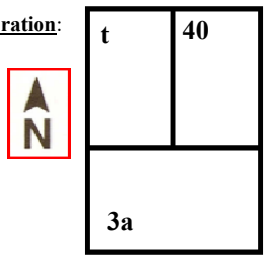
"At the Don's Edge"

Along the Don River near Kalatsch, Russia — August, 1942

During the German 6th Army's drive towards Stalingrad, many foreign units accompanied the Germans. One of these was the Croatian 369th Regiment attached to the German 100th Mountain Division. At the end of May, the Croats had been recognized for their outstanding efforts and the capture of nearly 5,000 Russian prisoners. The Croats had proven to be solid fighters. Despite lacking in armor support units, they performed well in the infantry role and had effective artillery support. By the end of July and the start of August, 1944, the Croats were moving across the open plains towards the Don River. They would provide valuable support in clearing out Partisans as well as regular Red Army units that were retreating through the many villages along the Don River. Near Kalatsch, the Croats would be engaged in hard fighting to cut off the Red Army and secure passages across the Don River.

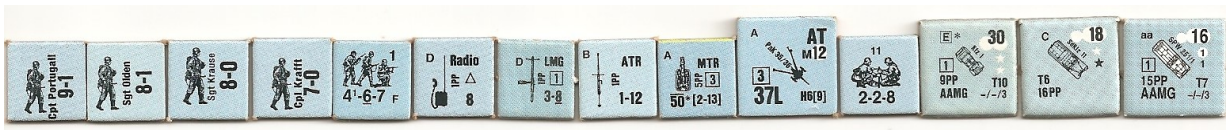
VICTORY CONDITIONS: The player amassing the most VP's at game end is the winner. In addition to normal VP assignment, the following VP conditions apply: control of each Stone Building on Board 3a is worth 2 VP, captured unit VP is doubled. Additionally, the Russian player gains double VP for each unit of the retreating Units which begin the game on Board 40, and which successfully cross the Board 3a Bridge at M16 and M17 and exit the board edge through Board 3a Hex I20.

Board Configuration:



Russian Player sets up first	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Croat Player moves first							

Elements of 369th Croatian Infantry Regiment (ELR 5) (SAN: 2) (Setup: Enter Turn 1 on the west edge of Board t between I10 and Y10)



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Mixed Elements of the Russian 62nd Army (ELR 3) (SAN 4) (Setup: on Board 3a)

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Mixed Elements of the Russian 62nd Army (ELR 3) (Setup: enter Turn 1 through the A8 road hex on Board 40)

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Special Rules/Notes:

1. **EC are moderate with slight breeze from the southwest.**
2. **Wheat is in season.**
3. **Place bridge counters on Board 3a in Hexes M16 and M17.**
4. **On Board 3a the following hexes are road hexes: Q13, P12, O13, and N12**
5. **Croatians use German equipment with no penalties.**
6. **The Croatian Radio represents one battery of 105mm OBA.**

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Aftermath: Despite fierce Russian resistance, the Croats, utilizing their artillery support were successful in cutting off escaping artillery units near Kalatsch and in clearing several villages along the Don River. Their efforts would help the 6th Army secure passages across the Don River and sweep on into Stalingrad. By September 25th, the Croats would enter the city, which would become their tomb. Assigned to many of the hottest sectors of the fighting in Stalingrad, the Croats would eventually be destroyed in the fighting around the Red October tractor factory. Only a very few survivors would return to Croatia.