

SCENARIO SPECIAL IDEA

Joint Area of Operations

JOA - East (PAMI)

General Idea

OPERATION STEEL SENTINEL (OSS)

Echelon Level

BRIGADE

Unit Type

AMPHIBIOUS COMBINED ARMS BRIGADE (AMPHIB CA-BDE)

Mission Type

OFFENSIVE URBAN

Scenario Design Comments

In this scenario, under the umbrella of Operation Steel Sentinel (OSS) Campaign plan, an Olvanan Amphibious Combined Arms Brigade (AMPHIB CA-BDE) has lodged near the city of ROXAS, on the island of PANAY, BELESIA and captured the seaport, airport and lucrative SAN RAFAEL MINE complex.

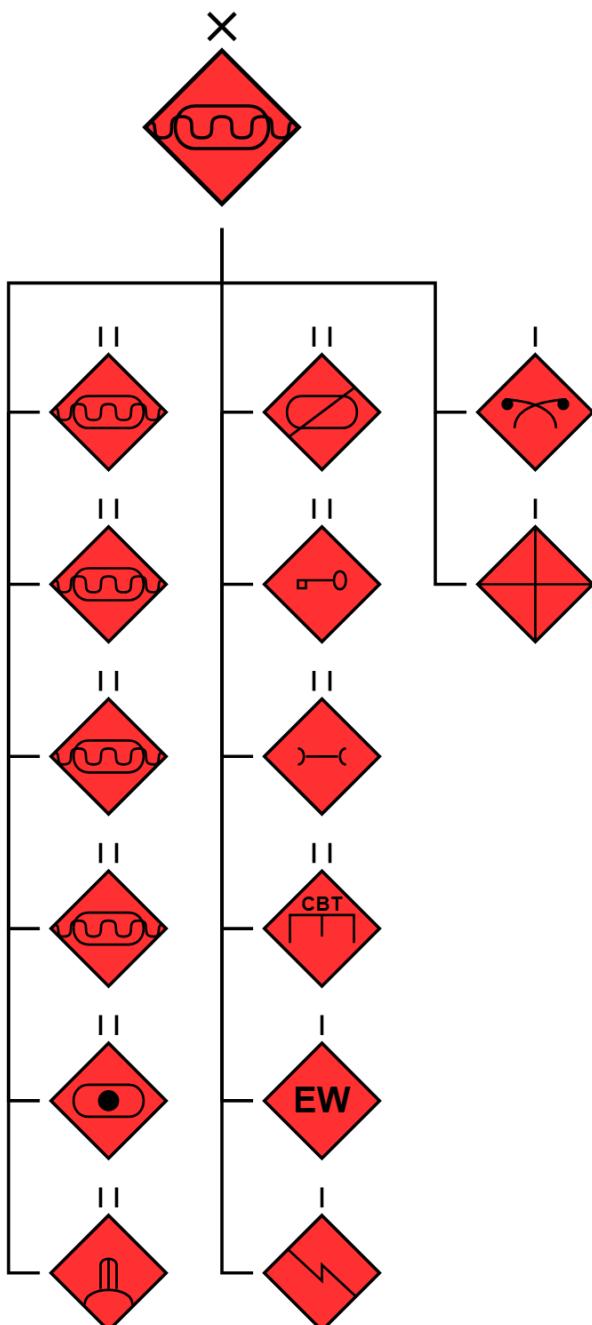
OLVANA (OV) has been conducting a week's long biennial exercise in the South China Sea (SCS), named Exercise RISEN SWORD. It was under the cover of this exercise that OV landed a marine force (estimated to be a Brigade) on Mischief Reef in the Spratly Islands as a staging base for operations into the region, concurrent with the AMPHIB CA-BDE lodgement in the Northern part of Panay.

OV has claimed the justification for this act of aggression is to protect ethnic Olvanans in Panay from persecution, and continues to advance North to South despite the international community's objections.

Currently in the scenario, the AMPHIB CA-BDE has secured the Northern section of the island, centred around ROXAS, with the intent to continue their advance South.

OPFOR suggested Order of Battle (ORBAT)

The suggested ORBAT for this scenario is an Amphibious Combined Arms Brigade (AMPHIB CA-BDE) from the Olvanan 17th Group Army (17 GA):



The AMPHIB CA-BDE is the primary assault force in an Olvanan island landing campaign, serving as the initial landing force in amphibious operations.

The Brigade consists of:

- AMPHIB BN (x4)
- FA BN
- AD BN
- RECON BN
- MAT SPT BN
- MAINT BN
- CBT ENGR BN
- EW COY
- SIG COY
- CHEM COY
- MED COY

The BDE's composition focuses on the use of high-speed amphibious platforms, specifically tailored to integrate with combined arms formations in the littoral environment.

The AMPHIB BNs are equipped with Type-05 amphibious chassis vehicles, assault vehicles, infantry fighting vehicles, engineering vehicles, and howitzers. These battalions form the foundation of the brigade's operational effectiveness.

OPFOR Mission

SITUATION

Following the successful AMPHIB lodgement at the SPOD IVO ROXAS, PANAY, the AMPHIB BDE is required to conduct a deliberate offensive clearance from North to South IOT secure KT and establish an expeditionary logistics hub on PANAY.

MISSION

1 MECH BDE is to clear the town of SANTA BARABARA, North of ILOILO, and secure the APOD at ILOILO INTL AIRPORT IOT enable follow-on forces to flow into the theatre and continue operations in the region.

Phase 1 – Recon and Shaping

- An initial recon sweep of the route will be conducted by the BDE's organic ISR elements.
- Elements of the MECH RECON BN will advance ahead of the BDE IOT conduct ISR/Recon of the OBJ area.

Phase 2 – Distraction/Feint

- BDE RECON elements will maintain overwatch of potential EN POS IVO SANTA BARBARA, and also establish flanking screens to the East and West of OBJ area.
- The Frontline assault group, consisting of 2 MECH BNs, will perform feint attacks to fix EN defences and deceive potential EN on the North-Eastern approaches.
- The Firepower Support group will provide obscuration effects for the Frontline ASLT GRP.

Phase 3 – Envelopment – Main Assault

- Simultaneously to the feint attack, the Main Effort (ME) attack will commence with the Depth and Thrust groups advancing to contact and enveloping EN positions on the Western flank of the OBJ area. The ME ASLT elements will penetrate defences, target key areas in the deep zone, and clear EN defensive positions.
- The Firepower GRP will support the ME ASLT, disrupting EN defences and C-ATK.
- RECON elements will maintain persistent ISR and overwatch of the OBJ area, providing battlefield commentary and continuing to support the flanking screens.

Phase 4 – Consolidation

- ME ASLT GRP and Frontline ASLT GRP will consolidate within SANTA BARBARA and establish all-round defensive positions, oriented to cover likely avenues of approach, with particular focus on the Southern flank.

OFFICIAL / UNCLASSIFIED

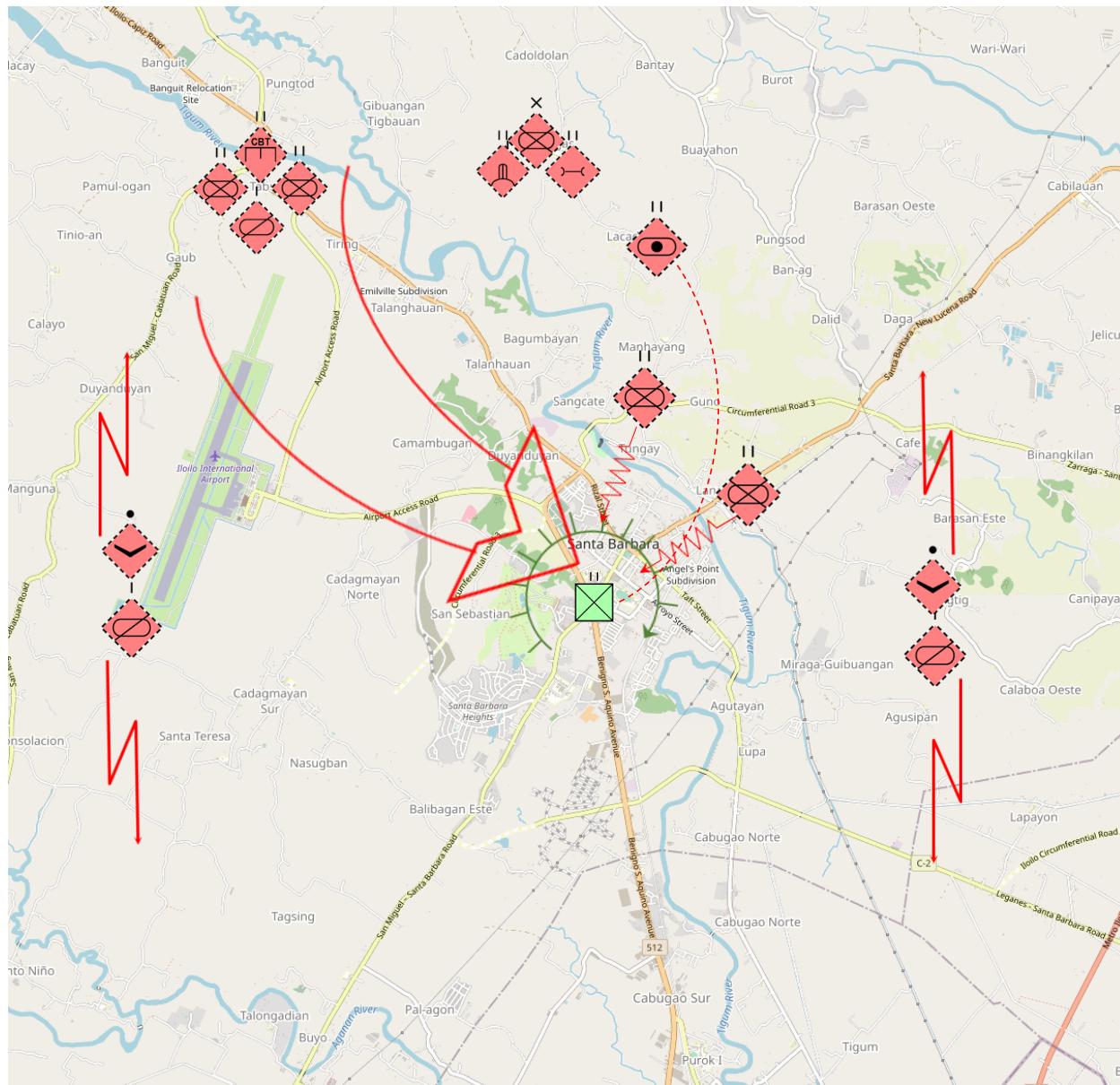
- RECON elements will continue to deploy forward of the defensive position, and provide early-warning and ISR of likely EN actions.

End-State.

The successful end-state of this mission is:

1. SANTA BARBARA secured, defensive positions established.
2. ILOILO INTL AIRPORT APOD secured, enabling follow-on forces to flow into the theatre.
3. ILOILO urban area contained, enabling a final advance and clearance IOT secure PANAY, BELESIA.

OFFICIAL / UNCLASSIFIED



OFFICIAL / UNCLASSIFIED

Relevant Training References

Olvanan Brigade level Tactics

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

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/>