

## STANAG VOCABULARY

Below is a report written about an imaginary combined arms operation. Use the words and expressions from the box to fill in the gaps in the text.

air defence • naval gunfire support • line of defence • beachhead  
naval bombardment • Engineer • sorties • airborne • deliberate attack  
forward observation officer • close air support • landing craft

### REPORT- Combined arms operation

On D-1, (1)\_\_\_\_\_ units were dropped by parachute to seize strategic crossings over the River Dingwezi. All of these objectives were achieved, with minimal loss.

The beach landings on D-Day were preceded by an intensive (2)\_\_\_\_\_, which failed to silence all of the enemy coastal batteries. Consequently, ten percent of the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ in the first wave were either destroyed or disabled. Despite this, all primary objectives were achieved by 1100 hours, although ground forces continued to rely upon (4)\_\_\_\_\_ until the artillery had been fully offloaded.

(5)\_\_\_\_\_ units suffered particularly high casualties in the breaching of a secondary line of obstacles in the sand dunes. The (6)\_\_\_\_\_ was fully established by 1900 hours on D-Day. The main enemy force has withdrawn to the River Muzenga and is now constructing a strong (7)\_\_\_\_\_ between Tangji and Leopoldsville. To date, carrier-based strike aircraft have flown a total of 82 (8)\_\_\_\_\_.

The enemy (9)\_\_\_\_\_ has been better than anticipated, and 8 allied aircraft have been shot down. Owing to a shortage of forward air controllers, most (10)\_\_\_\_\_ has been directed by (11)\_\_\_\_\_ from the artillery.

The 4th and 7th Armoured Brigades started crossing the River Dingwezi at 1030 hours on D+1 and are now preparing to mount a (12)\_\_\_\_\_ on the Muzenga position at first light on D+2.

## Verbs: mixed tenses

All the verbs in the box relate to military matters. Use them to complete the sentences below.

You may have to change the forms of the verbs to fit the grammar of the sentences.

arm • relieve • interrogate • intercept • suppress  
replenish • commandeer • jam • bridge • insert  
deploy • shell • strafe • camouflage • mask

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| 1. The prisoners were         | by an officer from the Intelligence Corps.       |
| 2. We have                    | an enemy radio transmission,                     |
| 3. Enemy fighters             | the refugee column, in order to clear the road.  |
| 4. The patrol will            | by helicopter at 1930 hours.                     |
| 5. We managed to              | a civilian bus.                                  |
| 6. His weapon                 | because it was rusty.                            |
| 7. The position was           | by small-arms fire.                              |
| 8. The battle group is        | into attack formation.                           |
| 9. They are                   | the vehicles with hessian and pieces of foliage. |
| 10. The enemy have            | the river between Mistelbach and Bocksdorf.      |
| 11. That line of hills will   | our line of retreat.                             |
| 12. Rations and water will be | at 2130 hours.                                   |
| 13. You                       | the rocket by pulling out this pin.              |
| 14. The enemy has been        | C Company's position for over an hour.           |
| 15. I will                    | you in two hours.                                |

