"Ein Letzte Gegenstoss"

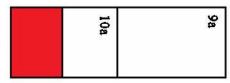


Near Dmitriyevka, Russia— January 10th, 1943

January 1943 was a cold, dark time for those Germans trapped in the Stalingrad pocket. On the western side of the pocket, the Russians began pushing hard against the thin German defenses with the intent to carve up the pocket and gain control of the vital German airfields of Pitomnik and Gumrak. One such assault was made by the Soviet 21st Army. The objective of the 21st Army was the capture of Hill 19.0 north-west of Dmitriyevka. This hill had been the scene of bitter fighting for weeks. Three Rifle Divisions—51st Guards, 293rd and 277th Rifle Divisions with armor support from the 1st Guards Tank Regiment would succeed in displacing the German defenders of the Krad. Battalion 29. After briefly securing the hill, the Russians sent a group of mounted tanks to exploit their success and drive on towards Dmitriyevka. But the Germans had one last counter-attack left in them.

Board Configuration: (Boards 10a & 9a)

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Russian Player wins immediately upon exiting 2 x KV-I's off the east edge of Board 9a through Hex II. and The German Player wins immediately upon destroying all 4 x KV-I's. If neither side has met the immediate victory conditions, then at game end, the Player controlling two or more of the victory locations on Board 9a. The Board 9a victory location hexes are G16, G12 and J4.



Russian Player moves first	German Player Sets up first	1	2	+ ₃	4	5	6
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Only Hexes numbered 1-10 are playable on Board 10a



Elements Panzer-Abteilung 103 (ELR 3) (SAN 3) (Set up: on Board 9a on hexes numbered less than 12)

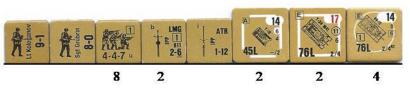


Elements Krad. Battalion 29 (Set up: enter Turn 3 mounted on motorcycles through road hex 9al1)





Elements of 277th Infantry Division & 1st Guards Tank Regiment (ELR 5) (SAN 2) (Setup: on Board 10a as Riders on Road Hexes numbered 5 or greater)



Special Rules/Notes:

- 1. EC are ground snow with falling snow.
- All roads are considered plowed. Motorcycles may only be used on road hexes.
- 3. Russian squads have Winter Camouflage.
- 4. The German 50L AT Gun and MMG may bore sight. The Marders may not bore sight as they have just arrived on the scene.
- 5. Germans are subject to Ammo Shortage on Turns 5 and 6.
- 6. Platoon Movement is in effect for Russian T-34's and T-70's.
- 7. Russian Tanks may not begin the game in motion as the Russians have just assembled to begin their advance.
- 8. No Quarter is N.A.



Aftermath: As snow began to fall, the Russian tank column pushed along the road towards the outskirts of Dmitriyevka. The crack of German 75L's revealed a pair of Marder III's that had prepared an ambush of the oncoming Russians. The veteran crews of Panzer-Abteilung 103 achieved hit after hit despite the falling snow. As the Russian tanks slewed around in the snow, German motorcyclists of the Krad. Battalion 29 roared in the battle to complete a final counter-attack. With armor losses, mounting and darkness coming, the Russians fell back to Hill 129.0.