

# “To Rescue the Armored Bears”



## Kasarowka, Ukraine — August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1943

Following the battle of Kursk, the Germans found themselves hard on the defensive and reeling from the advancing Soviet forces. By August the Germans were being pushed from the Mius to the Dnepr. As the Germans fell back under relentless pressure, units such as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Panzer Division “The Armored Bears” fought hard to counterattack and stabilize the front. Near the end of August, the Armored Bears had suffered heavy losses, but continued to maintain a defensive posture. On the morning of August 21<sup>st</sup>, elements of Panzer Grenadier Regiment 3 could see masses of Soviet armor preparing for yet another assault on their weakened front.



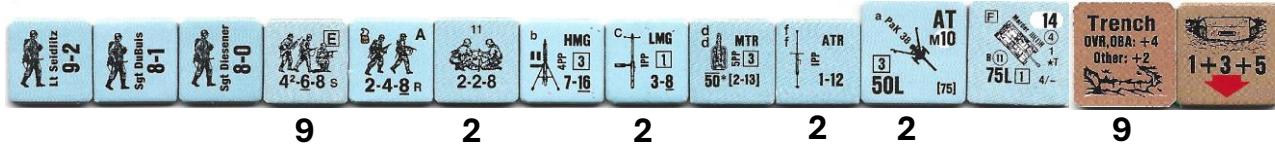
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Board Configuration:  
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**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The Russian Player wins at game end if there are no Good Order German MMC's (not Crews) in a Trench location.

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

Elements of II./Panzergrenadier-Regiment 3. (ELR 3) (SAN 3) (Set up: in Hexes numbered > 5)



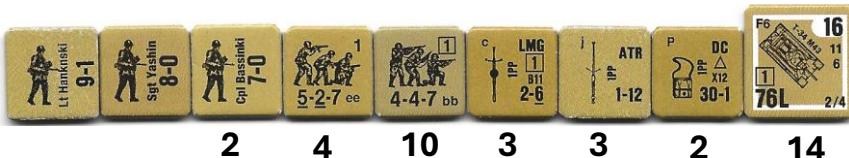
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Elements Panther Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> SS Panzer-Grenadier-Div. “Das Reich” (ELR 3) (SAN 3) (Set up: enter Turn 3 on the south edge)



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Elements 5<sup>th</sup> Guards Army (ELR 4) (SAN 3) (Set up: enter Turn 1 on the North Edge)



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## Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are Moderate with no Wind at start.
2. Bore Sighting (C6.4) and Kindling (B25.11) are N.A.

**Aftermath:** Following a barrage, the Russian armor formations moved forward to breakthrough the thin German positions. The Armored Bears had been promised Panthers from the Das Reich Division that were detraining that very morning. The Russian armor broke through the German MLR just as the Das Reich Panthers arrived on the scene. The Das Reich Panthers devastated the Russians with the destruction of over 50 T-34's. The remaining Soviet armor quit the field and their accompanying infantry also fell back. The German line had held...for another day.



**Scenario GJ157**