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EXERCISE**

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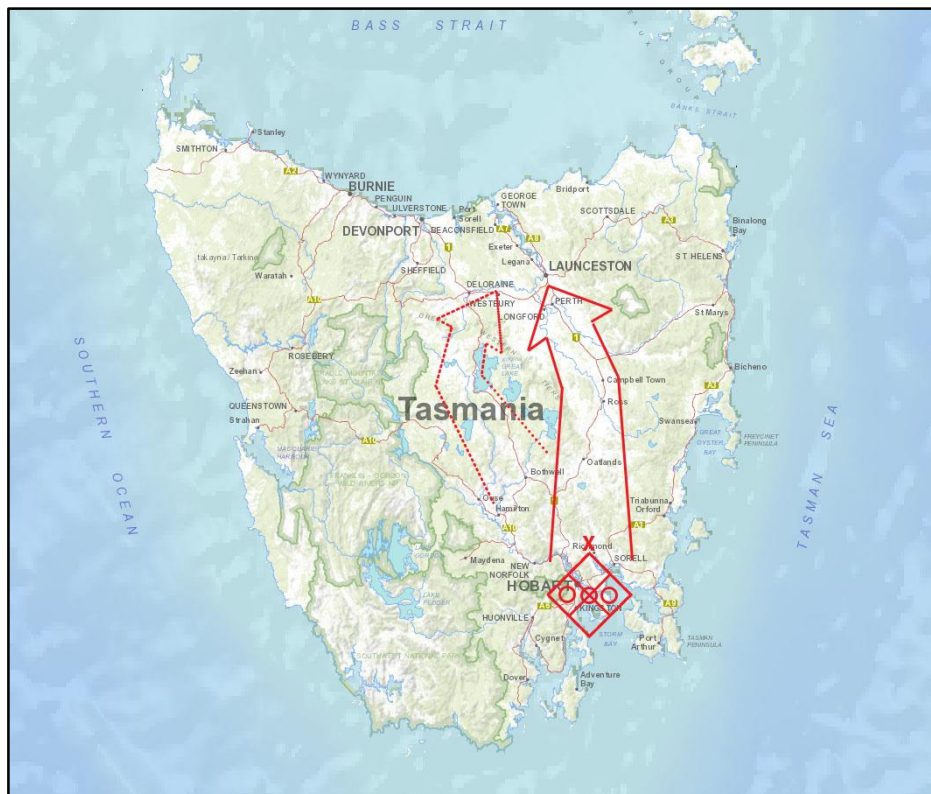
OPERATION DEVILS PLAYGROUND CT-B



An advanced element of the Musorian Armed Forces (MAF) has been deployed to Hobart, Tasmania as a probing force IOT establish a strong point and secure the landing of follow on forces. The Brigade sized probing force has been given authority from the Musorian Government to clear and secure the two main airports in Tasmania, Hobart and Launceston. Upon their success the rest of the Division will follow and establish bases in the airports allowing for the landing of the MAF Expeditionary Force.

This force was following infiltration elements of the MAF Special Forces Platoon – Conventional, who had landed earlier in the port of Hobart and captured the Government House prior to destroying the local communication assets. After neutralising the local government and communication systems they pushed North IOT commence ISR missions and determine movement corridors for follow on forces. Special Forces elements are conducting their missions whilst blending in with the local populace through wearing civilian attire and carrying their standard issued equipment of M16s, RPK, RPG-18s, VHF radio and NFE. They are known to cache equipment and supplies for other ISR assets as well as performing clandestine ops both within and surrounding the local populaces.

In response the Musoria's invasion of Tasmania, the Australian Government has mobilised 7 Brigade to block the advancing threat with the support of HMAS Canberra providing transport, logistical and C2 support. Due to limited logistical assets, 1 Regt is only able to provide one Battery in support to Bde HQ. 3 Brigade is currently moving its forces to Sydney where it will marry up with HMAS Adelaide and its escort fleet IOT conduct an amphibious lodgement to the North of Hobart.



Size

The enemy is operating numerous groups for task specific purposes.

- ISR assets are operating in 2-3 man groups with the potential to form up to Squad minus when conducting resupply.
- Clearing and fighting patrols are operating in Squad size groups with the potential to form up to Platoon minus when conducting marry up with other ISR assets.
- Assault forces are operating in Platoon size groups with the potential to form up Battalion minus depending on the threat, terrain and enemy activity on major objectives.

Activities

ISR assets are conducting long range recon IOT establish enemy routes, formations and dispositions whilst also performing path finding operations. This information is passed onto the patrols IOT establish skirmishes and attacks on targeted critical vulnerabilities.

Locations

Intel has advised that MAF have captured and taken control of the airport of Hobart with a Battalion element securely dug in. The remainder of the Brigade has pushed further north to consolidate and then commence their advance, they have established their HQ at Oatlands. ISR assets have been assessed to be operating within the boundaries of Hobart to the South, the Great Pine Tier to the West and the coastlines to the East and North. Squad to Company level formations are operating as far north as 20 kilometres from BHQ.

Unit

7th, 8th, 12th Mot Inf Bn, 13th Mot Inf Bde, 8th Mot Inf Div of the Southern Region of the MAF.

Tactics

The enemy operate with slightly different tactics depending on the size of the force.

- ISR assets will avoid decisive engagement unless under direct threat. The only other circumstance this will vary is if they are ordered to initiate probing attacks with the support of a larger force conducting an attack. Whilst undertaking normal ISR activities they will amass maximum firepower if engaged IOT conduct a clean break and withdraw through pre-planned routes.
- Patrols are known to conduct aggressive fighting patrols and will only attack if the enemy ratios are met of 3:1. These may be conducted at all levels from Section up to Company level depending on the threat, terrain and objective, which will more commonly result in a Quick Attack.
- Assaulting forces are only conducted as Deliberate Attacks with reliable intelligence and are only conducted at Battalion level.

Equipment

Refer to Table 2-196, LWP-G 7-5-1 Musorian Armed Forces – Organisation and Equipment for a full detailed list of all equipment.

Habits

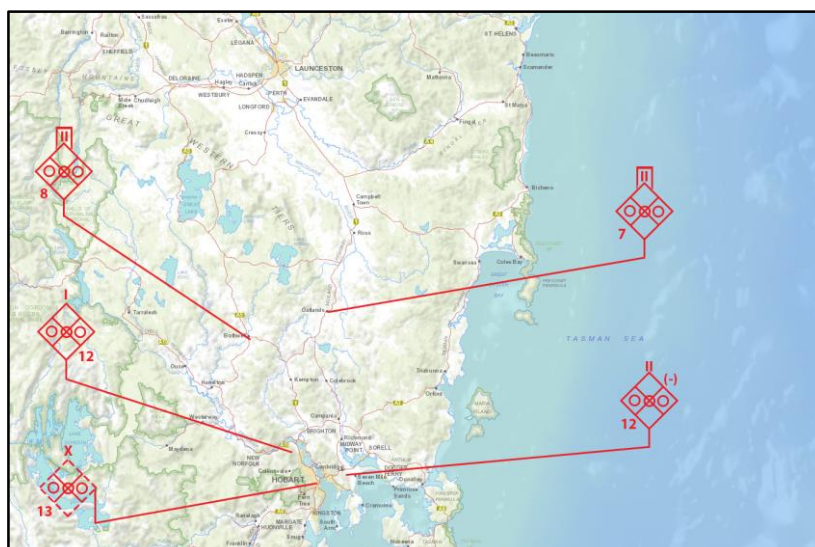
7th Mot Inf Bn (7 MIB) are well trained and disciplined and it should be expected they will act as independent groups capable of conducting both Offensive and Defensive Operations. They will maintain sentries by day, patrol effectively by night and retain a bias for action to inflict casualties on targets of opportunity if required to withdraw.

Intent

7 MIB is acting as a probing force IOT determine the effectiveness of a successful invasion by the 8th Mot Inf Div into Tasmania. This will be achieved by securing the two main airports in Tasmania, Hobart and Launceston, in which Hobart has already been successfully captured and controlled. Their main push will be north utilising the Midland Highway, neutralising any key infrastructure on the way and establishing a cordon around the two airports. ISR elements are conducting path finding operations IOT determine alternate manoeuvre corridors to the East and West of the Midland Highway. Once both airports are secured, the remainder of 8th Mot Inf Div will move in and occupy, preparing for the Expeditionary Force, which will then co-ordinate the follow on invasion into Australia.

Morale

Due the rare opportunity of such a probing force by the Musorian Government all troop morale is assessed as high. This is reinforced by the successful invasion and control of Hobart with the promise of reinforcements by 8th Mot Inf Div if they are successful in capturing the remaining airport in Launceston.



7 Bde HQ is located at the Launceston Airport.

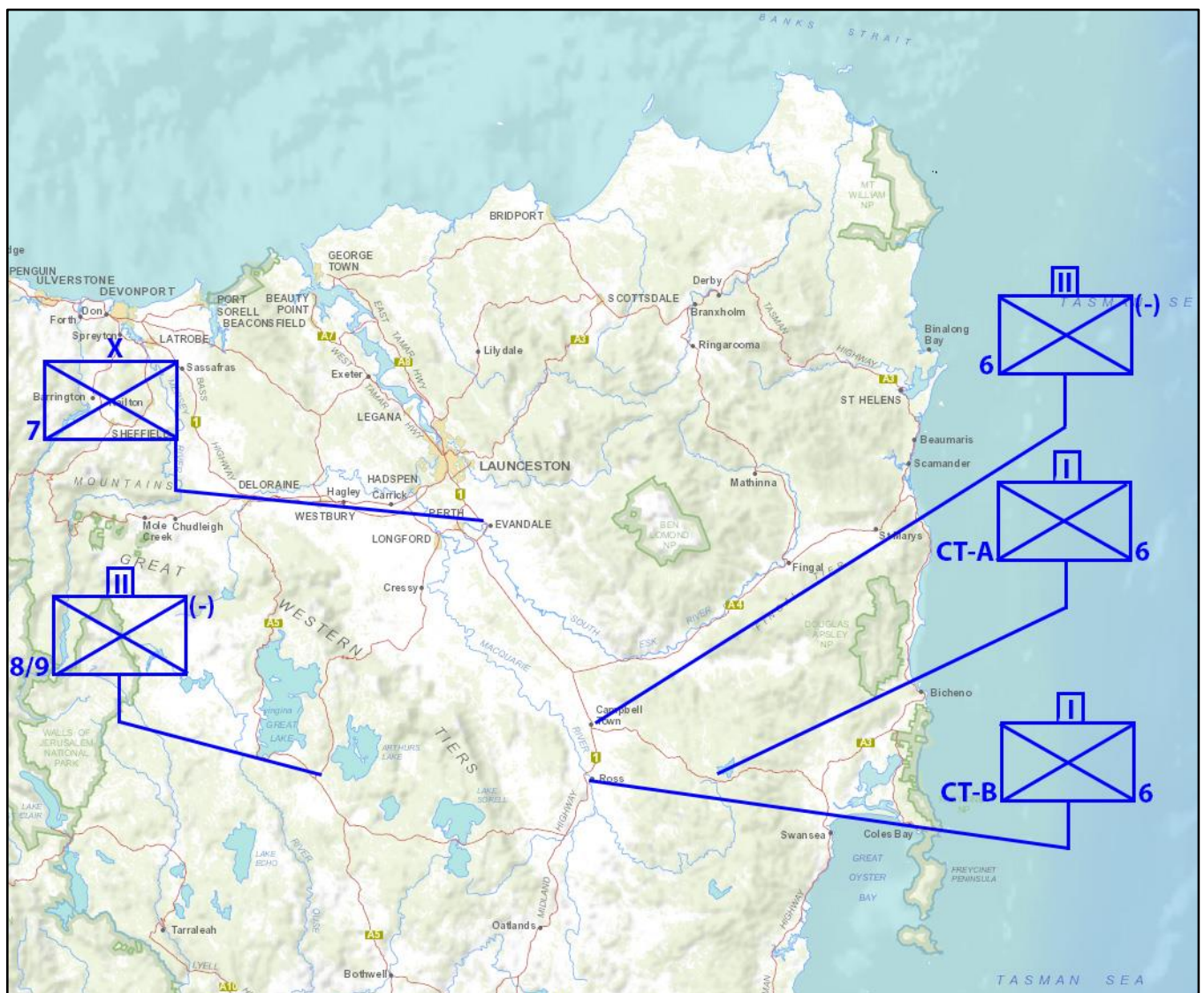
BG Cougar has a defensive position of the western approaches IVO SE of Great Lake.

BG Panther HQ is located in Campbell Town with security provided by CT Charlie.

CT Alpha is located IVO Ross, 10km South of Campbell Town.

CT Bravo is located IVO Rawlinna, 30km East of Campbell Town IVO Lake Leake.

Both Battle Groups are made up of 3 Combat Teams of Company strength with support from Troops of Combat Engineers, Combat Signallers. BG Panther has been mobilised with M113AS4's and BG Cougar has been mobilised with Bushmaster PMV's.





Situation

An MAF Battle Group has been sighted to the south of Oatlands IVO GS 3016 and moving North. This BG is based on the 7th Motorised infantry Battalion supported with a platoon from the Engineer Company, Anti-Tank Guided Missile Company and Mortar Battalion. MAF is currently conducting an advance with the main axis of advance being identified as the Midland corridor. It is believed the MAF BG COMD's intent is to use his momentum and our hasty defences to his advantage, he will conduct a single envelopment to the West utilising Kitchners Ridge as cover. His equipment is standard to the MAF Motorised Brigade ORBAT.

CT-B is establishing its initial stages of the delay position on Horton Hill. 1 PI has been sighted to the South, 2 PI to the East and 3 PI in rear security/depth to the North West.

Mission

CT-B is to DELAY MAF Advance by 24 hrs IOT allow BG Panther to establish a block at Campbell Town

Execution

Commanders Intent:

Purpose To delay MAF advance by 24 hours.

Method Disrupt MAF SA through the conduct of fighting patrols & Disrupt MAF momentum through CT successive delay.

End state CT-B has assumed its position as part of the BG BLOCK at Campbell Town and the MAF advance has been delayed by 24 hours.

General SOM:

Phase 1 At the commencement of the phase CT-B is located with BG Panther at AA Lancaster IVO Evandale. It will see the movement as a BG to Campbell Town and the separation of CT-A and CT-B to their delay locations. It will also see the development of delay positions, patrolling and preparation for the delay battle. This phase will end once the MAF vanguard has crossed RL Storm.

Phase 2 This phase will commence once the MAF vanguard has crossed RL Storm. It will see the conduct of the delay battle with successive movement to Mount Augusta and then Campbell Town. This phase will end once CT-B has occupied its position within the BG block.

Administration and Logistics

Rats / Water: 72 hrs / >6L



OPERATION SITUATION

CT-B ORDERS

Dress: MO

Ammo: First line ammo on person, up to third line ammunition carried within APCs. Each Platoon to carry allocated section stores. (first line ammunitions consisting of 150 rounds loose and 800 rounds link. Section stores consists of grenades, claymores, 66mm and smoke).

Medical: Each Platoon to have designated medics with medical stores to include stretcher tops, FADs, tourniquets and med kits. Platoon commanders are to sight their own CCP/CXP and develop their own medical CASEVAC Plan.

CASEVAC Plan: There is no AME available but surface evacuation assets from BG Panther are on 15 min NTM under control through 29F for all PRI 1 and 2 casualties. BG Panther is approximately 15 km North of CT location with a rehearsed time of no more than 25 minutes for arrival. CT CCP will be located North of position in GS 3745. All PRI 3 casualties will be dealt with on site by Platoon medics and evacuated when possible.

Command and Signals

CT HQ will be located centrally between the Platoons IVO track as per map.

Signals will be as per standard SOI with CT Pri and Alt utilised. No retrans capability available at this stage.

All Platoons are to ensure radio checks are conducted every hour on the hour.

Any nicknames utilised for orders are to be submitted through orders.

Magic pass number for the next 24 hours is 9.

Lost communications procedure will be through higher elevation, higher power and higher frequency.

