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# FIRST BLOOD



**ASL SCENARIO FT79** 

NORTH OF SITNO, RUSSIA, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1941: On October 16th, Army Group North launched an attack towards Tikhvin, aimed at increasing the pressure on the Russian five armies under General P.A. Kurochkin, and thus hampering their redeployment to relief Moscow. The freshly arrived "Guripas" of the Spanish "Blaue Division", along with their comrades in arms from the 126 ID, had to deceive the Russian units in their sector by launching a series of limited attacks. From the CO of the Division, General Muñoz Grandes, the order came to cross the Volchov river on a narrow area and infiltrate the Russian lines. 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Galiana, from IR 269 / II Battalion, was chosen to lead the assault party, but just after the arrival of the first squads, the Spaniards discovered that the Russian were already crossing the river...

#### **BOARD CONFIGURATION**

70 P

playable on both boards.

BALANCE:

Replace 3 x 4-4-7 by 3 x 5-2-7 Squads

Only hewrows A-P are

**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The Russian player wins if he exits  $\geq 10$  VPs by the West Edge (prisoners do not count double) or if there are no unbroken Spanish MMC left on board at any time during play.

### TURN RECORD CHART

★ RUSSIAN Moves First



Add a 4<sup>2</sup>-<u>6</u>-8 to the 9-1 Spanish group





### Elements of 250 ID "Blaue Division", 269 IR, II Bon [ELR: 4]

set up West of the river and East of the 52 A6 / P6 road using HIP and with no more than 1 MMC per hex {SAN: 4}





set up on board 52 on / West of the 52 A6 / P6 road





## $267^{\text{th}}$ Rifle Division, $848^{\text{th}}$ Infantry Regiment [ELR: 2]

set up East of the river. At start, rafts are beached on the East bank of the river and may be loaded up to their capacity with cloaked units {SAN: 2}





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#### SPECIAL RULES:

- 1. EC are Moderate with no Wind at start.
- 2. The river is deep with a moderate current flowing North. Kindling is NA.
- **3.** Russian leaders have an ELR 4. The Russian may not exchange a leader for a Commissar
- **4.** No quarter may not be invoked [EXC: Berserk units do not accept enemy surrenders, althought this dies not trigger no quarter rules for the other non-berserk units].

HISTORICAL RESULT: The 269 IR Commanding Officer, Colonel Esparza, was nervously waiting for some reports about the crossing when suddenly, North from his position, small arms fire and heavy fighting were heard in the distance. He rushed back to his command post in Novaia Bystritsa, just to find out that before Galiana could proceed with his mission, part of a Russian battalion was already trying to cross the Volchov river, just in front of Galiana's position. 40 dead Russian were found on the Western riverbank, and 27 prisoners were taken.