In the small town of Sandomierz near the Vistula River, 170 kilometres south of Warsaw, the Soviet Army first met the Königstiger in battle. The Soviet 6th Guards Tank Corps anticipated a German counterattack against their newly won bridgehead over the Vistula River.

Though the Soviets initially thought they were first facing Panthers, they set up an ambush to deal with the expected German attack. Their concentrated fire destroyed the first two Königstiger tanks they saw on the road from Sandomierz. A third Königstiger tank was left in tact and abandoned in the village and the German counterattack was stopped cold.

Ill-advised tactics and soft, sandy terrain prevented the Königstiger from achieving success. Additionally, only half of the original twenty Königstiger deployed were able to reach the battlefield due to serious mechanical failures. Can you use your Königstiger tanks better than the Germans and push the Soviet 6th Guards Tank Corps back across the Vistula?
YOUR ORDERS

SOVIET

As commander of the 6th Guards Tank Corps, you have been assigned to hold the bridgehead over the Vistula at all costs. A newly arrived German Tank Battalion has been reported arriving in your area. Do not let it retake the river crossings.

GERMAN

Oberstleutnant von Legat, you have been given command of Germany’s newest secret weapon. Use these powerful new tanks to eliminate the Soviet bridgehead at Sandomierz. Force them back across the river and hold the bridges for our counterattack.

PREPARING FOR BATTLE

1. Set up terrain using the map as your guide.
2. Place two objectives as identified on the map. Both objectives are on the bridges.
3. Deploy the 6th Guards Tank Corps in the Soviet Deployment Area. The Soviet Deployment Area is 12”/30cm from the centre line towards the German Deployment Area and the Soviet half of the table.
   a. The 51st Gvardeyskaya Tankovy Brigada has one company in Ambush and one company in Reserves.
   b. The 71st Gvardeyskaya Tyazhelyy Tankovy Polk 1st Vzod must set up on the Soviet rear table edge side on the river.
   c. The 52nd Gvardeyskaya Tankovy Brigada can set up anywhere in the Soviet deployment area.
4. The 1. Zug, 501. Schwere Panzerabteilung sets up in the German deployment area. The German Deployment Area is 12”/30cm back from the centre line.
5. Both players now place their Independent Teams in their deployment zones starting with the defending player.
**BEGINNING THE BATTLE**
1. The German Player has the first turn.
2. Soviet Reserves can enter the board from the road on either long side of the table. Points A and B.
3. German Reserves enter from the short side in the German Deployment Area.

**ENDING THE GAME**
The battle ends when:
1. Beginning on Turn 6, the German Player holds either one of the objectives at the beginning of their turn.
2. One of the forces fails a Company Motivation Check.
3. The Soviet player begins a turn after Turn 6 with no German units within 16"/40cm of an objective.

**DECIDING WHO WON**
The German player wins if beginning on Turn 6, they hold one of the objectives at the beginning of a turn, or forces the Soviets to leave the field of battle.

The Soviet Player wins if they hold both objectives and there are no German forces within 16'/40cm of an objective, or have forced the German forces to leave the field of battle.

**SPECIAL RULES**

**AMBUSH** - The 52nd Guards Tank Brigade may use the Ambush rules on page 196 of the rulebook.

**SAND AND SOFT TERRAIN** - Extremely soft and sandy terrain dominated the area around Sandomierz. All normal Cross-country terrain other than roads is considered Rough Terrain and is Difficult Going.

**OPTIONAL RULES**

**HISTORICAL SCENARIO** - You can add the optional reserves to the scenario to play with the historical units that actually took part in the Battle of Sandomierz. Extend the Map size 24'/60cm on both long sides to increase the manoeuvre areas.

**SOVIET FORCES**

### 6TH GUARD TANK CORPS, 3RD GUARD TANK ARMY

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### 6TH GUARDS TANK CORPS (FEARLESS TRAINED)

Corps Command Team (one T-34 obr 1942 tank). (Treat this tank as a Higher Command Team with no additional abilities).

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(Note: Brigades act as one platoon for Morale purposes)

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Priority Air Support: IL-2 Shturmovik

**DELAYED RESERVES: (OPTIONAL)**

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GERMAN FORCES

501. SCHWERE PANZERABTEILUNG MIT 6. KOMPANIE, II/2. PANZERREGIMENT, 16. PANZERDIVISION

Oberstleutnant von Legat
Headquarters 501. Schwere Panzerabteilung

1. Zug
Panzerpionier Platoon
Armoured Scout Platoon
Armoured Artillery Battery

Air Support

RESERVES


2. Zug, 501. Schwere Panzerabteilung

501st HEAVY TANK BATTALION (CONFIDENT VETERAN)

See River Of Heroes pages 64 to 71

One Company Command Königstiger (Henschel) tank
One Bergepanther recovery vehicle

4 Königstiger (Henschel) tanks

3 Pioneer Squads in Sd Kfz 251/7 half-tracks

4 Armoured Scout Squads

1 Command SMG team, 1 Staff team, 3 Hummels, and 1 Observer Rifle team in Sd Kfz 250/1 half-track

Limited Air Support: Stuka JU 87G

DELAYED RESERVES: (OPTIONAL)

4 Panzer IV H tanks

1 2iC Command Königstiger (Henschel) tank
4 Königstiger (Henschel) tanks