

September/October 1941

Reinforcements

Japan	Hiroshima Tokyo	CVP1	D3A1
		BB	"Musashi" (to construction pool)
		Tanker	
		Pilot	
Italy	Trieste Genoa	MTN	Alpini (5-4)
		MECH	"Libia" (5-5)
		CL	"Augusto" (to construction pool)
		SUB	(to construction pool)
		MIL	Milan (4-3)
		Pilot	
Germany	Berlin	INF	VI (7-3)
		INF	LXXIV (5-3)
		FTR2	Bf 109E2
		FTR2	FW 190A1
	Cologne	MIL	Hamburg (6-3)
		MECH	IV SS (10-5)
		CA	"Admiral Hipper"
		CL	"Liepzig"
		MIL	Hannover (4-3)
	Breslau	HQ(A)	Manstein (8(5)5)
	Liepzig	ARM	1 st SS Division (4-5)
	Kiel	3xSUB	Milchcow, Schnorkel, standard (all to const pool)
		Pilot	



Fresh from the factory, a Sturmgeschütz III Ausf E awaits assignment to the newly formed 1st SS Panzer Division. It will be one of the last vehicles equipped with the 75mm StuK 37 L/24. The 1st SS will have 7 assault guns in each Sturmgeschütz Batterie, although it is rumoured that a reorganisation will take place early next year

USSR	Kiev	INF	50 th (4-3)
	Moscow	INF	9 th Guard (6-3)
	Dnep.	FTR2	MiG-1
	Sevastopol	GARR	40 th (5-1)
		GARR	54 th (4-1)
		Pilot	
C/wealth	London	CP	
	Plymouth	2xCP	
	Southampton	ASW	(to construction pool)
	Glasgow	BB	"Prince of Wales"
		CVP1	"Gladiator" (assigned to CV "Indomitable")
		MIL	Bombay (4-2)
	Belfast	NAV4	"Sunderland"
	CP		
	Bombay	INF	3 rd Indian (5-3)
		Pilot	
USA	New York	2xASW	(to construction pool)
		2xNAV3	PBM1 "Mariner" (to reserve), PB1Y1 "Catalina"
	Los Angeles	2xCVP1	F4F-3, SBD-4
	San Francisco	3xCL	"Montpelier", "Denver", Columbia" (to const)
		Pilot	



President Roosevelt's intervention in the Battle of the Atlantic will be assisted with the arrival of squadrons of Martin PBM "Mariner" (above) and Consolidated PB1Y "Catalina" flying boats (left).

China	Cheng Tu	INF	14 th (4-2)
	ChungKing	INF	6 th (4-3)
	Lan Chow	INF	N 4 th (6-3)

Lending Resources

Italy receives its standard supplies from Germany (4 resources, 2 oil).

Initiative	Axis dr = 1	Allies dr = 5	Axis challenge	Initiative moves to +1 Allies
	Axis dr = 9	Allies dr = 5	Axis elect to go first	

Impulse 1 (Axis) Horrible weather slows the Axis

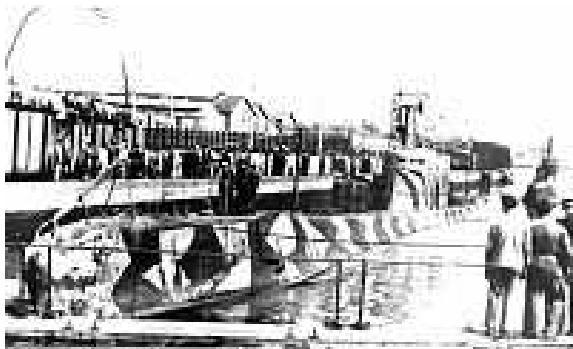
Weather dr = 10 Storm, Storm, Rain, Storm, Rain, Fair (2)**

With storms lashing much of the world, the Axis is forced to put all land activities on hold. The major powers decide to concentrate on naval actions until fair weather returns.

The commerce raider “Hansa”, still carrying the damage taken during its encounter with the “Australia” and the “Cornwall”, makes a dash from Mogadishu to Angola. Perhaps it will make it back to a German shipyard for urgently need repairs.

Once again the main Italian battle fleet moves to the Eastern Mediterranean, hoping to assist the conquest of Egypt. The now German battleship “Richelieu” joins them there. A group of transports (half the transports that Italy possesses) carries the “Libia” mechanised corps to Bardia in North Africa. The other transports move to Athens, presumably ready to embark the German SS mechanised corps that is waiting there.

With Italy’s North African armies now getting supply through Greek ports, the Regia Marina sends a small group of light cruisers to escort shipping in the Eastern Mediterranean.



A joint force of “Condor”s and Z.1007 “Alcione” bombers are sent to again harass British supply ships in the Red Sea, while Italian submarines move to their normal hunting area off Cape Verde.

The Italian Brin class submarine “Archimede” prepares to leave for another patrol past the Straits of Gibraltar. With her range of 18,000km and a full load of 14 torpedoes (as well as her 120mm gun) she poses a significant threat to British shipping.

The damaged “Karlsruhe” manages to reach the North Sea in its attempt to reach the dry docks of Kiel, and a sizeable German fleet moves out to protect it.

There is a lack of targets for German auxiliaries, but the “Widder” patrols the Bay of Biscay, while the “Kormoran” heads to the Red Sea.

In China, General Terauchi moves his headquarters closer to the coast, and the warlord of Peking moves his men into the northern mountains.

Impulse 3 (Allies) The Royal Navy responds

Taking advantage of the stormy weather, some of the damaged ships in Gibraltar break out for repair facilities in the United Kingdom. The “Kenya” makes it to Belfast, but the “Curacoa” is slowed by the storms and can only make it to the Bay of Biscay.

The “Ark Royal” also makes a run for Belfast (to pick up replacement aircraft) – she is escorted by 3 cruisers. Another carrier, the “Furious” sets out on escort duty in the Faeroes.

Although now outgunned by the Italians, Admiral Cunningham takes his fleet out of port but, in the rain, neither fleet can locate the other. Similar weather conditions protect the supply ships that leave Bombay and head into the Red Sea.

Squadrons of the new “Sunderland” flying boats rebase to the east coast of Scotland.

With anger over the sinking of the “Trenton” still high, the carrier USS “Saratoga” leaves Annapolis to join two Canadian anti-submarine groups on escort duty in the Central Atlantic.



The crew of CV-3, the USS “Saratoga”, line the deck of the carrier as she heads into the Atlantic on anti-submarine patrol. Morale is high despite the news of the loss of the “Trenton” on a similar mission.

Impulse 5 (Axis) Storms continue

Weather dr = 8(+2) Storm, Storm, Rain, Storm, Rain, Fair (2)**

Noting the movement of the Sunderlands, several geschwader of Bf 110C fighters move to Frederikshavn.

A huge wolfpack is sighted in the North Atlantic – perhaps as many as 150 U-boats are identified, while the Brest based Atlantic Fleet moves to the Faeroes area. Despite the storms, the surface ships do locate the British convoys and manage to sink some cargo ships and a few tankers, as well as damaging the light cruiser “Galatea”. Subsequent searches are less effective, as are the efforts of the fleet in the North Sea and the aircraft in the Red Sea.

The "Karlsruhe" heads into Stettin, her commander, Kapitan zur See Friedrich Rieve, relieved to reach comparative safety.

Italy has little to do other than to rebase some "Sparviero"s closer to the front to allow them to reach the Red Sea.

Impulse 7 (Allies) Weather helps the British

The USS "Ranger" sails to the North Atlantic to assist the 4 British cruisers on escort duties.

Still attempting to take on the German surface ships on equal terms, the Admiralty sends its battleships out to the North Sea and the Faeroes. Once again, however, the heavy ships cannot locate the enemy.

In a courageous move, scores of merchantmen leave Gibraltar and head through the Bay of Biscay into the North Atlantic and Faeroes, trusting in the storms to hide them from the ever-present German raiders, submarines and warships. The gamble pays off and none are detected.

Russian units move from the cities towards the borders.



Deployment of Russian units from mobilisation cities to forward positions is not easy in the stormy conditions. Here a STZ-7 tractor helps a T-34 medium tank from ground turned into a bog by the continual rain. Stavka has kept the introduction of the T-34 a secret and hopes to surprise the Wehrmacht in the months to come.

Turn ends on 1, 7 rolled.

Impulse 9 (Axis) Axis fury at weather

Weather dr = 10(+2) Blizzard, Snow, Storm, Storm, Storm, Rain (3) **

In Berlin, Rome and Tokyo there is fury as plans that have been delayed for the past weeks are still on hold with the weather deteriorating further.

Some German units move into Rumania, struggling through the mountains in the snow.

General Terauchi's headquarters rails to Peking, and several units in southern China are exhausted as they move to new positions.

Turn ends on 3, 5 rolled

Impulse 12 (Allies) Cairo abandoned

General Wavell acknowledges that with his current strength he cannot hold the Nile and orders a retreat to behind the Suez Canal. This withdrawal shortens his frontline from 400 kilometres to 200km. Unfortunately the Canadian motorised corps cannot make the full distance and is stranded in the desert.

British troops set up a 3.7 inch anti-aircraft gun in their new defensive position east of the Suez Canal. The gun has a makeshift gun-sight as well as a flimsy sangar made from captured Italian ammunition boxes. With no aircraft of his own, General Wavell's men are virtually defenceless against the thousands of planes the Axis now deploy in North Africa.



An Indian infantry unit rails to Lahore, getting ready to finally crush the insurgency in Islamabad.

Turn ends on 6, 3 rolled Initiative remains at +1 Allies

Partisans

Partisans dr = 7 Poland Huge garrison makes an uprising impossible
Malaya Garrison = 1 Partisan no. = 2 dr = 2 so fails (just)

US Entry Chit to Japanese Pool



President Roosevelt takes advantage of the rising groundswell of support for Britain to bring the War Appropriations Bill to Congress where it receives almost universal support. US military production is increased by 50%, and relationships with the Axis become more strained. (*US Entry 9, rolled 6*)

With military spending greatly increased, naval shipyards on both coasts of the USA accelerate production.

Production

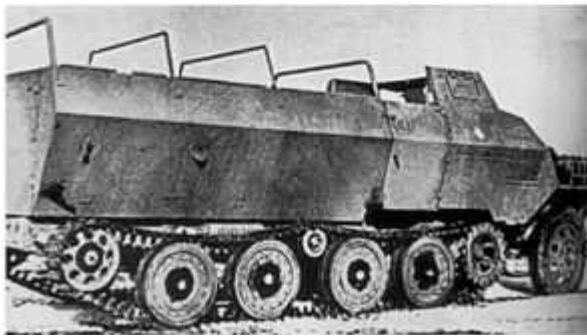
	Base (Resource/Oil)	Imports	Less Oil	PPs	Multiple	BPs	Trade	Losses/ Enemy*	Total BPs
Germany	26/6	+1	-1	32	1	32	-2		30
Italy	8/3		-1	10	1	10			10
Japan	10/4	+1		15	1	15			15
Vichy	1			1	1	1			1
UK	6/4	+1	-2	9	1	9			9
Canada	2			2	1	2			2
Australia	1			1	1	1			1
India	2			2	1	2			2
France									
China	4			4	.5	2		-/1	3
USA	20/20			40	.75	30			30
USSR	21/9	+1		31	.5	16	+2		18

*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 (30)	On map	Hamburg	SUB shipyard (1)	
		Dresden	Synthetic oil plant (1)	
		On chart	Kiel	2xSUB (1)
			Nurnberg	FTR3 Bf-110G (1)
			Vienna	ARM LVII (1)
				INF XLIII (1)
			Liepzig	INF IX (1)
			Breslau	INF X (1)
			Dusseldorf	LND3 Ju-88A4 (1)
				Pilot (1)
	Start	Stettin	CL "Karlsruhe" (.5)	
			CA "Seydlitz" (.5)	
		Kiel	SUB (1)	
		Essen	FTR2 BF-109F3 (1)	
			FTR2 Bf-109F2 (1)	
		Munich	FTR3 Bf-110D (1)	
		Cologne	LND3 He-111H6 (1)	
		Prague	ARM 3 rd (3)	
		Breslau	MECH LII (3)	
		Liepzig	ENG VI Pz Engineer Division (1)	
Bremen	MIL Bremen (1)			
Berlin	INF XX (2)			
		2xPilot (2)		
		2xOP (2)		
Italy	On map	Taranto	LND2 Ju-87D "Stuka" (1)	
		Rome	ARM Corrazatta (1)	
		Trieste	MTN II (1)	
	Start	Milan	LND4 Piaggio P108B (1)	
		Genoa	2xSUB from start (2)	
			CL "Augusto" from construction (0)	

		La Spezia	CL CL BB	"Silla" from repair (.5) "Emilio" from start (.5) "Lepanto" from start (1)
		Genoa	SUB	from repair (1)
		Taranto	ASW	(1)
Japan (15)	On map On chart	Fukuoka	Synthetic oil plant (1) Warlord	Kunming (1)
		Osaka	TRS	(1)
		Fukuoka	2xCV	"Taiho", "Hiyo" (1)
		Kyoto	FTR2 NAV3	A5M5 "Reisen-kai" (1) G4M1 "Betty" (1)
	Start	Tokyo	BB	"Yamato" (.5)
		Osaka	INF	2 nd Div (1)
		Hiroshima	HQ(I) MECH	Yamashiro (3) 2 nd Division (1)
		Nagoya	INF	11 th (2)
		Tokyo	CL	"Yahagi" (.5)
		Fukuoka	SUB	from construction (1)



A Type 1 Ho-Ha armoured half-track APC intended for use by the 2nd Mechanised Division. The Japanese War Ministry has finally listened to frontline commanders in China and on the border with Russian Manchuria and recognises that the heavy terrain and poor roads require something better than trucks for transport.

Vichy	On chart		Territorial	New Caledonia (1)
UK	On chart	Belfast	NAV4	"Sunderland" (1)
		Glasgow	BB	King George V (.5)
		Edinburgh	ASW	(1)
	Start	Belfast	CV	"Implacable" from construction (1)
			CA	"Norfolk" from repair (.5)
			CA	"Sheffield" from repair (.5)
			Pilot	(1)
		Glasgow	CA	"Devonshire" from repair (.5)
			BB	"Duke of York" from const. (.5)
			BB	"Howe" from construction (.5)
		Capetown	CA	"Belfast" from repair (1)
			Pilot	(1)
Canada	On map Start	Halifax	ASW Shipyard (1)	
		Halifax	ASW	from repair (1)
Australia	On chart		MIL	Sydney (1)
India	On chart		Territorial	Indian (2)

USA



Senator Truman regretfully advises the Grumman Corporation that the US Navy will no longer accept the F3F fighter ((1-*-*-*)/4).

The age of the biplane fighter is over, at least for the US Navy. After 6 years the production lines are shut down, and it seems unlikely that any will ever see combat.

(30)	On map On chart	New York	SCS Shipyard (1)	
		Boston	3xTRS	(1.5)
		Los Angeles	2xCV	"Essex", "Intrepid" (1)
		San Francisco	2xBB	"South Dakota", "Indiana" (1)
		New York	FTR2	P-40E "Kittyhawk" (UK) (1)
	Start	Chicago	HQ(I)	Clark (1)
			MOT	XXVII (1)
			2xPilots	(2)
		Boston	TRS	from start (.5)
			ASW	from start (1)
		Los Angeles	CV	"Lexington II" from start (.5)
			CV	"Bunker Hill" from start (.5)
		San Francisco	BB	"Alabama" from const pool (.5)
			BB	"New Jersey" from const pool (.5)
			CA	"Canberra" from start (.5)
			CA	"Boston" from start (.5)
			CL	"Denver" from const pool (.5)
		Seattle	CL	"Columbia" from const pool (.5)
			CVPO	TBD (0)
		New York	2xCVP1	SBD-5, F4F-4 (2)
2xASW			from start (2)	
ENG			CBs Division (1)	
Indianapolis		2xINF	XIV, XXIV (4)	
	FTR2	P-40C "Tomahawk" (UK) (1)		
	Houston	2xTanker	(2)	
		CP	(1)	
	2xPilots	(2)		
USSR (18)	On chart	Kiev	FTR2	MiG-1 (1)
		Dnep.	INF	14 th (1)
		Moscow	MOT	2 nd (1)
	Start	Moscow	ART	"Katyusha" (1)
			ARM	1 st (1)
			Pilot	(1)
		Kiev	ARM	4 th Guard (3)
			MECH	4 th Guard (3)
		Dnep.	FTR2	MiG-3 (1)
			ART	85mm Anti-tank (2)
		Vitebsk	FTR2	MiG-1 (1)
			2xPilot	(2)

China	On chart	Cheng Tu	Warlord	(1)
		ChungKing	GARR	19 th (Reserve) (1)
	Start	Lan Chow	GARR	7 th (1)

Losses September/October 1941

HMS "Galatea" heads into harbour for repairs following the encounter with German surface ships off the Faeroes Islands. While no damage is visible, it seems that she suffered mechanical problems and will be withdrawn from service for some months.



Commonwealth	CL (damaged) "Galatea"	1BP
	2xCP	2BP
	Tanker	1BP

Total Commonwealth losses = 4BP

Total Allies losses = 4BP

Total Axis losses = 0BP