

November/December 1942

Reinforcements

USSR	Leningrad	INF	39 th (7-4)
	Tula	MECH	3 rd Guards (8-6)
	Kalinin	INF	2 nd (5-4)
	Moscow	ARM	3 rd (9-6)
		3xINF	9 th Guards (6-3), 2 nd Siberian (6-4), 4 th Siberian (5-4)
	Yaroslavl	INF	6 th (4-3)
	Gorki	INF	50 th (4-3)
	Krasnodar	MTN	Mountain Div (1-4)
	Stalingrad	2xINF	1 st (6-3), 11 th (5-3)
	Novosibirsk	INF	12 th (4-4)
	Saratov	INF	29 th (7-3)
	Vladivostok	INF	33 rd (5-3)
	Pskov	GARR	1 st Guards
	Voronezh	GARR	2 nd Guards (7-1)
	Stavropol	GARR	3 rd Guards (6-1)
	Ashquabad	GARR	61 st (6-1)
	Kuybyshev	GARR	54 th (4-1)
	Ryazan	GARR	40 th (6-1)
		Pilot	
	C/wealth	London	HQ(A)
		MTN	XVIII (5-4)
Birmingham		INF	II (7-3)
Plymouth		CL	"Colombo"
Manchester		INF	V (5-4)
		ART	4.5 inch (3-4)
Glasgow		2xCL	"Bellona", "Spartan"
Belfast		CVP1	Fulmar (to reserve)
		CL	"Caradoc"
Ottawa		CV	"Canada" (to const. pool)
Pretoria		CL	"Neptune"
Bombay		BB	"Royal Oak"
Perth		GARR	3 rd Australian (5-1)
Calcutta		TERR	Indian (2-4)
		Pilot	

P40 "Kittyhawk" from reserve to London



HMS Spartan heads out to sea on her maiden voyage from the shipyards of Glasgow. With her sister ship, the "Bellona", she hopes to clear the seas of the threats to British shipping that are crippling the war effort and slowly starving the British population

USA	Washington	CAV MTN FTR2	2 nd (3-5) IV (6-4) P39-L "Airacobra"
	Boston	3xTRS	
	Houston	CP 2xTanker	
	New York	FTR2	P47-B "Thunderbolt"
	Los Angeles	2xCV	"Franklin", "Bennington" (both to const. pool)
	San Francisco	4xCL	"Birmingham", "Flint", "Mobile", "Juneau" (all to construction pool)
	Seattle	3xCVP1 4xPilot	SBD, TBF-3, SBD-5 (all to reserve) (1 pilot to reserve)

CVP1 F4F-4 from reserve to CV "Enterprise"



The "Susan B Anthony" is one of a procession of troopships to leave the vast Massachusetts shipbuilding facilities. With a top speed of 18 knots, she will mainly be used on the trans-Atlantic run, ferrying troops to Europe for the long awaited Second Front

China	SiAn	MIL	SiAn (3-3)
Japan	Tokyo	CL CA	"Sakawa" (to construction) "Kinugasa"
	Kyoto	INF MAR	17 th (7-3) LG (5-3)
	Fukuoka	2xCVL	"Shinyo", "Kaiyo" (both to construction)
	Nagoya	ASW	
	Sapporo	CVP1 GARR 2xPilot	A6M2 43 rd (6-1)
Germany	Berlin	FTR2 MIL	Bf 109G1 "Gustav" Berlin (6-2)
	Essen	MOT	8 th SS Division (2-4)
	Cologne	FTR2 FTR2	Bf 109F2 "Emil" FW 190A5
	Hamburg	ASW	
	Stettin	CA CL	"Derflinger" (to construction) "Bremen" (to construction)

Hannover	MECH	7 th Division ((2-5)
Breslau	MECH	1 st (8-5)
Dresden	CAV	SS "Maria Theresia" Division (3-5)
Kiel	SUB	
Munich	MTN	6 th SS Division (2-5)
Prague	ARM	XXIV (10-6)



A "Flammpanzer" (a modified Panzer III Ausf. M) undergoes testing before it joins the XXIV Armoured Korps in Prague. 1942 will be the last full year of production for the Panzer III, as it is now outmatched by the best Russian tanks. The Panzer IV will replace it as Germany's main battle tank.

Italy	Rome	2xINF	1 st (5-3), XXVI (Alb) (5-3)
	Milan	LND4	Piaggio P108B
	Naples	LND3	Z108B "Leone"
	La Spezia	BB	"Roma"
		2xCA	"Constable Ciano", "Venezia" (both to construction)
	Turin	MIL	Turin (3-2)
		GARR	XV (3-1)
Pilot			

Resource Lending

With access to the Russian Caspian Sea oilfields, the German economy is booming, and it can easily afford to give excess resources to Italy.

The USA is facing increasing demands from both the Commonwealth and Russia, but continues to argue that it needs all its capacity for its own production.

Initiative Axis dr = 1 Allies dr = 7(+1) Allies elect to take initiative

Impulse 1 (Allies) Winter arrives

Weather dr = 9(+1) Blizzard, Snow, Snow, Rain, Storm, Rain (3)**

With bad weather sweeping across Europe, land movement is restricted. Both the US and Commonwealth decide to concentrate on naval moves, primarily to ferry more troops to Portugal.



The US fleet based at Scapa Flow moves to the North Sea in case the Kriegsmarine tries to disrupt the trans-Atlantic convoys. US troopships from Portugal move to the North Sea and load infantry and P-40C fighters from London.

Again the Royal Navy provides a massive fleet to protect transports in the Bay of Biscay – they are aware that the dreaded long-range “Condors” are still based at Brest.

Once security is in place, the “Langley” escorts a large group of heavily laden troopships from the USA, while further south, the “Hornet” leads a task force guarding another large group bound for the seas off Cape St Vincent.

The new British carrier “Implacable”, with a small group of cruisers and the priceless “Queens”, makes for the Cape Basin, wary of the Japanese presence in Angola.

Although the Italian fleet seems to be more interested in projecting influence in the Indian Ocean, squadrons of "Beaufort" naval bombers leave their airfield at Gibraltar and head for the Western Mediterranean.

The Royal Navy hopes that the bad weather will cover an attempt to get some damaged ships back to a major port for repairs. The light cruiser "Caledon" leaves Perth and the "Adelaide" heads into the East Indian Ocean.

The only offensive actions are taken by US submarines. Newly commissioned subs leave the West Coast of the USA and reach the vicinity of Christmas Island. Another group in the East Indian Ocean locates the Japanese supply convoys and sinks several dozen ships (2CP). While long range submarines do make it to the China Sea, the sub commanders note the size of the Japanese escort fleets and decide to hold action.



USS Snook (SS-279) cruises past Christmas Island.

Despite the blizzards sweeping the Russian plains, the Red Army manoeuvres to block any German advance. Fresh units move from the rear cities, and Smolensk is reinforced. A screen of troops is put in place to protect the factories of Tula. Although the weather does interfere with attempts to shore up the fragile front line, STAVKA is overjoyed as it is clear that the Wehrmacht will find even more difficulty in mounting attacks.

Impulse 4 (Axis) Kharkov holds

General von Rundstedt and Rommel are not to be deterred by a bit of snow. They order their units to surround Kharkov and launch an all-out assault. They have an overwhelming superiority in numbers and equipment, but neither appreciated how the weather would impact their advance. The troops perform well (3d10 dr = 25) but Kharkov remains in Russian hands. The Sverdlovsk militia takes heavy losses (2BP), but on the attacking side the volunteer Vlassov cavalry is eliminated. More alarmingly, all the units involved in the attack are exhausted. Hoping that the weather will improve and allow another attempt to take the city, both headquarters release stockpiles to refuel and resupply their armies.

Southeast of Leningrad, the Germans abandon their siege of Pskov and, with the Finns, mount a combined attack on the 39th Army. Once again the blizzards cost the Axis dearly – while the 39th is eliminated, the Finnish 2nd Ski Division is wiped out. In fact they were lucky, as without brilliant leadership things would have been much worse (3d10 dr = 25).

Elsewhere in European Russia the Wehrmacht is content to sit out the winter.

On the coast of the Caspian Sea, south east of Baku, the out of supply 1st Siberian Army is attacked by the Italians and disappears without trace. For once the Italians carry out the attack faultlessly and no casualties are reported.

A territorial force raised in Italian Somaliland manages to reach Mozambique.

At sea, Japanese submarines strike in the Tasman and Coral Seas, eager to cut off supply to the US fleet at Rabaul. Nearly 500,000 tonnes of shipping is lost (3CP).

Impulse 7 (Allies) The “Implacable” draws blood

Weather dr = 4(+2) Snow, Storm, Rain, Fair, Rain, Fair (2)*

Captain Charles Hughes-Hallett, commander of the “Implacable”, is not content with his task of escorting the “Queens” to the Indian Ocean. Noting the presence of a small Japanese fleet based in Angola, he orders his “Albacore” squadrons to attack the port. A group of amphibious landing craft is badly damaged.

In the Mozambique Channel, the British light cruiser “Neptune” has a short engagement with the Japanese light cruiser “Oi”. The “Oi” comes off second best and limps to Batavia for urgently needed repairs.

Cargo ships leave ports in Australia and New Zealand to replace the ships sunk by Japanese submarines in the Tasman and Coral Seas.

Turn ends on 1, 10 rolled

Impulse 9 (Axis) The Kriegsmarine shows it is still a threat

With the Wehrmacht either forced to a crawl or reluctant to take more losses fighting in the Arctic snow, Admiral Raeder announces that the German Navy will take on the Allies. The Kriegsmarine leaves Kiel and heads into the North Sea, the commerce raider “Hansa” slips past the American fleet and reaches the Faeroes and the “Richelieu” makes for the Arabian Sea. Most importantly, 360 front line submarines leave their base at Cadiz and split up, intending to cripple the Commonwealth supply chain.

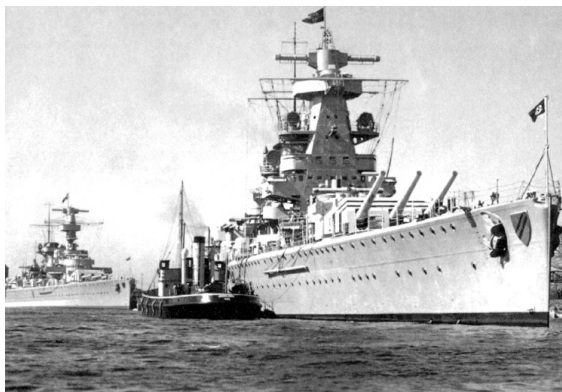


The storms sweeping southern Russia have stopped the Wehrmacht in its tracks, as well as grounding thousands of Luftwaffe planes. This gives Admiral Raeder the opportunity to show that the Kriegsmarine can also take the war to the Allies.

The submarines meet with almost complete success. The Royal Navy has become complacent over the summer and has allowed the convoy protection forces to decline, with ships being sent to join the various task forces and not being replaced. The Merchant Marine will suffer as a result.

Off Cape Verde, only alert crews save the convoys from devastation (*search rolls Axis = 10, Allies = 10*). Nevertheless, 100 ships are lost (3CPs) and the escorts are driven to port. In the Caribbean the story is similar (*Axis = 8, Allies = 8*), but losses are restricted to some American and Greek tankers. In the Central Atlantic, for once the Allied lookouts win the battle (*Axis = 7, Allies = 8*) and losses are restricted to some damage to the British light cruiser "Bonaventure". Another group of precious tankers is lost near the mouths of the Amazon, where again more drastic losses are prevented by the alert Allied seamen (*Axis = 6, Allies = 9*). The most serious damage is suffered off the east coast of the United States, where the stormy weather keeps the American land and carrier escort planes grounded. The submarines achieve complete surprise (*Axis = 6, Allies = 1*) and sink scores of ships (1CP and 2 tankers).

Only in the Faeroes do the Allied escorts managed to strike back, primarily as a result of detecting the submarines first (*Axis = 2, Allies = 7*). While an antisubmarine flotilla is damaged and the cruiser "Hawkins" must escort some frightened merchantmen back to port, a group of submarines are sunk with no loss to the Allied convoys.



Panzerschiff "Admiral Scheer" leads the "Deutschland" out to challenge the Royal Navy. Only the "Deutschland" will return.

In the North Sea a brief but bloody engagement is fought as both fleets locate each other, despite the stormy weather. The storms remove the Allied carriers from the battle as they cannot launch their planes, so the battle is dominated by the big guns of the heavy ships. The Allies see some lucky shots destroy the cruiser "Admiral Scheer" and damage the cruiser "Prinz Eugen", and the "Deutschland" is forced back to port. Allied losses are the New Zealand light cruiser "Achilles", lost with all hands, and damage to another New Zealand light cruiser (the "Leander") and the US light cruiser "St Louis". The action ceases as the fleets lose contact with each other in a sudden storm.

The Japanese also inflict damage on the Allied merchant fleet, as a carrier fleet from Truk steams to the Marshall Islands from where their bombers can reach supply ships at Pearl Harbour.

The carrier fleet from Batavia again appears off the coast of Western Australia but its planes are held back as "Bettys" from Batavia hit the "Danae". Once again improved Allied detection saves the light cruiser from damage (*Axis = 7, Allied = 5*) but the ship's preparations to leave port are badly disrupted – she will be trapped in Perth until the end of the year.

Finally, the IJN sends the battleship "Mutsu" to the East Indian Ocean where she locates and easily sinks the crippled "Adelaide" which was attempting to reach a port for urgent repairs.

General MacArthur, holed up in Manila with his headquarters troops and a Philippines militia unit, receives the long awaited news. Japanese marines have landed to the east of the city, taking no losses in the unopposed invasion.

In Burma, Admiral Yamamoto finally manages to get himself and his units into supply and is now able to launch an attack on the Rangoon militia, the only defenders of the Burmese capital. Yamamoto's hardened mountain troops take the city easily, wiping out the defenders.

Turn ends on 3, 6 rolled.

Impulse 11 (Allies)

"Richelieu" sunk

Weather dr = 6(+1)

Snow, Snow, Rain, Fair, Fair, Fair (2)*



Capable of 32 knots, protected by 330mm belt armour and 150mm upper deck armour, and armed with 8x380mm guns, the "Richelieu" fears nothing in the Indian Ocean. But a succession of lucky hits sees her sunk by Admiral Cunningham's Bombay fleet.

The Bombay fleet attempts to slip past the "Richelieu" which has been tasked with preventing the British from clearing their troopships, trapped in Bombay harbour. The British decide to stand and fight and with some marvellous gunnery manage to sink the battleship acquired by the Kriegsmarine from the Vichy government. Although the "Richelieu" has massive armour (*defence "1"*), a series of critical hits sees the mighty ship fatally holed (*the Allies get a "Sink" and a "Damage" result, and the Axis roll consecutive "1"s to lose the ship*).

The Red Army, relieved at a month's respite from the hammer blows of the Wehrmacht, pulls further back into the heartland.

Once again General Winter saves the Rodina. The Red Army exchanges territory for time as it pulls back closer to Moscow while the snow storms sweep the steppes. Now three cities are frustrating the German attempts to clear the rear areas – Pskov, Leningrad and Kharkov. Hundreds of thousands of German troops are tied up besieging these "hero cities", relieving the pressure at the front. Further south, while the Kerch Straits have been taken, another city, Krasnodar, blocks access to southern Russia.



The US fast cruiser fleet from Adelaide makes for Cape Naturaliste where it links up with a strong force from Rabaul. Only one carrier is present (the "Enterprise"), as the "Yorktown", with no planes, is left back in port. Perhaps as a result, the Americans cannot locate the Japanese carriers.

Belatedly, the "Argus" leaves Bermuda to protect shipping in the Caribbean.

The North Sea is again calm as both fleets sail around in the snow, unable to find each other.

Turn ends on 5, 1 rolled Allies went first and last, so Initiative moves one to Axis, now even.

Partisans

Partisan dr = 10	France	Partisan No = 15	Garrison = 20+
	NEI	Partisan No = 5	Garrison = 3 DR = 10 fails
	Russia	Partisan No = 30	Garrison = 30+



To date, anti-partisan forces like the 1st SS Infantry Brigade (left) have been successful in the USSR, with no reports of success by local insurgents. But with the front line now solidifying and the prospect of a Second Front in Spain, the Germans could face the possibility of uprisings in occupied Belarus, Ukraine and Russia.

Return to base

US submarines pull back to Rabaul. A large part of the US Pacific fleet is now based at Adelaide.

In the Atlantic, the "Hornet" once again escorts her group of troopships back to the USA. Three battleships cover the trans-Atlantic voyage of another group of troopships, as the "Langley" does not have the range to make the entire trip to Washington.

The "Ark Royal" and "Furious", with a large group of warships, stay in the Bay of Biscay. Similarly, the "Ranger" and "Saratoga" keep watch in the North Sea.

The British in the Indian Ocean head for Bombay, while the "Implacable" leads her task force (including the "Queens") to Pretoria.

Nearly 200 German submarines (6xSUB) stay at sea, the rest of the Axis vessels return to their various bases.

Production

	Base (Resource/Oil)	Imports	Saved Oil	PPs	Multiple	BPs	Trade	Losses/ Enemy*	Total BPs
Germany	30/9(35Fact)	+2	4	37	1.25	46			46
Italy	9/5 (11Fact)		2	11	1.25	14			14
Japan	10/4	+1	1	14	1.25	18			18
UK	4/5	+1		10	1.25	13			13
Canada	2			2	1.25	3			3
Australia	1			1	1.25	1			1
India	2			2	1.25	3			3
France					1.25				
China	4			4	.75	3		-/1	4
USA	24/19		3	40	1	40			40
USSR	18/2 (21Fact)	+1	21	21	1	21		3/1	26

*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 (46BP)	On map	Berlin	FTR2	He110		
			MOT	VI SS		
		Essen	FTR2	FW 190A2		
			2xLND4	2xHe177		
		Cologne	FTR2	Bf 109F2		
			FTR3	Bf110G		
		Prague	ARM	XLVII		
			MECH	LVI		
		Hannover	INF	XLII		
		Breslau	INF	XXXIII		
		Liepzig	LND3	Ju88A4		
		Nurnberg	INF	XXVI		
			ENG	6 th Panzer Division		
		Helsinki	FTR2	Fokker DXXI (Finnish)		
		Istanbul	INF	Guards (Turkish)		
			3xPilots	(19BP)		
			Start	Liepzig	MTN	5 th Division
				Prague	MECH	XL (2)
				Nurnberg	INF	XIV SS
			Dresden	INF	2	
		Breslau	CAV	1		
			MIL	Breslau (2)		
		Kiel	2xBB	“Bismark”, “Scharnhorst” (2xrepair)		
		Essen	LND2	Ju87R		
			LND3	Hs129		
		Cologne	FTR2	Bf109F2		
		Dusseldorf	FTR2	Bf109F4		
			MIL	Dusseldorf (2)		
		Berlin	MOT	LIII (2)		
			MOT	XXIII (2)		
		Konigsberg	MIL	Konigsberg (2)		

		Hannover Stettin	ART BB CA 3xPilot	172.5mm (2) "von Hindenberg" (from const) "Derflinger" (from const) (3) (27BP)
Italy (14BP)	On chart	Milan Naples Trieste Pilot	HQ(I) ASW TRS	Cavellero (4BP)
	Start	Turin Milan La Spezia Venice	CAV INF 2xCA MIL GARR TERR Pilot	Mizza D'Aosta "Venezia", "Constable Ciano" (both from construction) Venice Athens Egypt
Japan (16BP)	On chart	Fukuoka Tokyo Kyoto Osaka	MIL CVL BB CA ART NAV4 CAV INF 2xPilot	Fukuoka "Chiyoda" "Musashi" "Kumano" 105mm Flak H8K2 "Emily" Combined 2 nd (8.5BP)
	Start	Sapporo Fukuoka Kyoto Hiroshima	Tanker CP CV 2xCVL INF CVP1 TERR GARR 2xPilot	"Hiyo" (from const) "Junyo" (from const), "Ibuki" (start) 1 st Division A6M3 Korea Portuguese (9.5BP)
USSR	On map	Repair	MIL	Sverdlovsk (2BP)
	On chart	Tula Kalinin Moscow	INF HQ(I) 2xMOT HQ(A) ARM MECH ART HQ(I)	5 th Timoshenko 2 nd , 3 rd Guard Rokossovsky 3 rd Guard 4 th Guard Su-76 Yeremenko

		Yaroslavl	INF	8 th Guards	
		Gorki	INF	51 st	
			MOT	6 th	
		Stalingrad	INF	59 th	
			MOT	4 th	
		Tashkent	MOT	1st	(15BP)
	Start	Moscow	MOT	4 th Guard (2)	
		Stalingrad	INF	1 st Siberian (2)	
		Saratov	INF	39 th (2)	
		Yaroslavl	FTR2	Yak 7B	
			FTR2	MiG 3	(8BP)
C/wealth	On chart	London	2xFTR3 HQ(I) MOT	Mosquito Mk II, Mk VI Alexander XX	
		Birmingham	FTR2	Spitfire VC	
		Portsmouth	TRS		
		Manchester	4xLND4	2xLancaster Mk I, Lancaster Mk IV, Halifax	
	Start		2xPilot		
India	Start	Bombay	BB INF	"Royal Sovereign" (repair) 16 th Indian	
Canada	On chart	Halifax Montreal	TRS MECH	3 rd Canadian	
	Start	Halifax	CV	"Canada" (from construction pool)	
Australia	Start	Melbourne	MOT	1 st Australian	
USA (40BP)	On chart	Washington	MTN PARA	XXIX XXXX	
		Detroit	ARM	XIX	
		Boston	2xTRS 2xAMPH		
		New York	2xHQ(A)	Eisenhower, Bradley	
		Chicago	2xLND3 ARM	B-25C "Mitchell", B-26B "Marauder" XXV	
		Minneapolis	3xLND4	3xB-24D "Liberator"	
		Los Angeles	4xCVL	"Cowpens", "Monterey" "San Jacinto", "Princeton"	
			3xCV	"Bunker Hill", "Lexington II", "Hornet II"	
		San Francisco	2xCA	"Canberra", "Houston"	
		Seattle	2xAMPH 6xPilot		(26.5BP)

Start	Houston	2xTanker 2xCP	
	Los Angeles	3xCV	“Wasp” (from repair), “Franklin”, “Bennington” (both from const)
	San Francisco	4xCL	“Birmingham”, “Flint”, “Mobile”, “Juneau” (all from const pool)
	Minneapolis	LND4	B-17B “Flying Fortress”
	Chicago	MECH	XX (1BP)
	San Francisco	2xMAR	1 st Division, 2 nd Division
	Chicago	LND3	B-25D “Mitchell”
	Washington	FTR2	P-38F “Lightning” (13.5BP)

November/December Losses

C/wealth	MIL	Rangoon (2-2)	2BP
	2xCL	“Achilles” (2-7-2-0)6/5 (NZ), “Adelaide” (1-8-3-2)4/2 (Aust)	2BP 2BP
	7xCP		7BP
	5xTanker	(1 Greek)	5BP

Total Commonwealth losses = 18BP

USSR	2xINF	39 th (7-4), 1 st Siberian (7-4)	6BP
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Total USSR losses = 6BP

USA	2xCP		2BP
	Tanker		1BP

Total US losses = 3BP

Total Allied Losses = 27BP

Germany	CAV	“Vlassov” (3-5)	3BP
	SKI	2 nd Ski Division (Finnish) (2-4)	2BP
	BB	“Richelieu” (acquired from Vichy) (7-1-3-2)5/2	5BP
	CA	“Admiral Scheer” (4-7-1-1) 5/5	3BP
	SUB	1940 (scrapped)	2BP

Total German losses = 15BP

Japan	2xCP		2BP
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Total Japanese losses = 2BP

Total Axis Losses = 17BP