



Payagyi Burma



The Battle of Payagyi occurred in early March 1942 during the **Burma Campaign** of World War II. British forces, specifically 'B' Squadron of the 7th Queen's Own Hussars, engaged Japanese troops near the village of Payagyi, north of Pegu. The British operated American-made M3 Stuart light tanks, while the Japanese fielded Type 95 Ha-Go light tanks.

Upon arrival, the British encountered Japanese forces already present in the village. Despite poor visibility and challenging radio communications, the British launched an attack. In the ensuing combat, they destroyed two Type 95 tanks, disabled two more, and captured four Japanese anti-tank guns. However, the British also suffered losses, including the disabling of a Stuart tank by enemy fire.

The Battle of Payagyi exemplifies the intense and fluid nature of the early stages of the Burma Campaign, highlighting the challenges faced by Allied forces in the face of the Japanese advance.

6 VP's

Card Balance:

Allies - 6 + 2 Combat Cards

Axis - 4 + 2 Combat Cards

Complexity:

3

Conditions:

Jungle

Context:

Historical



Location:

Burma

Year:

1942

Theater:

Pacific

Campaign:

Burma Campaign

Codename:

Summary:

Objectives:

6 VP's, plus the building hex as a Temporary Medal objective for the Allied forces, and the bridge hex is a Last to Occupy Temporary Medal Objective for both sides.

Battlefield:

A jungle map with jungle, rice paddies, hills, and a river cutting across the entire map, and intersecting roads which come together at the bridge hex.

Troops:

Allies - 8 Infantry, 4 Armor

Axis - 9 Infantry, 3 Armored



□ **Winning as Allies**

1. The key objective for the Allies is to capture the bridge hex, and then as a bonus the building hex.
2. Your Armor is back on the left flank. You will need to get it into action as soon as you can. This will be hampered by the river, so while some may breach the river, some other Armor units will need to head toward the road in the center to support the approach and capture of the bridge hex, and its accompanying Medal.



□ **Winning as Axis**

1. The Axis begin the scenario with control of the building hex and its Last to Occupy Temporary Objective Medal. Maintain this territory, and push to the Bridge Hex Medal Objective when you are ready. But do not do so prematurely, or your forces will be destroyed by the British counter-attack.
2. Your Armor is stuck in the corner on the right flank. You will need to get them and the nearby Infantry up into the action right away.

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Allies Won



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Axis Won

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