

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER QUEEN

ASL SCENARIO 291

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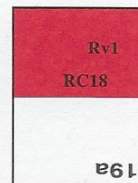
STALINGRAD, RUSSIA, 18 September 1942: The deep bed of the River Tsaritsa ("Queen") formed a sizable gully that divided Stalingrad's central and southern districts. This was also the boundary between 6th Army's LI *Armeekorps* and 4th Panzer Army's XLVIII *Panzerkorps*. Leading *Generaloberst* Herman Hoth's Army into southern Stalingrad was Panzer-Division 24; *Gruppe* Edelsheim had broken through, and its forward unit had reached the crucial rail bridge over the Tsaritsa. This not only sought to establish contact with *Infanterie-Division* 71 from LI *Armeekorps*, but also threatened to cut off and surround the Soviet 244th Rifle Division and 42nd Rifle Brigade that were defending a salient on "Barracks Hill" to the west. To prevent this, the CO of 10th NKVD Division, Colonel Alexander A. Sarayev, ordered the rail bridge be retaken immediately.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:

BALANCE:

✚ Exchange one 4-6-7 squad with one 5-4-8 squad.

★ Exchange both 2-2-6 HS with 2-3-7 HS.



(Only hexes numbered ≥ 11 are playable)

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Russians win at game end by having ≥ 1 Good Order MMC in a RR Location on/south-of o16 and/or if there are no Good Order German MMC/AFV north of the valley (see SSR 1).

TURN RECORD CHART

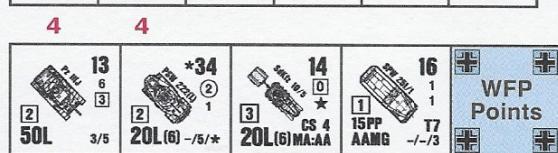
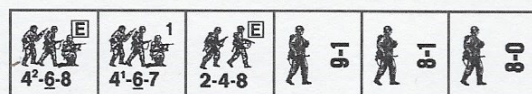
✚ GERMAN Sets Up First

★ RUSSIAN Moves First [108]

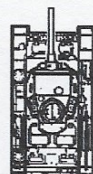
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Elements of Bataillon I, Panzergrenadier-Regiment 26, Panzer-Division 24 [ELR: 4] set up within 4 hexes of o15 and/or o16: {SAN: 3}



German WFP Table (SSR TotR3; Purchase Point cost in RED)			
DC 1	LMG 1.5	50 MTR 1.5	MMG 3
HMG 6	4 × ? 0.5	2 × FH 1	+1 SAN 2

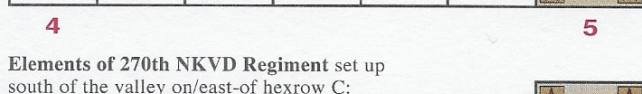
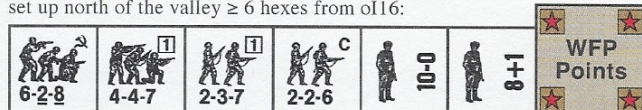


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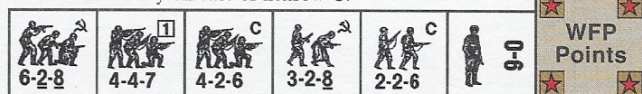


Elements of 10th NKVD Division [ELR: 2] set up as noted: {SAN: 4}

SMG Company and Reserves, 272nd NKVD Regiment set up north of the valley ≥ 6 hexes from o16:



Elements of 270th NKVD Regiment set up south of the valley on/east-of hexrow C:



Russian WFP Table (SSR TotR3; Purchase Point cost in RED)		
ATR 1	DC 1	LMG 1.5
50 MTR 1.5	MOL-P 3	MMG 3
4 × ? 0.5	+1 SAN 2	

SPECIAL RULES:

1. See TotR SSR. EC are Moist, with a Mild Breeze from the southwest at start. Place overlays as follows: Rv1 on F16-E17; and RC18 on I13-I12. A RR bridge (B32.14) exists in hexes o15 and o16. The river is dry; treat all river hexes as open ground valley (B22.). All orchards are shellholes. A +1 LV Hindrance (E3.1) applies at all ranges.

2. Prior to setup, make a Rubble Generation Check (SSR TotR4.3) for each building/Rail-Car (B32.5) adjacent to a shellhole hex; treat Rail Cars as wooden buildings for this check. After the Rubble Generation Check is complete, the Russian player may place ≤ two Blaze counters in any building/rubble hex(es).

3. The Russians have MOL (A22.6) capability and may conduct one Bayonet Charge (W.6). NKVD MMC have an ELR of 2, their Morale Factor is not considered underscored, and are Replaced with 4-2-6s/ 2-2-6s. 4-2-6s/2-2-6s that Battle Harden (A15.3) become 5-2-7s/2-2-7s.

4. No Quarter (A20.3) is in effect for both sides. Hand-to-Hand CC (J2.31) may be declared by both sides. Additionally, the DEFENDER may declare Hand-to-Hand CC provided all ATTACKER units were Ambushed and/or are Withdrawn/pinned.

AFTERMATH: Commanded by Captain Yakovlev, the counterattack was comprised of combat groups from the 10th NKVD's 270th and 272nd Regiments. Using the cover of darkness and drifting smoke to creep into position, 272nd's SMG Company launched its attack against the bridgehead on the north bank of the Tsaritsa as dawn broke. The Germans, in wooden houses, fired wildly through the smoke with automatic weapons. Molotov cocktails quickly dispatched a tank, and the *panzergrenadiere* retreated to the south bank of the Tsaritsa when faced with a bayonet charge. The combat group from the 270th Regiment launched its attack from a group of buildings westward along the riverbed, and they became tied down fighting amongst the houses. The overall success of the counterattack was short-lived, as German artillery soon thundered down, smashing the buildings and forcing the Soviets to retreat. The *panzergrenadiere* of Panzer-Division 24 were soon back in possession of the bridge.