

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 The main enemy force has withdrawn to the River Muzenga and is now constructing a strong (7) _____ between Tangji and Leopoldville. 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

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.

