

# Raider Ridge

## Southern Cross Scenario SX 3



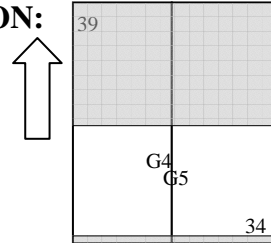
**Choi River, New Georgia:** 29 June 1943: The Marine 4<sup>th</sup> Raider Battalion was assigned the mission of clearing Viru Harbor. P and O Companies landed in the night at Regi, and fought a pair of rearguard actions as it marched towards Viru Harbor. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, Lt Devillo Brown was sent down a side trail towards the village of Tombe. The team soon encountered a ridge running across their line of march. On one side was the Choi River, the other was an impassable swamp. The Marines were forced to cross a wide area of Kunai as they approached the ridge. As the lead forces mounted the base of the slope, Japanese machineguns opened fire.

### BOARD CONFIGURATION:

Only Hexrows R-FF on Board 39 and B-P on Board 34 are in play.

### BALANCE:

Marine: Increase Game Length to 8.5  
Japanese: Add one 447 to OB



**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The Marines win if they control ALL path hexes U4 to R8 on Board 39. The Japanese player wins by avoiding Marine Victory Conditions.

### TURN RECORD CHART

● Japanese Set up first	1	2	☆ 3	4	5	6	7	8	END
☆ Marines Moves first									

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**Elements of 3<sup>rd</sup> Co. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 229<sup>th</sup> Infantry [ELR:3]** Set up on any hill hex on Board 39. (SAN:4)

 4 <sup>1</sup> -4-7	 2-2-8	 9-0	 2-6	 50*[1-10]*	? 7 morale
4			3		3

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**Elements of P Co. 4<sup>th</sup> Raider Battalion [ELR 5]** Start on any path hex from 34B5 to 34P5 (SAN:2)

**Reinforcements:** enter on Turn 3 on 34B5

 5 <sup>2</sup> -5-8	 2-3-8	 9-1	 8-0	 4-10	 5 <sup>2</sup> -5-8	 8-1
5	2		2		2	2

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### SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are Clear with no wind at start. PTO Terrain is in effect.
- Marines are Stealthy, have Assault Fire, and may conduct a single Banzai Charge during the course of the scenario.
- The road from 39S9 to 39FF5 is the Choi River. It is Deep and swiftly moving. Place overlays as follows: G4 on 34H10/I10 and G5 on 34G9.H9
- Hexes 39T0, DD0, and FF0 are considered Full Palm Tree hexes.

**AFTERMATH:** The Marine on point was killed instantly. The others in the lead squad dove for cover and returned fire. Another Marine, a close friend of the dead soldier, stood up on the trail and walked forward, firing his Thompson Machine gun as he advanced. He too was soon killed. Brown deployed his men in a skirmish line and established a base of fire against the enemy positions. He then began to move his troops carefully up the ridge. The Marines closed to the top of the ridge and threw dozens of grenades into Japanese positions to stun its defenders. Seizing the initiative, Lt Brown leaped up and led a spirited final attack upon the enemy base of fire. The Japanese fled into the jungle and the Marines counted eighteen dead vs five of their own. Two days later, this force would storm into Viru Harbor and wipe out the Japanese garrison there.