



## Novorossiisk Campaign

In the summer of 1942, during Operation Fall Blau, the Axis offensive towards Caucasus, German troops, with the help of Romanian troops, captured Rostov then Krasnodar and invaded Taman Peninsula. The harbor of Novorossiisk on the Black Sea was a strategic objective and Axis units captured the city in September 1942, but were definitively stopped on the Black Sea coast by the Soviet troops. In February 1943, a Soviet landing failed at Ozereevka, but another landing was successful at Malaya Zemlya, west of Novorossiisk and Soviet troops of Nord-Caucasus Front made a solid bridgehead. Landed troops were stuck in this pocket until September. At that time a new Soviet offensive, Operatsia Novorossiisk-Taman, gave the liberation of Novorossiisk then the liberation of all the Taman Peninsula. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1943, all Axis troops were withdrawn in Crimea by the Kertch straight, the Taman Peninsula was definitively liberated.

This campaign composed of 10 scenarios describes the battles between Axis troops (Germans and Romanians) and Soviet troops in this area and which are less known than battles like Stalingrad, Kursk and Kharkov.

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## Campaign notes

### Expansions needed with the base game:

- Terrain Pack,
- Eastern Front for Russian troops,
- Equipment Pack for Cavalry, LCT, Heavy Anti-Tank Guns and Mortars figures,\*
- Winter Wars for badges and Exit tokens.
- (\*) *In any case, it is possible to play without this expansion.*

This campaign is played in the chronological order of the scenarios. In accordance with history, the Allied player has the initiative in most scenarios (except for the three first scenarios) and who have to reach objectives. This grand campaign of 10 scenarios could be subdivided in three mini-campaigns:

- Unternehmen Fall Blau – Scenarios 1 to 3;
- The Soviet bridgehead – Scenarios 4 to 6;
- Operatsia Novorossiisk-Taman – Scenarios 7 to 10.

### Order of the scenarios :

- Assault on Krasnodar – 11/08/1942 (n°12943)
- Temryuk - 23/08/1942 (n°12924)
- Capture of Novorossiisk – 10/09/1942 (n°12574)
  
- Landing at Ozereevka – 04/02/1943 (n°12202)
- Malaya Zemlya – 04/02/1943 (n°12243)
- Attack of hill 448 – 05/02/1943 (n°12253)
  
- Hill 121 - 26/05/1943 (n°12927)
- Liberation of Novorossiisk – 10/09/1943 (n°12650)
- The Rudiger line – 24/09/1943 (n°12929)
- Advance to Taman – 26/09/1943 (n°12946)





## Who wins the Novorossiisk Campaign ?

In accordance with history, Axis troops won the four first battles and Soviet troops won the others. But in this campaign, each scenario is well-balanced to give a chance to win to the two players. The winner will be the one who implements the better strategy (or who have the best fortune with dices).

Counting up the Victory Points:

- 1 VP by full ENY unit destroyed,
- 1 VP by scenario won,
- 1 additional VP by medal token gained.

### Victory Points Counter Sheet (available VP).

<i>SCENARIO</i>	<i>ALLIED</i>	<i>AXIS</i>
<b>Assault on Krasnodar</b>	(6+1+1)	(6+ ?+1)
<b>Temryuk</b>	(6+1)	(6+1)
<b>Capture of Novorossiisk</b>	(6+1)	(6+1)
<b>Landing at Ozereevka</b>	(6+1)	(6+1+1)
<b>Malaya Zemlya</b>	(6+1)	(6+1)
<b>Capture of hill 448</b>	(6+1+1)	(6+1)
<b>Hill 121</b>	(6+ ?+1)	(6+1)
<b>Liberation of Novorossiisk</b>	(6+1)	(6+1)
<b>The Rudiger line</b>	(6+ ?+1)	(6+1)
<b>Advance to Taman</b>	(6+1+1)	(6+1)
<b>Total</b>	(75)	<b>VP</b> (72) <b>VP</b>

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