327th in the hallway. The other teams were on their way to their pre staging areas in different transporter rooms. A couple of the marines exchanged high fives as they passed the operators of the Omega Team. Even General Tunis gave a nod to ALPHA and said “Try not to mess up the area while we’re gone.”

“Will try not to but we make no promises.” ALPHA replied.

As soon as the marines went their separate ways the members of the Omega Team looked at each other and nodded knowingly, they needed to be ready to insert for their mission before the rest of the teams were ready otherwise they weren’t going to pull this off.

Six of the eight operators were milling about in Cargo Transporter Room Four, a seldom used area. It was low lit, almost to the point where you could barely see the person next to you. After a few minutes there is a knock at the sliding door to the transporter room followed by a low voice, “Room Service”.

CHARLIE overrode the door’s locking codes and let the last two members of the team in who were each carrying two large duffle bags. CHARLIE gave a quick peek down each direction and then resealed the doors and activated the low light of the transporter room used for night operations. The duffle bags were filled with high end Special Operations gear, everything from M45 Special Operations Combat Phasers to experimental equipment to mask their bio readings from tricorders and other sensors. The highly trained operators divided up the gear and took their places on the transporter pad. ECHO stood by the controls awaiting the cue to begin the execution of the mission.

The lights from the hallway had changed from their normal “daytime” white to yellow signalling the USS CORSAIR was approaching the area of intercept.

“Alright you devil dogs”, ALPHA said using the old Earth term for marines, “stand by to energize. The CORSAIR must have the target on sensors if we’ve gone to yellow alert.”

Over in Cargo Transporter Room One the combined elements of Recon Team 107 and HEAT Team 31 prepared their equipment. Little did Recon Team Leader Matt Ezell know that in addition to the transporter buffer enhancers his team was carrying there was also another crate which was suppose to assist in tricorder readings and secured communications. This small box did do that but there were also a few other items that even General Tunis didn’t know about.

The Special Operations Coordination Combat System (SOCCS) was more commonly called the “nanny cam” by many of the operators since it recorded all their unit communications and movements and the information could only be accessed by Brigade Command. Not even General Tunis with his years of service had access to the information it contained and any tampering with it would cause all the systems to overload making it worthless. But what the 327th didn’t know, including the Omega Team, there was some extra special tech inside the SOCCS that allowed it to act as a Trojan Horse for the Omega Team.

The Omega Team knew the codes they needed to enter into the transporter but didn't know the what made it work. That compartmentalized information was to keep the secrets a secret should anyone ever fall into unfriendly hands.

Not long after arriving the ship's public address speakers came to life with the voice of the CORSAIR's commanding officer, " Now hear this, now hear this. The word is 'Inka Dinka Doo'. I say again, the word is 'Inka Dinka Doo.'" ALPHA taps a small remote on his sparse gear to activate the auto transporter function.

"I hate this part." gripped DELTA as the team was engulfed in the blue lights of the transporter effect.

Chapter 3 - "Avoiding Contact"

Mission Timestamp: 00:01:45

Omega Team

The doppler radar within the SOCCS started scanning the area and determined the other operators of the 327th were now no longer near the insertion point. This triggered the transporter recall built into the case and the members of the Omega Team were rematerialised from the holding buffer inside the SOCCS. The process was made much easier with the portable transporter enhancers that the Recon Team had already set up.

The eight man team checked their bio dampers and all was green. They were now ghosts aboard the D'Kora transport, no one not even General Tunis was aware of their presence on the ship but the Omega Team was still monitoring the 327th communication traffic and it was clear contact with the Borg had been made. ALPHA gave the hand signal for enemy contact as well as a reminder that they were to continue operating silent.

Mission Timestamp: 00:02:01

Omega Team

The Omega Team proceeded into the hallway just occupied by the Recon and HEAT Teams. It was an odd feeling being a ghost but the Omega operators will highly trained and avoiding their own fellow marines should be the easy part of the mission. Their orders weren't specific on what type of Borg Technology they were to acquire but ALPHA knew that whatever he could find would be an asset to the Federation, especially to the R&D geeks that made all the fun toys the marines use in their conflicts against enemies of the UFP.

Several of the Omega Team started feeling their adrenaline pumping as shouts of "Contact" and requests for weapons free came across the communication net. Once again ALPHA shot them all a look to remain on radio silence. Some of the team had already holstered their combat phasers and drew their Kabar knives, they knew unless Ship Seizure Team 20 had neutralized the Borg's personal shields their beam weapons would be ineffective quickly.

Mission Timestamp: 00:02:45

Omega Team

The weapons free code had been given to the other teams but that didn't mattered to the Omega Team. They were to complete their mission regardless of the cost. Most of the 327th was at least two decks above them. All the technology in the universe can't help you if someone physically sees you with the good old Eyeball Mark One, ALPHA thought. The Omega Team

continued down the corridor only glancing at their highly sensitive equipment to make sure there were no other life forms, including their brothers and sisters of the “Scurvy Dogs.”

Mission Timestamp: 00:03:05

Omega Team

The Team made quick progress through the decks searching quickly and methodically through the area. ECHO had already secured a couple pieces that appeared to be some sort of Hive Interface and placed it in a small duffel he carried with him. Before long they found themselves down the hall and around the corner from the HEAT Team. ALPHA raised his hand to halt the team. The rest of the team could see on their personal scanners that the General and his team was just up ahead searching for the Federation Scientists. ALPHA gave the hand signal to quietly cross the corridor to the other side without being seen. BRAVO reached over to a vent and turned the handle to allow some pressurized gas to escape and fill the intersection. It was just enough combined with the lowlight of the passageway that was able to mask the team's stealthy movement to the other side.

Mission Timestamp: 00:04:15

Omega Team

It was almost a game to the Team, lets see how close we can get to the other teams without being detected. If the General or the other Team Leaders knew they would probably be brought on charges of “conduct unbecoming”, but the operators of the Omega Team were the best of the best, otherwise they would have never been selected for their postings.

Mission Timestamp: 00:05:45

Omega Team

The Main Bridge had just been secured by Ship Seizure Team 22. This was going to be the new objective for the Team. Even though they didn't have Zero-G suits to work in they were trained in operating in such an environment without the aid of a suit. ALPHA rallied the team and pointed on a holographic map of the ship created by their special tricorder. There was an overlay on the holographic map that showed the positions of all the teams.

“We're going to quickly skirt the outside of all this” ALPHA said quietly, “and work our way forward to the Main Bridge. Twenty Two should have already exfiled by the time we get there. Hoohah.”

The team responded with a soft hoohah reply.

Mission Timestamp: 00:06:35

Omega Team

The Old Man, leading HEAT Team 31 had just given the rapid evac order of “micro blue”. The Omega Team understood why. They too heard the Ferengi countdown and knew what it could mean. ALPHA turned to ECHO, who had a background in Datawarefare, and pointed at him. ECHO knew exactly what the team leader wanted. The team formed a tight three hundred and sixty degree perimeter around the Omega Signals/Intelligence Specialist as he set up a special computer to interface with the D’Kora class ship.

Mission Timestamp: 00:07:02

Omega Team

The sound of the HEAT team racing back to the Cargo Bay could be heard as they whipped down the adjacent corridor from the Omega Team. ALPHA was keeping track of the other

Special Operation Teams reporting their beam outs. Everyone was off the vessel except HEAT Team 31 and his own Omega Team. No, correct that, General Tunis had just announced his team's successful beam out back to the USS CORSAIR. The Omega Team was now officially alone with only the Borg on the ship.

Chapter 4 - "All Alone"

Mission Timestamp: 00:08:17

Omega Team

The quiet was being interrupted by the sound of approaching Borg.

"I hope that virus program they used is still working." whispered DELTA referring to Team 20's first objective.

ECHO looked up from his datapadd, "I need a few more minutes to break this Ferengi code."

ALPHA, CHARLIE, and DELTA raised their phaser carbines and sighted down the passageway where the sound of the slowly approaching Borg were coming from.

"Hold." whispered ALPHA into his helmet mounted communications gear. "Hold.....hold...." ALPHA repeated the order as the laser optics from the Borg started to appear and growing closer

"EXECUTE!" ALPHA gave the order to engage hostiles and the corridor lit up with glowing nadiion particle beams.

Mission Timestamp: 00:08:47

Omega Team

The smoked finally cleared after a wave of six Borg attempted to assault the Omega Team's position.

"Clear" whispered each of the operators.

"I think the self destruct is a hoax." stated ECHO, who was almost complete in breaking the ship's codes.

"That's the first good news I've heard in a while." replied ALPHA. "Either way we need to find a way off this bucket and get the goods to our contact with the 323rd."

"Why not just take this ship?" DELTA asked half jokingly.

ALPHA turned to face DELTA who was steeling himself for a verbal lashing. "That's not a bad idea at all. Good thinking Marine. Already people, saddle up - time to do some driving."

The team moved in unison down the corridor

Mission Timestamp: 00:10:02

Omega Team

The Team broke into two elements. One headed towards the bridge and the other to Environmental Controls. BRAVO lead the second group to turn power, life support and gravity

back on for ALPHA's team before they reached the bridge. Everyone still kept their weapons at the ready in the event they encountered a random Borg patrol.

Mission Timestamp: 00:12:42

Omega Team

ALPHA's element encountered only two disoriented Borg while en route to the bridge and easily swept them aside. BRAVO also had little resistance on their way to the Environmental Controls. They were able to reactivate the bridge remotely and only be a minute behind rendezvousing with ALPHA's team.

Several operators were already hunched over the Ferengi controls. "Turn that damn countdown off." commanded ALPHA as BRAVO and the others entered. The forward viewscreen showed the USS CORSAIR still in an overwatch position.

"ECHO, how soon until we can engage warp?" asked ALPHA standing in front of the Ferengi Captain's seat.

"ETA 90 seconds" responded ECHO

BRAVO looked at ALPHA and read the look in his eyes. *This is going to be close.*

Mission Timestamp: 00:15:12

Omega Team

ECHO looked over his shoulder at ALPHA. "Warp Engines online and course plotted in."

FOXTROT interjected before ALPHA could give the order, "ALPHA I'm showing no signs of Borg activity on the ship."

ALPHA nodded and gave the order "Time to delivery the groceries. DELTA begin anti-tracking measures. ECHO engage warp."

In a flash of light the D'Kora class ship warped away from the USS CORSAIR.

Chapter 5 - "Waiting at the Corner of No and Where"

Mission Timestamp: 3:52:10

Omega Team

It had been almost four hours since the Omega Team commandeered the Borg infested ship and they were now just drifting at a predetermined location known only by ALPHA and BRAVO. Their orders were to stay on station until contacted one way or another.

Mission Timestamp: 6:10:21

Omega Team

Six hours and the quiet had started to get to the Team but they were trained for long missions behind enemy lines. The Marines still conducted two three man patrols to make sure there were no hostile Borg left on the ship. The silence was finally broken by ECHO who was manning the passive sensor array.

"Contact, three inbound shuttlecraft. So sign of IFF transponders." stated ECHO referring to the

Identify Friend or Foe system to aid in their identification.

“Understood,” replied ALPHA. “ECHO, transmit the following audio only message - Attention unidentified shuttlecraft we are currently awaiting on another merchant to exchange supplies. All our paperwork is in order. Please state your intentions.”

After a moment of silence the overhead speaker crackled, “Understood Ferengi Transport. Please note we too would like to exchange some supplies with you. We have a couple cases of Seismic Stabilizers we’d be happy to trade with.”

Seismic Stabilizers was one of the code words to identify members of the 323rd Logistical Studies Group. ALPHA just needed to respond with the correct reply to indicate they had completed their mission and were ready for pick up.

“Understood. We have several Self Sealing Stem Bolts, we’d be happy to exchange with. Say 1 crate of stem bolts for 2 crates of Seismic Stabilizers?” An outrageous offer, even for real Ferengi but would be believable enough to should they encounter a real offer from a real merchant.

“Sounds like you’ve got yourself a deal, you Survey Dogs. Anything else the Unit can do for you?” replied the lead dropship pilot, whose callsign was Blue Iguana

The three shuttles were actually the older MS-10D Prowler class Dropships. Not the newer MS-65, Pave Zodiacs that were being used by the Marine’s Special Operation units. ALPHA figured a “support unit” like the 323rd Logistical Studies Group doesn’t get all the fancy new toys. But the Prowlers will get the job done. The dropships were each equipped with a two man transporter and could hold ten marines each, not counting the pilot.

“If you don’t mind we could use a ride back to Delta Sierra Niner, if you don’t mind?” inquired ALPHA.

“I think that can be arranged. Stand by for transport.” replied Blue Iguana.

“Just give us a few.” asked ALPHA, he turned to face BRAVO and continued, “plant the charges and make it look like an accident.”

“Copy that.” and with that BRAVO motioned to two other Operators to come with him.

Chapter 6 - “Intoxication and Incarceration”

(Unofficial) Mission Timestamp: 15:22:19

Local Station Time: 04:52

Omega Team

ALPHA sat at Quark’s bar having his third beer of the morning, going over in his mind where his team was. BRAVO was in a holosuite, probably passed out, he liked the fishing simulations it offered. CHARLIE was sitting inside a holding cell after ECHO hacked into the stations security logs to show CHARLIE was there for the past day for trying to start a small fight on the Promenade (and not on a secret mission). DELTA was in quarters assigned to visiting personnel trying to get as much rack time as possible. The rest of the team was either sleeping or simply gazing out the windows.

ECHO walked up to ALPHA at the bar and ordered a glass of Altair Water.

“So?” asked ALPHA.

“I’ve updated the records. We’ve been on leave here for the past two days.” ECHO said not even turning to face the Team Leader.

“I thought we agreed it would be three days?”

“I did. You just didn’t say when to start it. So I gave us a day of rest. No need to go back to work right away, correct?”

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Stardate: 66260.4

Unit: 327MSG, Omega Team

Present Location: Attached to the USS CORSAIR, patrolling Lappa IV System.

Activity: Procure active Borg Technologies from D’Kora Transport then rendezvous with 323rd to hand over assets and return to USS CORSAIR

Effective: 100% combat ready

Operations: In accordance with Operations Order 3BDE-2380-0023, the Omega Team clandestinely board the target vessel, acquired enemy assets and commandeered the target vessel to transfer assets to elements of the 323rd Logistical Studies Group.

Situation:

Intel/Recon: All intelligence material have been turned over to 323rd.

Logistics/Communications: Currently the Operators of 327th’s Omega Team are on three day leave at Deep Space Nine and are awaiting transport back to the USS CORSAIR

Personnel: All personnel accounted for except for [Rank Redacted] [Name Redacted] who is in a drunk tank but should be released shortly.

Team Leader, Omega Team, 327th MSG [Rank Redacted] [Name Redacted] reporting