

# Operation Desert Pasta

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**SIGN** September, Unified Year 1925

**SIGN** Imperial Capital Berun, Imperial Strategic Headquarters

**SIGN** Strategy and Operations

Colonel Erich von Rerugen

**[00:21] Erich**

I'm a little tired of this.

**SIGN** Military Railways

Captain Maximilian Johann von Uger

**[00:23] M**

The railway folks feel the same way.

**[00:26] Erich**

Every day, the same food.

And not good food, at that.

**[00:31] Erich**

The quality of food has a  
direct effect on morale.

**[00:35] Erich**

In other circumstances, I'd be asking the  
cooks to exercise their creativity...

**[00:39] M**

But we can't ask for luxuries.

**[00:41] M**

The front lines, particularly on the  
southern front, are probably far worse.

**[00:45] Erich**

The southern front?

**[00:48] Erich**

The 203rd Aerial Mage  
Battalion is there, too?

**[00:55] Erich**

I suppose I can make a suggestion  
to General von Zettour.

**[00:59] M**

What do you mean, specifically?

**[01:00] Erich**

Our nominal allies in Ildoa have been making noises about wanting a closer relationship.

**[01:07] Erich**

If we drop hints about wanting to share provisions, they might be willing to provide.

**[01:13] Erich**

I'm sure the 203rd will love it.

**SIGN** Interstitial Episode Operation Desert Pasta

**SIGN** Southern Front, Imperial Military Temporary Base

**SIGN** Base Command

**[01:37] Tanya**

I've already drunk half my ration for the day.

**SIGN** 203rd Aerial Mage Battalion Commander

Major Tanya von Degurechaff

**SIGN** 1st Company, Adjutant

First Lieutenant Viktoriya Ivanovna Serebryakov

**[01:42] Visha**

It hurts not having enough water, doesn't it, Major?

**[01:48] (W)**

Major Degurechaff? Are you there, Major Degurechaff?

**[01:52] Visha**

What is it, Captain Weiss?

**SIGN** Vice Commander and 2nd Company Commander

Captain Matheus Johann Weiss

**[01:54] (W)**

Splendid news, Major!

**[02:00] Men**

Supplies from home!

**[02:02] Men**

Look at the size of those crates!

**[02:04] (W)**

Let us through.

**[02:05] Grantz**

Oh, Major!

**[02:08] Grantz**

Look at this!

**[02:10] Tanya**

That's pasta!

**[02:12] Tanya**

Are all these crates filled with pasta?

**[02:15] (W)**

Yes.

**[02:16] (W)**

"We realized it was possible to transport dried short pasta by air.

**[02:21] (W)**

The troops who've received it love it. I hope you'll enjoy it."

**[02:26] (W)**

So the enclosed message says.

**[02:31] Visha**

I've gotten so sick of that k-brot bread!

**[02:34] Koenig**

We wouldn't want to refuse HQ's kindness.

**SIGN** 3rd Company Commander  
First Lieutenant Wilibald Koenig

**[02:37] Grantz**

Let's chow down!

**SIGN** 2nd Company

First Lieutenant Warren Grantz

**[02:38] Neumann**

I'll do the cooking!

**SIGN** 4th Company Commander  
First Lieutenant Rhiner Neumann

**[02:42] Tanya**

Men...

**[02:43] Tanya**

Where do you think we are?

**[02:46] Tanya**

Desert battles are harsh.

**[02:48] Tanya**

Weapons. Ammo. Parts. Fuel.

**[02:50] Tanya**

All that, and even water, needs to be transported in.

**[02:55] Tanya**

I think the guys at HQ need to learn what it's like

**[02:58] Tanya**

to not have water come out when you turn the faucet.

**[03:02] Tanya**

So, did we get any water with this pasta?

**[03:08] Weiss**

No, not really...

**[03:10] Tanya**

Sheesh. So the Fatherland wants us to chew on raw pasta?

**[03:14] Weiss**

That wasn't in our orders.

**[03:17] Tanya**

If we used up all our water cooking pasta,  
it wouldn't even be funny.

**[03:23] Tanya**

It's as edible as a picture of a dumpling,  
or a pie that's floating in the sky.

**[03:27] ---**

What?

**[03:30] Tanya**

Now, let's get back to our mission.

**[03:34] Tanya**

We do force recon and strike  
their supplies, like always.

**[03:39] Tanya**

We'll hit their supply lines  
and see how they react.

**[03:42] All**

Yes, ma'am!

**[03:55] (W)**

This is 02 to 01.

**[03:57] (W)**

We've sighted an enemy supply  
depot that looks like our target.

**[04:00] Tanya**

Very well.

**[04:02] Tanya**

Follow the plan. The 2nd Company  
will hit from above.

**[04:05] Tanya**

3rd and 4th Companies,  
strike from the flanks.

**[04:07] Tanya**

Don't fly into your allies' firing lines.

**[04:10] Tanya**

All units, attack!

**[04:12] ---**

Yes, ma'am!

**SIGN** Southern Front Free Republic Supply Depot

**[04:20] Soldier**

What?

**[04:22] Soldier**

What is it?

**[04:23] Soldier**

You see something?

**[04:31] Soldier**

Enemy attack! Enemy attack!

**[04:35] Soldier**

Imperial Mages!

**[04:36] Soldier**

Impossible! Where did they come from?

**[04:38] Soldier**

Hit them back!

**[04:39] Soldier**

They came out of nowhere!

**[04:49] Grantz**

Enemy mages to the rear.

**[04:51] Grantz**

They're panicking and rushing up here.

**[04:53] Tanya**

Okay. 2nd Company, draw the mages away.

**[04:57] Weiss**

Roger!

**[05:00] Visha**

Major, detecting EM waves.

**[05:03] Visha**

That's the comms facility!

**[05:04] Tanya**

Okay. We've got a present  
from the Empire for it.

**[05:21] Weiss**

This is the 4th Company. We see what looks  
like an ammo storage facility.

**[05:25] Weiss**

You should be able to see it  
directly ahead of the 3rd Company!

**[05:28] Tanya**

You guys can hit it, right, 3rd Company?

**[05:30] Koenig**

Right!

**[05:36] Koenig**

Thanks for gathering it  
all in one place for us!

**[05:57] Soldiers**

What happened?

**[05:58] Soldiers**

The ammo dump's on fire!

**[06:00] Soldiers**

This place is finished!

**[06:02] Soldiers**

Retreat! Retreat!

**[06:05] Soldiers**

Get to the evac bunkers!

**[06:06] Soldiers**

Leave the trucks! They're easy targets!

**[06:19] Tanya**

Okay, we're done here.

**[06:21] Tanya**

No enemy reinforcements.

**[06:24] Tanya**

Pretty good work, for a force recon mission.

**[06:28] Visha**

Major, over here!

**[06:32] Tanya**

Did you find something,  
Lieutenant Serebryakov?

**[06:37] Visha**

Look, Major!

**[06:39] Visha**

It's filled with 20-liter water tanks!

**[06:42] Visha**

We shouldn't lack for water for a while now!

**[06:45] Tanya**

Hmm! Just what we were waiting for.

**[06:56] Neumann**

Here you are, Major.

**[06:58] Tanya**

Thank you.

**[06:59] ---**

Hot, hot, hot, hot...

**[07:04] Tanya**

Good. It's al dente.

**[07:06] Guys**

How long has it been since I've had pasta?

**[07:08] Guys**

This water is so good!

**[07:09] Guys**

I never thought I'd get pasta in the desert!

**[07:10] Guys**

Good job, HQ!

**[07:17] Weiss**

This is, well...

**[07:20] Grantz**

It's nice and toothsome, but...

**[07:22] Koenig**

Depressingly flavorless.

**[07:25] Neumann**

It's nice to be able to enjoy the  
original flavor of the ingredients.

**[07:29] Neumann**

You can eat it in the ancient Ildoan style  
and not get your hands dirty.

**[07:34] Soldiers**

This wasn't what I was hoping for.

**[07:36] Soldiers**

But it fills you up, at least.

**[07:39] Soldiers**

It's not great.

**[07:40] Soldiers**

It's not that different than k-brot.

**[07:43] Tanya**

*Before all this, I could  
eat whatever I wanted.*

**[07:46] Tanya**

*Honestly, this is...*

**[07:51] Visha**

You don't like it either, Major?

**[07:55] Tanya**

Pasta's only good if you  
have sauce and spices to go with it.

**SIGN** Southern Front Imperial Army Temporary Base Command

**[08:09] Weiss**

I propose an Allied Kingdom  
Forward Base as our next target.

**[08:15] Weiss**

We have limited information about them,

**[08:17] Weiss**

but what we have suggests they're moving  
large amounts of supplies at night.

**[08:21] Weiss**

We should see what they're stocking up on.

**[08:26] Neumann**

Major, I suggest we strike  
the Escargots, not the Limeys.

**[08:32] Koenig**

I'm not a gourmand by any means,  
but there are things even I can't eat.

**[08:39] Visha**

What about this supply dump?

**[08:41] Visha**

Given its location, it should  
have some yummy ingredients...

**[08:54] Visha**

No, I mean...

**[08:55] Visha**

I-I-It has important-looking  
supplies, and, um...

**[08:58] Visha**

It's a good place to test

the enemy's response.

**[09:06] Tanya**

I see. If we hit this place, then we...

**[09:12] Tanya**

We'll go with Lieutenant  
Serebryakov's suggestion.

**[09:18] Visha**

I'm honored!

**[09:20] Grantz**

Well done, Lieutenant Serebryakov.

**[09:22] Koenig**

You've got a good nose.

**[09:24] Weiss**

Yup.

**[09:25] Tanya**

Of course, the goal of the  
operation is still force recon.

**[09:31] Tanya**

But since we're exercising  
some local command discretion,

**[09:33] Tanya**

contact the Southern Front Commander,  
General Romel.

**[09:37] ---**

Ma'am!

**[09:38] Weiss**

Dismissed.

**[09:41] Tanya**

*It's always best to keep the brass informed.*

**[09:46] Tanya**

*I've got to make sure to cover  
my ass, bureaucracy-wise.*

**[09:53] Visha**

Um, Major?

**[09:55] Visha**

What should I name the operation  
when I put it in my report?

**[09:58] Tanya**

We're fixing HQ's screw-up.  
Just make something up...

**[10:02] Tanya**

No.

**[10:03] Tanya**

I just thought of a good name.

**[10:17] (W)**

Attention!

**[10:22] Tanya**

Men, the cooks at Strategic Command  
have no idea how food works.

**[10:27] Tanya**

Thus, we're forced to find  
our own water in the desert,

**[10:32] Tanya**

as well as our own meals!

**[10:35] Tanya**

However, there's no need  
to take any big risks.

**[10:39] Tanya**

It would be the height of stupidity  
to lose talented, veteran mages

**[10:44] Tanya**

for the sake of some flavor.

**[10:46] Grantz**

Major, are we more important  
to you than food?

**[10:51] Tanya**

Correct, Lt. Grantz.

**[10:53] Tanya**

Both you and the food are  
the property of the Empire.

**[10:58] Tanya**

But you'll rot slower.

**[11:01] Grantz**

I'm honored to hear it, ma'am!

**[11:03] Koenig**

We always get the worst jobs.

**[11:09] Neumann**

Cause we're the hardest workers.

**[11:12] Tanya**

Both of you, that's not quite right.

**[11:15] Tanya**

When I give you the shittiest jobs,  
it's 'cause I care.

**[11:21] Man**

Okay, time to get to work!

**[11:23] Man**

Just like we always do!

**[11:27] Tanya**

Regardless, what we need is  
always far away from us.

**[11:32] Tanya**

To get it, we must keep working.

**[11:36] Tanya**

And so I now initiate...

**[11:37] Tanya**

"Operation Desert Pasta."

**SIGN** Southern Front Free Republic Base

**SIGN** Free Republic Army

General Pierre Michelaud De Lugo

**[11:48] De Lugo**

What's going on?

**SIGN** Free Republic Army

Lt. Colonel Severin Bientot

**[11:49] Severin**

The Empire knows the status of our supplies.

**[11:56] Weiss**

Major, I found tomato sauce!

**[12:00] Visha**

It has chicken in it!

**[12:03] Severin**

The attacks look sporadic and random, but...

**[12:08] De Lugo**

If you look at which countries  
jurisdictions were attacked,

**[12:12] De Lugo**

it reveals a startling  
and dangerous truth.

**[12:17] Koenig**

Got some basil!

**[12:19] Grantz**

And dried parsley from Ildoa!

**[12:21] Neumann**

Oregano, too!

**[12:23] Neumann**

That'll be good in a tomato-based sauce!

**[12:25] Severin**

They're not just idiots who  
are after our canned goods.

**[12:29] Severin**

It's a cunningly-disguised strategy.

**[12:32] Severin**

Every base that was attacked

**[12:34] Severin**

was right on the border of another  
country's operational jurisdiction.

**[12:38] De Lugo**

Which makes life harder.

**[12:40] De Lugo**

Those disgusting dogs have already sniffed  
out the weakness in our alliance.

**[12:49] Weiss**

Wine!

**[12:50] Grantz**

And cheese, too!

**[12:52] Visha**

That's perfect for the pasta!

**[12:54] Koenig**

I could use some side dishes.

**[12:56] Neumann**

I wanna make potato salad.

**[12:58] Severin**

According to an intercepted  
enemy transmission...

**[13:01] De Lugo**

They're calling this mission  
"Operation Desert Pasta"?

**[13:06] De Lugo**

The bastards are mocking us!

**[13:14] Tanya**

Everyone...

**[13:17] Tanya**

Mission complete!

**[13:18] All**

Hooray!

**[13:30] (SV)**

It's so good...

**[13:32] Grantz**

This chicken is great.

**[13:34] Koenig**

So's the potato salad.

**[13:36] Weiss**

It goes great with the wine!

**[13:40] Neumann**

*We're eating better than they do back home!*

**[13:42] Soldiers**

This is so good!

**[13:43] Soldiers**

When's the last time we  
had something so good?

**[13:46] Soldiers**

It's amazing!

**[13:57] Tanya**

*It's just a temporary coincidence that  
we're able to eat so well in the desert.*

**[14:03] Tanya**

*But that coincidence has restored life  
and humanity to the troops of this unit.*

**[14:10] Tanya**

*It's wonderful.*

**[14:13] Visha**

May I sit here?

**[14:15] Tanya**

Go ahead.

**[14:17] Visha**

This is a nice change of pace, huh, Major?

**[14:22] Tanya**

Yeah.

**[14:24] Tanya**

Food is important.

**SIGN** Imperial Capital Berun, Imperial Air Force Base

**[16:16] Rerugen**

I didn't expect such splendid results.

**[16:23] Rerugen**

It was hard to get another shipment,

**[16:26] Rerugen**

but the guys at the front are  
working so hard, I just had to.

**[16:30] Soldiers**

Bring on the pasta!

**[16:32] Soldiers**

We're sending more to the southern front!

**[16:35] ---**

Sir!

**[16:36] Soldiers**

Keep the noodles coming!

**[16:37] Soldiers**

Hurry, hurry!