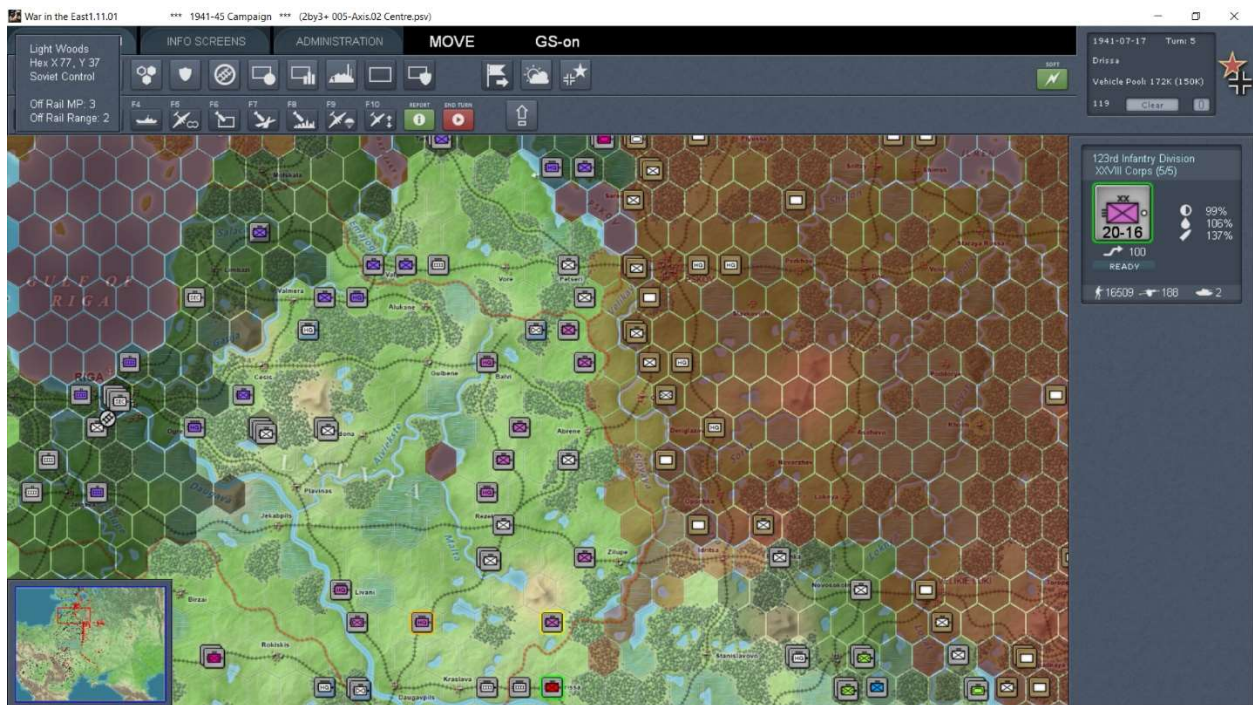


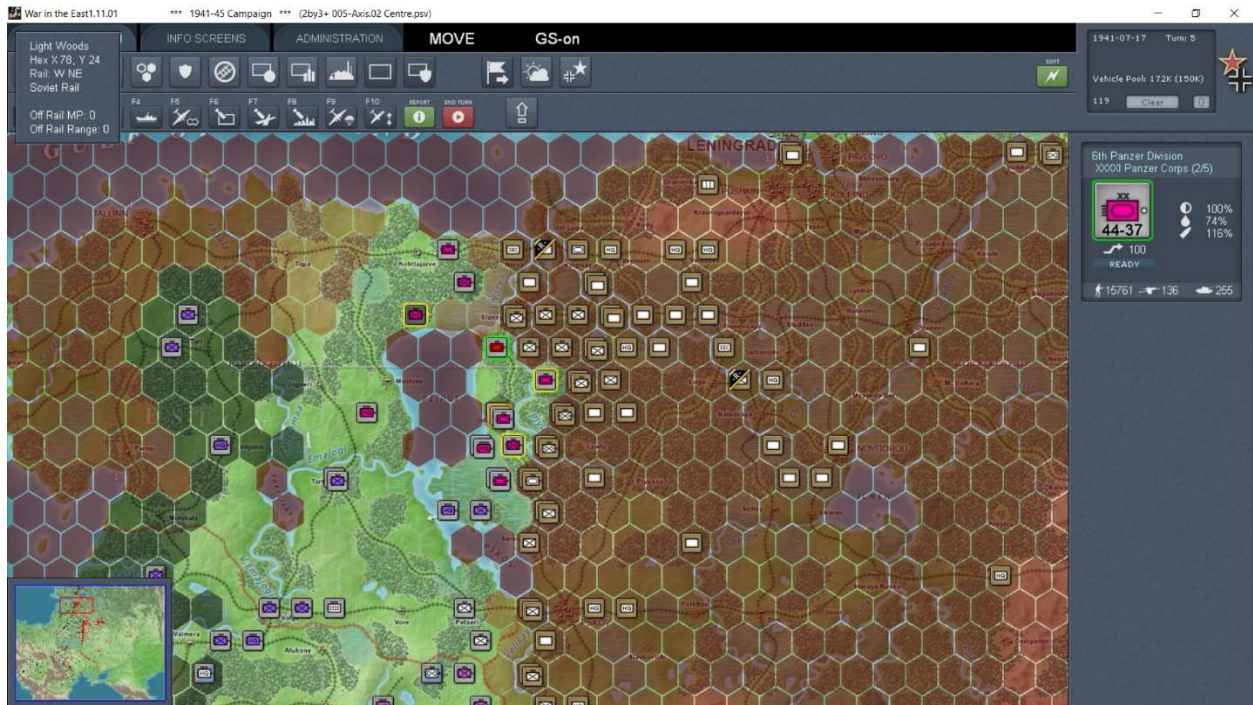
The two screen shots below show the positions of AGN starting turn 5. I encourage the reader to use zoom on the figures.

Some background on this turn. We have been “recon spamming” to determine the best distances to engage Soviet fighters, and then “ground bombing” and “city bombing” with fighters only at the extreme distances of intercept. What this has simulated is fighter sweeps. The past 3 turns have been quite devastating. The Soviets withdrew their fighters this turn to the National Reserve. This meant a free unescorted bombing raids against everything. I mainly bombed units before attacking to increase fatigue and decrease ammo.

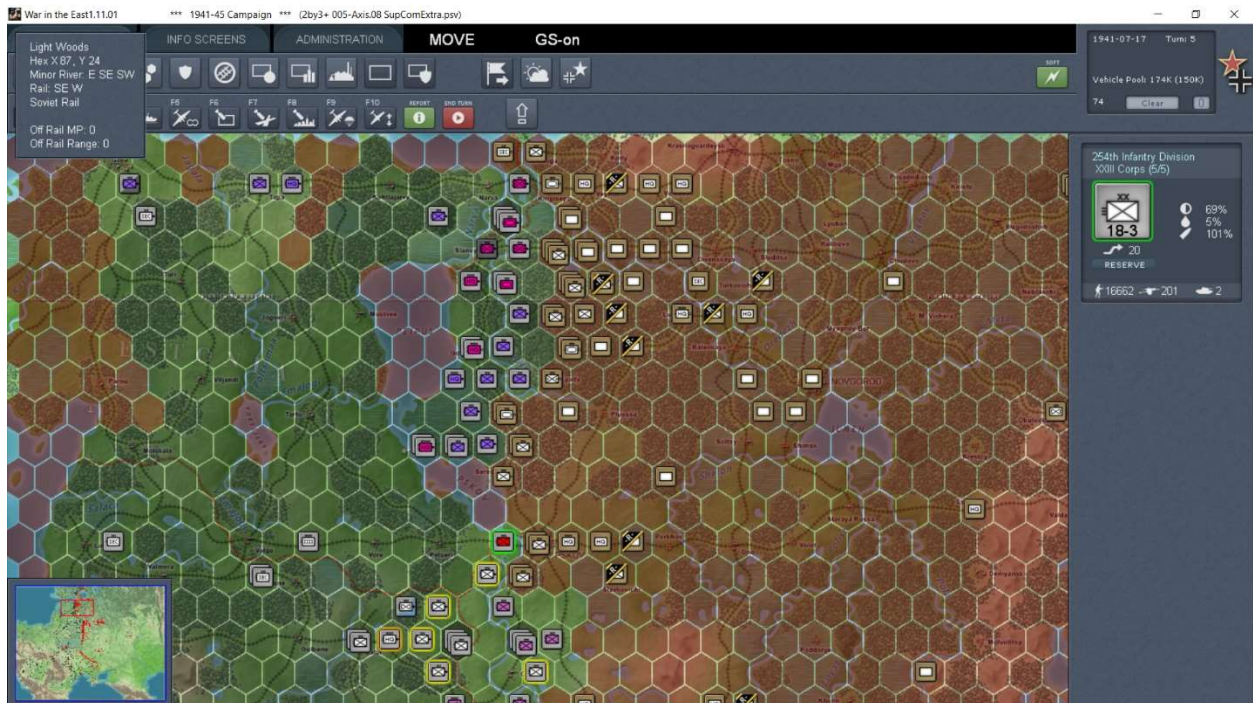
The screen shot below shows 16<sup>th</sup> Army marching toward it’s new objective Pskov. The plan here is to make Pskov untenable. It is a very slow process given 16<sup>th</sup> Army’s original mission. The plan is simply to occupy Pskov after its abandoned due to the efforts of 18<sup>th</sup> Army. There is no pressure yet from the German forces, and the Soviets have planned a reception party. But do they know what is coming?



The screen shot below shows the position of units under 18 Army and 4<sup>th</sup> Pz group at the start of the turn. Armor still has the brunt of this fighting as I Corps yet has t fully cross into the Bridgehead. VonChappas is anchoring the critical supply point with one division. L Corps is to move due east after flipping hexes to Tallinn. Both XXXXI Corps has a HQBU and will clear hexes to the Narva. The plan is simple, clear the Narva and threaten the Luga River.



At the completion of Turn #5 XXXXI Corps has cleared Soviets from the Narva River. This leaves the Luga as the next objective. Advanced units of the 16<sup>th</sup> Army are engaging Pskov. Next turn Pskov will be German.



## Epilogue

The bridgehead over Lake Pskov has been a 3 turn slugfest thus far compared closer to WWI than WWII Blitzkrieg in the East. It is now looking like the Luga basin will fill with Soviets, and the plan to avoid a

slugfest is turning into a slugfest. 16<sup>th</sup> Army continues to advance on Pskov. I think the Soviets will consolidate and begin the defense of Leningrad in earnest.