

SCENARIO SPECIAL IDEA

Joint Area of Operations	JOA - East (PAMI)
General Idea	OPERATION PACIFIC STORM
Echelon Level	BATTALION
Unit Type	MECHANISED INFANTRY
Mission Type	OFFENSIVE – ROUTE CLEARANCE

Scenario Design Comments

In this scenario, The Olvanan People's Army (OPA) have tasked the 1st MECH BN with an attached CBT ENG COY to clear the central MSR and secure the movement corridor through central Pelabuka, from Arawa to Panguna.

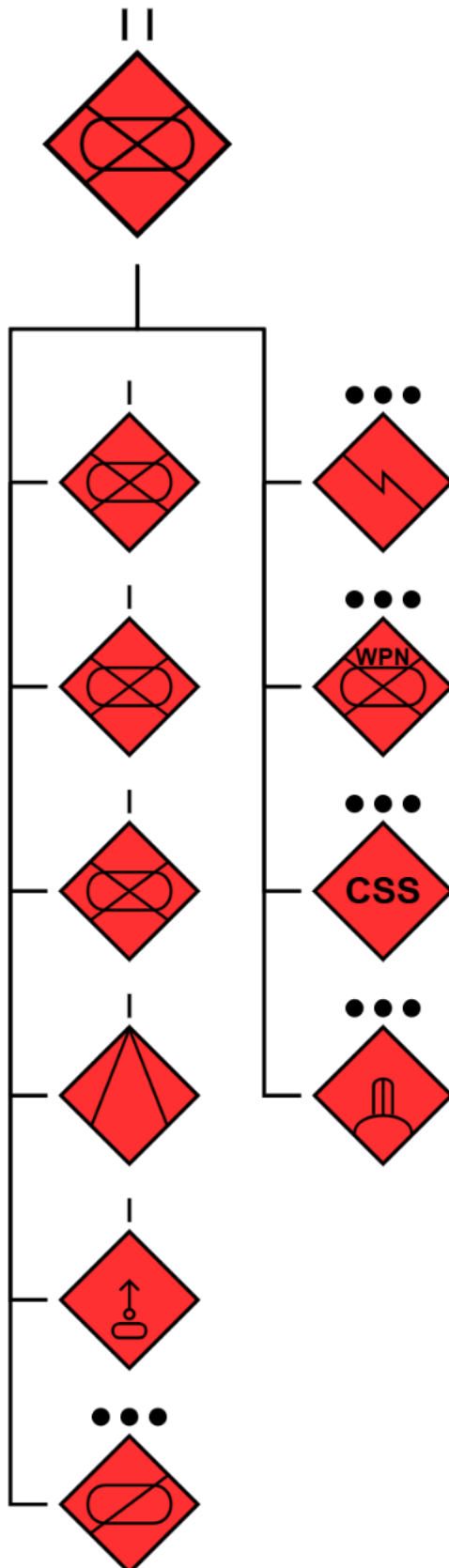
The initial operation will focus on setting the conditions to secure the Panguna Mine and subsequent clearance of the southern half of the central MSR IOT open a route to Buin, in the south.

Clearance of the route is critical to enable control of the region and to open up the northern MSR from the major junction point at Itakara, and the southern movement corridors to Buin.

The highly restrictive terrain of Pelabuka limits movement and manoeuvre off the main routes with extreme mountainous terrain, and dense jungle, increasing the imperative to clear and secure movement corridors along the MSRs. Olvana is moving fast to maintain momentum and pressure.

PFOR suggested Order of Battle (ORBAT)

The suggested ORBAT for this scenario is a Mechanised Battalion from the 502 MECH BDE.



The MECH BN consists of:

- Battalion Headquarters
- Mechanised Infantry Companies (x3)
- Anti-Tank Company
- Self-propelled Mortar Company
- Reconnaissance Platoon
- Signals Platoon
- Weapons Platoon
- Combat Service Support (CSS) Platoon
- Air Defence Platoon

The MECH BN is capable of conducting high-intensity offensive and defensive tactical actions, relatively independent of the MECH BDE.

The primary manoeuvre and firepower platform is the ZBL-08, an 8x8 Amphibious Infantry Fighting Vehicle (AIFV), capable of transporting between 7-11 dismounts depending on the configuration.

The BN is organically supported by:

- Anti-Tank/Anti-Armour assets (ZTL-11)
- Self-propelled Mortars (PLL-05 120mm)
- MANPADs (QW-18)

OPFOR Mission

SITUATION

Olvana has expanded its' military presence in the Southwest Pacific, and has occupied the island of Pelabuka in the Puller Islands, in order to secure these critical waterways, and enable the establishment of A2AD nodes.

To achieve this mission, Olvana have commenced their occupation of Pelabuka and are advancing rapidly to maintain momentum. Olvana gained the initiative conducting a rapid deployment of forces from the 104th MECH BDE Capturing of the North Eastern port town of Kieta and Pelabukas' capital of Arawa.

Olvana is consolidating their foothold in Pelabuka and are tasking BN groups to advance from the bridgehead IVO Arawa to secure key terrain and points of entry while dominating the movement corridors IOT set the conditions to support Olvanan strategic positioning of regional A2AD assets.

MISSION

On order, the Olvanan 1st Mech Bn of the 104th Mech Bde is to conduct route clearance operations along the Main Supply Route (MSR) from Arawa to the Panguna Mine, neutralising obstacles and threats, in order to secure the route and set the conditions for the safe and effective occupation of the Panguna Mine by follow-on forces.

Phase 1 – Recon and shaping

- Initial recon sweep of the route and key terrain will be conducted using BN and RECON PL UAS.
- RECON forces will conduct an initial clearance of the route and establish OP overwatching KT, points of interest and obstacles along the route.

Phase 2 – Capture of ITAKARA

- A COY will take the lead on route clearance to Itakara.
- CBT ENG section will support A COY in clearance of Itakara and inspect and clear Itakara Bridge.
- A Coy will secure Itakara.

Phase 3 – Capture of Borumai

- B COY will lead the route clearance from Itakara to Borumai.
- CBT ENG section will support B Coy clearance of Borumai and Borumai Bridge.
- B Coy will secure Borumai.

Phase 4 – Capture of FUP northern Panguna

- C COY will clear laterals out to 1km along the flanking routes of the MSR.
- C Coy will take the lead of the route clearance from Borumai to Panguna.
- C Coy will secure an FUP on the northern outskirts of Panguna, in preparation for the conduct of a deliberate attack to secure the Panguna Mine post completion of the route clearance task.

End-State.

The successful end-state of this mission is:

1. MSR between ARAWA and PANGUNA MINE cleared.
2. KT 1-3 along MSR secured.
3. FUP captured IVO PANGUNA MINE.

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Relevant Training References

Olvanan Jungle Warfare Tactics

[Olvanan Jungle Warfare Tactics at Combined Arms Brigade and Below | Decisive Action Training Environment \(DATE\)](#)

Further training resources are available on the Australian DATE website, accessed at date.army.gov.au

Detailed adversary information, including ORBATs, is available via United States Training and Transformation Command (T2 COM) at <https://odin.tradoc.army.mil/>