

# Military Operation Report

**Date of operation:** Storms 3 - Storms 5

**Officer in command:** Jessica Gwinsle

**Soldiers involved:** Coletrane, Marcellus Bayfield, Antonius Coil, Marley Blackwater

Report written by Coletrane

Jessica woke myself and Lieutenants Marley, Anton and Marcellus individually in the pre-dawn hours of Storms 3.

She informed us that she was in possession of urgent intel that required an immediate response.

I questioned her further and she disclosed that one her of spies in Tarrant had reported the possible existence of a Tarrant Battleborne in a small village. This possible Battleborne is a civilian and unknown to the Tarrant military. We were to extract, if possible, this individual to prevent Tarrant from exploiting the asset.

Lt. Jessica had already acquired gear from the Quartermaster for our sortie as well as a small fishing vessel to ferry us across.

Jessica expected the mission to take 2 days.

This vessel belonged to a civilian and was not Caydn military.

We arrived on Tarrant shores several hours later without incidence.

We then began the 1 day march towards our target.

Jessica led the way as an advance scout.

During the march we encountered 2 Tarrant military patrols.

We dispatched both of them.

We camped the night of Storms 3 in a rocky outcropping at Jessica's direction.

It was during camp that I asked Jessica more about our mission.

Her spy is a gnome named Fizz.

She informed me she has other spies like him that do not wish to remain under The Slave King's rule.

Jessica stated that Fizz reported on seeing strange colored lights coming from one of the houses in this village.

She suspected it could be the spell Dancing Lights

I expressed my concern that this evidence does not seem sufficient enough to require military intervention.

Night went by without interruption

The next day we met Fizz in the morning.

Fizz tells us he works as a messenger between towns for the Tarrant Kingdom.

He does not live in this particular town.

About a week ago he saw blue light coming from a house

He only saw it once and only one color

At this point I further expressed my concern regarding this information. And detailed a few, non-magical, ways that a blue light could be created. I told Jessica that a single blue light coming from a farmhouse seems too innocuous to require this kind of response.

Fizz also provide a description of the village and where we can find the house in question.

He also mentioned a bridge and how it could be used as an ambush point.

We then made our way to the village. Fizz did not accompany.

Jessica was scouting ahead as usual.

Upon crossing the bridge she was set upon by 5 Tarrant soldiers lying in wait.

The bridge had been sabotaged and was destroyed.

Effectively separating Jessica from the rest of us

The bridge spanned a fast moving, rocky river.

15 feet down and 20 feet across.

We attempted to engage in the enemy and rescue Jessica from this trap.

Jessica fell quickly under a hail of arrows.

Myself and Marcellus were able to make the 20 foot leap across the chasm to engage the enemy.

Anton provided support fire via his heavy crossbow.

Marley attempted the leap across but plunged into the river instead.

Marcellus and Anton both fell to arrows fired by the enemy forces.

Jessica's body was dragged away by 3 more Tarrant soldiers that entered the battle.

All three of them bore the standard of Loce Siless.

As they dragged Jessica away I heard one of them state, "We need the blood."

I was able to dispatch the five remaining Tarrant soldiers as Marley climbed his way out of the ravine.

I was able to hear other Tarrant forces nearby mention something about "Splitting Up"

With the knowledge of additional forces, Marley and myself agreed not to pursue and instead retreat with the unconscious bodies of Anton and Marcellus.

We spent the next day marching back to the fishing vessel without any further Tarrant encounters.

We made it back to Caydn on Storms 5