Japanese Counter-landing at Ormoc – The Amphibious Tanks [Leyte]







Scenario details

Battle date	
Year	1944
Theater	
Country / location	Pacific
Campaign	
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Description

T.159 reached Ormoc Bay carrying around 400 troops and a some of the remaining amphibious tanks.

The Japanese were startled to discover that the Americans had already occupied Ormoc. As they sailed in to the harbor they came under intense fire and hastily changed course to land on nearby beaches instead. T.159 aimed for the beach in front of Linao but again came under intense fire from American M8 assault guns, M10 tank destroyers, amphibious tanks, artillery and infantry weapons. About 150 troops and two Ka-Mi tanks disembarked before the ship, riddled with hits, sank just offshore.

T.140 landed farther west near Naguan, successfully unloading most of its troops and tanks before withdrawing under American fire. The confused Japanese attempted to form a beachhead in the swampy land around the village, but an American counter-attack in the early morning wiped them out. Of the amphibious tanks, three were destroyed by anti-tank gunfire, four more were claimed by infantry, and one was captured intact. This marked the final Japanese tank action of the Leyte campaign.



(This scenario is historically accurate and has been play-tested.)