HISTORICAL ACCOUNT
LOCATION: West of Tanchon, North Korea
DATE: 1-2 October 1950
COMMENTARY: After Seoul, the South Korean capital, was retaken by Allied Forces, General MacArthur’s attention turned to the pursuit of the retreating NKPA. Both the US Marines and the Royal Marines (RM) Commandos were withdrawn; the US Marines destined to Wonsan and the Royal Marines to Japan for further training and orders. While in Japan a mission to destroy some RR tracks came up. Loading a Rifle Troop supported by RM Engineers aboard the USS Submarine “Perch” the RM headed to North Korea’s northeastern coast. On the night of October 1st, the RM of 41 Command landed on the coast above Hungnam, west of Tanchon. Numbering just 67 RM Commandos the first major raid against enemy supply lines had started. The Commands stepped ashore without opposition into two groups; the RM Engineers when inland to the RR tracks while the Rifle Troop set up defensive positions for a quick withdrawal.

The demolitions were then detonated making a pile of twisted rails and a destroyed rail culvert. With the mission completed the RM Engineers headed toward the beach for the rendezvous with the USS Submarine “Perch”. With one troop covering their withdrawal the British Marines found themselves in a furious firefight with a fully alerted enemy from nearby Gian village. In this withdrawal, the Royal Marines suffered their first combat casualty of the Korean War as enemy guards killed Private Peter R. Jones. There would be other RR destruction raids by these Britist Marines, earning them the title “Train Wreckers”.

TURN RECORD CHART

KPA Moves First

THE BATTLEFIELD AND CONDITIONS

EC are Moderate with no wind at start.

Night (E1.) is in effect. The Moon is Half with Scattered Clouds and an NVR of 3. The KPA are Normal and are the Scenario Attacker; the Royal Marines are Stealthy and the Scenario Defender. Contrary to E1.21 both KPA and the RM begin play with complete Freedom of Movement.

VICTORY CONDITIONS
To win the Royal Marines must exit >16 VP off the south edge on/east of hex AA10 (Prisoners do not count).

SCENARIO SPECIFIC RULES
1 Contrary to W6.2 a NKPA SMC may be exchanged for a 8+1 Commissar
2 The British 4-5-8 MMC and 8-0 SMC are treated as Royal Marine Commandos (W4.2) and are Assault Engineers (H1.22).

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