

UNIT RELEASE ORGANIZATION IN DESTRUCTION OF AGC

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Due to the crucial effect of the initial deployment, DAGC is destined to raise debate. Twice in previous Footnotes, Moves #12, #14, DAGC had been considered, yet no really developed strategy had been advanced.

The basic German problem lies in attempts at a motorized reserve as in the classic case. This becomes most clear when the restrictions on initial placement are organized according to release times. Four distinct groups result:

Class	Amount	Location	Time
I	25 pts.	Anywhere	1st turn
II	almost all	On line	2nd turn
III	6-9 pts.	3 cities	4th turn
IV	5-7 pts.	5 cities	indefinite

Clearly the motorized units must be restricted to Class I or II. If the three 5-8's, two 4-8's and one 2-5 are placed in Class I it is full. This means that only six units will definitely be able to move on Turn One. Multiple Russian breakthroughs in the resulting crust are the result.

This basic problem can only be solved by what would in reality be crazy. Place all of the motorized units up front under Class II. This releases tremendous numbers of 2-5's and 1-5's into Class I. They ate the mobile reserve. Three 1-5's plus eleven 2-5's give 25pts. and 14 units behind the front, compared to six units previously.

Consideration of the reinforcement schedule means that the edges of the Army Group can be safely held with minimal forces. The movement and combat rules greatly favor the infantry in the woods and swamps, so here, too, the minimum can hold.

So I prefer this:

1-4's: 4816, 5014, 4912, 3730, Dvinsk, Minsk, Vilna, Grodno, Vitebsk(3)

1-5's: 2128, 2328, 2827, Bobruisk

2-5's: 3426, 3725, 4023, 4221, 4319, 4417, 4613, 4508, 4207, 4106, 1833, 1831, 2030, 2329, 2628, 2929, 3228, 3529, 3827, 3926, 4125, 4324, 4422, 4710, 4709, 4608(2), 4205, 4104, 4002, 4001, Polotsk, Pinsk Mogilev, Orsha

4-8's: 4419, 4518, 4307

5-8's: 4419, 4518, 4307

Note: Pinsk is automatically activated, Polotsk is not a special city.

Because the Russian is exchanging 3-4's for 2-5's or even 1-4's and possibilities for mechanized breakthroughs are few, they should suffer well for every inch.

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