TANGLED AT TSANGKOU

INITIAL SCENARIO VICTORY CONDITIONS: The CNA win if they Control all building Locations within three hexes of 17R4.

INITIAL SCENARIO: Nationalist Chinese Attack

INITIAL SCENARIO BALANCE: ★ Red Chinese: May set up one Cave (with MMC, SMC and SW IN it) on board 41 using HIP (must be revealed by scenario 6).

CNA: Increase SAN to 3 for scenario 1 and receive one -1 Leadership DRM for a Pltn of the owner’s choice.

TSANGKOU, CHINA: The 8th Chinese Nationalist Army began landing at Tsingtao on 14 November, its mission to accept the surrender of the Japanese 43rd Army at Tsinan. The Nationalist commander moved his troops through the city and encamped between Tsingtao and Tsangkou while regrouping for a drive north. The Communist reaction was immediate and violent. On the night of the 14th, the railroad north of Tsangkou was effectively knocked out for a distance of 37 miles. With the railroad no longer usable, the Nationalist troops would have to move overland. The forward units of the 8th CNA tangled with the Communists soon after leaving the outskirts of Tsangkou.

CG VICTORY CONDITIONS: The CNA must Control all building Locations west of hexrow Q on board 42 at CG end.

CG DATES: 19 Nov 45 to 25 Nov 45 (seven CG scenarios)

CG BALANCE:
★ Red Chinese: If the Red Chinese Win/Lost (VFTT9.) ratio is ≤ 1.3 then the Red Chinese receive a -1 DRM on their CPP Replenishment DR.

© CNA: The CNA receive a -1 OBA DRM on OBA purchased after the 22 Nov 45 scenario.

INITIAL NATIONALIST CHINESE OB:
Elements of the 8th Chinese Nationalist Army set up in any whole hex on board 22
RG: 2x Rifle Pltn
RG: 2x Support Pltn
RG: Transport Section
15 CPP
ELR: 3
SAN: 2

INITIAL RED CHINESE OB:
Red Chinese Partisans
setup anywhere north of board 22
RG: 1x Guards Pltn
RG: Lt. Gun Section
Japanese Type 90 Field Gun
Wagon
9x 1S Foxholes
12x AP Mine Factors
6x Panji
25 FPP
ELR: 4
SAN: 4

OVERLAY PLACEMENT:
None

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TERRAIN CONFIGURATION:
Terrain is ETO.
Truck vehicle types may cross hedge hexsides at a MP cost of 2 + COT and a Bog Check DR (D8.21) and a +2 Bog Check DRM. Cave Complexes are NA.

INITIAL SSR:
I1 All PL CG SSR and Campaign SSR are in effect except as noted.
VFTT B

Lax at Night, and Normal otherwise.

VFTT8 The OB-given booby trap C is in effect only for CG-date 1. For booby trap capability thereafter it must be purchased. CG14 is NA. Any purchased booby traps are in effect over the entire playing area.

VFTT9 The Japanese Type 90 Field Gun may not be moved during the first RePh unless it ended CG-Date 1 with a Mobile Wagon in the same Location. During any subsequent RePh, the gun may be moved a maximum of six hexes if it is without a Wagon and up to 18 hexes if towed by a Wagon in its Location. The initial OB-given Wagon may set up using HIP if within 3 hexes of the Field Gun on the initial CG-date only.

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Aftermath: The majority of the Japanese troops to be repatriated through Tsangkou were intended to be released from guard duties by the actions of the 8th CNA. Once the Nationalist Army had reached Tsinan and disarmed the Japanese there, it was to turn over the Japanese arms to Nationalist Chinese puppet troops and then move to occupy all the former Japanese guard posts along the railroad.

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