

# **COMBAT CHALLENGE 89**



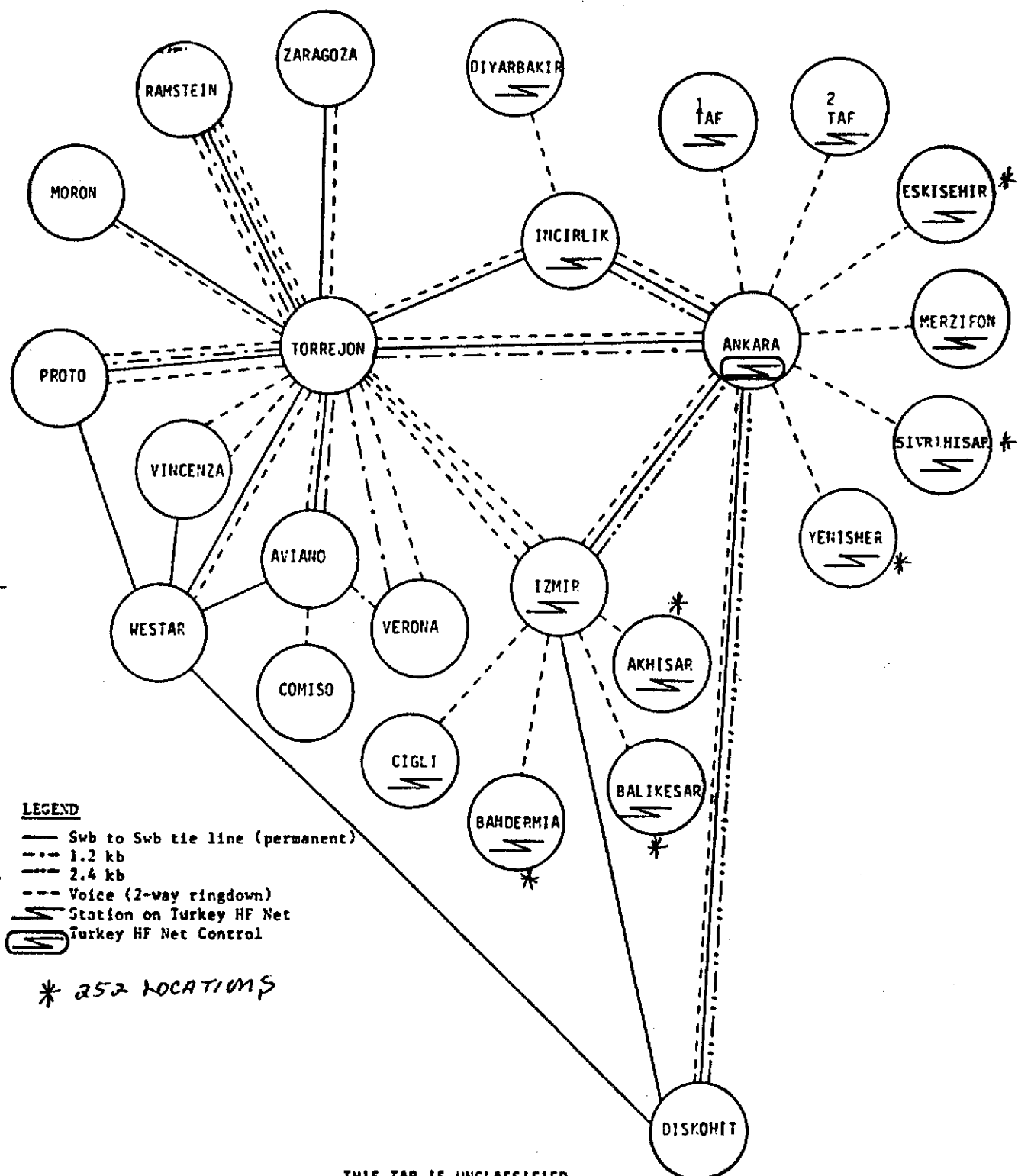
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HF/SSB		847.9	785.8	623.9	660.5	519.8	706	639.9	160	361.8
PALLET BUILDUP		975	850	942.5	872.5	935	877.5	862.5	850	850
CAMOUFLAGE		730	767	685	710	745	584	810	530	543
TEXT ERECTION		784.5	745.5	671.5	697	542.5	800	557.5	537.5	637
MARKSMANSHIP		596.49	586.6	513.94	574.53	540.25	561.7	507.4	550.15	500.42
ANTENNA ERECTION		740	620	690	660	740	690	740	200	440
PERSONAL APPEARANCE		538.5	550	480	520	492.5	477.5	491	462.5	500
WEAPONS CONTROL	1314.4	0	0	0	0	1362.2	0	1373.2	0	0
TERPS/TRACALS	0	1234.06	1369.5	1304.64	1023.32	0	1093.4	0	1113.12	853.75
TOTALS		8983.65	8473.6	8145.48	8075.65	8003.85	7679.3	7535.9	6484.07	6003.77

**WINTEX-CIMEX 89**



The 252d Combat Communications Group is tasked to provide combat communications support in six locations in Turkey, two in the United Kingdom and one in Germany. This tasking is to support WINTEX-CIMEX 89 (WC-89), a CINCSOUTH sponsored, JCS coordinated, NATO Command Post exercise. The aim of WC-89 is to exercise civil and military authorities in the use of operation plans, procedures and communications throughout NATO in order to maintain and improve NATO's ability to function in a period of crisis or war.



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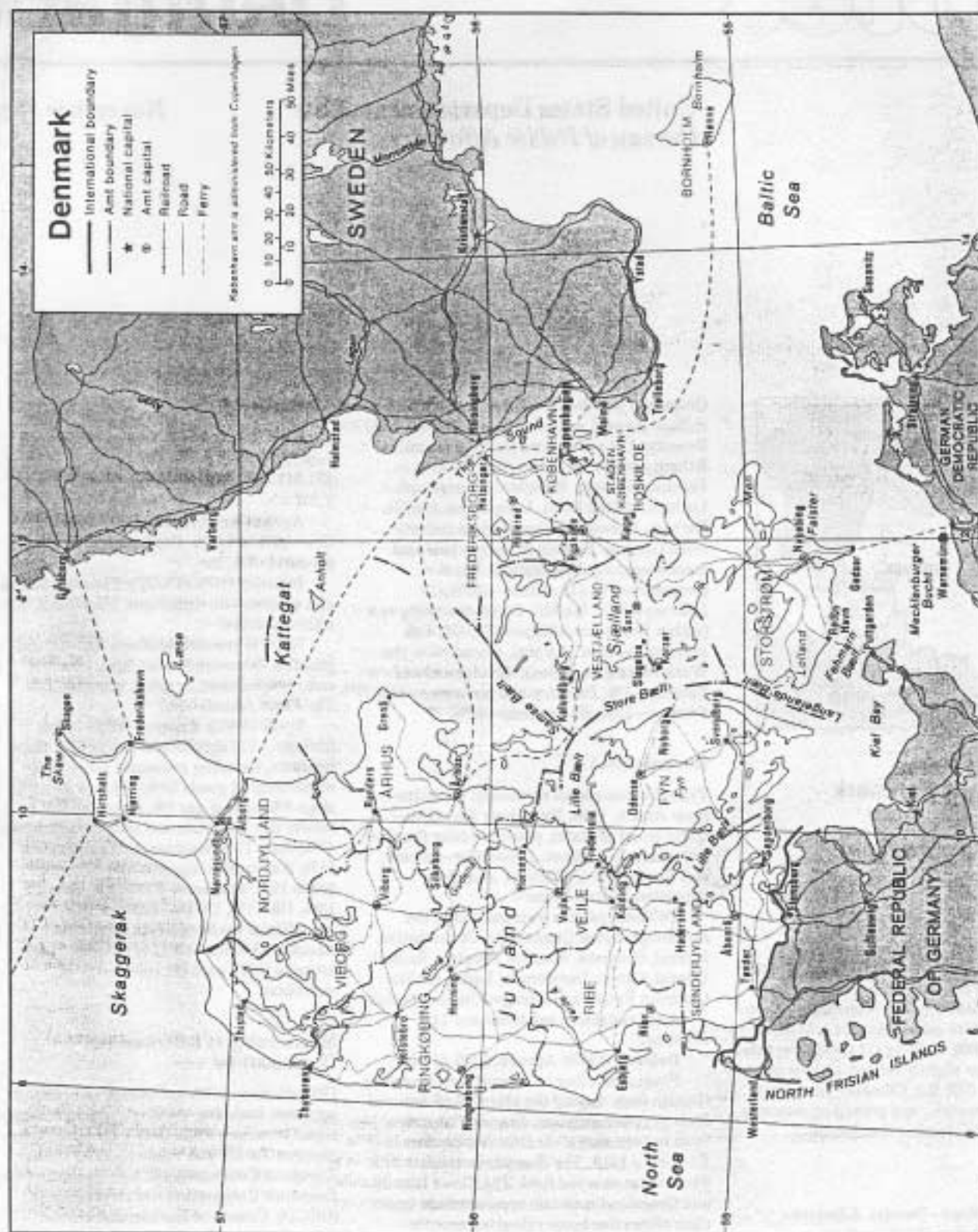
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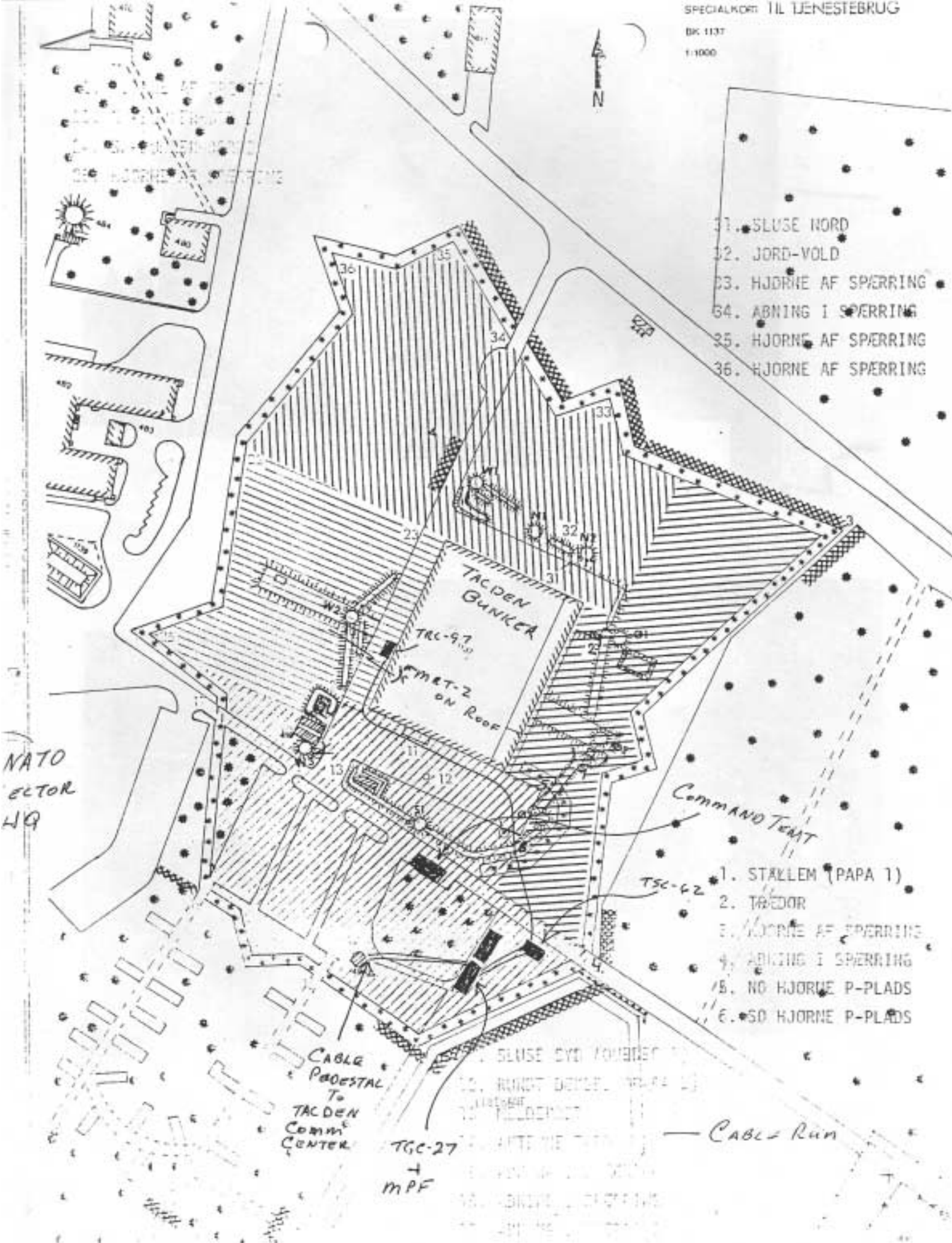
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# AIR SCOOP

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## 244th and 272nd CCS deploys to Denmark

In one of the few Oregon Air National Guard overseas missions in support of NATO this year 28 members of the 244th and 272nd Combat Communications Squadrons were deployed to Denmark from August 18-September 9.

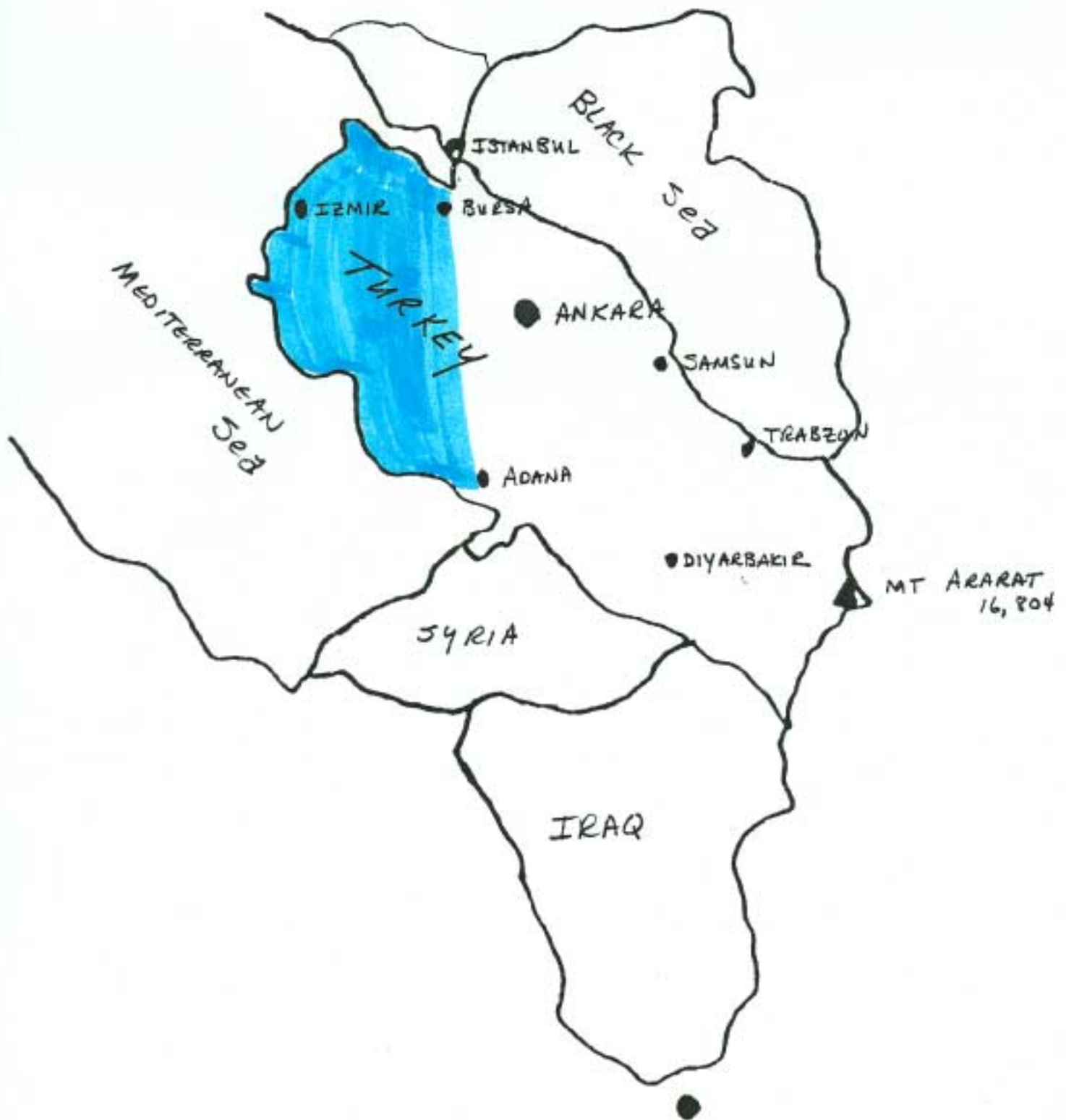
The two squadrons provided combat communications support for a NATO Exercise in Denmark. They employed one TGC-27 mobile communications unit and two TRC-97 line-of-sight microwave units that were air transported aboard a C-5A.

"As a training exercise it was great for us over there," said MSgt Gary Chandler, 244 CCS. "It was very challenging because we worked with different units to pull together and get the job done for the Danish Air Force and their mission. It also allowed us to a rare opportunity to operate our '27 van' into an automatic switching center."

The squadrons also had a chance to link up communications with new equipment while working with two communication units from the Alabama Air Guard.

While squadron members worked 12 hour shifts, they still had time to get away and enjoy the country and its people. MSgt Randy Bray said: "The Danish people were very hospitable. They were determined to keep us well fed with some of the best food I've had on any overseas deployment. They even put us up in an alert hangar," he said. "We thought we were going to be sleeping on cement, but they made sure we had mattresses and blankets. They are wonderful people."

# **DISPLAY DETERMINATION 89**



The 252d Combat Communications Group was tasked to support the deployment of a tactical control unit to sites in Turkey. Personnel from the 244th participated and were deployed to sites in northwestern Turkey at Yamanlar, Teridag and Corlu Army AB, Turkey. Personnel were deployed to provide tactical air control support for air operations. They were to establish links for access to AUTOVON and AUTODIN (DCS), command and control, air traffic airspace handoffs, local hotlines and switchboard services.

DISPLAY DETERMINATION '89  
TRIP REPORT  
COMMANDER'S OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Our mission for Display Determination '89 was big and complicated: Mobilize a fully loaded 407L Automated TACS by convoy, rail and sea to Turkey; set up a sophisticated communications and data link system; provide outstanding low level radar coverage; demonstrate the complete range of capabilities of the fully operational system to the Turkish General Staff while meeting our exercise objectives; and develop a rapport and train with our Turkish counterparts.

From the packing of the equipment in July to the redeployment in October, Display Determination '89 was very successful for the 102d TCS. The mission was accomplished, all goals achieved or surpassed, and the unit's ability to perform its mission validated.

The 152 TCG's Reception Team was there to meet us and help us get our feet solidly on Turkish soil. Capt. Gabriel and MSgt knew what was needed, who the contacts were, and how to move the in-country system. The reception team members were extremely professional and seemed genuinely interested in helping in any way they could. It was a real plus to step off of an airplane to a smiling face with a notebook of solutions to problems.

I can't say enough about our 16th Air Force representatives, Lt Col Jim Allen and MSgt Penelope Lynn. They worked long, hard hours to help us be successful. Also, they didn't limit themselves to their job specs. If they saw something needing doing, they did it or brought it to the attention of the people who could. They were both true professionals. I feel that it is important to note here that in order for the US to achieve its goals in Turkey effectively and efficiently, people in the field need to have an understanding and appreciation of the country, its people, and its culture. Lt Col Jim Allen is that kind of person and meets this criteria completely. Because of his understanding of the country, its culture and its people, he was able to get the rapport, the coordination, and the cooperation necessary to get the job done well. I think it would be a great disservice to both US and NATO interests to put in sensitive positions personnel who either can't or do not want to understand the people and country they are dealing with.

Major Ray Hawthorn was the 6th ATAF representative and figured prominently as an operations problem solver throughout the exercise. He helped us ask the right questions of the right people at the other end of the line so we could jog the different elements of the system into meeting their operational responsibilities.

Capt Joe Grice and his 507th personnel aggressively attacked problems with data link and persevered until the problems were solved. It was a

pleasure to work with such an inspired young officer. He made certain our automated system was complete. LT Col Jim Herron of the 112th TCS joined us for five days to share with us his experiences from the 112th's participation in Display Determination '88 in Turkey.

Lt Col Herron saved us a great deal of trial and error by pointing out the correct path clearly and efficiently based on his experiences. I recommend that anyone going to Turkey do themselves a favor and take along someone who has solid TACS field experience there.

Lt Col Fred Bonney, National Guard Bureau representative at Headquarters Tactical Air Command, joined us for the exercise. His knowledge of the TACS and his experience as an outstanding commander were a real plus for me on my first overseas deployment as a commander.

The 102d was fortunate to have the assistance of some of the best the Air Force has to offer as augmentees. It will take a concerted letter writing campaign to thank them properly. (see AUGMENTEE section for further information) I have attached to this trip report a copy of the full after action report filed in accordance with the 6th ATAF Operations Order. I hope that our accomplishments and a recognition of the problems likely to be encountered will be of use to other units which may deploy to Turkey in the future, which I would recommend to any Unit which has the opportunity to go. The formal report includes EXERCISE PLANNING, GOALS ACHIEVED/ FIRSTS, MOBILITY/LG, COMMUNICATIONS and AUGMENTEES/LAISONS. Not included in the formal report is an assessment of field intelligence, which is covered here.

## INTELLIGENCE

Overseas, the intelligence function, both real-time and exercise, takes on special significance. It is important to remember to route real-world messages through your home station to your deployed location in the field. The training that can be accomplished by exercising the intelligence function properly is invaluable. Following the Russian ships, which were very close by, and hearing a foreign language being spoken on our HF were exciting and made things like COMSEC and OPSEC come alive. There are many dividends to planning squadron security training in the field if you are properly prepared. Major Roger Woodbury for the 101st TCS did a solid job for us in DD '89.

## INCIDENTS

There were two incidents that need to be mentioned for future reference. The first was concerned with a female American Air Force sergeant. A misunderstanding with a Turkish officer arose because of simple gesture of goodwill and friendship on the part of the sergeant. Her attempt at hospitality and friendship was construed by the Turkish officer as a come-on. Caveat: beware of cultural differences. Women in Turkey are

not liberated as American women are. Even simple friendly gestures can be misinterpreted. The solution - when in Rome, or Istanbul, act according to their cultural frame of reference. There was no harm done in the above instance, but there was a time of unnecessary tension and uneasiness.

The other incident involved the picture taking of two US sergeants by Turkish civilians. Although seemingly innocent enough, this was a set-up. The day after the picture was taken, it appeared in a propaganda article in the Istanbul Gazette. It took a day of dealing with the Turkish Jandarma and representatives of the Turkish General staff to make things right. Our personnel were completely innocent. Turkish authorities were as embarrassed by the incident as we were. Although no real harm was done, it was time consuming and frustrating as we sorted out the details to everyone's satisfaction. Personnel need to be aware that these things really do happen. They need to be aware of their surroundings and what is going on around them. The lesson learned is that if you don't know the people, don't get involved or put yourself at risk.



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