

Kampfgruppe Peiper Ambush at Jeremejewska 20th February, 1943 (Jeremejewska, Russia)

A Rapid Fire 2 Scenario V1.0.3 (15/9/07)

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Background

After the liquidation of the Stalingrad pocket, Soviet supply lines had become stretched. A Kampfgruppe under Jochen Peiper comprising elements of the 1st SS Leibstandarte Panzer Grenadier Division launched a surprise counter attack across the snow covered steppe against a supply column provisioning Popov's 3rd Tank Army.



Soviet armour moves through Jeremejewska (Dragon Diecast)

The Wargame Scenario

The game is played on an 9' x 5' table. *Woods* are open. *Elevations* do not affect movement but block line of sight. *Buildings* start intact. The terrain is covered in snow and treated as per page 115 of the rules. The game is 8 moves long.

Points are awarded for eliminating enemy forces as follows: Tiger I - 10 points; T34/76, Panzer III, Panzer IV - 8 points; Panzer II, T60A, SU76- 6 points; Truck, cart, ATG, HT, A/C, Gun - 4 points; Infantry - 1 point. In addition, the Soviets receive 5 points for each supply vehicle that exits northbound on the Krasnograd road.

To win, the Soviets must obtain at least 120 points. To win, the Germans must obtain at least 150 points and have at least 2 tanks or 10 infantry (embussed or non-embussed) to the east of the Krasnograd Road and north of the line A-B at the end of the game. If both sides achieve their objectives, or neither side does, it is a draw.

Soviet order of battle all regular
elements of 3rd Soviet Tank Army

[on-board]

Reconnaissance Unit

AFV company	1 x BA64, 1 x T60A
Infantry company	6 figures, White scout car

Supply column

7 x medium trucks, 3 x horse drawn carts

Main Force

HQ	1 x T34/76, 1 x T-60A
1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Battalions	each 3 x T34/76

Tank riders 24 figs (including CO - test @ 12 casualties) in 4 x companies
with 1st and 2nd Battalions (4 figures per tank)

Motor Rifle Battalion (test @ 20 casualties)

HQ	CO + 3 figures inc A/T rifle with car
3 x Rifle Companies	each 6 figures with medium truck
Support Company	6 figures with MMG, 82mm mortar, 3 figures, 45mm ATG (SB), 3 figures, 1 x 76mm IG, 2 x medium trucks

1 x 45mm ATG (SB), 3 figures, with horse tow

1 x SU76

1 x 76mm Field /ATG, 3 figures, with horse tow

1 x 122mm howitzer, 4 figures, with medium truck

[off board artillery]

1 x 82mm, OP on foot
2 x 76mm Field /ATG, OP in car

The Soviet reconnaissance unit is setup in Jeremejewska with the OP team on foot. The balance of the force is strung out on the Krasnograd Road heading north with the supply column at the rear. The Soviets move second.

German order of battle all elite
elements of 1st SS Leibstandarte Panzer Grenadier Division

[on-board]

1st Battalion, 1st Panzer Regiment

HQ

1st, 2nd and 3rd Companies

1 x Panzer II (recon), 1 x Panzer III (L50)
each 2 x Panzer IV (L75)

Divisional Reconnaissance Battalion (recon)

1 x Panhard A/C, 2 x Sdkfz 231

Heavy Tank Company 1 x Tiger I, 2 x Panzer III (L50)

AA Platoon 1 x Sdkfz 7/1 with 20mm

3rd Battalion, 2nd Panzer Grenadier Regiment (test @ 20 casualties)

HQ

1st, 2nd & 3rd Companies

HW Coy

CO + 3 figures, heavy car

each 8 figures with Sdkfz 251/1

6 figures with 2 x MMG, Sdkfz 251/1

3 figures, Sdkfz 251/2 (81mm mortar)

3 figures, 1 x 75mm ATG with Sdkfz 10

1 x Bison SPG*

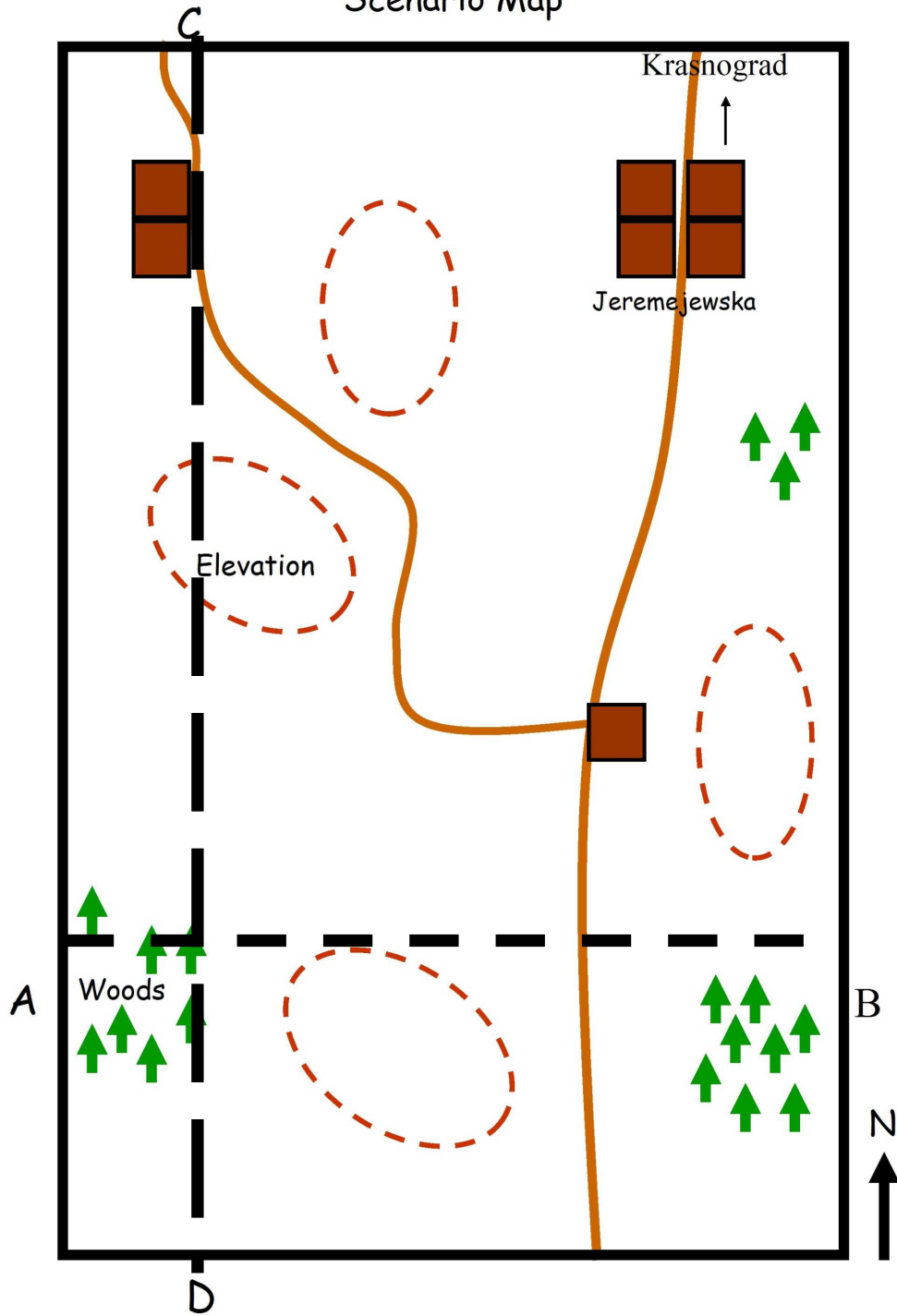
* 3 figures for morale purposes

German forces start embussed and are located north of the line A-B and west of the line C-D. The Germans move first.



German armour and regimental assets advance on the Soviet held road (various manufacturers)

Scenario Map



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Jeremejewska (Eastern Front battles)

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