

ADD-ONS ASL

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ASLB1 SCENARIO

DESANT ON GORBACHI



GORBACHI, RUSSIA, 13 MARCH 1942 : In early 1942, trying to keep the momentum of its first winter successes, Stalin threw in the fray its last remaining "mobile" reserves, the remnants of the ve airborne corps that had survived the rst months of the war. The paratroopers were tasked to support the existing offensives and to harass the German rear. The first , and modest, drops were conducted in January. Then, Zhukov planned a vast and complex operation with the 4th Airborne Corps around Viazma to capture the city. Logistical difficulties, German interference and faulty planning all concurred to hamper it. The "Viazma operation" started in late January. But the efforts of the cavalry, partisans and paratroopers didn't succeed. Lack of repower and German tactical exibility and resilience proved too much for the Red Army. Then, with the winter end coming, the 4. Armee reacted, trying to get rid of the paratroopers nuisance. Counterattacks started from early March on, despite the environmental conditions. One of these occurred at dawn on 13 March, against the Soviet "stronghold" around Gorbachi village.

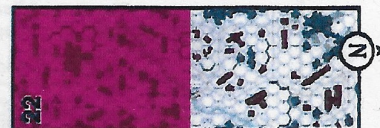
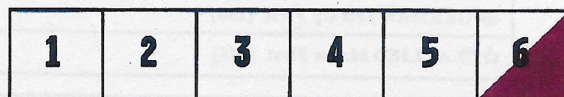
VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Russians win if at game end they Control all multi-hex buildings.

★ Simultaneous set up ★ Russians move first

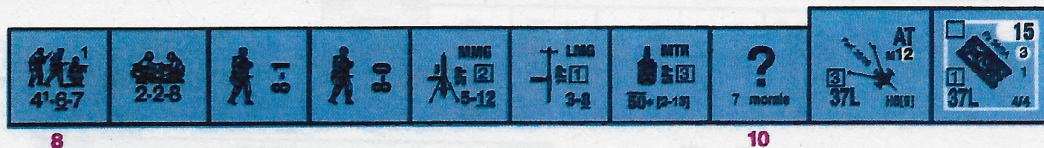
BOARD CONFIGURATION: ONLY HEXROWS R-GG ARE IN PLAY.

BALANCE: Exchange the 8-0 for a 9-1 in the German OB. ★ Add a LMG and a DC to the Russian OB

SPECIAL RULES: 1. EC are Wet with no Wind at start. Ground Snow (E3.72) is in effect. All buildings are wooden.
 2. Russian units have Winter Camouflage (E3.712). 3. Guns and AFV must set up in Open-Ground/Road hexes.
 Guns are not Emplaced and must be placed on board.



Elements of Infanterie-Regiment 107 and tank from Panzer-Regiment 27 [ELR: 3], set up in hexes numbered 5 (see SSR3) {SAN: 3}:



Paratroopers of the 9th Airborne Brigade [ELR: 4], set up in hexes numbered 3 (see SSR2 & SSR3) {SAN: 4}:



HISTORICAL RESULT : Captain Plotnikov, 1st Battalion of the 9th Airborne Brigade, defended the village. Thanks to some artillery support and the presence of a few panzer, the Germans succeeded in getting a hold in the perimeter. Plotnikov was wounded and his men unable to throw the enemy away. But a company of the nearby 2nd Battalion counterattacked the German left flank and joined the beleaguered defenders. Some Landsers hold some barns in the northern part of the village but, with some 45mm gun support, were driven away by 1800. The paratroopers captured a few prisoners and, according to Soviet sources, two antitank guns and one destroyed tank. The next day, a snowstorm gave a welcome respite to the paratroopers, but that kind of small success didn't hide the fact that the Viazma operation was a strategic failure.