

1942 Bryansk Front attacks! - Wehrmacht Guide.

This is a short list of suggestions to play this scenario as the German side. The strategic situation is similar to the Ardennes offensive¹, but with the German player on the defensive. Reinforcements and air cover will arrive in a few days and you will get a chance to counterattack. For 'historical balance' in a human vs human game the more experienced player should perhaps play the Germans. For a more dynamic game it should be the opposite!

Historical References: [Igor' Sdvizhkov "Confronting Case Blue"](#)
[D. Glantz's "Stalingrad"](#)

Your forces are weak at the start. But it will get better. Do these things to win...

- **Combat+ & Move+** . You have very limited ammo and fuel. *Make sure that the Divisions and Corps to be involved in offensive operations are set to Combat+ as it doubles your Attack factor. (right click on any unit of a specific Organization, click Combat+ and Hit confirm! Same for Move+.* Use them sparingly, until it's time to counterattack with your Panzers.
- **Air Force:** Use your air squadrons to Interdict the enemy so they will run out of Fuel and Ammo sooner. Provide direct Ground support (the historical way the Luftwaffe was used) only when necessary. Your planes fly more missions than the VVS (your Soviet Counterpart) so your Air assets will 'return to duty' faster than theirs.
- **Logistics and Ground Assets:** Logistics Assets will give you the equivalent of Combat+ or Move+ to a single stack. Ground Assets will give a combat bonus to a single attack (or stack). Make sure you use all of them!
- **Concentration of force:** Stack your tanks together as much as possible and hit a narrow sector of the front with everything you got. It's the German way.
- **Trade space for time:** Losing any German unit will give a lot of Victory Points to the enemy. Do not hesitate to give up open ground if you fear being overwhelmed. Luring the Soviet tanks to the open steppe and annihilating them

¹ The scale and forces involved are indeed almost as big as in the Battle of the Bulge. The fact this major tank engagement is barely known in the West shows how vast the East Front was...

with your Panzers is what the German commanders did. Easier said than done though.

- **City of Voronezh** Historical German orders were to expand the bridgehead over the Don there...
- **Soviet Bridgeheads over the Don.** Ivan is cunning. Keep an eye on them.

Historical Outcome: The German line was pushed South (in a bit of a panic) by about 10 miles. However poor coordination and piecemeal attacks failed to achieve a deeper breakthrough. The Germans counterattacked with a well trained Panzer Division and heavy support from the Luftwaffe and by day 5 they had almost reestablished the starting frontlines, inflicting large tank and infantry casualties. This sector will remain relatively quiet ..until Winter.