

Strategic overview

Turn 41: Strategic Considerations

Situational analysis

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-	Vehicle Repair	A	-	3429	443844	0
-	Port	73	0	0	0	0
-	Railyard	181	0	0	0	0
-	Manpower	2511	41	32516	5004751	0
-	Vehicle	114	0	177708	314417	0
-	Heavy Industry	195	0	0	3562750	0
-	Oil Production	128	0	0	2560000	0
-	Fuel Production	149	0	0	1430400	0
-	Resource Production	168	8	0	6753000	0
-	Armaments Production	288	0	63203	2956475	0

With the weather forecast predicting mud everywhere next turn, the main news are as follows,

- The Axis has not conducted a single attack on my main line, from Leningrad to Crimea. The few attacks they have done has been against encircled units and partisans.
- The Germans have added only about 60 Armor elements to their OoB this turn. This surprise me. Have they turned reinforcements back off for the mud, or are they out of AFV in their reserve pool? I find the latter to be highly unlikely.
- The Germans have pulled their Panzers off the line.

Losses this turn are as follows,

Type	Axis	Soviet
Men	19096	51404
Guns	531	658
AFV + SP/AC	55	32
Aircraft	106	169

Losses of German aircraft and AFV continue to be high, while the Soviet losses are well below production. Further, damage to my evacuated production facilities are getting repaired and I am improving on production acceleration every turn. This turn, my two IL-2 production plants from Voronezh have been repaired, and I will now have my production of those planes climb by six more every turn. I am also improving on several fighter types and the Pe-2. On the other hand, my Su-2 planes will leave production this turn. It was certainly a rookie mistake to evacuate them back when I did.

My Rifle Squad (-) pool is now 8632 with 50 being added into my units this turn (likely additions to my STAVKA divisions) and 350 going back into the pool. I have also upgraded 36 divisions to 42a Rifle divisions that do not use this element type, and I now have 544 units left using this element type.

Axis VP advantage is 4.0 to 1 for the third or fourth turn running.

The North



Situational Assessment

The Axis has done nothing but a few recon missions in the north.

Planning

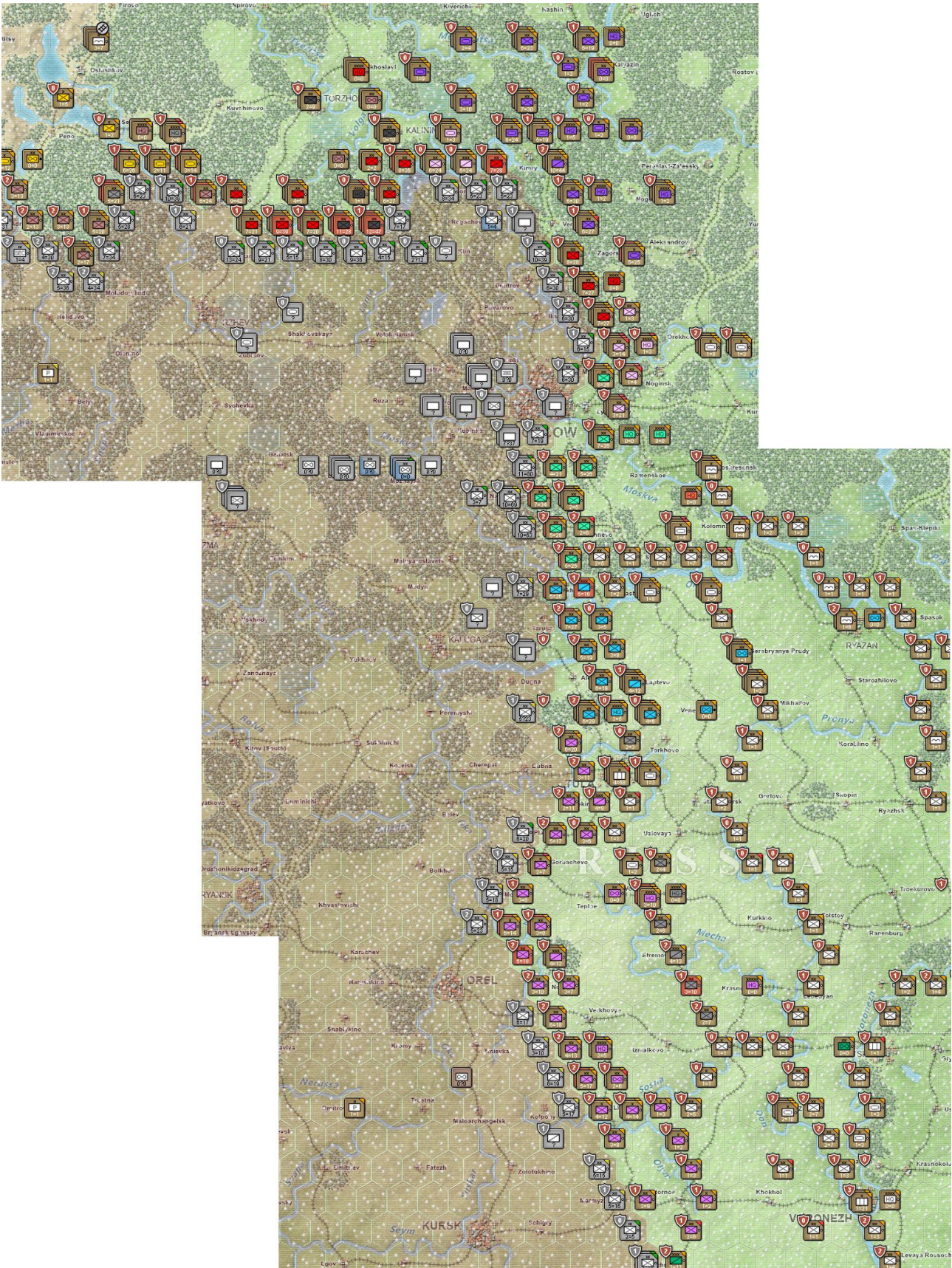
I will be conducting the usual SB-2 night attacks on the Finnish airfields, not because I expect any significant outcome, but mainly because the obsolete bomber has to be used somehow or else go away to my pools.

I will also be placing my three reinforcement Airborne brigades into digging positions in the far south of this part of the front.

Execution

There is absolutely nothing interesting to report from this front.

The Center



Situation Assessment

In the center, the Germans have pulled their Panzers off the line and done no attacks this turn.

Planning

Apart from the usual air attacks on German Panzers and front units, I will start to disengage my reserve forces from the area west of Moscow. This turn, the 20th Army of the Western Front should be off the line and the area held by the Volkhov Front should be significantly reduced.

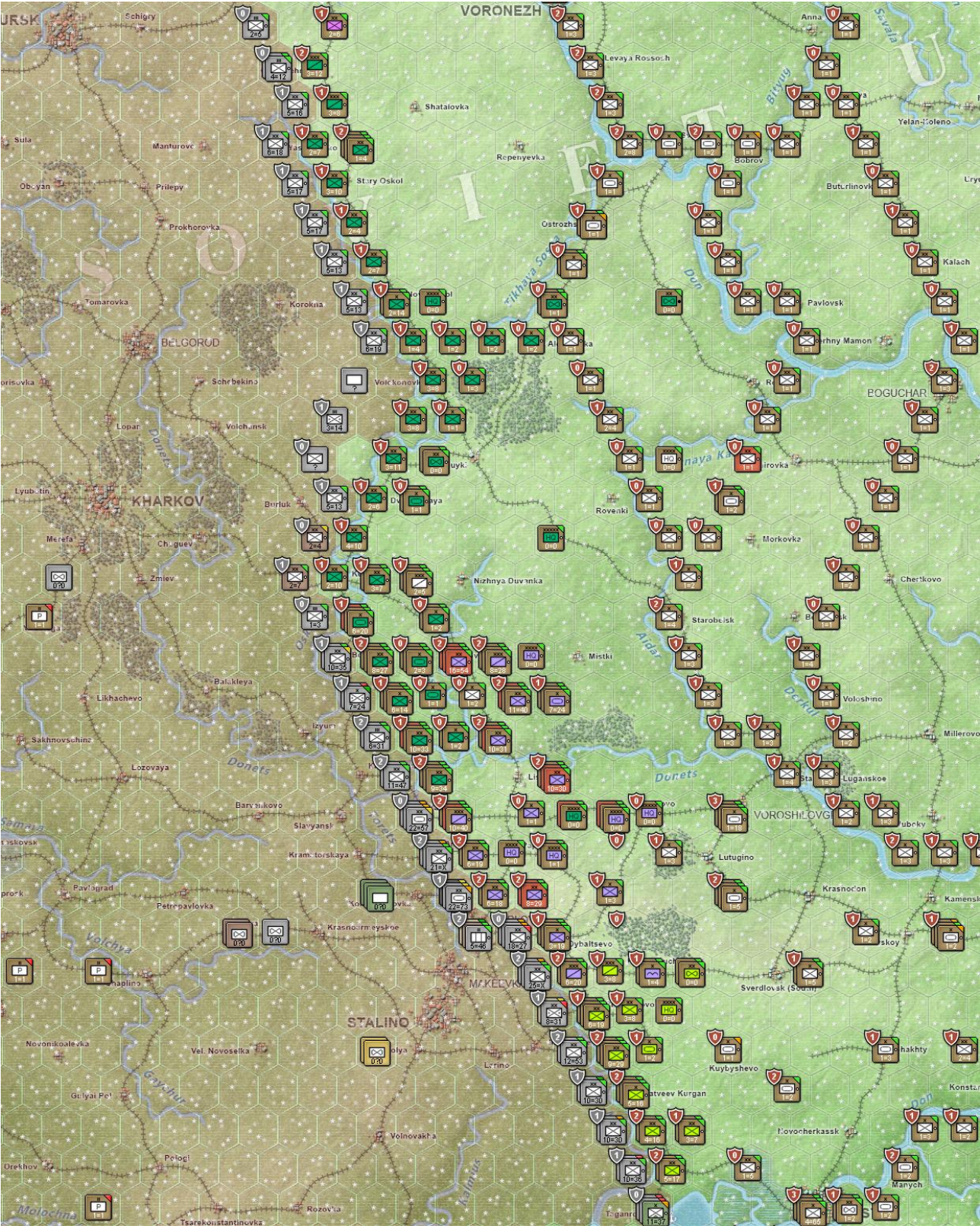
As the next turn will be mud, I no longer need as much force on the front as up until now. For this reason, I have decided to pull back some of the front divisions south of Moscow and create a new (and rather weak) line just west of my second line of defense. If I need to fall back from my main lines suddenly, such defenses might come in handy.

Execution

Offensively, I have conducted a series of air attacks this turn, and nothing else.

Defensively, I have been focused on disengaging the Volkhov Front and the 20th Army of the western Front from their assignments north and west of Moscow. When the Germans attack, I need these troops to be ready to respond.

The South



Situational Assessment

In the south, there has been no attacks either. The German Panzers have been pulled off the line here as well.

The Rumanians have conducted no less than 19 recon missions over the Crimea crossings however, and I absolutely fail to see the purpose of this. Recon in this area also reveals that the Germans have pulled all combat airgroups away from the airfields just north of Crimea.

For some reason, the Germans have moved a Panzer division up to the front at the Crimea crossings.

Planning

Apart from air attacks, I will continue to strengthen my defenses as best I can.

At the Crimea crossings, I will have a fortification modifier of two come next turn, so I feel the defenses here are as good as I can expect them to be. I will continue to pull the 47th Army eastwards to do construction work around the Don.

Execution

I did do an attack against a weak Rumanian division in this area, the only attack done along the main front for the entire turn.

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Axis Forces Defending:	Forces Engaged	Soviet Forces Attacking:
III Rum. Corps 1st Rum. Infantry Division (26) 53rd RM Hvy Hwz Bn (0)	DEF: men 14598, art 147, afv 0 DAM: men 291, art 2, afv 0 LOST: men 309, art 3, afv 0 DEF: ftr 11, bmr 16, utl 0 LOST: ftr 8, bmr 13, utl 0	26th Army 21st Rifle Division (45) 114th Rifle Division (25) 411th Rifle Division (31) 11th Tank Brigade (6) 233rd Art Rgt RVGK (2) 236th Art Rgt RVGK (1) 104th Sapper Regiment (5)
Rum. Combat Air Command 11 Me 210A-1 2 He 111H-6 3 He 111H-3(R)	1st Rum. Infantry Division RETREATED	[v]
CV: 26->19.3Fort: 0.06->0.00 Comm HQ: III Rum. Corps GdB Vasile Atanasiu	Show DetailsOdds 13.41 : 1Exit	CV: 115->258.9Eng Val: 4 Comm HQ: 26th Army GM Nikolai Pukhov

Below is an image of the Crimea as I give the turn to Pelton.



Conclusion

This has been another short and uneventful turn. I have nothing much to say of events this turn.

Losses this turn are as follows:

	Axis Phase		Soviet Phase		Total	
	Axis	Soviet	Axis	Soviet	Axis	Soviet
Men	19096	51404	2859	128	21955	51532
Guns	531	658	181	0	712	658
AFV	55	32	1	0	56	32
Aircraft	106	169	69	97	175	266