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This game was played using the September 2004 proposed changes. The effects of these are noted.

### Fall 1939

Research:

Nothing announced.

Diplomacy:

The Western Allies trigger a DP in USAT. The Western Allies roll for Belgium - no result.

Atlantic:

Two PBs raid. One is sunk. A British BB3 is damaged. The German harbor attack damages a CA2.

Fa39 German Naval Nationality DRM ("NNDRM")(1)

	Subs			ASW			Raid			Transports			Destroyers		
	Subs	ASW	CVE	DRM	Subs	ASW	Raid	Atlantic	Indian	Br	US				
Fa39	1	1	0	+1	0/0	0/0	0	20	2/0	18	5	-	5	17	24

Eastern front:

Germany conquered Poland. No losses. Russia takes eastern Poland and the Baltic States.

Mediterranean front:

Italy sends a replacement to Ethiopia.

Western front:

No activity.

Shipbuilding:

Germany (2) launches a CA2 and builds its second sub.

Britain (4,1,1) rebuilds two transports, one DD, launches a CA2, repairs a BB3 and advances a BB4.

US(Atlantic)(1) advances a BB4.

US(Pacific)(1) advances a BB4.

Tensions and mobilizations:

	RGT	USAT	USJT
Fa39	0	2	2

BRP levels:

	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus	Fra
Fa39	110	40	40	10	50	100	70	40
	45	39	24	5	19	94	30	20

Playtest comments:

The British could spend 18 BRPs on naval builds, rather than 15 BRPs as was previously the case. They did, but it seems that even in 1939 Britain now has to make decisions as to its construction priorities.

## Winter 1939

Research:

The Axis obtain a covert operation (revealed in the diplomatic phase). Russia places a spy ring in German military.

Diplomacy:

The Axis roll for Turkey (+2 DPs, +1 covert, -1 Western Allied DP) and roll a "6". They take hex control, which triggers a +7 increase in RGT. The Western Allies trigger a DP in USAT.

Atlantic:

No raiding.

Wi39 NNDRM(+1) ASW(-1)

	Subs				ASW			Raid			Transports		Destroyers		
	Subs	ASW	CVE	DRM	Subs	ASW	Raid	Atlantic	Indian	Br	US	Br	US		
Wi39	2	2	0	0	0/1	0/2	-	20	0/1	19	5	-	5	15	24

Eastern front:

No activity.

Mediterranean front:

No activity.

Western front:

Germany declares war on the Low countries and the Netherlands. Germany attacks and loses 2 AAF to the minor country air forces and

loses 1 AAF and 1 3x3 attacking the Hague. The Western Allies get a good attrition roll and Germany eliminates 2 3x3s in Luxembourg. Total losses = 18 BRPs of units.

Shipbuilding:

Germany (2) advances both BB4s.

Britain (4,1,1) builds three DDs and advances a BB4.

US(Atlantic)(1) launches a CV.

US(Pacific)(1) lays down a CV.

Tensions and mobilizations:

	RGT	USAT	USJT
Wi39	9	8	3

BRP levels:

	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus	Fra
Wi39	45	39	24	5	19	94	30	20
	0	39	12	0	0	88	0	9

### 1940 YSS

1940	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus	Fra
BRPs	230	77	106	20	170	144	125	82
DPs	8	2	-	-	4	1	5	2
RPs	12	3	8	-	9	4	8	4

### Spring 1940

Research:

The Axis place a spy ring in Turkey.

Diplomacy:

No activity.

Atlantic:

No raiding.

Sp40 NNDRM(+1) ASW(-1) CB(+1)

								Transports			Destroyers		
	Subs	ASW	CVE	DRM	Subs	ASW	Raid	Atlantic	Indian	Br	US		
Sp40	2	3	0	+1	0/1	0/1	0	20	2/1	17	5	-	5 15 24

Eastern front:

No activity.

Mediterranean front:

Italy declares war and attritions in Egypt.

Western front:

Germany declares war on Denmark and Norway, and invades the empty beach adjacent to Oslo with a 2o6 and a 1x3 (poor planning has no 3x3s in ports). Germany airdrops into Bergen. The Western Allies respond by invading Bergen using the only unit they have in a port - the 1x3 French Foreign Legion. The 2:1 invasion succeeds, with two French DDs being taken as losses. The Western Allies then redeploy 3 British AAF to Bergen.

(The esoteric invasion of Bergen by the French Foreign Legion was, sadly, illegal - the French 1x3 infantry units may not leave North Africa. Had the Allies realized this, they could easily have had an eligible unit available for the invasion, so this mutual oversight had no effect on the course of the game.)

Germany attacks in France, eliminating the French infantry two hexes from Paris. Germany loses 5 3x3s and 6 AAF; Italy loses 2 AAF. Germany ends the turn with 3 4o6 and 6 AAF unbuilt. The Western Allied attrition fails to take a hex. The only British units in France are two 3x4s in Paris and one British 2o5 south of Paris.

Shipbuilding:

Germany (2) builds two subs.

Britain (4,1,1) rebuilds two transports, builds an ASW, launches a CVL and advances two BB4s.

US(Atlantic)(2) advances a BB4 and lays down a DD.

US(Pacific)(1) advances a BB4.

Tensions and mobilizations:

	RGT	USAT	USJT
Sp40	13 M1	15 M1	4

BRP levels:

	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus	Fra
Sp40	230	77	106	20	170	169	125	82
	155	21	91	19	119	135	130	54

Playtest comments:

Using the French 1x3 from Algiers to invade Bergen took five DDs, because of the extreme range.

### Summer 1940

Research:

British spy ring in Spain.

Diplomacy:

No activity.

Atlantic:

No raiding

Su40 NNDRM(+1) ASW(-1)

								Transports			Destroyers				
	Subs	ASW	CVE	DRM	Subs	ASW	Raid	Atlantic		Indian	Br	US			
Su40	4	5	0	0	1/1	1/5	0	20	1/1	17	5	-	5	13	25

Eastern front:

No activity.

Mediterranean front:

Italy attritions in Egypt.

Western front:

Germany breakthroughs next to Paris and takes Paris on a 2.5:1 without loss, all without loss - except that Germany loses 9 AAF in air combat over Paris and loses a 4o6 and a 2o6 armor because of overstacking.

Germany counterairs three British AAF in Bergen and eliminates them, losing one AAF. Total German losses on the western front are 42 BRPs of units.

Germany reinvades Norway with only one 3x3, due to poor planning.

The French surrender level is -2 (= for Summer 1940; +2 for Paris; +2 for Axis DPs; -1 for Allied DPs; -5 for surviving French ground units). However, all French colonies go Vichy. The British gain a French DD, which we have included in the British DD count.

Shipbuilding:

Germany (2) builds two subs.

Britain (4,1,1) rebuilds one transport, lays down three DDs and advances a BB4.

US(Atlantic)(3) advances a BB4 and lays down two DDs.

US(Pacific)(1) advances a BB4.

Tensions and mobilizations:

	RGT	USAT	USJT
Su40	19	21 M2	7

BRP levels:

	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus	Fra
Su40	155	21	91	19	119	135	130	54
	93	15	81	13	81	146	100	-

## Fall 1940

Research:

No results announced.

Diplomacy:

The Axis achieve hex control in Spain, having placed three DPs in Spain and the Western Allies having placed none. The British spy ring in Spain is eliminated.

Rumania activates at a German minor ally, Germany gets a 5 BRP economic interest in Hungary and Bulgaria and fails in Yugoslavia.

Atlantic:

Two German BC3s raid and are opposed by a British CA2. One German BC3 sinks the British CA2 and the other sinks a transport. On the way back, another British CA2 is sunk and a British BC3 is damaged. The German BC3s escaped unscathed, returning to Vigo so they cannot be attacked by British CVLs.

Fa40 NNDRM(+1) ports(+3) ASW(-1) CB(+1)

									Transports		Destroyers				
	Subs	ASW	CVE	DRM	Subs	ASW	Raid	Atlantic	Indian	Br	US				
Fa40	5	6	0	+4	1/4	0/2	1	20	9/2	8	5	-	5	13	27

Eastern front:

No activity.

Mediterranean front:

Germany declares war on Yugoslavia and, with the help of the Rumanians (who eliminated the Yugoslavian 2x3 in Belgrade with a 1:2 attack), conquer it in one turn. The German idea is to blast a land route to Turkey so it can put units in Turkey to influence its Spring 1941 diplomatic die roll.

15 German/Italian AAF besiege Malta.

Western front:

Germany uses 11 AAF to counterair nine British AAF in Bergen. The Germans lose four AAF and the British lose three AAF. Germany air supplies a 2o6 armor unit in the hex west of Oslo.

15 German AAF are within range of Denmark and Norway.

Germany fails to reinvade Norway because of poor planning.

The British attrition and destroy the German 2o6 armor unit in Norway.

Shipbuilding:

Germany (2) has no subs to build. It launches its CVL and lays down a BB5.

Britain (4,1,1) rebuilds five transports and advances a BB4. There are four transports unbuilt at the end of the Allied player turn.

US(Atlantic)(3) advances a BB4 and lays down a BB5 and a DD.

US(Pacific)(1) advances a BB4.

Tensions and mobilizations:

	RGT	USAT	USJT
Fa40	29 M2	26	10 -2

BRP levels:

	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus
Fa40	93	15	81	13	81	146	100
	33	15	67	7	29	129	131

## Winter 1940

Research:

The Western Allies eliminate the Axis spy ring in Turkey.

Diplomacy:

No activity.

Atlantic:

Two German BC3s raid. One is sunk and the other is damaged.

Wi40 NNDRM(+1) ports(+3) ASW(-1)

	Subs	ASW	CVE	DRM	Subs	ASW	Raid	Transports			Destroyers				
								Atlantic	Indian	Br	US				
Wi40	5	7	0	+3	1/5	1/3	0	16	5/5	6	5	-	5	10	28

Eastern front:

No activity.

Mediterranean front:

Germany declares war on Greece, capturing northern Greece on an attrition.

15 German/Italian AAF besiege Malta.

Western front:

Germany attacks Oslo a 2:1 and rolls a "1" on the first roll (losing four AAF) and a "5" on the second roll (a "d" result). To avoid having the British reinforce Oslo, the Germans take an "Ex" result, for a total loss of nine AAF and a 3x3. Germany is able to NR 3x3s to Oslo, because the Western Allies neglected to TR a unit next to Oslo in Fall 1940. Thus ends a Norwegian campaign which was bungled by the Axis from start to finish.

Shipbuilding:

Germany (2) builds one sub and launches a BB4.

Britain (5,1,1) rebuilds five transports.

US(Atlantic)(4) rebuilds two transports and lays down two BB5s.

US(Pacific)(2) rebuilds one transport and advances a CV.

There is one transport unbuilt at the end of the Allied player turn.

Tensions and mobilizations:

	RGT	USAT	USJT
Wi40	35	34+2 M3	12 M1

BRP levels:

	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus
Wi40	33	15	67	7	29	129	131
	0	2	50	2	-20	161	133

Germany finished 1940 with 97 BRPs of unbuilt units (six AAF, one 1m3, two 4o6 armor, one 2o6 armor, 18 3x3 infantry and two replacements).

Britain finished 1940 with 30 BRPs of unbuilt units (six AAF, including two Australian AAF, one NAS, one strategic bomber and eight infantry factors (Canadians and Australians)).

### 1941 YSS

1941	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus
BRPs	357	77	141	20	160	324	211
DPs	15	2	-	-	4	6	6
RPs	15	3	9	-	9	13	11

### Spring 1941

Research:

The Axis produce a German 5o6 armor unit and an Italian 2o5 armor unit.

Diplomacy:

The Axis roll a "2" for Turkey with a +6 modifier and there is no change in Turkey's diplomatic status (Axis hex control continues). The Axis get hex control in Hungary and retain their economic interest in Bulgaria.

Atlantic:

No raiding.

Sp41 NNDRM(+1) ports(+3) ASW(-2)

								Transports			Destroyers		
	Subs	ASW	CVE	DRM	Subs	ASW	Raid	Atlantic	Indian	Br	US		
Sp41	5	9	0	+2	1/5	1/6	0	19	3/5	11	5	-	5 10 22

Western front:

Germany attacks Bergen at 2.5:1 and takes it with no losses.

The British attack the German BC3 in La Rochelle with two CVLs, but the air defense result is "2/1" and the attack fails.

Eastern front:

No activity.

Mediterranean front:

The Axis exploit into Athens at 4:1, losing one Italian 2x3.

Britain tries to supply Malta, hoping to take advantage of the diversion of Axis air to Norway and Greece. The Italian navy intercepts. The search rolls favor the Axis but the fleet combat dice rolls favor the British. Both Italian TFs (heavies: two BB4s and four BB3s) engage a British TF (heavies: five BB3s, plus two CVLs). The British lose one CVL sunk and one CVL damaged to Axis air attack, and one BB3 damaged to an Italian submarine. The Axis lose two Italian BB3s damaged to British surface fire. Germany loses one AAF. The supply attempt is abandoned.

Germany builds all its air and abandons its plans to attack Russia in Summer 1941, because too many of its units are unbuilt and too many of its remaining units are out of position.

Pacific:

Japan triggers its second mobilization.

Shipbuilding:

Germany (2) builds two subs.

Britain (5,1,1) rebuilds four transports, launches two BB4s and repairs a BC3.

US(Atlantic)(5) advances a BB4 and a BB5, and lays down two BB5s and a DD.

US(Pacific)(2) launches a BB4 and lays down a DD.

Tensions and mobilizations:

	RGT	USAT	USJT
Sp41	44 M3	40+2 M4	16

BRP levels:

	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus
Sp41	357	77	141	20	160	324	211
	282	59	131	19	205	285	195

Playtest comments:

For the first time, more Western Allied transports are sunk than would have been the case previously, because the Western Allied 1/6 ASW SW combat result does not reduce the transport losses from the +2 Atlantic modifier.

**Summer 1941**

Research:

The Japanese place a spy ring in Western Allied atomics. Four projects are underway...

The British place a spy ring in Spain and the Russians place a spy ring in Turkey.

Diplomacy:

The Axis roll a "5" for Spain and activate it as a minor ally. Five Spanish 2x3 infantry units are placed in Spanish Morocco, for no real reason.

Atlantic:

Germany raids with a BB4 and a CVL. The British roll a "6", and both German ships are damaged.

Su41 NNDRM(+1) ports(+3) torp(+1) ASW(-3) CB(+1)

					Transports			Destroyers					
	Subs	ASW	CVE	DRM	Subs	ASW	Raid	Atlantic	Indian	Br	US		
Su41	6	10	0	+3	1/4	1/6	0	20	4/4	12	5	-	5 10 25

Western front:

The Axis siege Gibraltar.

The British sea supply Gibraltar, using all their fleets. They are opposed by three German AAF, three German NAS, three Italian NAS and two Spanish AAF. The British naval losses are one CVL sunk, one CVL damaged, one BC3 sunk, one BC3 damaged, one BB3 sunk and one CA2 damaged. Axis air losses are negligible.

Eastern front:

No activity.

Mediterranean front:

The Axis prepare to attack in Egypt. The British build a fort in Suez and pull back to the Suez canal. The British TFs in Egypt flee to South Africa, leaving the Mediterranean to the Italian navy. Malta drops another level.

Germany builds some of its unbuilt infantry.

The Western Allies do not convert any DDs to ASW, but their premature optimism costs them several transports in Fall 1941.

Pacific:

Japan occupies Saigon.

Shipbuilding:



Mediterranean front:

Axis forces occupy all four Vichy French colonies, because there are no Allied fleets to contest sea transport into the North African colonies.

The Axis take Malta at 4:1 in a limited offensive.

Rather than risk a 1:1 attack along the Suez canal, the Axis attrition the British with a 4o6 German armor unit and a 3x3 Italian infantry unit, and roll a "6". Because German armor from Turkey has gone through Syria and cut off Egypt, the British lose a 2o5 armor unit and a 3x4 infantry, leaving only a 4o5 armor unit and a 2x3 infantry unit in an isolated fort in Suez city.

Germany builds the rest of its unbuilt units, having its entire force pool on the board for the first time in the game.

Britain send units to South Africa.

The Western Allies send three oil and 30 BRPs to Britain. The British oil reserve drops to four.

Pacific:

Japan occupies the rest of French Indochina and prepares its Winter 1941 attack.

Shipbuilding:

Germany (2) builds two subs.

Britain (5,1,1) rebuilds five transports, launches a BB4 and repairs a BC3.

US(Atlantic)(8) launches a BB4, advances and accelerates a BB5, lays down two CA2s, rebuilds two transports and lays down two CVEs.

US(Pacific)(4) launches a BB4, lays down a BB5 and rebuilds two transports.

Tensions and mobilizations:

	RGT	USAT	USJT
Fa41	50+ M4	50+ M6	27

BRP levels:

	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus
Fa41	246	45	114	13	74	291	184
	166	33	83	10	11	238	178

## Winter 1941

Research:

Nothing revealed.

Diplomacy:

None.

Atlantic:

No raiding.

Wi41 NNDRM(+1) ports(+3) torp(+1) ASW(-3) US(+2) CB(-1)

					Transports				Destroyers			
	Subs	ASW	CVE	DRM	Subs	ASW	Raid	Atlantic	Indian	Br	US	
Wi41	8	12	0	+3	2/5	1/6	0	20	6/5	9	5	- 5 8 21

Western front:

The Axis continue their siege of Gibraltar and attrition in the Mediterranean. The British sea supply Gibraltar to avoid the possibility of a 1:2 attack against the two 3x4 infantry units in Gibraltar in Spring 1942 (10 factors vs. 3x4 x 3 = 18 factors), as a die roll of "4" or greater would empty Gibraltar and allow an unopposed German exploitation airdrop into Gibraltar.

The sea supply is opposed by 12 German AAF, three German NAS, three Italian NAS, two Spanish AAF and one Italian submarine.

When the smoke clears, four Western Allied BB3s are sunk and six Western Allies BB3s are damaged. The high points are the sinking of a BB3 by an Italian submarine and the damaging of a BB3 by a single Spanish AAS (a dice roll of "12", with a critical hit die roll of "3"...) )

The Axis lose one German AAF, two German NAS and two Italian NAS. Gibraltar is supplied.

Eastern front:

Most of Germany's infantry is now on the eastern front.

Mediterranean front:

The Axis attrition. The British pull back to southern Iraq.

Britain send units to South Africa.

Pacific:

Japan attacks and captures Hong Kong, Burma, Malaya, Singapore, Brunei, Palembang, Batavia and New Ireland. Japanese infantry lands in the Philippines.

At Pearl Harbor, the Japanese catch one CV and destroy it. A BB4 and two BB3s are sunk in port, and two oil counters are destroyed.

Shipbuilding:

Germany (2) builds a sub and advances a BB5.

Britain (5,1,1) rebuilds five transports.

US(Atlantic)(9) advances and accelerates two BB5s, rebuilds a transport and lays down a CVB, a CV, two DDs and two CVEs.

US(Pacific)(5) lays down a CV and two DDs, builds a sub and raises a BB4 sunk in port at Pearl Harbor.

Tensions and mobilizations:

	RGT	USAT	USJT
Wi41	50+	M7	M3

BRP levels:

	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus
Wi41	166	33	78	10	11	238	178
	164	11	0	6	0	192	180

### 1942 YSS

1942	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus
BRPs	482	79	234	20	110	565	300
DPs	15	5	-	-	3	10	7
RP	20	3	10	-	8	24	14

### Spring 1942

Research:

The Axis produce a second German 506 armor unit, three more German AAF (bringing the German AAF force pool up to 37 AAF) and another German NAS.

Japan produces two NAS and an AAF, a submarine and an ASW, and raises its shipbuilding level to six.

The Western Allies continue their strategic bomber program. Britain produces a commando and the U.S. produces a marine and infantry.

Russia produces three AAF, an air transport and a second 5o6 armor unit.

Diplomacy:

The Axis fail to make diplomatic progress in Hungary and Bulgaria.

Atlantic:

No raiding.

Sp42 NNDRM(+1) ports(+3) torp(+1) ASW(-3) US(+1)

								Transports		Destroyers		
	Subs	ASW	CVE	DRM	Subs	ASW	Raid	Atlantic	Indian	Br	US	
Sp42	8	14	0	+3	2/6	2/6	0	20 5/6	9	5	- 5	5 22

Western front:

No activity.

Eastern front:

No activity.

Mediterranean front:

The Axis take Suez on a 3:1 attack and surround Basra, hemming the British into southern Iraq. The Axis have 9 AAF in Spain, 10 AAF near Basra, and the remainder in Germany and in eastern Europe. Three German 4o6 armor units are in southern Iraq and several smaller Axis armor units are in Egypt and Palestine.

Gibraltar is isolated (one level).

The Western Allies have nine Atlantic transports available and ship oil to Britain and units to Britain and South Africa.

Pacific:

Japan captures Manila (2.5:1), Rabaul (3:1), Balikpapan (3:1) and invades the Solomons and Darwin. Japan loses units on every attack, making up for its good combat die rolls in Winter 1941. Japan ends the turn with two oil counters in its oil reserve.

To counteract Japanese submarines, the Western Allies deploy two CVEs and an AAF to the India box and nine NAS to the Australian box. Japan has 16 transports and one ASW in the Pacific SW box; the U.S. has five transports in the Pacific SW box.

Shipbuilding:

Germany (3) builds three subs.



German and Italian two-factor armor units move through the Black Sea and invade the beach in W43, one hex from Batum, and exploit across the Caucasus next to Grozny. A German 2o6 armor unit crosses northern Persia, and as a result the Russian forces lined up on the Turkish border are isolated.

The Germans make little progress along the Bessarabian front, and none at all in eastern Poland.

The Russians fall back and attrition, but there is no prospect of the Germans linking up along the Black Sea coast. Russia takes air and naval oil effects, because of the loss of most of their oil centers. Russia ends its turn with two oil counters in its reserve.

Mediterranean front:

Germany declares war on Persia and Arabia.

Two Italian BB4s raid from Suez and sink one Indian Ocean transport, escaping unscathed.

The Western Allies supply Gibraltar, but lose three more American BB3s sunk and one damaged. A CA2 is sunk by an Italian submarine.

The Western Allies counterattack in southern Iraq and eliminate two German 4o6 armor units.

Pacific:

Japan invades Darwin to reinforce its force in northwestern Australia. Because of the range, six Japanese DDs are required to carry a single Japanese 2x2 infantry unit.

The main Japanese effort is an invasion of Espirito Santo, in order to gain a site for an airbase within air range of New Caledonia. Two American TFs intercept, one using Magic. Three Japanese TFs counterintercept from Rabaul and Lae, and a massive naval battle begins. The Japanese force is covered by three AAF and two NAS, while the American force is covered by 6 NAS.

It turns out the Americans have overreached. All combat groups for both sides are found, so there are no surprise air strikes. One Japanese CV is damaged when a single American NAS penetrates the Japanese air cover and combat air patrol. But the larger Japanese naval air strikes smash through the American defenses and sink two American CVs and damage a third. Both sides suffer heavy naval air losses.

The Americans gain a slight advantage in the ensuing fleet combats (the only BB5 in the battle, the Yamato, is guarding the invading Japanese TF) and the net results are a Japanese BC3 and two Japanese CA2s sunk, and two American CA2s sunk and one American CA2 damaged.



Western front:

No Western Allied bombing, because Germany has too much air.

Eastern front:

Germany takes an offensive in Russia and invades the Kerch peninsula with a 406 armor unit and tries to consolidate its position in southern Russia. But there are simply too many Russians and they're all on the board. Germany is unable to significantly reinforce its Caucasus army and a massive Russian winter counter-offensive looms.

Russia attritions and takes a naval oil effect. Russia receives oil via Murmansk, Persia and Siberia, which taxes the Western Allied transport capability but leaves Russia with two oil counters in its reserve.

Mediterranean front:

Three Italian BB4s raid from Suez and sink one Indian Ocean transport and two Western Allied CA2s, escaping unscathed.

The Axis counterair and attrition in southern Iraq.

The Western Allies counterair in Spain and supply Gibraltar without loss.

Pacific:

Japan again invades Darwin with two 1x2 infantry units to reinforce its force in northwestern Australia

Japan invades New Caledonia with two 1x2 infantry units and NRs more forces into New Guinea. The two 2x2 Australian infantry units in Port Moresby are isolated.

There is no naval interaction.

Japan takes a construction oil effect and ends its turn with four oil counters in its reserve.

Japan fortifies Rabaul.

Shipbuilding:

Germany (4) builds two subs and repairs one BB4 and one CVL.

Britain (5,1,1) rebuilds five transports and repairs one BB3 and one CVL.

US(Atlantic)(12) rebuilds two transports, advances and accelerates three BB5s, repairs one BB3, and lays down two CVLs, two CVEs and two DDs.

US(Pacific)(8) launches one CV, advances and accelerates one BB5, repairs one BB4 and one CV, and lays down two CVEs and two DDs.

Tensions and mobilizations:

	RGT	USAT	USJT
Fa42		M10	M6

BRP levels:

	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus
Fa42	341	35	125	14	51	325	180
	246	16	96	10	13	250	78

## Winter 1942

Research:

Nothing revealed.

Diplomacy:

None.

Atlantic:

No raiding.

Wi42 NNDRM(+1) ports(+3) torp(+1) ASW(-4) CVE(-1) US(+1)

	Subs	ASW	CVE	DRM	Subs	ASW	Raid	Atlantic	Indian	Br	US	
Wi42	11	18	6	+1	2/6	4/8	0	18 3/6	9	5	- 5	3 30

Western front:

The sub war suddenly turns, as the Western Allies get their first modifier for CVEs. No Western Allied bombing, because Germany has too much air.

Eastern front:

The winter roll is a "4". The Germans evacuate the Caucasus, and Russia launches an offensive, retaking Grozny and the Ukraine, inflicting substantial Axis casualties. Russia has its last turn of oil problems.

Mediterranean front:

Three Italian BB4s raid from Suez and miraculously escape after the Allies roll a "6" in their initial raider engagement die roll, and a "1" in their second raider engagement die roll.

The Axis eliminated an American 5o6 armor unit in southern Iraq in a 1:3 attack with a 2o5 Spanish armor unit and a 2x3 infantry unit. Dr. Goebbels calls this a victory. Counterairs wear down the air forces in Iraq.

The Western Allies counterair in Spain and supply Gibraltar without loss.

Pacific:

Japan attritions in New Caledonia and rolls a "6". The +1 modifier for isolation results in the elimination both American 3x2 infantry in Noumea. Japan also eliminates one of the Australian infantry 2x2 units in Port Moresby. The Western Allies wish they had built forts in the Pacific.

There is no naval interaction.

Japan fortifies the New Caledonia beach.

Shipbuilding:

Germany (4) builds three subs and advances a BB5.

Britain (5,1,1) rebuilds two transports, advances two BB4s and lays down three DDs.

US(Atlantic)(13) rebuilds one transport, advances and accelerates one CVB, one CV, and four BB5s, and lays down two CVEs and four DDs.

US(Pacific)(9) launches one CV and lays down two CVs, one CVL, two CVEs and three DDs.

Tensions and mobilizations:

	RGT	USAT	USJT
Wi42		M11	M7

BRP levels:

	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus
Wi42	246	16	96	10	13	250	78
	151	0	56	7	0	111	17

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	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus
1943 BRPs	555	79	282	20	110	810	378
DPs	17	5	-	-	2	13	8
RP	22	3	12	-	8	28	13

## Spring 1943

### Research:

Germany gets a second torpedo result (not announced until Summer 1943) and the Western Allies get a second air range result.

The Western Allies eliminate a Japanese naval spy ring and Russia eliminates an Axis military spy ring. The Western Allies increase their Naval Nationality DRM.

Germany produces five AAF, one jet, four submarines and five 3x3 infantry units.

Japan triggers Indian subversion and starts building INA infantry units, and produces five NAS, three 3x3 and one 1x3 infantry units, and increases its naval air training level to four.

Russia produces five more AAF and another 506 armor unit.

### Diplomacy:

The Axis again fail to sway Turkey and Bulgaria.

### Atlantic:

No raiding.

							Transports			Destroyers					
	Subs	ASW	CVE	DRM	Subs	ASW	Raid	Atlantic	Indian	Br	US				
Sp43	No	submarine	warfare					21	-	21	5	-	5	6	31

### Western front:

No activity.

### Eastern front:

Germany and Russia both attrition.

### Mediterranean front:

Three Italian BB4s raid from Suez and sink two Western Allied CA2s and one Indian Ocean transport.

An Axis counterair at Gibraltar is ineffective, but the Axis reinforce their air in southern Spain. The Western Allies counterair, but do not attempt to sea supply to Gibraltar.

A joint Russo-Western Allied attack in Iraq isolates several Axis armor units.

### Pacific:

Japan takes Port Moresby on a 3:1, occupies Noumea and reinvades Darwin with a 3x2 infantry unit. In China, Japan finally eliminates some Chinese partisans, taking losses while doing so.

Japan fortifies Truk.

The Western Allies attrition in Australia and India and undertake no offensive actions.

Shipbuilding:

Germany (5) builds five subs.

Britain (5,1,1) lays down three DDs.

US(Atlantic)(13) launches two BB5s, repairs two BB3s, repairs one BB3, advances and accelerates one BB5, and lays down one CV, two CVEs and four DDs.

US(Pacific)(10) advances and accelerates one BB5 and two CVs, lays down one CV, two CVLs, one CVE and three subs.

Germany has 25 BRPs of unbuilt units remaining after unit construction.

The U.S. grants 100 BRPs to Britain, taking advantage of the lull in submarine warfare, and Britain builds most of its units.

Tensions and mobilizations:

	RGT	USAT	USJT
Sp43		M12	M8

BRP levels:

	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus
Sp43	555	77	282	20	110	860	378
	432	66	215	17	123	584	327

### **Summer 1943**

Research:

The Western Allies get a fifth ASW result. Russia eliminate a Japanese spy ring in Western Allies atomics.

Diplomacy:

The Axis activate Hungary and gain hex control in Sweden, using a covert operation.

Atlantic:



Britain (5,1,1) rebuilds one transport in Canada and Australia.

US(Atlantic)(13) launches two BB5s and one CV, advances and accelerates two BB5s and one CVB, and lays down two CVEs and five DDs.

US(Pacific)(11) advances and accelerates one CV, floats two BB3s in Pearl Harbor, repairs one BB3, lays down two CVs, two CVEs and three DDs.

Russia launches a BB3 at Sevastopol!

At the end of the Summer 1943 game turn, Germany has 89 BRPs of unbuilt units.

Tensions and mobilizations:

	RGT	USAT	USJT
Su43			M9

BRP levels:

	Ger	Ita	Jap	Chi	Bri	U.S.	Rus
Su43	432	66	215	17	123	584	327
	314	41	144	12	61	432	196

### Fall 1943

Research:

No activity.

Diplomacy:

No activity.

Atlantic:

No raiding.

Fa43 ports(+3) torp(+2) ASW(-6) air range(-1) CVE(-2) US(+1)

	Transports				Destroyers						
	Subs	ASW	CVE	DRM	Subs	ASW	Raid	Atlantic	Indian	Br	US
Fa43	15	20	12	-3	2/8	5/9	0	21	2/8	11	5 - 5

Western front:

The Germans attrition the Western Allies.

Eastern front:

The Germans retreat and form a line behind the Vistula and along the Rumanian border.

Mediterranean front:

The Axis take Gibraltar in a risky 37:28 (1:1) attack, using the Italian navy to invade and shore bombard, in conjunction with a ground attack by German infantry and AAF. The Axis lose only one German 3x3.

Shortly after this, the **Allies surrender**.

It is clear that in Europe, the Germans will get all their units on the board by the end of the year, because the German air superiority in Poland makes it impossible for Russia to continue its offensives and Russia is not yet in position to mount a major attack into Rumania.

While the Western Allies expect to have one atomic bomb in Fall 1944, they are unlikely to be able to use it against Germany until early 1945, and then there is the additional problem of conquering Italy.

The players agree that Germany will definitely hold out until 1945, and that the Allies are likely to lose by one or two turns in Europe.

In the Pacific, Japan appears unlikely to surrender at all. Australia is a stalemate, but this has given Japan time to fortify all the important points in the south Pacific. Japan is likely to maintain army air parity in the south Pacific for another few turns, while the Japanese navy will have more fast carriers than the American navy until at least mid-1944. Even if Russia starts building up for an attack in Manchuria, this just doesn't give the Allies enough time to fight their way across the Pacific into bombing (or invasion) range of Japan.

Since the only reasonable Allied strategy appears to be to concentrate everything against Germany and Italy, in order to minimize the loss in Europe, the players all agree that the game is really over and a new game should be started.