

Russia 1943

Germans:

Things are not going too well, the Untermensch are winning more than they used to, supplies are not what they were, the troops seem to have lost their enthusiasm for the '1000 year Reich'.

On a more practical level, the Russians are getting bolder by the day. There has been a serious increase in Partisan activity lately, even very serious reprisals seem to have no effect. Rumours persist that regular Russian soldiers have also broken through the lines to join them. Another more serious rumour, backed up by intelligence, suggests that a Russian offensive is due to start any day now.

You know that they have established supply bases in your area. High command has issued you with the order to 'search and destroy' In answer to your request for heavy support, they have reluctantly allowed you a Tiger, though local supply problems mean it is not as well equipped as it should be.....

Motorised Infantry Battalion:

Headquarters=1-BC(+2)/Truck

1xsmg squad

Heavy Company:

1-120mm Mortar 10X FM'S

1-75mm IG (on table)

1st Company: (morale Veteran)

1XCC(+2)

1X81mm Mortar 10X FM'S

1XHMG

3x Rifle Platoons, each with:

1XPC(+1)

3Xrifle squads

2nd Company: (morale Regular)

1XCC(+2)

1X81mm Mortar 10X FM'S

1XHMG

3x Rifle Platoons, each with:

1XPC(+1)

3Xrifle squads

Support:

1Xtiger 1 tank, veteran, but with only 3X88mm shots, after that it can use its mgs as a HMG equivalent.

You must find and destroy the enemy supply dumps.

If a squad spends one 'enemy' initiative, unpinned and unsuppressed, with a dump, then the dump will be considered destroyed

If you can destroy the Partisans also, then so much the better. You must withdraw at nightfall.

Good luck soldier.

RUSSIANS

The fascists are defeated!! Well, it is only a matter of time before mother Russia is free of the invader. It is 1943, you are a local Partisan commander. You have been giving the Germans a bloody nose lately, and have recently been reinforced by a detachment of regular army, who broke through the lines (they think they know everything!) The Fascists are still big on reprisals, but the peasants know their place, and have not given you up.

You have been building up supply dumps, and have been very active, in anticipation of the forthcoming Red Army offensive. However the troops approaching your headquarters now are most certainly not Russian....

Partisan HQ:

1XBC(+1)

Partisans:

2Xrifle Platoons, each with:

1XPC(+1)

4Xrifle squads

Regulars:

2Xrifle Platoons, each with:

1XPC(+1)

3Xrifle squads

Support:

1X81mm Mortar: 10XFM's

1X50mm Mortar: 10XFM's

1X Sniper

1Xminefield (concealed)

2Xcaptured Panzerfaust

2XHMG

Morale: All Regular

You have 4 small supply dumps, which must be spread, around the area – not closer than 1200 yards to each other (12"). These dumps will be placed before you know the direction of the Fascists attack... The Fascists must not be allowed to take them.

If you could destroy the opposition, then the order of Lenin will be yours....

Good luck comrade

Game Setup:

The terrain is the 'usual' crossfire mix, with three, 'one sector' villages, several hills and fields, and many woods.

The Russians place the hidden supply dumps before they know the direction of the German advance. Once the direction is determined, (either randomly, or secretly pre-determined by the umpire), then the Russian uses hidden deployment, leaving about 12'' for the German player to deploy in. The German then places all his forces, and commences the game with the initiative.

If an umpire is available, the Russian can move his forces 'out of sight' without having to place them on the table.

The Germans will 'find' the supply dumps if they enter the terrain feature they are hidden in. A squad has to spend one Russian initiative, unpinned, or unsuppressed in that feature to consider the dump destroyed.

Night falls at the end of the gaming session, about three hours of 'real-time' after Set-up, in our case.

So far the Partisans have not been eliminated in any of our games, though they are usually on their last legs by nightfall. If the German task is felt to be too hard, remove a few of the Russian support weapons.