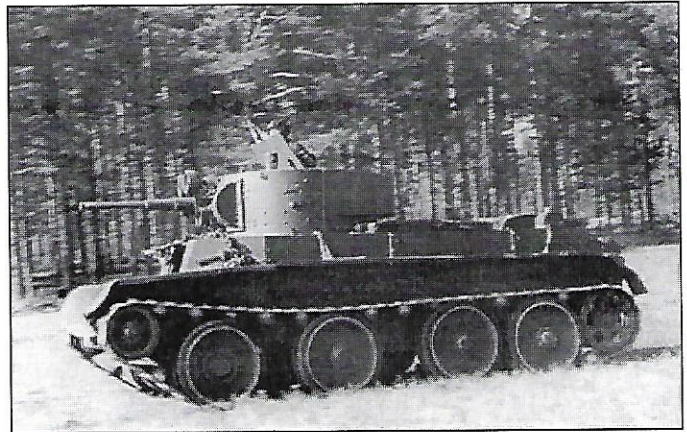




# ANATOLY'S AMBUSH

## SCHWERPUNKT SCENARIO SP255

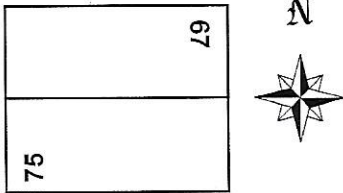
**SITUATION: IL'KOVO, Russia, 6 October 1941:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Guards Rifle Corps was conducting delaying operations south of Mtsensk to inflict casualties upon the German XXIV Motorized Corps. Spearheading the Corps' attack was Generalmajor Willibald Freiherr von Langermann und Erlencamp's 4<sup>th</sup> Panzer Division which was advancing north toward Mtsensk. Colonel Mikhail Efimovich Katukov (commander of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tank Brigade) was defending the sector near Il'Kovo astride the Orel-Mtsensk highway with a well-trained force of T-60, T26, and BT tanks. He directed Captain Anatoly A. Raftopulo and his 2<sup>nd</sup> Tank Battalion to defend the area by establishing a series of ambush positions. As the Germans ran headlong into Raftopulo's ambush, a savage tank battle erupted. Casualties were heavy on both sides. Soon, the Russians destroyed forty-three German tanks. Directing the battle from the turret of his tank, Captain Raftopulo received a severe shrapnel wound but steadfastly continued to fight until heavy blood loss from a second wound in his shoulder rendered him unconscious. The Russians had inflicted "grievous casualties" upon the enemy that stopped 4<sup>th</sup> Panzer Division dead in its track for the moment. For his intrepid leadership in this battle, Captain Anatoly A. Raftopulo was awarded the *Hero of the Soviet Union* medal.



**MISSION:** The Germans win at game end if they exit  $\geq 2$  tanks off of any north edge road hex, provided that there are either no Good Order Russian (non-crew) MMCs in buildings 67J4, 67K4 and 67L6 or there are no non-recalled, Mobile (D.7), Russian tanks on/ adjacent to the road 67Y1-67Q10.

**Sources:** Lopukhovskiy, Lev, *The Viaz'ma Catastrophe: The Red Army's Dastourous Stand Against Operation Typhoon* (Solihull: Helion, 2013) pp. 161-163.

### MAP ORIENTATION:



### OPTIONS:

- ★ Delete a German 4-6-7.
- ⚔ Add an 8-1 armor leader to the Germans.

### COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:67

1. EC are Moderate with no wind at start. Kindling is NA.
2. Place overlay: **B1** on 75V5.
3. Russians may set up concealed in concealment terrain.
4. The Russian armor leader's tank can move without taking an NTC for non-platoon movement.
5. At the beginning of Russian player turn 4, all HIP units are placed on the board concealed.

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### MISSION LENGTH

★ RUSSIAN SETS UP FIRST	1	2	3	4	5	6
⚔ GERMAN MOVES FIRST		★				

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{ELR: 4}

{SAN: 3}

Elements of the 1<sup>st</sup> Guards Rifle Corps set up on board 75 in hexes numbered  $\leq 3$  and anywhere on board 67.

4-5-8	4-4-7	4-2-6	9-1	8-0	MMG	LMG	ATR	50* MTR
6		2						

⚔

{ELR: 4}

{SAN: 2}

Elements of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Tank Brigade enter turn 2 on the north edge.

T-26S M37 -/4	T-26S M37 -/4 <sup>R2</sup>	T-60 M40 -/2
2		

⚔

{ELR: 4}

{SAN: 2}

Elements of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Tank Brigade set up using HIP on board 75 in hexes numbered  $\leq 3$  and anywhere on board 67.

9-2 Armor	BT-7 M37 -/4	BT-7 M37 -/4/2	BT-7 M37 -/4 <sup>R2</sup> /2
3			

⚔

{ELR: 4}

{SAN: 2}

Elements of Panzer Regiment 35, Panzer Division 4, XXIV Motorized Corps set up on board 75 in hexes numbered  $\geq 9$ .

4-6-7	9-2	9-1	8-1	MMG	LMG	ATR	PzIII F 3/8	PzIII G 3/5	SPW 251/1
11				2		2	5	4	2