

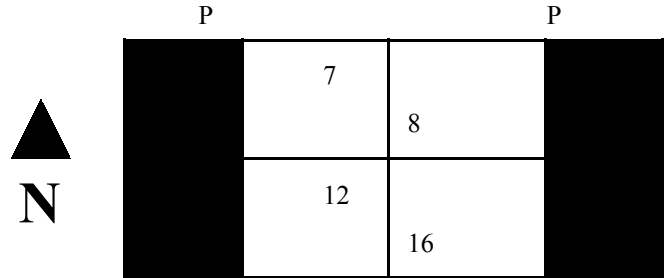
“CLEAR UP THE BRIDGEHEAD”

BP/MICHICON '88 SCENARIO B4



West bank of the Dneiper, near Stayki, Soviet Union, 25 September, 1943: The Soviet fall offensive was in full swing, Rybalko's 3rd Guards Tank Army had crossed the Dneiper at Bukrin, Moskalenko's 40th Army followed a few days later further upstream. One such crossing consisted of only 50 men who had crossed by swimming and improvised rafts. Knowing that such a bridgehead could be reinforced and expanded if left to itself, hastily motorized elements of 34th Infantry Division were ordered to “clear up the bridgehead and destroy the forces this side of the river...”

BOARD CONFIGURATION:



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Germans win if there are no Soviet infantry south of the river at game's end. The Soviets win by avoiding the German victory conditions.

BALANCE:

German: Increase game length by 1 turn.
Soviet: Add one ATR to the Soviet OB.

Hexrows beyond P on each board are not playable.

TURN RECORD CHART

SOVIET Sets Up First	1	2	3	4	5	6	END
GERMAN Moves First							

Motorized Elements of 34th Infantry Division [ELR: 3] enter Turn 1 on south edge of Board 12: {SAN: 3}

4'-6-7	9-1	8-1	7-0	5-12	3-8	50* [2-18]	15PP T7 -1-73	16 1
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Elements of 40th Army [ELR: 3] set up first within 5 hexes of 8C9: {SAN: 5}

2-4-8	4-5-8	9-2	8-1	8-0	6-12	4-10	2-6	7 morale	1-12	5 OVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2
3	3							8		5

SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are Wet, with a heavy wind blowing from North to South. Overcast Conditions (E3.5) exist, and rain may begin per those rules. Kindling fires are NA.
- The River (B21.12) flows from West to East. It is Deep, with a Moderate current.
- Building 8C9 has a ground level only.
- Grain Fields do not exist.
- No Soviet weapons may be Bore Sighted.
- All Soviet forces set up CONCEALED before the German player may examine the map. The 8 “?” are over and above the concealment counters used to fulfill this SSR.

AFTERMATH: The Soviets once again displayed their legendary tenacity in the defense and despite being outnumbered managed to keep the bridgehead intact. By digging in along the bank, they were able to bring all likely avenues of attack under fire. Steady automatic weapons fire broke up every assault the Landers could muster and the Germans had to satisfy themselves with investing the enclave to keep the Russians penned in. This bridgehead would not end up being a major threat, but one just like it in a different location would become the springboard for the liberation of Kiev in a few weeks.