

“STUG’s over the Bug”



Bransk, Ukraine— June 23rd, 1941

On the first day of Operation Barbarossa, the Germans and their many Axis partners began crossing the frontier on their quest to conquer the Soviet Union. In Army Group Center, the initial German forces were busy crossing the Bug River. Three German Infantry Divisions, the 137th, 263rd and 292nd began crossing the Bug and moving toward Bransk. In support were the STUG’s of STUG-Abteilung 226. The STUG’s would spend the morning hours waiting on construction of a bridge strong enough to carry their weight. Once across the Bug, the STUG’s went quickly into action against counter-attacking Soviet armor. On the 23rd, the 226 was in Bransk along with the Recon Battalion of the 263rd Infantry Division. It wasn’t long after sunrise, that Soviet armor and infantry could be seen headed towards Bransk. The STUG’s and Recon Battalion dug in and prepared to meet this next counterattack.

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Russian Player wins immediately upon destroying and/or immobilizing the 3 STUG’s, otherwise the player with most CVP is declared the winner. CVP is awarded normally. Additionally, the Russian Player earns 1 VP for each building occupied at game end on/west of Row I.



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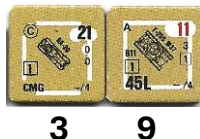
Russian Player Moves First		1	2	3	4	5	6
German Player Sets up First							



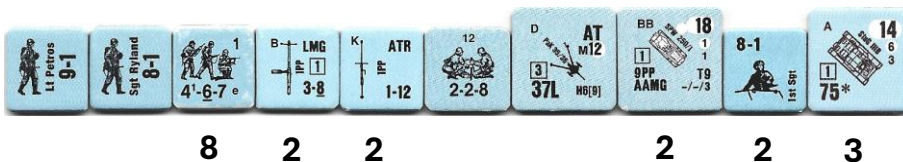
Elements of 86th Rifle Division (ELR 2) (SAN 2) (Set up: enter Turn 1 on the east edge)



Elements of 27th Tank Division (ELR 3) (Set up: enter turn 1 on the east edge)



STUG-Abteilung 226 & Aufklaerungs-Abteilung 263rd Infanterie Division (ELR 4) (SAN 3) (Set up: on/west of Row T)



Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are Moderate with no Wind at start.
2. Kindling (B25.11), Bore Sighting (C6.4), & No Quarter (A20.3) are all N.A.



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Aftermath: The veteran STUG crews quickly acquired their targets and began knocking out the oncoming Soviet tanks. The Soviet tanks were radio less and unable to effectively organize their attack. As a result, they were easy prey for the 75mm guns of the waiting STUG’s. The Soviet infantry found the going equally challenging as German machine-gun fire thinned their ranks across the open fields west of Bransk. After the loss of several tanks and numerous infantry, the Soviet fell back. The STUG’s, though still in action had suffered minor damage from multiple hits and would quit the field and fall back to the repair areas in the German rear. Operation Barbarossa would need every STUG in the coming days.