

# THE DEAD OF WINTER



## ASL SCENARIO T6



**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The Russians win immediately by Exiting 20 VP (excluding prisoners) off the south edge on/between hexes 4AA1–4GG1.

**Northwest of STARITSA, RUSSIA, 29 December 1941:** The German army was frozen in place. Bitter cold and deep snow made the thinly-clad Wehrmacht dig in and fight first for warmth, then the Russians. The Siberians were well equipped for war in the snow, but the Soviet High Command still threw them piecemeal at the German strongpoints. The much-heralded Soviet winter counteroffensive was in fact a series of small-unit actions amongst the white and evergreen of the Russian winter. The raid on the crossroads northwest of Staritsa was just one of many.

### BOARD CONFIGURATION:



(Only hexrows R-GGare playable)

### BALANCE:

- ✚ Lower Russian ELR to 2.
- ★ Lower German ELR to 3.

### TURN RECORD CHART

|                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| ✚ GERMAN Sets Up First | ★ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | END |
| ★ RUSSIAN Moves First  |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |



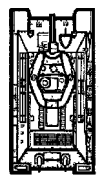
Elements of **Infanterie Regiment 18, Infanterie Division 26** [ELR: 4] set up on Board 4: {SAN: 3}



|            |       |   |     |           |          |      |               |              |                                     |
|------------|-------|---|-----|-----------|----------|------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1<br>4-6-7 | 2-2-8 | 2 | 1-8 | 2<br>5-12 | 1<br>3-8 | 30-1 | 14<br>75+ 3/5 | 37L<br>No(V) | Trench<br>OVR, OBA: +4<br>Other: +2 |
| 3          |       |   |     |           |          |      | 6             |              |                                     |



**Siberians of the 31st Soviet Army** [ELR: 3] enter on Turn 1 along the east edge: {SAN: 2}



|       |     |     |              |
|-------|-----|-----|--------------|
| 6-2-8 | 1-8 | 1-8 | 17<br>76 2/4 |
| 6     |     |     | 3            |

### SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are Snow (E3.7), with Deep Snow (E3.73), and no wind at start. Extreme Winter (E3.74) is in effect.
- The German AFV is dug-in (D9.54).
- Russian units have Winter Camouflage (E3.712).

**AFTERMATH:** To protect the critical crossroads, the Germans had cut a maze of trenchworks through the snow. If not in comfort, at least in cover, sentries peered into the snowy distance. Deep silence. Then, the sound of tank engines. The white, boxy shapes of T-34s with their snowmen-like supporting troops emerged from the east heading straight for the crossroads. The Germans were momentarily stunned until their emplaced panzer took the advancing tanks under fire. The German infantry ran from one fire position to another. The Siberians advanced in line abreast, some clinging to the sides of the slewing T-34s. Within minutes it was over. The panzer had been destroyed by Russian infantry assault and a number of the German troops had died. However, all three T-34s were smoking and there were no moving Siberians to be seen. The Germans were to learn that this by no means meant they were all dead. But, the Russians had been thrown back for another day.