

НӨМӨНХАН TERRAIN



ROLLING HILLS

The area around Nomonhan and the Halha River was not entirely even and was broken up with gentle rolling hills and rises. This broke up the line of sight for troops in the lower ground between the rises. Some areas of steep slopes become eroded and are difficult to cross.

Rolling Hills are Cross-country terrain and do not hinder vehicles moving across them.

For eroded slopes use the Sandy Soil rule.

GRASSLAND

The whole area was heavily grassed, but during the summer the dry grass provided no noticeable benefits or effects to the troops fighting at Nomonhan.

Grassland covers the areas of the table that aren't covered by other terrain. Grassland is rated Cross-country.



THE VILLAGE OF NOMONHAN

Nomonhan itself sat behind the main battle area, but was eventually overrun during the Soviet offensive. The village was made up of traditional round buildings called gers (ger in Mongolian means 'home' and they are often referred to by their Turkic name 'yurt' non-Mongolians). Gers are portable, bent wood-framed dwellings covered with animal skins or felt, traditionally used by nomads of the steppes of Central Asia.

Gers do not provide Bullet Proof Cover, but count as Buildings for all other purposes.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The Halha River (Khalkin Gol) and the Holsten River were important terrain features during the battles of the Nomonhan Incident. A number of smaller streams and dry stream-beds also feed into these rivers. These rivers are relatively shallow, with rocky beds, but the ground slopes down to them. They proved easy to cross for both the Soviet and Japanese tanks and vehicles, as there were a number of good fording points. However, during the May water levels were still high from the spring rains.

Shallow rivers are Area Terrain and Very Difficult Going. Fords across the rivers are Difficult Going.

Streams and Dry Stream Beds are Area Terrain and Difficult Going.



DIRT TRACKS

What few roads there were in the Nomonhan area were little more than dirt tracks worn into existence by traffic and do not offer any benefit over the surrounding terrain.

Nomonhan roads are rated as Cross-country terrain.

SANDY SOIL

The soil around the battle area on both sides of the Halha River was very sandy, making it easy to dig in. However, some areas of particularly soft sand would make it treacherous for tanks and other vehicles.

Soft Ground like Soft Sandy Soil is Area Terrain and Difficult Going.

