

November/December 1939

Reinforcements

Commonwealth	NAV2	“Swordfish”	Belfast
	BB	“Valiant”	Scapa Flow
	CP		Plymouth
USA	3xLC	“Helena”	Washington
		“St Louis”	St Louis
	SUB*	“Houston”	Boston San Francisco
Japan	MIL	Nanking	
	CV*	“Zuikaku”	Osaka
	SUB*		Fukuoka
Germany	INF	VII SS	Breslau
	ARM Div	“Hermann Goering”	Hannover
	AA	88mm	Essen
	LND2	Dornier 17E	Nurnberg
	2xSUB*		Hamburg
	Pilot 15 OP		
Italy	MOT	“Celere”	Milan
	LND3	Ca 135	Rome
	BB	“Impero”	La Spezia
	Pilot		

*To Construction Pool

Chinese guerrillas destroy roads and communications in the northern deserts. The Japanese may find any attempt to move across the desert to Lan-Chow is hampered.

Lending Resources Nil

Initiative Axis dr = 7(+2) Allies dr = 3 Axis elect to go first

Weather rolls for the turn are 10, 5, 7: starts with very bad weather but improves

Impulse 1 (Axis) Combat Engineers to China

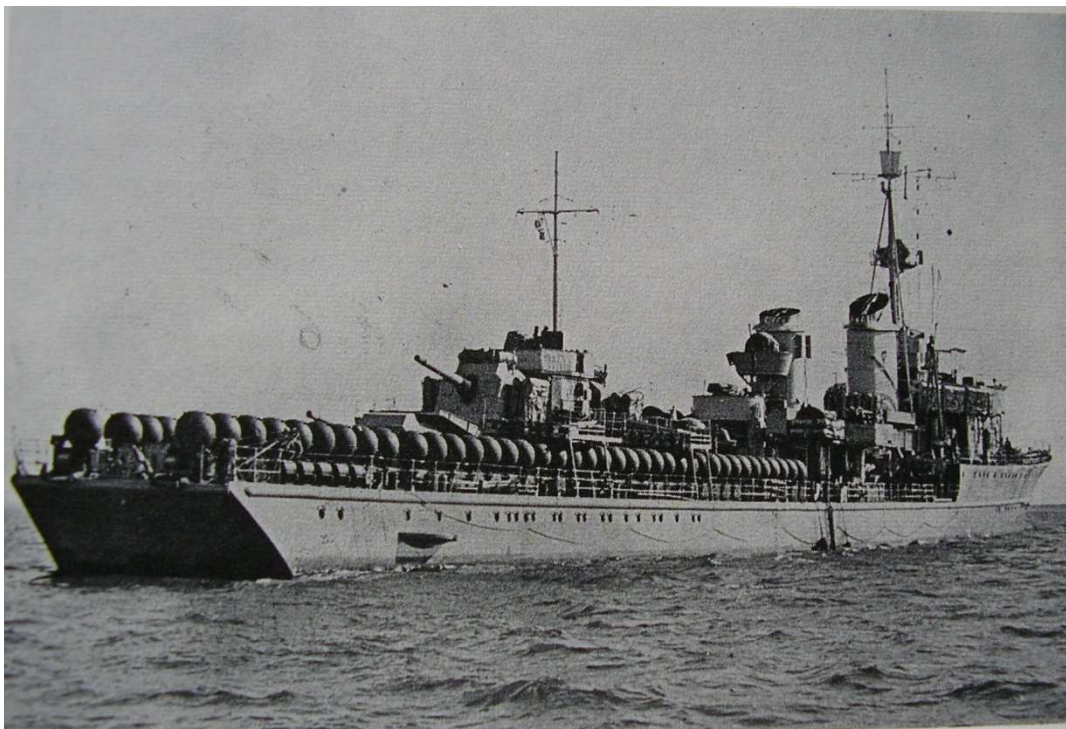
Weather dr = 10 Bl, Sn, Sn, R, St, R (3)**

The “Celere” motorised corps drives through the snow towards the Yugoslav border.

The newly formed VII SS Corps moves into Poland to ensure no partisan activity. This allows several units (including a valuable 105mm artillery unit) to move west.



Some Axis merchantmen head back out to the Baltic, now that the occupation of Denmark has allowed German minelayers to effectively close the Denmark Straits.



A fully loaded German minelayer heads into the Denmark Straits



A division of combat engineers lands in Canton: Yamamoto and Terauchi have discovered that the Chinese intend to dig in and defend their cities and the engineers with their flame throwers and demolition charges will hopefully reduce casualties.

A combat engineer tests his Type 93 flamethrower before leaving for China

Impulse 4 (Allies) Chinese Rush to the Front

The “Queens” leave Britain again, heading to East Africa. Canadian corvettes pull in to port for resupply – it has been realised that confusion in the Admiralty sent them to patrol an area (the Faeroes) in which no convoys were present.

Sensing that every man will be required in the coming months, the French recall regular troops from Syria. In the Alps, the Niger militia shiver in the snow and dream of the warmth of home.

The Chinese take advantage of a lull in the fighting to reinforce the front. Despite the snow and rain they manage to replace all the losses sustained in the previous attacks, although the effort required to travel such distances in the cold, wet conditions mean that some of the freshly arrived units are not combat ready.



Chinese troops struggle forward to the front in the southern mountains

Impulse 7 (Axis) Yamamoto triumphs again

Weather dr = 3(+2) St, R, F, F, F, F (2)

More convoys head into the rain covered Baltic, while in the miserable weather the Wehrmacht pulls garrison units from the Belgian and Dutch borders and replaces them with crack combat troops from Poland.



Yamamoto sends his South China Army Group into another area of enormous economic importance to the Kuomintang. This time he expends his headquarters reserves while launching his attack - he will not be able to attack again for months unless he receives a special supply delivery. Despite being determined to retain the vitally needed resources, the defenders are quickly encircled and wiped out. Once again the Chinese are shown the futility of attempting to hold back regular IJA troops with hastily formed militia. Captured Chinese complain bitterly about the Japanese domination of the skies which allowed the Ki-51 "Sonias" free scope to influence the battle.

Turn ends on a 1, 4 rolled

Impulse 9 (Allies)

Troopships leave Plymouth, bound for South Africa where recruiting is going well. 2 light cruisers head to the Bay of Biscay: the British "Dehli" and the French "Duguay Trouin".

French units move towards the Belgian border, while the British Expeditionary Force takes up the defence of Lille, freeing French troops who move south.

Turn ends on a 3, 7 rolled

Impulse 11 (Axis) Cheng-Sha Falls

Weather dr = 7 Sn, Sn, R, F, R, F (2)*

Eager to show his superior, Admiral Yamamoto, that he too can hammer the Chinese, General Terauchi launches his men at the city of Cheng-Sha. In a by now familiar opening move, hundreds of “Val” bombers pound the city, leaving one of the two defending units, the Kunming militia, virtually useless. Despite this a vigorous counter-attack by the Kuomintang’s 1st Army inflicts heavy casualties on the Imperial Guard which leads the attack (3 BPs). Nevertheless, the Kunming unit simply disintegrates and 1st Army is withdrawn having lost 2/3 of its troops (2BPs).

Victorious Japanese troops occupy the city but behave with restraint – as a result world opinion remains calm. (US Entry dr = 8, needed 4)

In Europe, German engineers repair the factory complex at Lodz. Industrial production is starting to boom in the Reich as the economy moves towards a war footing.

Turn ends on a 5, 4 rolled. Initiative moves 1 to Allies so becomes +1 Axis

Partisans

DR = 9 (China) Garrison = 8 Partisan No. = 20 dr = 2 therefore 2 partisans

A wave of rebellion sweeps China and the commitment of so many Japanese units to combat leaves few for suppression in the country side. Large numbers of partisans take up arms and head to the mountains in the north of the country.

US Entry: Nil 1 chit to Ge/It pool

Return to Base

The “Queens” berth in Dar-es-Salaam, while several other troopships pull into Cape Town harbour.

Production

With regret, the Royal Air Force advises Gloster that it will no longer accept the “Gladiator” fighter. (FTR2 (3-*-*)/4) Evaluation indicates that the bi-plane will not be effective against the newer monoplanes.



A Gloster “Gladiator” – the biplane will now only be used for naval operations

	Base (Resource/Oil)	Imports	Less Oil	PPs	Multiple	BPs	Trade	Losses/ Enemy*	Total BPs
Germany	18/6	+1		25	.75	19	-2		17
Italy	4/1			5	.5	3			3
Japan	12/4	+1		17	.75	13	-1		12
UK	11/8	+3	-1	21	.5	11			11
Canada	2			2	.5	1			1
Australia	1			1	.5	1			1
India	2			2	.5	1			1
France	8/1			9	.5	5			5
China	6			6	.25	2		+4/+1	7
USA	22/18		-2	38	.25	10	+1		11
USSR	15/8			23	.25	6	+2		8

*Losses: in Home Country, receive ½ of all BPs lost defending, ¼ of all BPs lost attacking

*Enemy: receive 1BP if an enemy unit in Home Country at Production phase

Germany: (17BPs)	On map	Synthetic Oil plant (SE of Berlin) (2)	
		SUB Shipyard (<i>Kiel</i>) (1)	3BPs
	In Production	2xINF LXXIV (<i>Hamburg</i>), VI (<i>Hannover</i>) (2) 2xMOT V (<i>Essen</i>), 4 Div (<i>Essen</i>) (2) LND3 Ju88A1 (<i>Cologne</i>) (1) FTR3 Bf 110C (<i>Dusseldorf</i>) (1) AA 100mm (<i>Hannover</i>) (1) MIL (<i>Munich</i>) (1) Pilot (1)	9BPs
	Start Prod'n	HQ(A) Guderian (<i>Dusseldorf</i>) (4) SUB (<i>Hamburg</i>) (1)	5BPs
Italy (3BPs)	On map	Synthetic Oil plant (<i>Milan</i>) (3)	3BPs
Japan (12BPs)	On map	Repair MAR Imperial Guard (3) Synthetic Oil Plant (<i>Osaka</i>) (3) CV Shipyard (<i>Fukuoka</i>) (1)	7BPs
	In Production	2xMIL Shanghai and Peking Warlords (2) MTN 1 Div (<i>Osaka</i>) (1) CA "Takao" (<i>Tokyo</i>) (1)	4BPs
	Start Prod'n	MTN 1 (<i>Osaka</i>) (1)	1BP
	C/Wealth (11BPs)	On map	SCS Shipyard (<i>Belfast</i>) (1), Synthetic Oil Plant (<i>NE of Liverpool</i>) (1)
	In Production	AA Oerlikon (<i>London</i>) (1) INF 1SA (<i>Pretoria</i>) (1) MOT XI (<i>London</i>) (1) CV "Formidable" (<i>Plymouth</i>) (1)	4BPs
	Start Prod'n	INF V (<i>Southampton</i>) (2) FTR2 Hurricane 1 (<i>Manchester</i>) (1)	

		NAV3	Beaufort (<i>Belfast</i>) (1)	
		Pilot	(1)	5BPs
India (1BP)	In Production	INF	13 Ind (<i>Bombay</i>) (1)	
Canada (1BP)	In Production	ASW	(<i>Halifax</i>) (1)	
Australia (1BP)	Start Prod'n	TRS	(<i>Perth</i>) (1)	
France (7BPs)	In Production	HQ(I)	Pretelat (<i>Paris</i>)(1)	
	Start Prod'n	2xMIL	Marseille, Bordeaux (2)	
		MTN	Morocco (<i>Paris</i>) (2)	
		FTR2	D510 (<i>Paris</i>) (1)	
		Pilot	(1)	
China (7BPs)	In Production	Repair	shattered 1 INF (1)	
		INF	13 (Res) (<i>Cheng Tu</i>) (1), 1 (<i>Chungking</i>) (1)	
		CAV	1N (<i>Chungking</i>) (1), 1C (<i>Si-An</i>) (1)	5BPs
	Start Prod'n	MIL	Lan-Chow (1)	
		AA	(<i>Chungking</i>) (1)	2BPs
USA (11BPs)	In Production	FTR2	"Buffalo" F2A (<i>New York</i>) (1)	
		LND	"Bolo" (<i>New York</i>) (1)	
		NAV3	Hudson (<i>Seattle</i>) (1)	
		2xBB	"Maryland", "Indiana" (<i>San Francisco</i>) (1)	
		CV	"Hornet" (<i>Los Angeles</i>) (1)	
		TRS	(<i>Boston</i>) (1)	
		Pilot	(1)	7BPs
	Start Prod'n	Terr	Philippines (1)	
		2xBB	"Massachussetts", "South Dakota" (<i>San Francisco</i>)(1)	
		ASW	(<i>New York</i>) (1)	
		Pilot	(1)	4BPs
USSR (8BPs)	In Production	2xSUB	(<i>Vladivostok</i>) (2)	
		MOT	6 (<i>Kiev</i>) (1)	
		Pilot	(1)	4BPs
	Start Prod'n	MECH	(<i>Kiev</i>) (3)	
		Pilot	(1)	4BPs

Conquest Nil

Losses – Nov/Dec 39

China	3xMIL	Peking (3-2), Chungking (3-3), Kunming (2-2)	
		1 INF takes 2BP loss and shatters	7BPs
Japan	Imperial Guard	MAR takes 3BP loss	3BPs