



Module 4: Non-international Armed Conflict - Exercise

“Operation Diamond”

“Military Operation against Dissident Armed Forces”

(Non-international Armed Conflict – Internal Armed Conflict)

Command and Staff Exercise

In this command and staff exercise there is no need to know more military details concerning the terrain, enemy force disposition, weather conditions, tactical essential areas, enemy activities and disposition of naval and air forces.

The Focus is on the Law of Armed Conflict aspects!

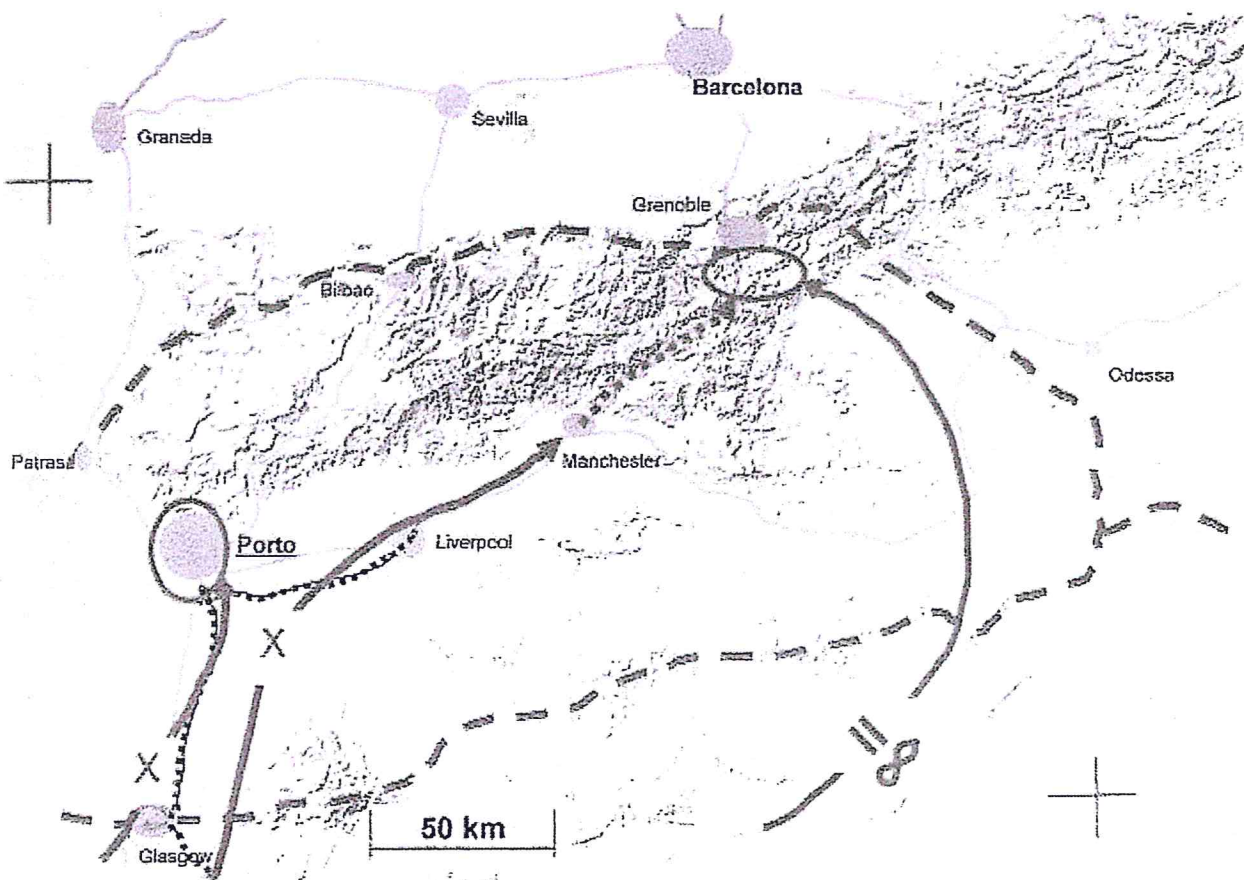
The purpose of the scenarios reported to the staff is not so much to produce standard answers but to generate discussion. The facts are deliberately left vague enough to allow for variations.



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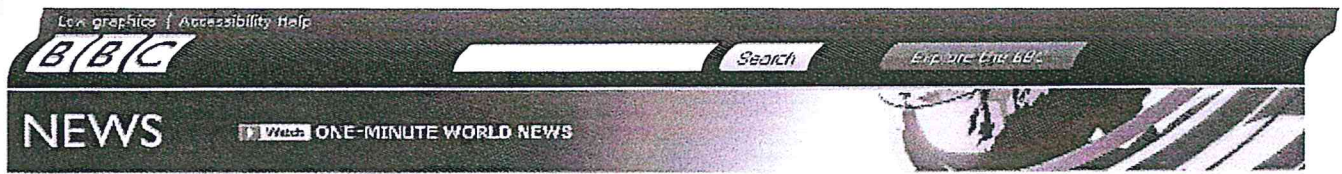
Commanders Intent:

Task Force "SIENA" will deploy two Infantry Brigades and an Airborne Battalion to attack and defeat the Scaranian Liberation Army in PORTO and in the DIAMOND VALLEY and to prevent further support to SCALA by Galatia whilst providing all feasible protection and assistance to persons not taking part in the hostilities, in order to fully re-establish the rule of law in SCARANIA.





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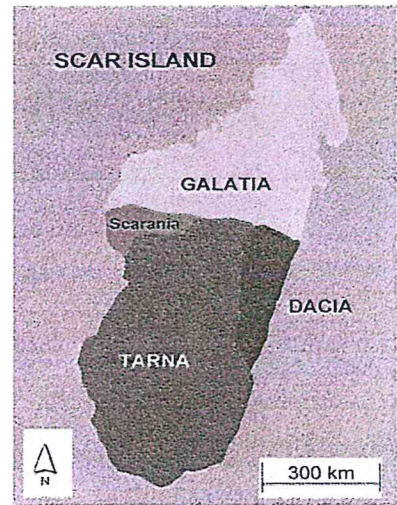
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General situation:

Scar Island was a former country with a history of ethnic conflict. The country was a conglomeration of three regional republics and one autonomous province that was roughly divided on ethnic lines and split up in 2004 into several independent countries. These four federal units were the Kingdom of Dacia, the two republics Galatia and Tarna and the autonomous province Scarania within Tarna.



2004-2007

After the split of Scar Island into three countries in 2000, Dacia, Galatia and Tarna coexist peacefully.

2008

Unrest is increasing in the Province of Scarania, the north-western Province of Tarna. The local population is more and more discontent about their economic situation. They especially feel that they don't get adequate profit from the mines in Diamond Valley. Internal disturbances including riots, isolated sporadic acts of violence, kidnappings and shootings take place throughout the whole region of Scarania. The police have difficulty maintaining law and order. The armed forces are on alert but not involved.

October 2008

The situation in Tarna has deteriorated. Armed groups are attacking police, military barracks and other government installations. These groups operate mainly in the Diamond Valley and the mountainous area adjacent to the border with Galatia but do not exercise control over any significant territory. The police cannot guarantee internal security and the government has directed the armed forces to assist them in restoring order. Emergency legislation has been enacted providing for curfew, denial of demonstrations and public meetings. Special powers of arrest and detention are given to the police and armed forces.

December 2008

The situation in Tarna has deteriorated further. The armed groups are now well organized under responsible command and succeeded to overthrow the federal authorities and changed the provincial government. They took control of the diamond mines in the Diamond Valley and pushed out all federal military units from Scarania.



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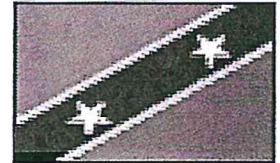
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Regions Profile: SCARANIA



Scarania, located in the northwest of Tarna is a province within Tarna with a population of mainly ethnic Scaranians.

Although rich in diamonds, the local economy and infrastructure did not improve as the profit went to the Federal Government of Tarna.

Geography

The northern part of Scarania is very mountainous with some regions accessible only by foot. The eastern and southern parts are mostly flat with small hills, sparsely populated, used for agriculture and meadows.

The capital is Porto, a town on the west coast with a national airport and a harbour.



High Beta Mountains (view from Manchester to the North)

Characteristics of Population

There are altogether 500,000 inhabitants (nearly one third of them living in Porto and around), out of whom 400,000 belonging to the ethnic group of "Scaranians".

60% of the inhabitants of Porto are Scaranians, whilst in the villages of the eastern and southern part of Scarania they reach nearly 70%.

About 50.000 people, almost all of them Scaranians, are living in the narrow valley, the Diamond Valley and are engaged in the diamond production there.

Towns and villages

PORTO	Regional Capital (165,000 inhabitants)
LIVERPOOL	Warehouses and stores; distribution centre for agricultural goods; end of railway line, hospital (25,000 inhabitants)
MANCHESTER	small hospital (20,000 inhabitants)
PATRAS	small harbour in the north-west of Scarania, border town to Galatia (20,000 inhabitants)
BILBAO	border town to Galatia (15,000 inhabitants)
DIAMOND CITY	main town and centre of the Diamond Valley (30,000 inhabitants)
PEARL TOWN	workers housing estates (12,000 inhabitants)
RUBY VILLAGE	workers housing estates (8,000 inhabitants)



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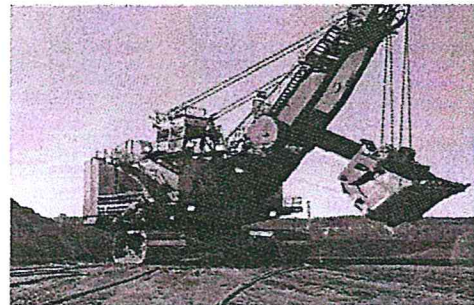
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Economy

Factories, workshops and stores are mainly located in and around Porto, some others are in Liverpool and Manchester. In the flat and hilly regions of the East and South there are only smaller workshops, stores and few maintenance facilities and garages.

The diamond production is the greatest economic resource. Last year the Diamond Valley produced nearly 10% of the global diamond output. The production fell rapidly after the seizure of the "National Diamond Company" by the Scaranian Liberation Army (SCALA), but is nevertheless the main financial basis for the liberation movement.



Mining in Diamond Valley

Transportation

There are good roads in the Centre and in the South and East of Scarania. The roads in the mountainous part of the North are narrower with many bends. The most effective ones are the main connection along the coastline from Porto to Patras and Granada and the road from Porto to Bilbao and Sevilla.

The road from Manchester through the Diamond Valley to Grenoble and Barcelona is very narrow and winding, crossing for trucks is difficult. In the valley itself the road is easy to bar and ideal for setting ambushes. During the rainy season, the road is mostly impassable and the Diamond Valley is only accessible from Grenoble. Railways connect Porto with Glasgow and Liverpool.



Road in the Diamond Valley

Porto is a good harbour with deep water. Patras can only be used by small vessels. The coast north of Porto is deep with many smaller bays with immediate forest cover and is ideal for landing and infiltration of small groups with light material and weapons. The coast south of Porto is flat with mile long sandy beaches.

The runway of the national airport of Porto is 4 km long.

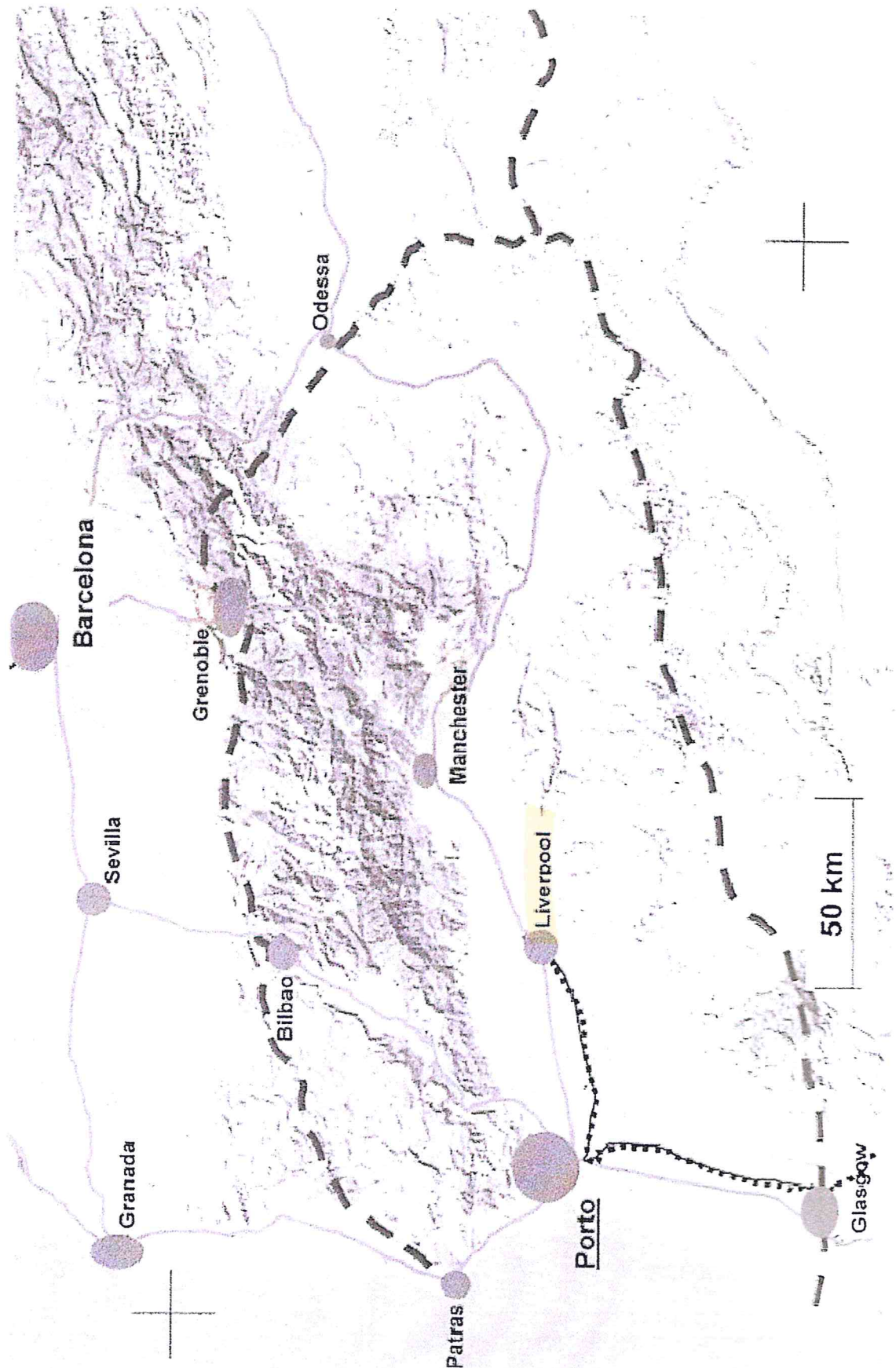
Medical

Main medical establishments are located in Porto and Liverpool. There is a little hospital in Manchester, medical doctors only in bigger villages (more than 5,000 inhabitants).



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Terrain Map of "Scarania"





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**Tarnian Federal Ministry
of Defence**

Intelligence Report on Scaranian Liberation Army (SCALA)

General Information:

The Scaranian Liberation Army (SCALA) appeared for the first time in public in 2007, assuming responsibility for a series of acts of sabotage committed against the police stations and policemen in Scarania. The SCALA initially conducted "hit-and-run" attacks against the Tarnian police Special Forces operating in the province. Typically, SCALA units fire on Tarnian patrols, trying to draw them into the woods where they will be ambushed. In April and May 2008, there were a number of attacks on police units and facilities as well as attacks to the Military Police working with the Tarnian State police. In May and June 2008, larger-scale actions followed aiming at seizing and defending villages on main crossroads, in order to form, in the centre of Scarania (between Liverpool and Manchester) a line of liberated territories and to disrupt communications between local police, Army units and the main forces in Scarania. The Tarnian Army responded to these actions with heavy fire. Other SCALA actions in this period included attacks along the lines of communication adding to isolate remote police stations and checkpoints needing daily supplies.

Organization:

At the beginning, SCALA was not a unified, coherent military organization subordinated to a political party or civil authority, but rather functioned as a "guerrilla movement" consisting of lightly armed fighters. However, its members carried visible insignia and executed tasks assigned by their local Commanders in a very disciplined manner. The SCALA's strength has swelled from about 500 active members at the beginning of 2007 to a force of at least 2000 men. The SCALA is organized in small separated cells rather than a single large rebel movement. The SCALA's strength is apparently divided between a manoeuvrable "strike nucleus" of two light battalions, and the much larger number of locally organized active members throughout the region. The SCALA typically performed actions in smaller groups, at times as few as three to five men.

Many members of SCALA units are professionally trained, and included former Tarnian Army soldiers. The group functions very professionally underground, partly due to the fact that some of its leaders are former members of ISSS (Internal State Security Service), the Army and the Police.

The Scaranian Liberation Army includes about 200 foreign mercenaries. Most of these mercenaries are said to be Galatian nationals, especially former Galatian army officers, policemen and members of the State security forces. The primary SCALA training camps in Galatia are Barcelona and Sevilla. These locations are also the bases of Headquarters for the command and units of the Galatian Army and police for the south-western part of Galatia.



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Equipment:

Until March 2008, the SCALA used only light weapons, but more recently SCALA forces have been armed with assault rifles, along with RPGs, shoulder-anti-tank rocket launchers, mortars, recoilless rifles, anti-aircraft machineguns and rocket launchers. The SCALA equipment includes increasingly modern weapons, ammunition, telecommunications equipment and other supplies. Most of these supplies come from Galatia. It is evident that the SCALA has a well-organized surveillance apparatus, and that an organized "word of mouth" messenger service is operating to supplement established radio communications links.

Recent developments and dislocation of SCALA forces:

Over the summer of 2008 large-scale fighting broke out, resulting in occupation of Scarania by the Scaranian Liberation Army and the withdrawal of all federal military units from Scarania.

It is said that the military actions are directed from two command centres - the first located in the regional capital Porto, and the other is in Diamond City (Diamond Valley), where the SCALA has a well-developed logistics base.

PORTO: about 1000 fighters,

- 1 company (200 fighters) at the regional government,
- 2 companies at the former police headquarters (adjacent to the regional government). In particular:
 - 1 company (about 250 fighters) as flexible rapid reaction force, with 4 armoured vehicles, and pickups with mounted light machine guns;
 - 1 company (150 fighters) patrolling day and night (always in groups between 4 and 8 soldiers); 6 teams patrolling at a time, 18 teams on rest or in readiness.
- 1 company (150 fighters) at the airport (small number of anti aircraft rocket launchers)
- 1 company (150 fighters) at the harbour with 2 speed boats and a small number of anti tank missiles

LIVERPOOL:

1 company with 200 fighters located at the train station and at the warehouses nearby. Liverpool is the centre of all rural co-operatives. All the agricultural products especially from the eastern part of Scarania are delivered by the farmers to Liverpool and are distributed or stored by the co-operatives. Half of the soldiers are engaged in logistics and supervise the distribution of the commodities.

MANCHESTER:

1 company with 150 fighters is located in the town hall, which backs onto the regional medical hospital.

DIAMOND VALLEY: about 1000 fighters:

- 1 company (200 fighters) in RUBY VILLAGE
- 2 companies (400 fighters) in PEARL TOWN
- 2 companies (400 fighters) and headquarters in DIAMOND CITY, patrolling between Diamond City and the border to Galatia; 1 platoon of this company is in GRENOBLE (which is already on Galatian territory) and is engaged in the reception of military equipment delivered from the Galatian government to the Scaranian Liberation Army.

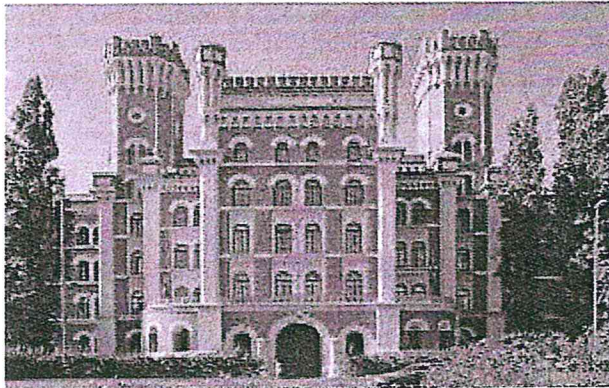
PATRAS, BILBAO:

Only 1 observation/liaison team (20 fighters) deployed in each town (located at the local police headquarters).

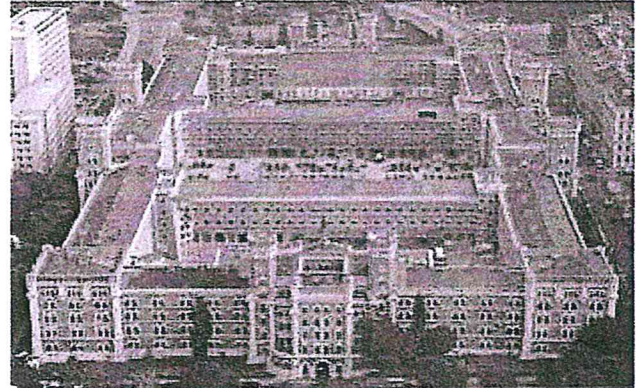


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Regional Capital of Scarania: PORTO



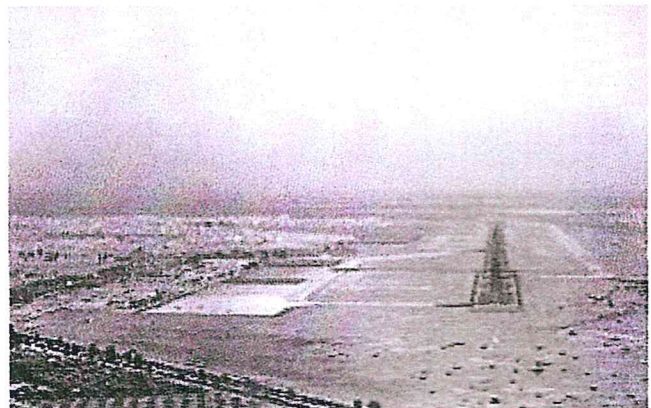
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Government (front), Police Headquarters (behind)



Porto Harbour (view from the North)



Porto Airport (view from the East)



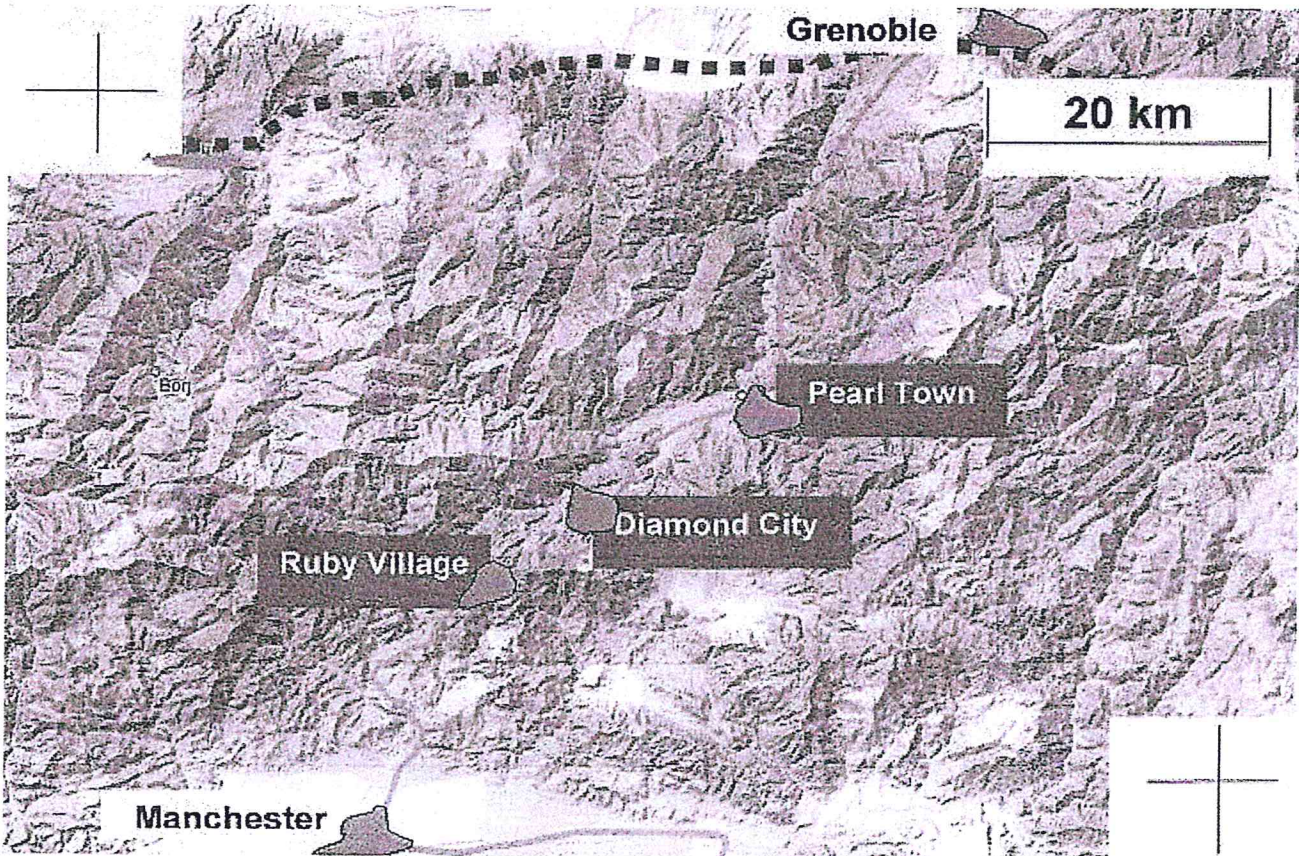
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Diamond Valley

Diamond Valley (south of Ruby Village)



Famous Church in Pearl Town



Bottleneck south of Diamond City



Typical houses in the Diamond Valley

