

## 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 CLEARANCE

### Scenario Design Comments

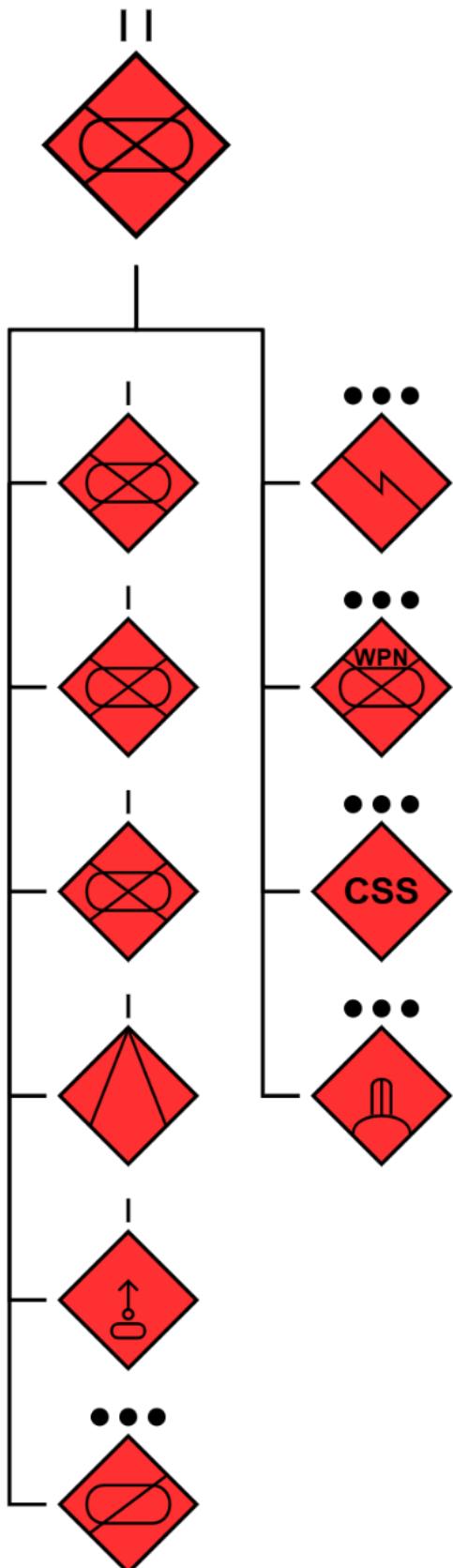
In this scenario, a Mechanised Battalion (MECH BN) conducts an offensive urban operation IOT seize the urban population centre of Arawa, in the Pelabuka Islands.

The MECH BN is operating as part of a larger Mechanised Brigade (MECH BDE), which has landed at the SPOD at KIETA PORT and is conducting a deliberate clearance of the island. The BDE HQ is currently located at KIETA PORT, with its subordinate BNs tasked with capturing Key Terrain (KT) across the island, including the town of ARAWA.

Securing PELABUKA ISLAND gives the Olvanan People's Army (OPA) and expeditionary logistics hub to sustain its forces and continue operations within the theatre. Additionally, the OPA views the capture of the resource rich PANGUNA MINE complex as desirable, as it represents one of the largest copper reserves in the world.

## OPFOR 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

Following the successful landings of the 502 MECH BDE at the SPOD in KIETA, the BDE has been tasked with securing KT across the island, secure all APODs and SPODs IOT enable follow-on force flow into the theatre.

### MISSION

1 MECH BN is to CLEAR the Urban zone of ARAWA, West of the Bovo River, IOT secure the Western Flank of KIETA SPOD and establish a defence position.

#### Phase 1 – Recon and Shaping

- ISR assets will conduct an initial sweep of the urban zone of ARAWA, identifying any enemy or CIVPOP present.
- RECON PL will maintain constant overwatch of the area, BPT to provide battlefield commentary and situational awareness in support of the clearance elements.
- UAS to maintain persistent soak of urban centre, including any likely infiltration or exfiltration routes.

#### Phase 2 – Cordon of Western Arawa Urban zone

- 1 MECH COMPANY will establish a cordon IVO Western ARAWA, advise once initial cordon is set.
- Once cordon is set, Assault elements comprising of 2 and 3 MECH COMPANY will establish an FUP on the Northern side of the East-West MSR.
- WEAPONS PLATOON will establish a Support by Fire (SBF) position concealed within the vegetation to the West of the River system, BPT provide target indications and suppressive fire ISO Assault elements.

#### Phase 3 – Clearance

- 2 MECH COMPANY will cross the LD (east to west MSR) and conduct offensive clearance from North to South, once 1 MECH COMPANY cordon is set.
- 3 MECH COMPANY will cross LD ISO 2 MECH COMPANY, clearing from North to South, paralleling the river system to the Eastern side of West ARAWA.

#### Phase 4 – Consolidation

- Once clearance is complete, 1 MECH COMPANY will collapse the cordon and establish a defensive position covering the western approach of the MSR.

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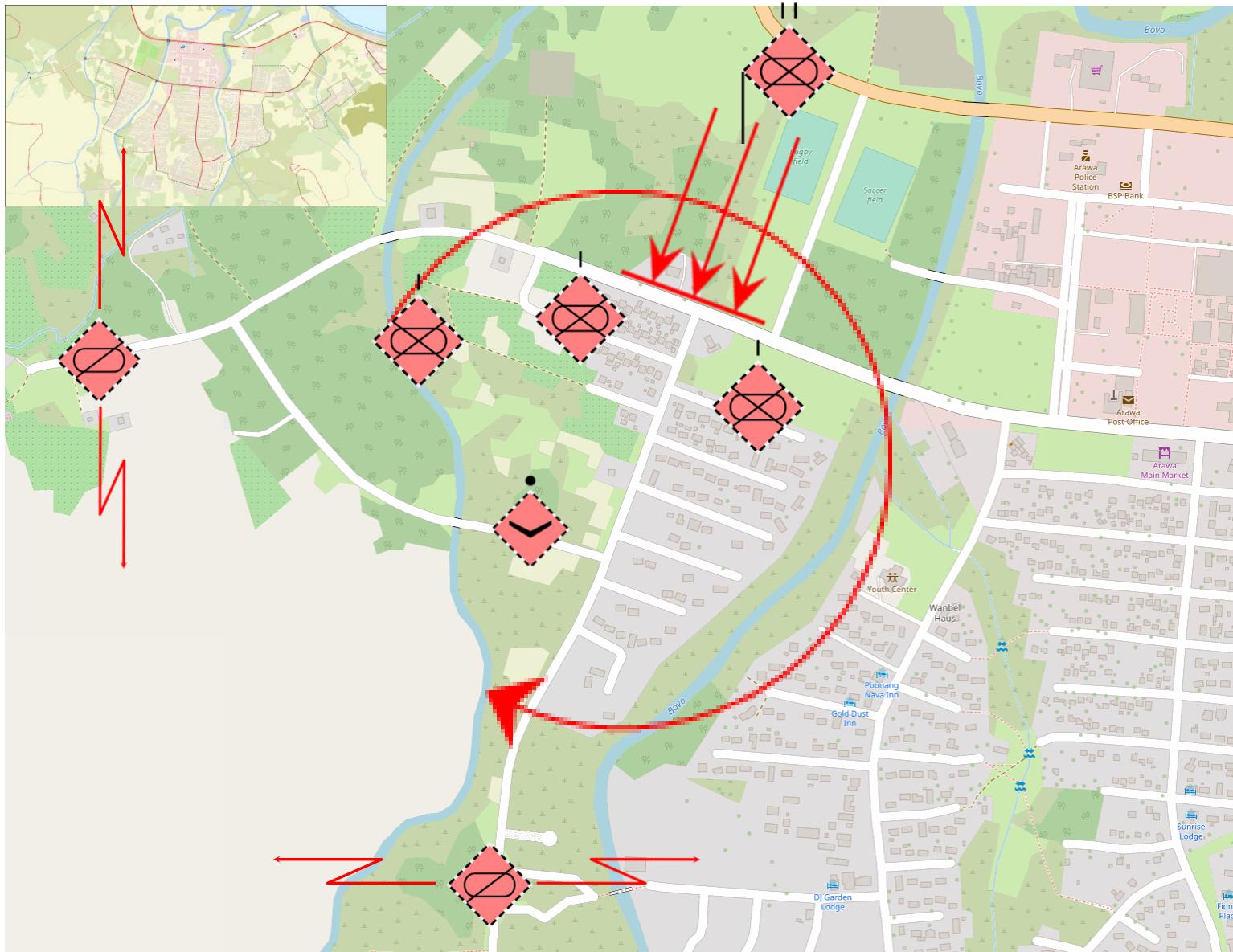
- 2 MECH COMPANY will reposition to the Southern side of the MSR, and provide cover to the North.
- 3 MECH COMPANY will reposition, and cover the Eastern approach of the MSR.
- COMPANY HQ will collapse and establish static location within the urban area.
- UAS will maintain persistent ISR soak of AO.
- RECON PLATOON will maintain screens to the South and West of ARAWA.

**End-State.**

The end state of this operation is:

1. Western ARAWA cleared of any potential enemy forces.
2. Defensive positions established IVO Western ARAWA.
3. ISR screens pushed out, IOT enable subsequent BDE manoeuvre across the AO.

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## Relevant Training References

### Olvanan Brigade level Tactics

[Olvanan Mechanised Brigade Task Group Tactics | Decisive Action Training Environment \(DATE\)](#)

### Olvanan Mechanised Brigade Task Group – Tactics Primer

[Olvanan MECH BDE TG Tactics | Decisive Action Training Environment \(DATE\)](#)

Further training resources are available on the Australian DATE website, accessed at [date.army.gov.au](http://date.army.gov.au)

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