

TIKHVIN

Unable to take Leningrad on the march, the Germans wanted to make a deep bypass of the city, planning to meet up with the Finnish troops attacking from the north, while moving east of lake Ladoga. This maneuver, if successful, would doom Leningrad and the hundreds of thousands of soldiers defending the city. The Soviets tried to slow down German attack by sending more and more forces and reorganizing their troops. The newly established Volkhov Front was reinforced with new forces, but the Germans still kept an initiative in their hands. Their XXXIX Corps crossed the Volkhov River and attacked towards Tikhvin. Day after day, the Soviet forces were pushed east and north, but the losses suffered by the Germans made the attack slower and slower. The capture of Tikhvin was the last part of this offensive. The German troops had to defend their very stretched wings, which were already being endangered by the approaching Soviet units.

Footnotes:

- Initiative: Germans
- Scenario length: 18 XI – 8 XII 1941
- Supply:
 - Soviets: E, 3905, 8th Army HQ,
 - Germans: W
- Air Force: 2 SP (Germans)

Victory Conditions:

- 3 VP: 5719, 3611
- 2 VP: 4225, 4012, 3216
- 1 VP: 3119, 3121, 3620, 3326, 3828, 3230, 3134

INITIAL SETUP:

GERMANS:

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| 1120 | 1013 | 1414 | 1314 | 1412 | 1212, 1211, 1113 | 1210 | 1310 | 1610 |
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| 1516, 1815, 2017 | 1512, 1612, 1613 | 1826 | 1826 | 1826 | 1826 | 2434 | | |
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| 2620, 2821, 3021 | 2824, 2828, 2830 | 2630 | 2229 | | | | | |
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| 2634 | 2128 (1) | 2633 | | | | | | |

Reinforcements:

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| 21 X, 2234 |
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| 3 XI, 1020 -3 PSB |
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| 5 XI, 1020 |

SOVIETS:

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| 3827 | 3727 | 3827 | 3332 | 3029 | 2834 | 2925 | | | |
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| 3511 | 3511 | 2917 | 3216 | 2717 | 2819 | 3019 | 3122 | 2928 | |
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| 1009 | 1112 | 1012 | 1111 | 1110 | 1209 | 1011 | 1010 | 2611 | |
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| 2112 | 2311 | 2311 | 2012 | 2015 | 1814 | 1710 | 1712 | 1713 | 1714 |

COUNTERATTACK

Driving the Germans out of Tikhvin and pushing them to the west bank of the Volkhov river was the primary goal of the Soviet offensive. The Soviets wanted to take advantage of the fact that the Germans were weakened after the recent intensive fights. The ski units had the task of moving to the rear of the Germans and cutting off their supply routes.

Victory Conditions:

3 VP: Tikhvin, 2830

2 VP: 3727, 3217, 4015

1 VP: 4714, 4114, 3620, 3021, 3127, 2830, 2925

Footnotes:

- Initiative: Soviets
- Scenario length: 6 XII – 31 XII 1941
- Supply: Soviets: E, 3905, Germans: W
- Air Force: 1 SP (Germans)
- Ski units pay 1 MP for moving through the clear terrain and frozen marsh hexes
- German losses from the Tikhvin scenario should be included.

INITIAL SETUP:

GERMANS:

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| 1120 | 1013 | 3216 | 3216 | 2817 | 1212, 1211, 1113 | Tikhvin (1) | Tikhvin (1) | Tikhvin (1) |
| 2516, 2615, 2715 | 1512, 1613, 1612 | 3727 | 3727 | 4114 | 2917 | 3230, 3134, 1612 | | |
| 2916 | 3415 | 4325, 4623, 4922 | 5322, 5521, 5820 | 2015, 1611, 2116 | | | | |
| 3613 | 5120, 5018, 4613, Tikhvin (1) | 1815, 2017, 2218 | Tikhvin | | | | | |
| 1310, 1210, 1410 | 3727, 3829, 4129 | 2733, 2830, 3021 | 1314 | 3216 | 5224 | 5224 | 5026 | |

SOVIETS:

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| 3633 | 3531 | 3633 | 4330 | 3831 | 3433 | 3633 | 3332 | 4131 | 4728 |
| 6016 | 6016 | 6016 | 5624 | 5623 | 5822 | 6019 | 5516 | 4311 | 5314 |
| 1009 | 1112 | 1012 | 1111 | 1110 | 1209 | 1011 | 1010 | 5212 | |
| 2011 | 3511 | 3611 | 2011 | 2811 | 1814 | 1713 | 1711 | 2813 | 2613, 3113 |

2nd Army

The initial attack of the Soviet armies (59th and 2nd Strike) in the direction of Tchudowo and Luban. A possible success would cut off the German troops fighting near Leningrad from their supply routes.

Victory Conditions:

3 VP: 2430, 1725

2 VP: 2624, 2024, 1721

1 VP: 2317, 2933, 1817, 2544,
2732, 2730, 2728

Footnotes:

– Initiative: Soviets

Scenario length: 13 I –24 I 1942

Supply: Soviets: E, 3905, Germans: W

Air Force: 1 SP (Germans)

INITIAL SETUP:

GERMANS:

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| 1725 | 2819 | 2819 | 2819 | 1212, 1113, 1013 | 2817, 2918, 3018 | 1613, 1815, 1915 |
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| 2430 | 2430 | 2218, 2417, 2419 | 1410, 1310, 1210 | 2534, 2732, 2730 | 2726, 2728, 2824 | |
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| -3 PSB | 1123 | -5 PSB | 1312 | -5 PSB | 1120 | 1413 |
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| 2319 | 2319 | 3021, 3119, 2822 | 2015, 2116, 2317 | 1612, 1711, 1710 | | |

SOVIETS:

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| 3419 | 3419 | 3419 | 2924 | 3022 | 3121 | 3416 | 3218 | | |
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| 1009 | 1112 | 1012 | 1111 | 1110 | 1209 | 1011 | 1010 | 2928 | 2113 |
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| 2616 (1) | 2616 (1) | 2616 (1) | 1814 | 1913 | 1712 | 1810 | 1714 | | |
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| 2917 | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2315 | 3118 | | | | | | | | |
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| 2930 (1), 2927 (1) | 2833 (1) | | | | | | | | |

Reinforcements:

Entering the game
is hex 1822 is
captured by
Soviets

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Reinforcements :

Entering the game
when all the units of
2nd Army will cross
river Volkhov (2 units
of 52nd Army per day)