



# Gates of Moscow (Typhoon)



**Operation Typhoon** was the German military campaign to capture Moscow during World War II, launched in early October 1941 as part of their broader invasion of the Soviet Union (Operation Barbarossa). The offensive aimed to deliver a decisive blow by taking the Soviet capital before winter set in.

German forces, under Field Marshal Fedor von Bock, advanced with two large army groups and made initial gains, encircling and destroying significant Soviet forces. However, stiff Soviet resistance, logistical challenges, and worsening weather slowed the German advance. Muddy conditions in October, followed by the onset of harsh winter, further hampered their progress.

*By December '41, the Germans thought they had Moscow in their grip—but Zhukov and his Siberian wolves had other plans. Hardened for winter, those Red Army troops stormed forward in a counteroffensive that drove the Wehrmacht off the*



*city's doorstep. It was the first time Hitler's war machine got its teeth kicked in, proof that Blitzkrieg had limits when it slammed into a determined foe with steel in its spine and snow in its veins.*

*~~ General Howitzer*

**7 VP's**



**Card Balance:**

Allies – 5

Axis – 5

**Complexity:**

4

**Conditions:**

Urban



**Location:**

Russia



**Year:**

**1941**

**Theater:**

Eastern Front

**Campaign:**

Barbarossa

**Codename:**

Operation Typhoon

Summary:

The Gates of Moscow is a complex scenario which results in a brutal battle with many digital 'casualties' on both sides.

**Objectives:**

7 VP's, including two Objective Medals for Axis

**Terrain:**

Frozen field with Kaluga river cutting vertically and a ridge of hills cutting across horizontally.

**Troops:**

Allies – 10 Infantry, 2 Armo, 2 Artillery

Axis – 10 Infantry, 8 Armor, 1 Artillery



### **Allied Strategy:**

1. Big picture strategy for the Allies. This is a defensive scenario, so stay behind your sandbags and defend the two medal objectives. Move your Artillery and Armor forward into the battle.
2. Although there is a large Axis force massed against the Allies, the Axis side starts back against the game border. Allies can use this to their advantage, by turning retreat flags into deadly kills. Target the Axis forces which have no retreat available to them. This will increase your odds of a kill by another 17%. This increases the likelihood of an armor hit from 33% to 50%, and an infantry hit from 50% to 67%.
3. Attack Vector Left Flank: The enemy forces are congested. If you have a good set of cards, you can move in, and clear out many of the forces, including the armor.



### **Axis Strategy:**

1. Big picture strategy for Axis is to disperse your bunched-up troops and concentrate your forces on the front-line enemy to eliminate them as quickly as possible before they score too many hits against your forces.
2. Keep pushing forward as you attack with the goal to eventually be to capture the bridge hex medal (often as a final decisive move to end the game).
3. This is a long scenario of 7 medals, so you will have to take out the centrally located enemy Artillery. It is sand-bagged on a hill, but it needs to be attacked quickly.



4. Beware of your armor trapped behind the row of trees on your right flank. Do not try to take out the enemy infantry in the woods, because they will inflict heavy penalties on such an attempt. Best option is to get them into the tree line and then out into the open for more fruitful attacks.

### **Battle Reports (percentage of Allied victories):**

34%

(These are historical records. The poll on the right is new results.)

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Allies Won



Axis Won

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