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The outskirts of Sporonyy on the Manych River, 15 January, 1943:
One of Stalin's attempts to cut off Army Group A involved a massive drive by the 2nd Guard Army between the Don and Manych Rivers. The Russian attack reached its peak as General Rotmistrov's troops pushed into the outskirts of Bataysk, a suburb of Rostov. Under General Manstein's direction, Count Schwerin disengaged the "Greyhound" Division from the fighting south of Stalingrad to redirect a spearhead into the deep right flank of Rotmistrov's penetration.<p>

AFTERMATH: Captain Tebbe, commanding the new Tigers, drove his panzer troops straight through the Russian lines to the high ground near Sporonyy. He then turned and assaulted the village. After a sharp fight, in which the Russians lost several T-34s and anti-tank guns, the village and the nearby bridge on the Manych were secured for further operations against the Russian flank. The German successes at Sporonyy and later at Samodurovka seriously hampered the Russian attack on Rostov and led to the successful withdrawal of Army Group A from a rapidly closing encirclement.<p>

VICTORY CONDITIONS:

Prior to the Russian setup the German player secretly records 2 of the 5 victory conditions presented below. The German player wins if he meets the 2 VCs.<p>

- (1) Capture/control the bridge in 7AA6-7AA8.

- (2) Capture/control the two stone buildings: 12U5, 10Z6.

- (3) Inflict twice as many CVP as received.

- (4) Control all of the multihex buildings on board 12.

- (5) Control 5 of the 7 multihex buildings on board 10.<p>

Australian Balance Provisions

- G3: Stone buildings exist.
- G2: Allow Russian to bore sight any capable SW/guns.
- G1: Replace the Entrenchments with Trenches.
- R1: Lower the Russian SAN to 4.
- R2: Remove the 8-1 Russian leader from the OB.
- R3: Replace the two 57LL ATGs with two 76L ARTs.

MAPBOARDS

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|-----|-----|  HEXROWS IN PLAY ON HALF BOARDS
|           12| (18)|  Only hexrows GG-Q on board 18, with GG
|           |     |  abutting board 12
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|           10| (5) |  Only hexrows GG-Q on board 5, with GG
|           |     |  abutting board 10
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|           7 | (8) |  Only hexrows Q-GG on board 8, with Q

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TURN RECORD CHART:

Russian sets up first. German moves first. The game is 10 turns long.<p>

GERMAN FORCES

Elements of the 60th Motorized Infantry Regiment, 16th Motorized Division, with attached elements of Tiger Battalion 503 and Panzer Battalion 116, setup on boards 18, 5 and/or 8 north of the river [ELR 4] {SAN 3}<p>

12x4-6-8, 9-2, 9-1, 8-1, 8-0, HMG, MMG, 4xLMG, 4xPzVIE, 2xStuGH42, 2xPzIVH, 2xPzIIIL, SPW251/sMG, 4xSPW251/1, 9-2AL, 8-1AL<p>

RUSSIAN FORCES

Elements of the 2nd Guard Mechanized Corp, 2nd Guard Army set up west of hexrow B on boards 10, 12, and/or 7 north of the river [ELR 3] {SAN 5}: <p>

2x6-2-8, 6x4-5-8, 6x4-4-7, 5x2-2-8, 9-1, 2x8-0, HMG, MMG, 4xLMG, 2x76L ART, 2x57LL, 82*MRT, 4xEntrenchments, 6xT-34/M43, 2xKV1M42<p>

SPECIAL RULES

 Ground snow is in effect. All woods are brush. Ponds and streams are frozen. All buildings are wooden except 12U5 and 10Z6.

 In addition to their guns, the Russians may use HIP for 2 MMC (and any

SMC/SW that stack with it).

German tanks may set up hull down as per D4.221.

There is a two-way stone vehicular bridge in 7AA8-7AA6. The river is not frozen.<p>

Source: Carell, P. 1966. Scorched Earth. Ballantine Books, New York,

NY, 652 pp. (pages 134-136).<p>

Scenario design: Jeffrey Shields.

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Here are some balance suggestions forwarded by others:

Have the Germans enter instead of set up on board.

Change the VC to have the Germans select 3 out of the 5 conditions.
