

Op. SAM

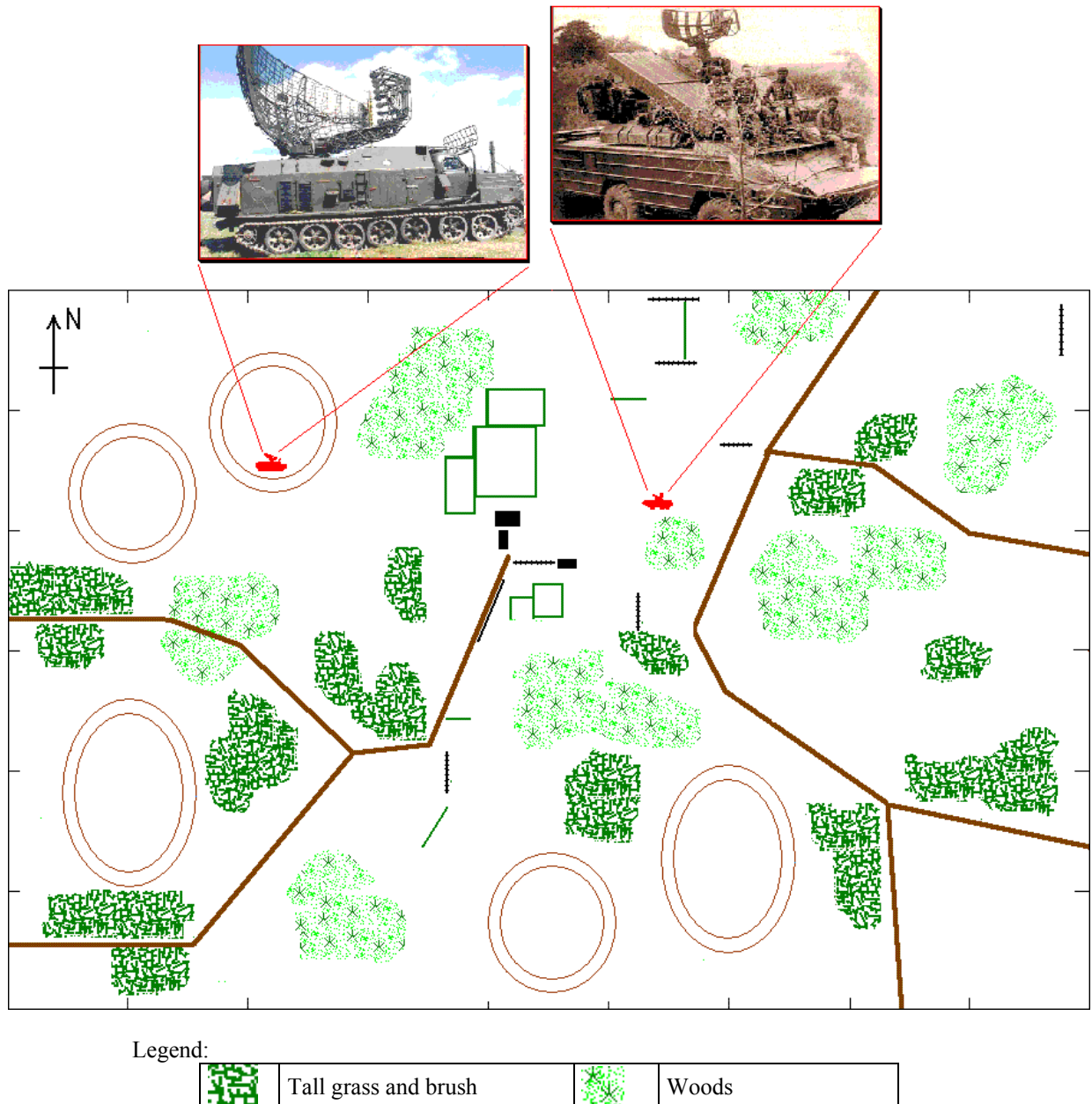
1. Strategic situation

This fictitious scenario is set in Angola around late 1987.

After a strong artillery barrage, SADF Recce teams informed the HQ that a Soviet-manned SA-8 Gecko SAM and a Long Track radar system (OSA-AK and P-40/1S12 Bronya) had been knocked out. It's top secret technology is a major prize in either the right or the wrong hands!

UNITA forces are nearby and they would gladly give the South Africans a help. But then again, neither the FAPLA nor it's Cuban and Soviet allies seem likely to cooperate ...

2. The battlefield



3. Game's lenght

15 turns

FAR/FAPLA



4. Settings and Orders

From: COPE
To: COMBAT

Comrade Colonel,

Congratulations for resisting the severe bombardment by the racist forces from Pretoria. Your Battalion has managed to hold the ground.

The SIM has detected the presence of armed bandits near your positions. We suspect that their aim is to capture either the damaged OSA-AK or the P-40/1S12 Bronya that are being guarded by your troops.

You must not allow vital technology to fall in the wrong hands. Stop the enemy incursion and keep the place secure.

Your forces are placed on a 400m radius* around the SAM and radar systems.

We suspect that the enemy's main axis of approach will be South-North. Send at least one reconnaissance unit southwards. Your motorised companies should be placed by the roads, at least at a 800m radius from the SAM. The BTR company will act as reserve.

We can only give you limited artillery support so don't waste your calls.

GEN Mateus Ângelo Vietnam
6th Military Region

Battalion's composition:

Unit	Composition	OP
1 st Reconnaissance	2x BRDM2 + 1x PT-76	7
2 nd Reconnaissance	2x BRDM2	4
Mechanised Infantry (FAR)	Infantry Coy: 3x BTR-60PB + infantry	12
Motorised Infantry	1 st Infantry Coy: 3x trucks + infantry	9
	2 nd Infantry Coy: 3x trucks + infantry	9
	3 rd Infantry Coy: 3x trucks + infantry	9

Total: 50 Operational Points, Brake at 40% casualties (20 OP).

Artillery Support:

Dedicated battery 122mm D30: 4 salvos HE

Notes:

* 400m = 20cm

You may not use your artillery against targets less than 20cm from the SAM

The enemy will **capture the OSA-AK** or the **P-40/1S12 Bronya** if at turn's end none of your unsuppressed infantry units (T1 or T2) is less than 10cm from the vehicle and one of the enemy's T1 or T2 contacts the SAM and stay unsuppressed for two consecutive turns.

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4. Setting and Orders

From: Military Information Service

To: CEM

Our South African allies have detected a Soviet SAM vehicle and a radar vehicle near our battalion's positions and they have requested our help to capture it.

We have settled communications procedures with the South Africans so that we may receive artillery and air support.

COR Peregrino Isidoro Chindondo Wambu

From: CEM

To: TCOR Chuenlai

There is a damaged Russian SAM and a radar near your positions whose capture is of strategic importance.

Enter the battleground from the South, try to flank the enemy forces and probe their defenses. Then call for artillery support in order to break the communists.

When you find the time is ripe, call the South Africans. They will send reinforcements to capture the SAM.

MV is counting on you.

BRIG Demóstenes Chilingutilla

Battalion's composition:

Unit	Composition	OP
Reconnaissance	3x Land Rover	3
Motorised Infantry	1 st Infantry Coy: 3x trucks + infantry	9
	2 nd Infantry Coy: 3x trucks + infantry	9
	3 rd Infantry Coy: 3x trucks + infantry	9
AT Group	3x M151 Jeep/106mm RFG	6
Artillery support	2x 81mm/82mm mortar battery: 6 salvos HE + 2 WP	

Total: 36 Operational Points, **withdraw** at 35% casualties (13 OP)

Reserve Task Force:

Unit	Composition	OP
Heliborne paratroopers	5x SA316B Alouette III + 2 infantry each	10

* Instead of these, you may use 2x SA330 PUMA + 5 infantry each

Note: the helicopters must be submitted to a **call**. Use the same rules as in the **Artillery call**. They will arrive 2 turns later.

Total: 10 Operational Points, **withdraw** at 20% casualties (2 OP).

Artillery Support:

Dedicated battery 155mm G5: 8 salvos HE + 2 WP

Notes:

- **MV** (Mais Velho) – Dr. Jonas Savimbi's nickname
- You may not use your HE artillery shells against targets less than 10cm from the SAM
- Use the elite rules for the SADF paratroopers
- **To capture the SA-8**, at the end of the turn no unsuppressed enemy infantry units (T1 or T2) may be less than 10cm from the vehicle and one of your unsuppressed T1 or T2 must contact the SA-8 and stay unsuppressed for two consecutive turns.

