

Landing at al-Awali

1. Strategic situation

This scenario is set on the 6th June 1982.

Major General Amos Yaron's amphibious force received his orders designating his landing site near the estuary of the Awali River, five kilometers north of Sidon.

After a beach reconnaissance, about 2300 paratroopers began landing, being brought in by helicopter, followed by tanks and other heavy equipment landed by LCU's. Their initial objectives were quickly taken as one platoon seized the bridges over the Awali and another the heights east of the highway. In only a couple of hours, tanks and other vehicles were brought ashore, the brigade landed, and the beachhead was secured.

Meanwhile, though, the beachhead was strengthened as CH-53's ferried troops and equipment from Israel and a second landing was made at 1430. This landing, made in broad daylight less than three kilometers from the port of Sidon, was covered by continuous smoke missions requested by Yaron; Israeli F-4's managed to keep a layer of smoke between Sidon and the landing for nearly two hours, until the landing was completed.

2. The battlefield

Woods and orange groves may hide troops from aerial view. The river is impassable at full length. Agriculture fields are good going.

3. Game's length

15 turns

4. IDF Settings and Orders



From: BRIGADE
To: BATTALION

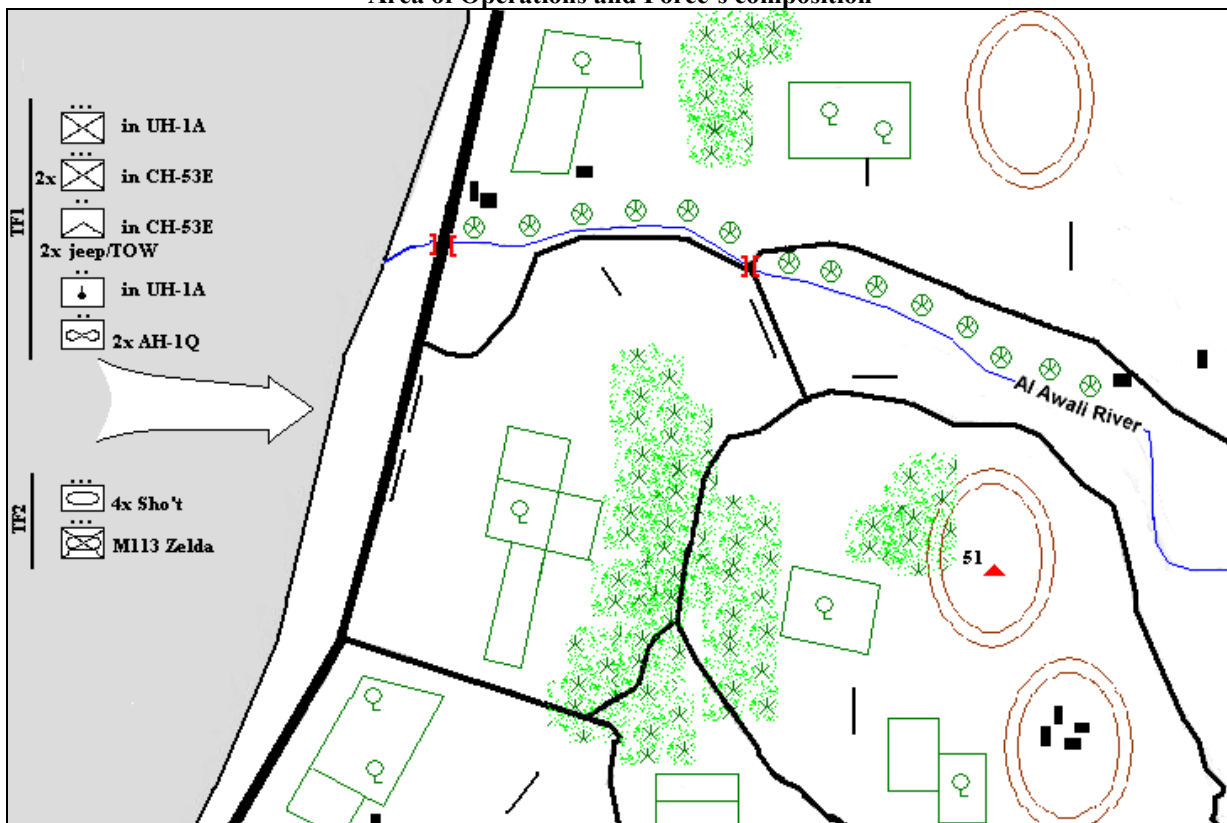
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Our beach reconnaissance has detected enemy presence near the landing site. You must clear the way so that they pose no threat to our main landing force.

Your objectives (marked in red) are to seize the bridges over the Awali with TF1, after which TF2 will be brought ashore to take the hill 51.

There is no artillery support available, yet the Air Force will drop smoke bombs as needed.

Area of Operations and Force's composition



Total: 55 Operational Points, Brake at 30% casualties (18 OP).

CAS: 2x AH-1 Cobra (Tzefa): 8x TOW + 2 Rocket pods

Smoke screen can be provided by F-4 Phantom (Kurnass). Use **Air Support** rules.

Notes:



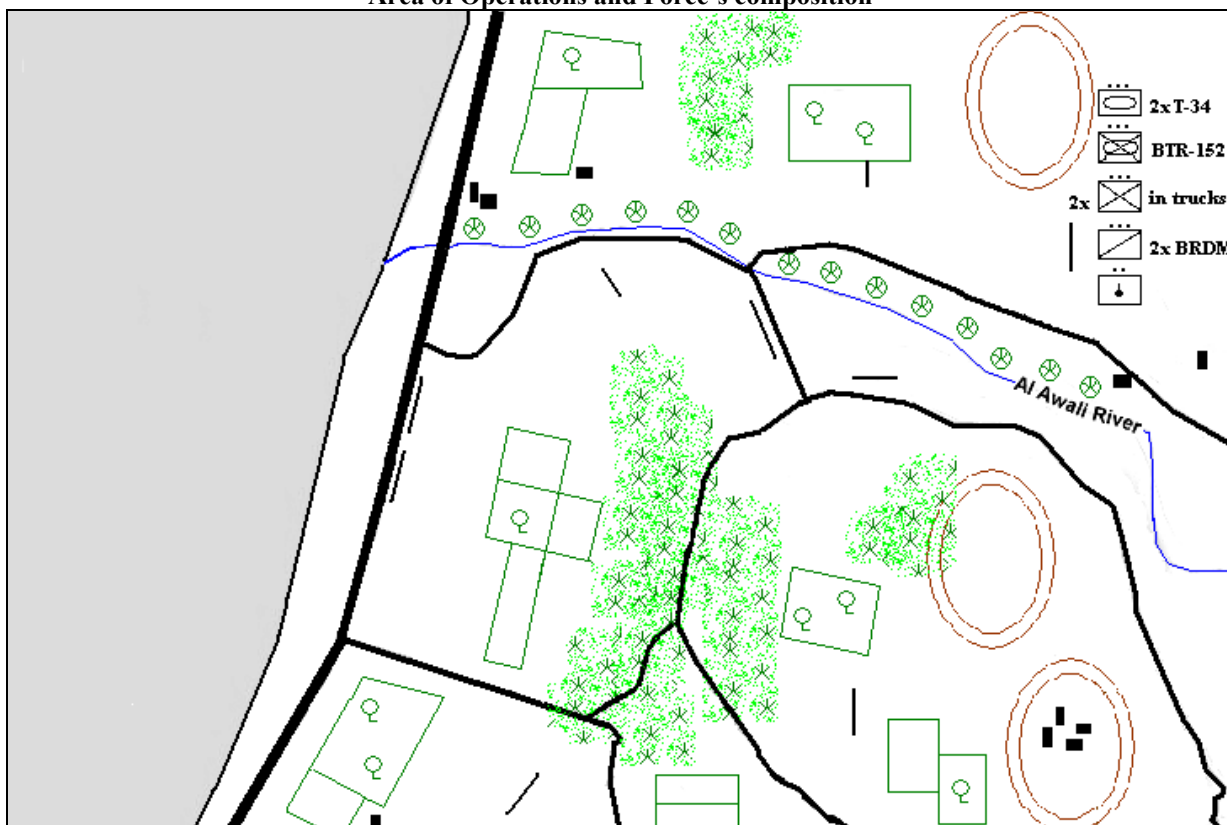
4. PLA Setting and Orders

From: Regional Command
To: 460th Battalion

Our Military Information Service has detected the presence of an enemy amphibious force off the Lebanese shore. The two bridges over the Awali river make your deployment area the probable landing site.

We suppose the enemy is too strong for you to stand and fight. Nevertheless, you must harass the enemy. If the bridges are taken, retreat to the hills and hold them.

Area of Operations and Force's composition



Total: 44 Operational Points, **withdraw** at 40% casualties (17 OP)

Artillery Support:

BM-21 122mm battery: 2 salvos HE

Notes:

