



AIRSTRIp NO. 3

Scenario BIB C

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VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Japanese must control all of the building hexes on board 38 at game end.

MILNE BAY, PAPUA, 31 August 1942: Located on the south-eastern tip of Papua, Milne Bay was selected as the location for an Allied base including three airstrips. However, in doing so the base became a target for the Japanese as a potentially valuable base of their own. On the night of 25 August 1942, 2,000 Japanese Marines of Kure 5 SNLF landed to capture the airfields but were dropped off 11 kilometers from their planned landing zone, and the fighting over the next few days telegraphed their intentions to the Allied commanders.



BALANCE:

● Add 1 x US MMG and exchange one British LMG for a British MMG.

● Exchange one 8+1 for a 10-1 and add 2 x 347 squads.



Only A-P hexrows are playable.

● ☆ ALLIES Sets Up First

● JAPANESE Moves First

1 2 3 4 5 END

Set up concealed within 2 hexes of any runway hex, see SSR2:

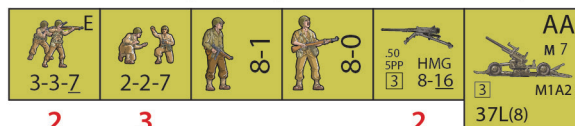
Elements of 25th and 61st Battalion, 7th Brigade, Australian Army



ELR: 3

SAN: 2

Elements of 43rd Engineer Regiment and 709th AA Battery, U.S. Army



Elements of Kure 5 SNLF and 362 Naval Pioneer Unit

set up on board 34 on/east of the 34A6-34P5 path



ELR: 3

SAN: 3

SPECIAL RULES

1. EC are Wet with no wind at start. PTO rules are in effect with Light Jungle. A LV Hindrance equivalent to heavy Rain (E3.51) exists on Game Turn 1 [EXC: Rain is not treated as falling] and a LV Hindrance equivalent to Mist (E3.32) exists on Game Turn 2. All LV Hindrance effects cease at the start of Game Turn 3. Place overlay **O5** on 38G1/F0 and **X9** on 38J4. Treat the Light Jungle in hex 38J3 as extending all the way to the o38J4 hexside.

2. The runway is defined as the diagonal hexrows 38D9 to 38N4 and 38E4 to

38M8. No unit may set up on a runway hex. Australian and US forces may not set up in the same hex. The two US 50 cal. HMG may not set up within 8 hexes of each other. Trenches may not set up adjacent to the runway. Fortifications may set up with any Australian or US units but may not set up unoccupied.

3. The Australian and US troops are Allied (A10.7). Good Order Allied Australian or US MMC are considered inherent 'hard' hinderances to fire from Australian or US units.

AFTERMATH: After skirmishing with Australian infantry, the Japanese reached the edge of Airstrip No. 3 on 28 August. There the Japanese halted and planned their attack. Reinforced by 800 additional troops, on the 31st of August the Japanese charged the defenses manned by the 25th and 61st Australian Battalions and the United States 43rd Engineer Regiment and 709th Anti-Aircraft Battery. The Japanese fell in large numbers before the Allied machine gun and artillery fire, and withdrew into the jungle, leaving some wounded behind, who played dead and sniped at patrolling Australians until they too were silenced.