

ATS Tac49 Big Cats at Bay – ATS Conversion 03/29/2008



GOLZOW, GERMANY, 22 March 1945: The Vistula battle lost, the remnants of the German army reorganized behind the Oder-Neisse river, in the vain hope to stop the Red Army. The situation was even worse since the 5th Shock Army already secured a bridgehead on the western side of the Oder. The battle was raging inside Kuestrin. The 56th Panzer Corps was assigned to stop the Russians without delay. A Kampfgruppe was built and deployed on both sides of the highway that linked Kuestrin to Berlin. No less than 28 Tiger IIs and 28 Panthers were assigned to the Kampfgruppe. The morning of the March 22nd, at 0600, the Russian steamroller started again. The front blazed up and the first German lines were flattened under a shower of shells and rockets during a 90 minute bombardment. Nevertheless, the Russian attack met a stiff defense from the Grenadiers. Only a few tanks were able to make it through. Two armored arrows were repulsed by the Panthers and Tigers. The Russians suffered heavy losses and did not wait long before withdrawing. At the same time, north of this battle, a third Russian group headed toward Golzow. The village hosted the Battalion HQ and was very lightly defended by five Panthers from the recon group supported by a thin Grenadier company. Still, the German commandant decided to take up the challenge. Under the Russian artillery fire, the Panzers had problems regrouping in Golzow. The Russians added to the confusion on the German side by firing a thick smoke screen at the edge of the village. The defenders had barely pulled themselves together when the first T-34 emerged from the smoke. But blinded and without their supporting infantry, the first T34s roaming the streets were easy prey. Supporting each other, Grenadiers and

Panthers isolated and destroyed the tanks of the first wave one by one. But after the T-34s came the Stalins and assault guns loaded with infantry riders. The fights were extremely violent and the losses dreadful. When all seemed lost, several Tiger IIs joined the fray. Under the shock, the Russians lost their nerve and finally withdrew. The breakthrough attempt ended in a bitter failure. ASL Scenario Design: Jean-Paul Gonçalves.



Elements of the 1st Stabs Co., Pz Batt Brandenburg and of Pz Anti-Aircraft Batt Kurmark, PG Div Kurmark, set up first on board 18 on/west of hexrow H and/or on board 3 on/west of hexrow Z and/or on board 4 on/west of hexrow H in hexes numbered less than or equal to 2.

7 5 8	6 5 7	1 1 8	1 1 7	MMG MG34	LMG MG34	LAT Psk	LAT Pf
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4 6 1 3 2 2 2 5

Pz VIb

Elements of 102nd SS Panzer Battalion enter on Turn 4 along the south edge OR along the west edge of board 18.

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Pz Vg	Sd251-21	Sd251-9	Sd 251	Foxhole
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Elements of the 5th Shock Army enter on Turn 1 on/between 4G10 and 3GG6.

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Support elements of the 5th Shock Army enter on Turn 2 on/between 4G10 and 3GG6.

8 2 8	1 1 7	LMG	LAT PF	IS2m
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enter on turn 3 on/between 4G10 and 3GG6

8 2 8	5 4 7	1 1 7	MMG 1938	LMG	ATR	LAT PF	ISU-152	SU-100
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VICTORY CONDITIONS

The Russian wins at game end if they control all the multi-hex buildings on board 3. The Germans lose immediately if all their AFVs are K Killed.

SPECIAL SCENARIO RULES

- Spotting conditions are average
- All hill hexes are +10 level only, no higher levels
- Board 3 undergoes a pre-game Russian bombardment. Place the CFF and adjust normally. All hexes within 5 hexes of the FFE suffer a 120mm attack.
- The Russian player has a 120mm OBA battery with High Ammunition with an offboard FO secretly placed, before German setup, on a Level 2 edge hex on or between 3GG and 4A10. This battery may fire only 1 HE and 1 smoke concentration.
- The German player may use Hidden setup for 1 squad and all Leaders + L/M weapons stacked with it. The German AFVs may not setup in buildings.
- The German has an elite Tank commander with his at start forces.
- The Russian has 2 elite tank commanders. One commander with the Turn 1 forces and 1 with the Turn 2 forces.
- The Russian Panzerfausts are captured German weapons.

TURN RECORD MARKER

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BALANCE

- ★ Give the Russian OBA battery one registered hex, secretly recorded before German setup.
- ✚ Change one Russian IS2m to a IS2.

MAP LAYOUT

