

**SCENARIO SPECIAL IDEA**

<b>Joint Area of Operations</b>	JOA - WEST
<b>General Idea</b>	OPERATION PACIFIC AEGIS
<b>Echelon Level</b>	BATTALION
<b>Unit Type</b>	MECHANISED INFANTRY
<b>Mission Type</b>	DEFENSIVE - LITTORAL

**Scenario Design Comments**

In this scenario, due to geo-political tensions the Olvanan People's Army (OPA) has emplaced the Southern Theatre Command (STC) 17th Group Army (17 GA) in the nation of Bagansait, postured along the border with Khorathidin.

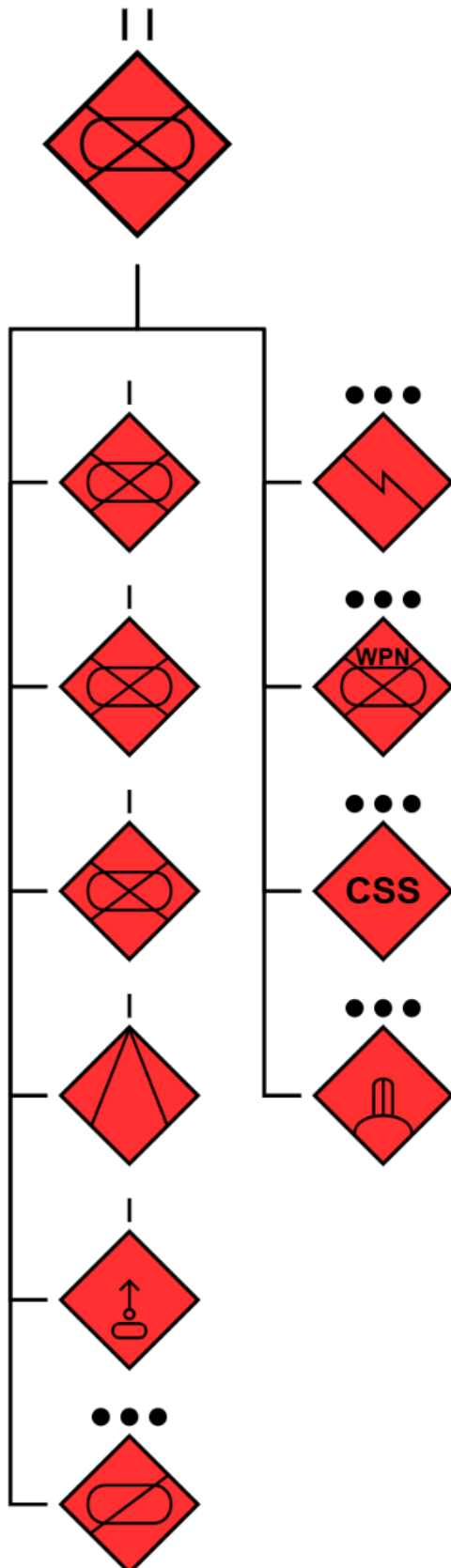
Olvana subsequently conducted a rapid border incursion into Khorathidin and advanced to occupy Chang Mai and Chang Rai, in the north of Khorathidin. Olvana used border incursions from Khorathidin, resource access issues and threats against Olvana expatriates to justify its' military occupation.

The Olvanan offensive gained early success, rapidly capturing Chang Mai and Chang Rai, in the north of Khorathidin. Olvanan forces continued to exploit their early successes and advanced to Phitsanulok, where they reached their limit of exploitation. The Khorathidin forces, with their allies, conducted a successful counter offensive and pushed the Olvanan forces back to Bagansait.

The Olvanan withdrawal has caused significant gaps in the Olvanan defensive line in the border region, with the pursuing Khorathidin and allied forces pursuing the Olvanans into Bagansait. Olvanan and Bagansait are rapidly reforming defensive lines and are positioning to counter attack.

## 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 retrograde actions from Phitsanulok, Khorathidin, the 502 Mechanised Brigade (502 MECH BDE) has been tasked to establish defensive lines to enable and cover the withdrawal of Olvanan ground combat elements.

### **MISSION**

1 MECH BN is to retain BILU ISLAND and establish positional defence IOT retain the KT ISO the 502 MECH BDE's withdrawal corridors on the western flanks.

#### **Phase 1 – Recon and Shaping**

- Internal UAS assets will conduct a RECON sweep of the AO and the Northern and Eastern approaches, and maintain coverage throughout phases as directed.
- Battalion HQ and supporting elements will establish the support zone in the centre of the island at BILUGYUN, and establish the depth area, maintaining central control and supply lines.

#### **Phase 2 – Depth and Battle zone development**

- 1 MECH Company will move to the Eastern point of entry at Nat Hmaw and develop defences to retain the position.
- 2 MECH Company will move to the Northern point of entry at Ka Wai and develop defences to retain the position.
- 3 MECH Company will move to the Western point of entry at Zee Kone and develop defences to retain the position.

#### **Phase 3 – Battle zone development**

- Self-propelled Mortar Company and Air Defence will position in the central mountain area and depth defensive positions to provide support.
- 1,2 and 3 MECH Company develop hardened defences covering the Battle Zones and set anti-armour ambush sites.
- Weapons PL and Anti-armour COY to act as reserve and be prepared to support forward CS.
- CSS is to resupply MECH COYS with defensive stores.

#### **Phase 4 – Disruption zone and defensive procedure**

- BN HQ use supporting elements from weapons PL to develop minefields for the disruption zones tied into defences.

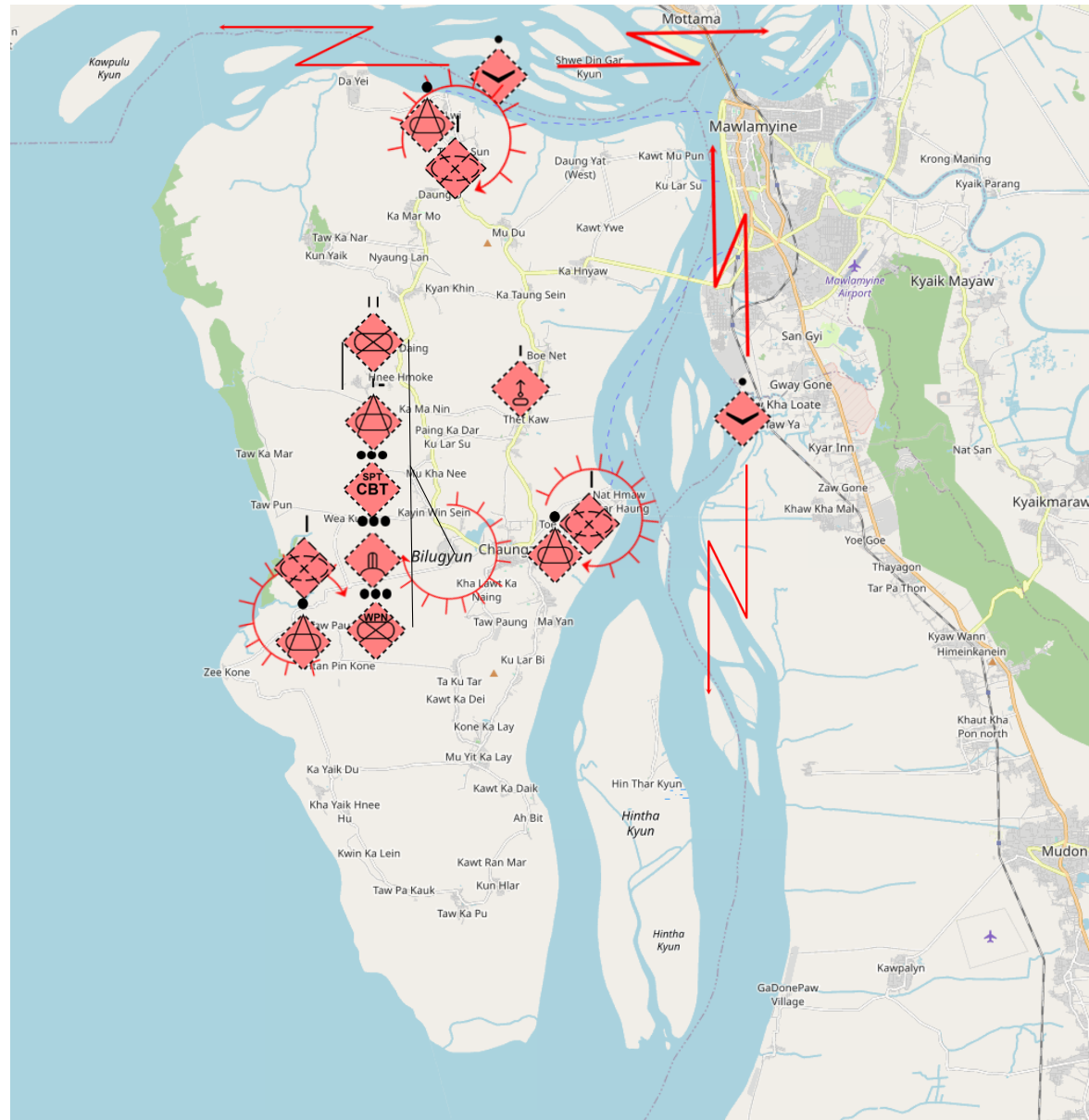
- All elements are to establish defensive positions in their areas of responsibility.

**End-State.**

The successful end-state of this mission is:

1. KT of BILU ISLAND is retained.
2. Defensive positions establish on BILU ISLAND.
3. BDE freedom of movement on the Western flank of the AO is restored, posturing for subsequent C-ATK operations.

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## 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](http://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/>