

Although the Malanesian Area is usually a hot part of the world, it is also a monsoon area and most of the year extremely wet and humid. It suffers quite extreme weather from HOT and humid to cold and wet. Tropical storms are common and the land is inherently unstable, as this is a Pacific Rim area. Military operations are extremely difficult as the terrain is unforgiving for men and equipment. Mud is a significant factor for ground unit mobility and difficult atmospheric conditions and inclement weather add to the challenges to air operations.

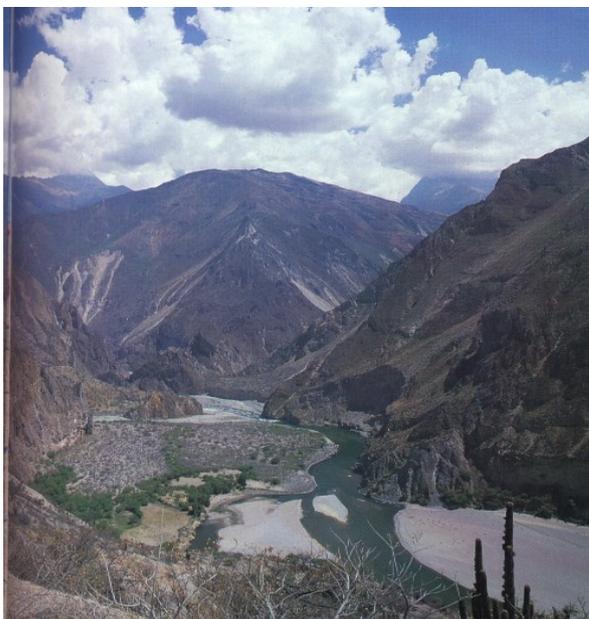


Jungle

The Impenetrable nature of the forests in the operational area is illustrated here, making Military operations extremely difficult.



An open cast mine. Mining operations can reduce the lumber potential of a location.



Hard Going!

The hills present a formidable task for ease of movement.



Thick Jungle viewed from the river.

Main Road?

This picture shows one of the main highways. It is in fact a dirt track with the jungle closing in around it. When raining the road speed is reduced to a crawl by the resulting deep mud, slowing transit between villages and military operations significantly.



A typical river.

Usually 30 to 40 metres wide and up to the first village along the river navigable. Militarily a huge obstacle making bridges strategically vital.

It Rains!

Its a damp country most of the time. Rainfall is high and can have catastrophic effects on military operations.

