

I played against Darren Kovacs, a Winnipegger now living in Victoria, and the eventual tournament winner. We played AP41 "The Meat Grinder". I believe I lost this on the "choosing the sides" phase. I had a complete brain lapse. Based on the ROAR record, I should have bid Russian, but I bid German, probably because I had just defended as the Russian. Darren also bid German. He got the Russians with an extra MMG. Darren set up a good coherent defense that would ensure that I would take casualties if I was out in the open. Then I could not come up with a good attack plan. I ended up attacking up the middle where there was the most cover and some immediate VP, but which was also the most strongly defended. I pushed in that way and it was slow going as expected. Darren was even very clever bringing on his reinforcing tanks. He remembered to bring them in concealed. When I brought on my Pz3 reinforcements, I could have chased after his reinforcements, but I had no idea where the covered arcs pointed. I just couldn't take the chance. Overall, I played too cautiously and by turn four, I could see that I no longer had any chance of winning.