

## 11. ORDER OF BATTLE OPTIONS

Players should agree on which options (if any) they will use before they begin the game. The options listed in this OB are:

- A. Simplified Naval System
- B. Early Release of 5th Pz XX from Reserve
- C. Alternative Commitment of 2nd Panzer XX
- D. Rommel Goes East
- E. Early Barbarossa
- F. Alternative Raising of 24th Panzer XX
- G. Early Release of Stockpiled Ger Arm RPs
- H. Better German Winter Preparedness
- I. 18th Panzer XX Amphibious Tanks
- J. Late Barbarossa

### A. SIMPLIFIED NAVAL SYSTEM

This option simplifies the naval rules via the use of naval danger zones. If this option is used, take the following action.

#### ALL EAST COMMANDS

**Finnish, German, and Romanian:**

**Initial Setup and all Following Turns:**

*Ignore all mention in the OB of the following:*

- all light, mine warfare, and submarine naval units (that is, all MTB, DM, MW, SC, SS, and SO naval unit types).
- all intrinsic coast defenses; although note that various Axis coast artillery units remain in play as ground units until their withdrawal is mandated per CR-A4.
- all mine pts.

*The effects of the forces removed from play per above are now shown via the mechanic of Naval Danger Zones (see the naval rules). At the start of play (Jun II 41), the following **Axis-exerted Anti-Soviet Naval Danger Zones** exist:*

- *Northern Seas:* All seas within 2 hexes of any Axis-owned port(s) on the Norwegian, Barents, or White Seas.
- *Baltic Sea:* All seas in the Gulf of Bothnia or the Central Baltic, or within 2 hexes of any Axis-owned port on the Gulf of Finland.
- *Black Sea:* All seas within 2 hexes of any Axis-owned port(s) on the Black Sea.

*Note that these danger zones can expand/shrink over time as various locations become either Axis- or Soviet-owned (see the Naval Danger Zone Summary (on the Naval Chart).*

### B. Early Release of 5th Pz XX from Reserve

After the completion of the Balkan campaign, the 5th Panzer XX was stripped of its tanks to replace other units' losses and then railed to Berlin (arriving 27 June 1941), where it remained as the German strategic reserve throughout the summer of 1941 while reequipping. Assuming an earlier decision to send the division to the East, modify the order of battle as follows.

#### EAST (MAIN FRONT):

**German:**

**JUL I 41**

*Arrive (op/strat-rail) from West (Gr.Germany):*

1x 7-10 Mot Inf XX– AA=1 5Pz(-)

**Any turn JUL I 41 or later**

*Reorganize:* 1x 7-10 Mot Inf XX– (AA=1) 5Pz(-) and 5 arm RPs to:

1x 12-10 Pz XX AA=2 5

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*Ignore the entry regarding the Arrival from West (Gr. Germany) of the 5th Panzer Division; instead Receive:*

5 arm RPs

### C. Alternative Commitment of 2nd Panzer XX

After the conquest of Yugoslavia and mainland Greece in April 1941, the Balkan railroads were clogged with forces re-deploying northwards to Germany. The rails were so congested that the German high command decided to ship the heavy equipment (tanks and artillery) of the 2nd Panzer XX to Italy by sea while its motorized infantry road-marched/railed out. Unfortunately, the transports carrying the 2nd echelon of the division's equipment (most of its artillery and some of its tanks) were lost on a previously unknown Allied minefield. The division then spent the summer reequipping before being committed to the East. Assuming an earlier decision to send the division to the East, modify the order of battle as follows.

#### EAST (MAIN FRONT):

**German:**

**JUN II 41**

*Deduct from Army Group Center, 3rd Pz Group:*

1x 1-2-10 Mot Art III 613

**JUL I 41**

*Arrive (strat-rail) from West (France/Benelux via Gr.Germany):*

1x 9-10 PzG XX– AA=1 2Pz(-)

**Any turn thereafter**

*Reorganize:* 1x 9-10 PzG XX– (AA=1) 2Pz(-) and 2 arm RPs + 2 art RPs to:

1x 12-10 Pz XX AA=2 2  
1x 1-2-10 Mot Art III 613

**SEP II 41**

*Ignore the entry regarding the Arrival from West of the 2nd Panzer Division; instead Receive:*

2 arm RPs and 2 art RPs

### D. Rommel Goes East

This option presumes that Hitler has conceded North Africa and the Mediterranean to Mussolini and has not sent any units to support the Italians in Libya. He has, however, retained some forces to defend his recent conquests in the Balkans. Without the constant drain of the campaign in North Africa OKH has been able to reform some of the former Afrika Korps units into the standard structure for their types and to motorize some units which historically were not motorized until much later.

#### EAST (MAIN FRONT):

**Italian:** *Ignore all references to Italian forces in this OB; they are now committed to the defense of Libya instead.*

**German:**

**Initial Forces:**

*Deploy anywhere in Gr.Germany or Central Romania:*

2x 11-10 Pz XX	AA=2	15, 21
1x 2-8° Inf III		155
1x 3-2-5 Cst Art X		104
[1x C CD/104 2/0 3/0]		
1x 3-2-10 Mot Art III		221
2x 2-10° Mot Hv AA III	AA=4	102, 135 (LW)
1x 1-10° Mot AT II		605
1x 0-8° Supply Truck (3RE)		8

*Add to Luftwaffe:*

1x Ju 52	1T2	0/20
3x Ju 87R	2D3	4-1/13
3x Ju 88A5	3B4	3-5/26
1x Me 109F2	6F7	1/8
1x Me 110E	5HF5	4-2/13

**Regular Reinforcements:**

- Note that Axis production of various items increases with this option as shown on the Axis Production Chart.