## Bobruisk, Byelorussia.

June 24 - 29, 1944

### Strategic Situation

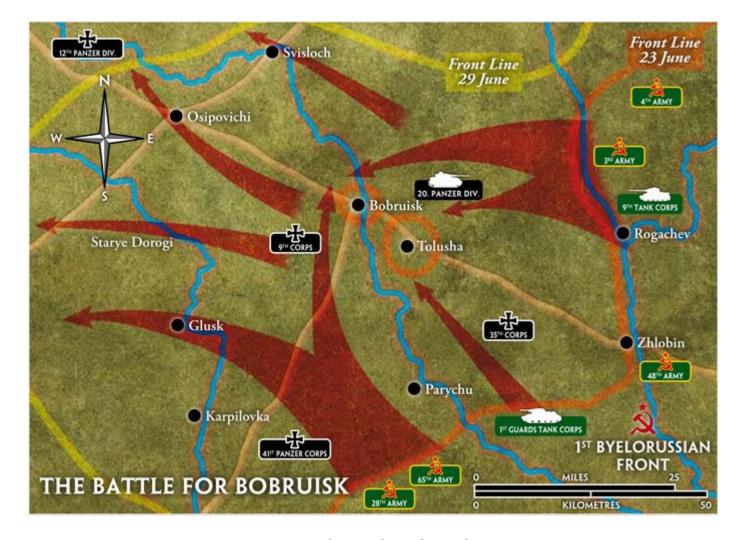
Russian forces launched Operation Bagration on June 22, 1944. The Soviet operation is designed to destroy Army Group Center and clear Byelorussia of German forces. In the Southern portion of the front, Soviet forces of 1<sup>st</sup> Byelorussian Front are fighting to encircle the rail and road junction of Bobruisk. Bobruisk is being held by the German 9<sup>th</sup> Army.

## **Operational Situation**

The 119<sup>th</sup> Rifle Division, supported by the 55<sup>th</sup> Tank Brigade of the Soviet 65<sup>th</sup> Army have bypassed most of the German defenses South of Bobruisk and are nearing the town of Osipovichi on the Bobruisk – Osipovichi rail line. The rail line is the last open link between the garrison at Bobruisk and the remainder of the 9<sup>th</sup> Army.

A battalion of Fallschirmjager from the 6<sup>th</sup> Division has been released from 9<sup>th</sup> Army reserves. The German paratroopers have set up a defensive position in the town of Osipovichi , which is the last obstacle between the advancing Soviets and the rail line.

A German battle group, built around a battalion of tanks from the 12th Panzer Division has been sent to counter attack the Soviet spearhead and keep the rail line open.



## **Soviet Order of Battle**

All troops are regulars for morale

## 79th Rifle Brigade - 119th Rifle Division

### **HQ Unit**

HQ: CO + 4 figures, 1 car

AT Company: 2 X 45mm AT guns, 2 X trucks Mortar Company: 1 X 120mm mortar, 1 X truck

Off Board Artillery: 1 X 76.2mm Field Gun, 1 X 122mm M1938 Howitzer, 1 X Observer Team (on board) in a jeep.

#### **Rifle Battalion**

Test morale at 20 figures

HQ: CO + 3 figures, 1 X AT Rifle

Rifle Company: 8 figures Rifle Company: 8 figures Rifle Company: 8 figures

Mortar Company: 1 X 82mm mortar, 1 X 50mm mortar

Machinegun Company: 1 X Maxim MMG

#### **Rifle Battalion**

• Test morale at 20 figures

HQ: CO + 3 figures, 1 X AT Rifle

Rifle Company: 8 figures Rifle Company: 8 figures Rifle Company: 8 figures

Mortar Company: 1 X 82mm mortar, 1 X 50mm mortar

Machinegun Company: 1 X Maxim MMG

## 55th Tank Brigade

HQ: 1 X T34/43, 1 X BA 64

Armored Recce Company: 3 X BA 64

#### **Tank Battalion**

1<sup>st</sup> Company: 2 X T34 / 85 2<sup>nd</sup> Company: 2 X T34/85

2<sup>nd</sup> Tank Battalion

1<sup>st</sup> Company: 2 X T34/43 2<sup>nd</sup> Company: 2 X T34/43

3<sup>rd</sup> Tank Battalion

1<sup>st</sup> Company: 2 X T34/43 2<sup>nd</sup> Company: 2 X T34/43

#### **Motor Rifle Battalion**

Test morale at 20 figures

HQ: CO + 4 figures, 1 X AT Rifle, 1 X jeep, 1 X carrier

Support Company: 1 X MMG, 1 X 82mm mortar, 1 X 57mm ATG, 3 X trucks

SMG Company: 8 figures, 1 X truck SMG Company: 8 figures, 1 X truck SMG Company: 8 figures, 1 X truck

Gun Company: 1 X 76.2 mm ATG, 1 X truck

#### **German Order of Battle**

## **Kampfgruppe Krauthammer**

**HQ: CO + 7 figures, 1 X staff car, 1 X 251/3** 

Off Board Artillery Support: 2 X 105mm FH 18 Howitzers, 1 X Observer Team (on board), 1 X car.

• German off board artillery can be called for by the observation team or kampfgruppe headquarters.

## 18<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 6<sup>th</sup> Fallschirmjager Division - Troops are elite for morale.

## **Fallschirmjager Battalion**

Test morale at 25 figures, +1 to all morale checks

HQ: CO + 3 figures, 1 X Panzerschrecke Rifle Company: 8 figures, 1 X Panzerfaust Rifle Company: 8 figures, 1 X Panzerfaust Rifle Company: 8 figures, 1 X Panzerfaust Rifle Company: 8 figures, 1 X Panzerfaust

Machine Gun Company: 2 X MG 42, 1 X 81mm mortar

Gun Company: 1 X 120 mm mortar, 1 X 75mm Pak, 1 X 75mm IG 18, 3 X trucks

# 16<sup>th</sup> Panzer Regiment, 12th Panzer Division - Troops are regular for morale

#### **Panzer Battalion**

HQ: 1 X PZ V Panther

Tank Company: 2 X PZ V Panther

Tank Company: 3 X PZ IV

#### **Panzer Grenadier Battalion**

Test morale at 10 figures

HQ: CO + 3 figures, 1 X Panzerfaust, 1 X Sdkfz 250/10

Panzer Grenadier Company: 8 figures, 1 X Panzerfaust, 1 X SdKfz 251/1 Panzer Grenadier Company: 8 figures, 1 X Panzerfaust, 1 X SdKfz 251/1

AT Company: 2 X Hetzer Tank Destroyers

Armored Recce Company: 1 X SdKfz 234/2 Puma, 2 X SdKfz 222

### Set Up

The fallschirmjager battalion and kampfgruppe HQ begin deployed in the town of Osipovichi.

The 119<sup>th</sup> Rifle Division sets up in the East section of the map.

The 55<sup>th</sup> Tank Brigade sets up in the Southeast guadrant of the map.

The 12th Panzer Division enters the West side of the map on move two.

### **Victory Conditions**

The team with the most victory points at the end of eight moves wins.

The team that controls the town of Osipovichi at the end of eight moves gains 20 victory points. The town is considered to be under control if one team occupies all buildings in the town. Otherwise, the town is considered contested and both sides receive 10 victory points.

In addition, victory points are awarded based on destroyed units.

Unit Type	Points
Panther, T43/85	8
Pz IV, Hetzer, T34/43, Headquarters	6
Truck, Tractor, Heavy Car, Jeep, ATG, HT, AC, Gun	4
Infantry / artillery crew	1