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<center><b>Teaser Scenario</b></center>

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This scenario requires playtesting. Beta 2 version.

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<b>Piva River, 11 November 1943:</b> After the battle for the roadblock, the main effort of the Marines was spent patrolling, developing supply routes through the swamps, and extending the beachhead. The swamps along the Piva River hindered supply to the forward battalions. Indeed, only halftracks, and amphibians could traverse the supply route up the river. The route itself was not completely secure as combat and recon patrols resulted in frequent but minor clashes.

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<b>Aftermath:</b> Road construction through the swamps was difficult. Not only did the engineers have to deal with the interminable terrain but the threat of Japanese soldiers in the jungles, and crocodiles in the mangrove swamps made life downright hazardous. The Marine commanders used caution and did not advance far forward of their supplies.

Reconnaissance soon showed that the main body of the Japanese were apparently east of the river with outlying forces to the north of the coconut grove, and on the western bank of the Piva.

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<b>MAPBOARD</b>

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|\_\_\_\_| Only hexrows R-CC

|\_\_\_\_| are playable.

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<b>VICTORY CONDITIONS</b>

The Marine player must exit 4 vehicles off the north edge of the board.

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<b>BALANCE</b>

A:</b> Add one 458 to the Marine OB.

J:</b> Add one LMG to the Japanese OB.

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<b>GAME LENGTH</b>

Japanese setup first. US moves first. Game is 9 turns long.

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<b>Japanese OB:</b> Elements of the 23d Infantry Regiment

<b>[ELR: 3]</b> set up HIP north of any hex >=2 {SAN: 3}:

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4x447, 3x347, 228, 8-0, 8+1, 2xLMG, MMG

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<b>US OB:</b> Elements of the 3d Amphibian Tractor

Battalion, and the 3d Service Battalion, 3d Marine Division

<b>[ELR: 4]</b> enter within 3 hexes of 34W1 {SAN:</b> 3}:</p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 106 157 121" data-label="Text"><p></p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 120 568 136" data-label="Text"><p>6x458, 3x248, 9-1, 2x8-0, LMG, 2xMMG, Radio</p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 135 157 150" data-label="Text"><p></p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 149 577 165" data-label="Text"><p><i>Enter on or after Turn 2 in hex 34W1:</i></p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 164 636 181" data-label="Text"><p>M3 GMC (with AA mg), 2xLVT2, 4xDUKW (2 with AA mg)</p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 180 157 195" data-label="Text"><p></p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 194 227 210" data-label="Text"><p><b>SSR</b></p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 209 167 225" data-label="Text"><p><ol></p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 224 743 269" data-label="Text"><p><li>EC are wet with no wind at start. PTO with dense jungle is in effect. The Piva River is shallow with no current.</li></p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 269 732 330" data-label="Text"><p><li>All vehicles are waterproofed. Amphibians moving through the stream are Wading (G13.42). Hence, the MP to enter a stream hex via a stream hex is 3 for a LVT or M3, and 7 for a DUKW.</li></p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 328 732 361" data-label="Text"><p><li>US receives one module of 81 mm OBA. Radio contact can only be established after a Japanese unit is revealed.</li></p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 359 177 375" data-label="Text"><p></ol></p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 375 167 390" data-label="Text"><p><hr></p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 389 167 404" data-label="Text"><p><ul></p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 403 494 420" data-label="Text"><p><li>Scenario design: Jeffrey Shields</li></p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 418 586 435" data-label="Text"><p><li>Thanks to Vince Lewonski for suggestions.</li></p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 434 339 449" data-label="Text"><p><li>Scenario sources:</li></p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 448 688 481" data-label="Text"><p><ul><li><li>Hoyt, E.P. 1983. The Glory of the Solomons. Stein & Day, Inc., 348 pp.</li></li></ul></p></div>
<div data-bbox="117 478 691 525" data-label="Text"><p><li><li>Rentz, J.N. 1948. Bougainville and the Northern Solomons. Historical Section, U.S. Marine Corps, 166 pp.</li></li></ul></ul></p></div>