

# The Dniesti Bridge

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A Scenario for *Hit the Deck!*

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## Introduction

*The Dniesti Bridge* is a fictional scenario for up to 12 players for the *Hit the Deck!* skirmish rules published by OCULUS.

The scenario is set on the Ukrainian Front near Kamenets Podolsky at the end of March 1944. The Russian 8th and 47th Armies have been advancing on all fronts since 2nd February. The speed of the most recent advance threatens to cut off Army Group South including the 1st and 2nd SS Panzer Divisions which are attempting to withdraw over the Dniesti river. German control of the bridges over the Dniesti will allow them to withdraw and hold the Russian advance. Russian control of the bridges will cut off the German escape route and secure an opportunity to continue the advance.

## Umpire Notes

The various units have differing victory conditions in order to add a little interest. Players should be encouraged to role play their parts and take heed of their specific victory conditions. Type cast the "parts" to suit the players' styles. Variables may be pre-determined (e.g. whether the explosives the Engineers bring with them will blow the bridge) or can be determined by the Umpire at the relevant time for maximum dramatic value.

If less than 12 players are to be involved either remove parts or place them under Umpire control.

## Units

	<i>Figures</i>	<i>Vehicles</i>	<i>Entry Pt.</i>	<i>Enter on Turn</i>
<u>German</u>				
• Bridge Security Detail	6	-	Bridge	-
• Engineering Detail	6	Truck	Road D	1
• Supply Depot Detail	6	Truck	Supply Depot	-
• 1 <sup>st</sup> SS Unit	6	Sd.Kfz. 251	Road A	1
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> SS Unit	6	Truck	Road B	1
• Sgt. Steiner	4		Road B	-
<u>Russian</u>				
• Command Group	6	T34	Road A	3
• NKVD	6		Road B	3
• 1 <sup>st</sup> Army Unit	6		Road A	3
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army Unit	6		Road B	3
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> Army Unit	7		Road A	4
• Partizans	6	Lt. truck/van	Road E	3

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## Bridge Security Detail Briefing

You are Lieutenant (Lt.) Braun in command of the Bridge Security detail. Your orders are to keep the bridge open and clear for military traffic. You will be extremely reluctant to relinquish command without direct orders from your immediate superiors, you have no radio and the telephone lines are down. You have an extreme hatred for the SS and will not surrender command to any SS unit in any event. Rumours have been circulating about Russian spies in German uniforms infiltrating the German lines in order to commit sabotage. You have been ordered to keep on the alert for such activities and must scrutinise all papers prior to accepting any German Officer or soldier at face value.

## Victory Conditions

Keeping the bridge open and under Army control unless orders received to the contrary.

Name	Weapon	Class	Core Skills				Reloads
			Shoot	Throw	Melee	F/Craft	
Lt. Braun	P08 "Luger"	Pistol	5	5	4	4	[1] [2]
			3	3	2	2	
Sgt.	MP40 Grenades [1] [2]	SMG1	5	5	4	4	[1] [2]
			3	3	2	2	
Cpl.	MP40 Grenades [1]	SMG1	5	5	4	4	[1] [2]
			3	3	2	2	
Pvt.	KAR98K	Rifle	5	5	4	4	[1] [2]
			3	3	2	2	
Pvt.	KAR98K	Rifle	5	5	4	4	[1] [2]
			3	3	2	2	
Pvt.	KAR98K	Rifle	5	5	4	4	[1] [2]
			3	3	2	2	

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## Engineering Detail Briefing

You are Hauptman (Cpt.) Strandsky, a Prussian Aristocrat with no Nazi sympathies. You volunteered for the Russian Front to get an Iron Cross. You are not a brave man and have tried several times to take the credit for dead officers courageous acts. Sgt. Steiner (from a previous command) knows the truth and you fear him greatly as he is a hardened veteran. Your current command is an engineering detail who are to destroy the bridge to halt the Russian advance. Any delay will be punished severely. Unfortunately, due to a shortage of supplies, you have only been given civilian explosives and the engineers doubt that these will be man enough for the job.

It will take at least 3 turns to wire the bridge.

## Victory Conditions

Destroy the bridge and withdraw as quickly as possible.

Name	Weapon	Class	Core Skills				Special	Reloads
			Shoot	Throw	Melee	F/Craft	Demolitions	
Cpt. Strandsky	Walther P38	Pistol	4	4	4	5	N/A	[1] [2]
			2	2	2	3		
Sgt.	MP40 Grenades [1] [2]	SMG1	4	4	4	5	7	[1] [2]
			2	2	2	3	4	
Cpl.	P08 "Luger" Grenades [1]	Pistol	4	4	4	5	7	[1] [2]
			2	2	2	3	4	
Pvt.	P08 "Luger"	Pistol	4	4	4	5	7	[1] [2]
			2	2	2	3	4	
Pvt.	P08 "Luger"	Pistol	4	4	4	5	7	[1] [2]
			2	2	2	3	4	
Pvt.	P08 "Luger"	Pistol	4	4	4	5	7	[1] [2]
			2	2	2	3	4	

Transport: Truck

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## Supply Depot Detail Briefing

You are Hauptman (Cpt.) Schwartz of the Supply Division of Army Group South. You have been given command of a small supply depot near a Dniesti River bridge by the road to Kamenets Podolsky Your orders are from Maj. Friedmann, and are very clear, the supplies in your care are to be retained for the next offensive and should not be surrendered under any circumstances. These orders may only be countermanded by an officer with a rank exceeding that of the officer who issued them. Your supplies include ammunition for all calibres of small arms in current issue to the Army, two boxes of 24 hand grenades, three Panzerfausts and some military issue explosives.

## Victory Conditions

Maintain all supplies intact and unused.

			Core Skills				
Name	Weapon	Class	Shoot	Throw	Melee	F/Craft	Reloads
Cpt. Schwartz	Walther P38	Pistol	5	5	5	5	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	
Sgt.	MP40 Grenades	SMG1	5	5	5	5	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	
Cpl.	MP40 Grenades	SMG1	5	5	5	5	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	
Pvt.	KAR 98K	Rifle	5	5	5	5	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	
Pvt.	KAR 98K	Rifle	5	5	5	5	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	
Pvt.	Panzerfaust P08 "Luger"	A/T L Pistol	5	5	5	5	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	

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## SS (LAH) Briefing

You are SS-Hauptsturmführer Kessel - Panzergrenadier Regiment No.1 from the 1st SS Panzer Division Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler. Your orders are to find and secure a bridge over the river Dniesti to allow the Panzer Division to withdraw before being cut off by Russian forces. In addition, you have been ordered to find and commandeer stores and/or equipment as your supplies are running low. You must secure the bridge, report back to Divisional command and hold it against all comers until reinforcement arrives. As the part of Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler, originally formed as the Führer's personal bodyguard, you consider yourselves superior to all others including other SS units.

## Victory Conditions

Keep the bridge open and in SS control to allow the 1st SS Panzer Division to withdraw.

Name	Weapon	Class	Core Skills				Reloads
			Shoot	Throw	Melee	F/Craft	
Hpt. Kessel	Walther PP	Pistol	6	6	6	6	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	
Unterscharführer	MP38 Grenades [1] [2]	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	
Rottenführer	Panzerfaust KAR98K	A/T L Rifle	6	6	6	6	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	
Schutze	KAR98K	Rifle	6	6	6	6	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	
Schutze	MG42	LMG	6	6	6	6	See below
			3	3	3	3	
Schutze	KAR98K Reloads for MG42	Rifle	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	

Transport: Sd.Kfz. 251 (Half track)

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## SS (Das Reich) Briefing

You are SS-Hauptsturmführer Kirsche - Panzergrenadier Regiment Deutschland of the 2nd SS Panzer Division Das Reich. Your orders are to find and secure a bridge over the river Dniesti to allow the Panzer Division to withdraw before being cut off by Russian forces. In addition, you have been ordered to find and commandeer stores and/or equipment as your supplies are running low. You must secure the bridge, report back to Divisional command and hold it against all comers until reinforcement arrives.

## Victory Conditions

Keep the bridge open and in SS control to allow the 2nd SS Panzer Division to withdraw.

Name	Weapon	Class	Core Skills				Reloads
			Shoot	Throw	Melee	F/Craft	
Hpt. Kirsche	MP38	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	
Unterscharführer	MP38 Grenades [1] [2]	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	
Rottenführer	MP38 Grenades [1]	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	
Schutze	KAR98K	Rifle	6	6	6	6	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	
Schutze	KAR98K	Rifle	6	6	6	6	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	
Schutze	KAR98K	Rifle	6	6	6	6	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	

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## Steiner's Briefing

You are Sgt. Steiner a veteran of the Russian Front. You and your men were separated from your unit by the Russian advance and you are attempting to rejoin the German lines. You have an inbuilt hatred of all officers and are continuously pushing the limits of insubordination.

If you see Cpt. Strandsky you will, through some perverse sense of irony, try to help him get his Iron Cross by helping him lead a counter-attack against the Russian forces.

## Victory Conditions

Get the squad safely to German lines and persuade Cpt. Standsky to lead a counterattack.

Name	Weapon	Class	Core Skills				Reloads
			Shoot	Throw	Melee	F/Craft	
Sgt. Steiner	PPSh	SMG1	8	8	8	8	[1][2][3]
	Grenades [1][2][3]		4	4	4	4	
Pvt. Kruger	PPSh	SMG1	8	8	8	8	[1][2][3]
	Grenades [1][2][3]		4	4	4	4	
Pvt.	Rifle	Rifle	7	7	7	7	[1][2][3]
	Grenades [1][2]		4	4	4	4	
Pvt. Steiner	Rifle	Rifle	7	7	7	7	[1][2][3]
	Grenades [1][2]		4	4	4	4	

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## Russian Command Group Briefing

You are Col. Donyev commanding this advance force of the Russian 47th Army. You and your command group must survive this minor engagement in order to contribute to the next phase of the offensive. Anyway, leading the men is a fools task best left to the junior ranks! But you must beware of Comrade. Tokarev of the NKVD who have a reputation for brutality and for being a law unto themselves. Your only armoured support is a T34 also under your command. Its ammunition is severely limited unfortunately (4 rounds of HE and no AP).

## Victory Conditions

Suffer as few casualties as possible.

Keep the bridge open and in Russian control to allow the main force to advance.

Name	Weapon	Class	Core Skills				Reloads
			Shoot	Throw	Melee	F/Craft	
Col. Donyev	Tokarev TT 1933	Pistol	4	4	4	4	[1] [2] [3]
			2	2	2	2	
Maj.	Tokarev TT 1933	Pistol	4	4	4	4	[1] [2] [3]
			2	2	2	2	
Maj.	Tokarev TT 1933	Pistol	4	4	4	4	[1] [2] [3]
			2	2	2	2	
Cpt.	Tokarev TT 1933	Pistol	4	4	4	4	[1] [2] [3]
			2	2	2	2	
Sgt.	Tokarev TT 1933	Pistol	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
T34 Tank	Main Gun	A/P M	6	N/A	N/A	4	[1][2][3][4]
	Hull mtd. MG	LMG	3			2	Unlimited

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## Russian Advance Force 1 Briefing

You are Cpt. Chekov of the Russian 47th Army. You are part of an advance group in front of the main force. Your mission is to secure any of the remaining bridges over the Dniesti and hold them until reinforcements arrive.

## Victory Conditions

Be the first Russian unit onto the bridge - casualties are irrelevant.  
Keep the bridge open and in Russian control to allow the main force to advance.

Name	Weapon	Class	Core Skills				Reloads
			Shoot	Throw	Melee	F/Craft	
Cpt. Chekov	Tokarev TT 1933	Pistol	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Sgt.	PPSh Grenades [1][2]	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Cpl.	PPSh Grenades [1]	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Pvt.	PPSh	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Pvt.	Tokarev SVT40	Rifle	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Pvt.	Degtyaryov MG	LMG	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	

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## Russian Advance Force 2 Briefing

You are Cpt. Ivanov of the Russian 47th Army. You are part of an advance group in front of the main force. Your mission is to secure any of the remaining bridges over the Dniesti and hold them until reinforcements arrive.

## Victory Conditions

Be the first Russian unit onto the bridge - casualties are irrelevant.  
Keep the bridge open and in Russian control to allow the main force to advance.

Name	Weapon	Class	Core Skills				Reloads
			Shoot	Throw	Melee	F/Craft	
Cpt. Ivanov	Tokarev TT 1933	Pistol	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Sgt.	PPSh Grenades [1][2]	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Cpl.	PPSh Grenades [1]	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Pvt.	PPSh	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Pvt.	Tokarev SVT40	Rifle	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Pvt.	Degtyaryov MG	LMG	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	

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## Russian Advance Force 3 Briefing

You are Cpt. Kuryakin of the Russian 47th Army. You are part of an advance group in front of the main force. Your mission is to secure any of the remaining bridges over the Dniesti and hold them until reinforcements arrive.

## Victory Conditions

Be the first Russian unit onto the bridge - casualties are irrelevant.  
Keep the bridge open and in Russian control to allow the main force to advance.

Name	Weapon	Class	Core Skills				Reloads
			Shoot	Throw	Melee	F/Craft	
Cpt. Kuryakin	Tokarev TT 1933	Pistol	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Sgt.	PPSh Grenades [1][2]	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Cpl.	PPSh Grenades [1]	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Pvt.	PPSh	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Pvt.	Tokarev SVT40	Rifle	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Pvt.	Mortar Tokarev TT 1933	Pistol	6	6	6	6	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	3	[1] [2]
Pvt.	Add'l Mortar Bombs Tokarev TT 1933	Pistol	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	[1] [2]

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## NKVD Briefing

You are Cpt. Tokarev of the NKVD. You and your unit are accompanying the Russian 47th Army in its current offensive. Your mission is to deal with subversion and disloyalty. To die in the service of the Motherland is a great honour. Any member of the Red Army, of whatever rank, reluctant to fight must be a subversive and should be dealt with using whatever method seems most appropriate.

## Victory Conditions

Ensure all Army units use every effort to secure the bridge by whatever means necessary.

Keep the bridge open and in Russian control to allow the main force to advance.

			Core Skills				
Name	Weapon	Class	Shoot	Throw	Melee	F/Craft	Reloads
Cpt. Tokarev	Tokarev TT 1933	Pistol	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Sgt.	PPSh Grenades [1][2]	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Cpl.	PPSh Grenades [1]	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Pvt.	PPSh	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Pvt.	PPSh	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	
Pvt.	PPSh	SMG1	6	6	6	6	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	3	

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## Partizan Briefing

You are Pavel Zharkov the founder of a local partizan group. The local population has suffered greatly under the German occupation. Particularly with the actions of the Einsatzkommando units in this area. With the Russian forces advancing this is your opportunity for revenge.

## Victory Conditions

Eliminate the maximum number of German soldiers and destroy as much equipment as possible.

Name	Weapon	Class	Core Skills				Reloads
			Shoot	Throw	Melee	F/Craft	
Pavel Zharkov	Walther P38	Pistol	5	5	5	4	[1] [2]
	Petrol Bomb		3	3	3	2	
Ivan Gagarin	12 Bore Double Barrelled	Shotgun	5	5	5	4	[1] [2] [3]
			3	3	3	2	
Ilya Sumarov	Tokarev SVT40	Rifle	5	5	5	4	[1] [2]
	Petrol Bomb		3	3	3	2	
Alia Milosovich	PPSh	SMG1	5	5	5	4	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	2	
Yuri Isabegavich	MP40	SMG1	5	5	5	4	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	2	
Slobodan Vladyev	MP38	SMG1	5	5	5	4	[1] [2]
			3	3	3	2	

Transport: Light Truck / Van