X Oktybra State Farm

27 July 1942: "Driver, crush the gun!" - Vasily Krysov, from Panzer Destroyer

General Situation: During late July, the Germans launched their Fall Blau offensive in the southern Soviet Union. Near the Don River, the Soviet 158th Separate Heavy Tank Brigade of the 28th Tank Corps of the 1st Tank Army attacked the Germans across the flat Don Steppe in an effort to slow the German offensive. At the X Oktybra State Farm, KV-1S tanks supported by infantry assaulted the positions of the German 60th Motorized Division of the XIV Panzer Corps.

Aftermath: The 1st Tank Army's counterstroke blunted the drive of the XIV Panzer Corps. The Soviets lost heavily, more than the Germans, but the XIV Panzer Corps had to halt in order to fight off the determined Soviet attacks. The Soviets would make up their losses in time, but the Germans would not, as they drove east towards Stalingrad. Furthermore, the counterstroke demonstrated that in 1942 the Soviets would fight hard to stop the Germans, and there would be no mass encirclements of or panic by the Red Army as happened in 1941. This firefight requires components from Storms of Steel, Awakening the Bear 2nd ed, and Monster Tanks Expansion Sheet

Initiative: Soviets on Round 1. CAP Allocation per Round: German 8 CAPs Soviet 6 CAPs Commanders: 2

Cards: Shuffle all action and bonus cards through #20. Each commander receives 2 cards in round 1 and 1 card each round thereafter. Veteran Card: The Soviets can use the Overrun card once.

Map Setup: Maps 2 and 8. Place German control marker on hex 2-G08.

German Forces: 92nd Mot. Infantry, 2nd Pz Rgt

Setup: Place units anywhere on map 2. PaK guns must start in a gun pit.



1x 8cm 1x HMG





4x Trenches

4x Wire

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3x Gunpits +2 is black for auns/vehicles this FF



Reinforcements: Enter turn 3 at 2-A10

2x PzIIIL 1x PzIVF2

Orders: Hold the State Farm and counter attack to destroy the Soviet armor.

Victory Points:

1VP - Immediately score each Soviet unit eliminated. 1VP - For hex 2-G08 controlled at the end of each round.

Soviet Forces: 158th Hvy Tank Bde and 131st Rifle Div

Setup: T-70's start on map 8 east of row I. Remaining units arrive on turn 1 anywhere along the east edge of map 8. SMG Rifles may enter riding tanks, Rifle '41 enter on foot.







6x Rifle

Rifles

3x KV-1S 1x T-34B 4x SMG

Orders: Take the State Farm by storm and defeat the German armored reserves.

Victory Points:

1VP - Immediately score each German unit eliminated. 5VP - For hex 2-G08 controlled at the end of round 5.

Counter note: If you don't have three KV-1S counters, use regular KV-1 tanks but play with the values of the KV-1S.

Round 1 Initiative: Soviet Score: German



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