

# Ultimos Noticias

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## Linkaro remains the focus of fighting in the South East Heavy losses reported in area

A battle that has only just come to light was fought last month at Tilotra, held by the Sons of Minerva. It seems that a raiding party approached the village by river and managed to heavily damage the river crossing at the village under the noses of the defenders. The crossing has been out of action for the best part of two months while repairs have been carried out. The status of the bridge at this point is unclear.

Further attempts by the Partido De Unidad (PdU) to interdict the supply and reinforcement of Linkaro from the north have seen naval forces engaged in fire missions against convoys on the coast road leading south to

the heavily defended settlement. An unidentified naval vessel has engaged a convoy heading south with heavy machinegun fire from offshore causing the Sons of Minerva (SoM) forces the loss of vital trucks and the cargo of combat supplies. So far the SoM command have yet to devise any counter measure for this threat.

In a further tightening of the PdU grip on supply lines to Linkaro nit has been reported that more trucks have been destroyed on what is becoming "the road of death". This time PdU helicopters struck engaging trucks with anti tank missiles. Escorting armoured cars were unable to prevent heavy loss of

reinforcements and combat supplies. There are no reports of helicopter losses.

The misery for the SoM defenders at Tilotra goes on as the Molteni have carried out a further artillery attack on the beleaguered base. Heavy artillery from long distance has been able to rain down fire on the village and its defenders with impunity as the defenders seem unable to obtain an artillery of their own. Damage was widespread and extensive and losses to the defenders heavy. Collateral damage seems to have been very high also.

The growing artillery capability of the Molteni is evident in their ability to

Jason's Bit

The nature of combat in the game has come up this month following a very busy month.

When planning a mission close attention should be paid to the mission you want to carry out. Each mission type has a casualty ceiling which is a measure of the intensity of the fighting that a mission will generate and at which point the losses become too high for the attack. This reflects the willingness to "Push" an attack forward. The more intense and prolonged the fighting the more combat supplies will be used. The difference between assault and probe are very distinct. You can of course reduce the level of losses when combat should be broken off.

Every defensive unit type in the game has a counter. Wire entanglements and minefields can be attacked by combat engineers employing Bangalore Torpedoes. They do not have to destroy ALL of them to be effective, just enough to make a breach in the line. Once this is achieved they are no longer relevant to the battle. The morale and training and leadership of your assault troops must be of sufficient level to enable them to take advantage of any such breach. Of course you will more than likely need some numerical or qualitative superiority in order to defeat the garrison but armour and fire support will be very important. Training should never be ignored. A Bonus of 10 would be a good measure in many of the above mentioned qualities.

attack multiple targets in a short space of time. Another powerful artillery attack has been directed at Linkaro. The artillery seems to have been less powerful but the impact of more guns was plain to see. Further damage to the defences and the village itself are evident. Losses in men and material are significant but these well dug in forces are showing that artillery is but an aid to the attacker not the whole solution.

The Grey Dawn have again intervened in the South West with an airstrike upon the PdU port at Lobvadra. The striking force seems to have doubled in size and reports tell of a pair of RTAF-5 aircraft carrying out a medium level strike using a full load of high explosive. It seems that the bombs are not of the highest quality as at least one failed to explode. However the remainder caused some blast damage to vehicles and temporarily caused some disruption to port operations. This has not gone down well with the PdU high Command who it is believed have attempted to establish a dialogue with Grey Dawn. Now they have been shown to be dangerous perhaps the Grey Dawn will enter into some sort of alliance with the PdU.

The Molteni have returned to the attack against the SoM

forces defending Linkaro with a further artillery attack. Employing forward observers the pak howitzers attacked from 4000 yards and caused havoc despite the network of slit trenches and other defences. Defensive fire was directed against possible forward observation and no counter battery fire was identified. It seems that the Molteni can inflict damage on the SoM defenders with impunity.

Immediately following the Molteni artillery attack the PdU Infantry located to the South of Linkaro left their hiding places and advanced to take advantage of the confusion. However they ran into the wire and mines on the perimeter and were unable to advance further. Pinned down by defensive fire the commander ordered them to be picked up by an APC but this was also engaged and disabled. The men were eventually withdrawn under the dire of tanks, anti aircraft fire in the ground support role and a pair of helicopters, one of which was successfully engaged by a SoM

SA-8 anti aircraft missile and heavy calibre anti aircraft guns. The defenders losses were heavy but the failure to take the village from the SoM must be a blow to the men of the PdU. It seems that there will be some hard thinking before the attackers will return

to Linkaro. In the meantime the SoM will have to bring in much needed resupply and reinforcement if they are to hold onto the ruins of the village.

Further interdiction has been carried out by the PdU Naval forces to the north of Linkaro. SoM forces and supplies rushing South to aid Linkaro have again suffered heavy losses on the road caused by naval gunfire.

Centre of Internal Aggression (CIA) forces have probed Agda in the North of the country. The Government Forces defenders easily shrugged off the attack with minimal losses to themselves. The poorly trained CIA Militia troops seemed to have been mowed down before they got close. With no supporting fire their losses were very heavy.