

1/23/10: German victory vs. P-501ch Eritania (Russians)  
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 5/3/10: Russian victory vs. P-501ch Eritania (Russians)

# WAR OF THE RATS



## ASL SCENARIO S2

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**STALINGRAD, RUSSIA 26 September 1942:** During the summer months of 1942, German forces had advanced nearly unchecked across the Russian steppes. With Russian resistance west of the Don River broken, Hitler ordered Army Group B to capture Stalingrad. Using the traditional German tactics of lightning thrusts and envelopment, and with the Russians retreating before them, Sixth Army commander Paulus sent an armored spearhead into the suburbs of Stalingrad in an attempt to quickly capture the city. The German tactics failed inside the confines of the city, however, as the Russians were able to dig in and fight from every building. The initial spearhead blunted, the Germans committed more units and soon realized that this was a very different battle from what they had been fighting. The confines of the city stifled manoeuvre, and German superiority in artillery, air power, and armor were rendered ineffective as the infantry of both sides intermingled while fighting for each block of the city. This was *Rattenkrieg*—the war of the rats.

### BOARD CONFIGURATION:

#### BALANCE:

★ Replace two 4-2-6s with two 4-5-8s in the Russian force.

⚡ Replace the Russian 9-2 with a 9-1.



(Only hexrows A-P are playable)

**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The Germans win at game end if they Control buildings F8, L6, and O6.

### TURN RECORD CHART

★ RUSSIAN Sets Up First	1	2★	3	4	5	6	END
⚡ GERMAN Moves First							

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**Elements of 62nd Army [ELR: 3]** set up south of hexgrain A9-K4-P4:

1	C				2 4-10	1 2-6
5	5				2	

Ad hoc "shock group" [ELR: 3] enter along south edge on a dr < the current Turn number:

1		1 2-6
3		

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**Elements of 94th Infantry Division [ELR: 3]** set up north of the hexgrain A9-K4-P4:

1	1					2 5-12	1 3-8	24-1	30-1
4	7					3		2	

### SPECIAL RULES:

1. German 5-4-8 squads have their Smoke Exponent increased by 2 (i.e., they place a Smoke counter on a dr ≤ 4.)

**AFTERMATH:** The Germans continued to try and take the city in a bloody battle of attrition. Gains were measured in terms of rooms and floors of buildings, with any German penetration met by an immediate counterattack from an ad hoc force of up to 100 men. By forming these specialized shock groups for the task at hand, the Russians were able to withstand the German onslaught.