

SLOW AND STEADY



ASL SCENARIO J7



HUKAWNG VALLEY, BURMA, 5 March 1944: Ever the hammer to the Merrill's Marauders anvil, the Chinese 22nd Division, supported by Colonel Brown's American-equipped 1st Provisional Tank Group, was tasked to advance down the Hukawng Valley along its only good tracks—the Kamaing road—with its flank protected by the battered 38th Infantry Division. General Tanaka, commander of the only Japanese forces in the valley, recognized that the two Chinese divisions were not well coordinated, and felt that each could be dealt with in detail at his leisure. Throwing blocking units into the Chinese path, Tanaka committed the bulk of his forces attacking the Marauders.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:

BALANCE:

- Add one 2-2-8 and one Japanese ATR to the Japanese OB.
- ⊗ In the Chinese OB, replace the 7-0 with one 9-1.



G1
9E
37

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Chinese win immediately upon exiting ≥ 16 Exit Victory Points (excluding prisoners) off the south edge of board 37.

(Only hexrows A-N on boards 36 and 37 are playable)

TURN RECORD CHART

● JAPANESE Sets Up First [153]	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	END
⊗ CHINESE Moves First [135]										

Elements of the 18th Infantry Division [ELR: 3] set up south of the 36K1-36H2-36K10 stream: {SAN: 4}

E 4 ² -4-8	1 4 ¹ -4-7	2-2-8	10-0	9-1	3 BIT 6-14	2 BIT 4-11	1 BIT 2-6	1 Type 97 BIT 1-12	2 BIT 50*[1-16]*	3 BIT 30-1
2	7	3					2		2	3



Elements of the 22nd Infantry Division, and the 1st Provisional Tank Group [ELR: 3] set up north of the 36K1-36H2-36K10 stream: {SAN: 3}

E 5 ² -3-7	8-1	8-0	7-0	2 BIT 4-10	1 BIT 2-7	3 BIT 60*[3-45]	8/7/8	9-1 BIT 2/4/2	17 BIT 6 BIT 3 37LL 2/4/2
15				2	4				3



SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are Moderate, with no wind at start. PTO Terrain (G.1) is in effect [EXC: the road running 36N5-37H4-37N5 still exists; the 36H4 bridge becomes a Ford as per G.1].
- Place overlay G1 on 36G10.
- Kindling attempts are NA.
- The Chinese receive one module of 70+mm OBA (HE only).

AFTERMATH: What Tanaka had not counted on was the calculated and methodical Chinese attack. Always pressing forward—they slowly and steadily pushed the blocking force until a breakthrough occurred on 5 March. Unfortunately for Tanaka, the breakthrough occurred directly in the path of his divisional headquarters, splitting the Japanese force which had already been committed to attack the Marauders at Walabum. With Colonel Brown's tanks operating on the tracks Tanaka had planned on using to continue his attacks on Walabum, Tanaka was now forced to withdraw his forces further into the valley, to prepare another defensive line against the hammer and anvil tactics of Merrill's forces.