“Polar Bear”

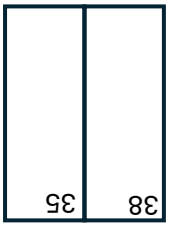


Island of Kos —October 3rd, 1943

In response to the British occupation of the Dodecanese Islands, the Germans launched Operation Polar Bear to secure the airfield on the Island of Kos in order to support the planned invasion of Leros. Elements of the 22nd Infantry Division were landed on the island with armored cars and light artillery in order to suppress the British forces and the remnants of Italian forces defending the airfield. Stukas would also support the German effort.

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Germans win immediately by controlling Building Hexes 38D7, 38E6, and 38 N2.

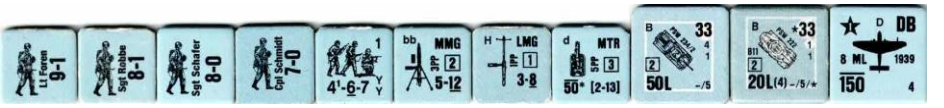




Board Configuration:
Boards 35 and 38

British/Italian Player sets up first	1	2	3	4	5	6
German Player moves first						

Elements of the 22nd Infantry Division (ELR 4) (SAN 2) (Set up: enter Turn 1 on the west edge.)



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Airfield Garrison (ELR 1) (Set up: Board 38 in Building Hexes D7, E6, and N2 –one MMC per building. AA guns within 5 hexes of 38J6)



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Elements of the Durham Light Infantry (ELR 4) (SAN 2) (Set up: on Board 35 east of the Road A6-P5-GG6)



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Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are moderate with no wind. Bore Sighting and Kindling are N.A. Grain is not in Season.
2. The Italians and British may not form Fire Groups (A7.5-5.5).
3. Italians and British may not Rally the other nationality’s broken units.
4. In the event that Italian and British units occupy the same hex, the hex is immediately in an Overstacked (A5) situation regardless of MMC count.
5. The Germans receive Air Support (E7.) in the form of one ‘39 DB (E7.403) with bombs, which arrives automatically on Turn 3.

Aftermath: The British defenders were initially overwhelmed by the numbers and speed of the German assault. The Italians offered lackluster resistance and by early morning of October 4th, the island was under German control. The Italians would regret not fighting harder as Colonel Felice Leggio and 90 of his officers were shot by the Germans in accordance with Hitler’s September 11th order to execute any Italian officers who had taken up arms against the Wehrmacht.

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