

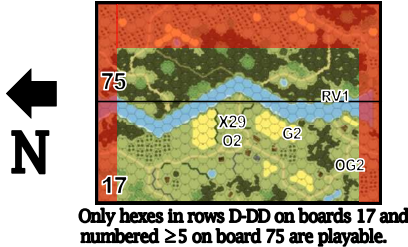
# D-Day On The Ising River

Ising River, Davao Del Norte, Philippines, May 9, 1945. The 130<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment guerrilla unit of Davao, Mindanao was formed shortly after the fall of Corregidor. The guerrillas conducted hit and run raids and intelligence gathering for the U.S. Army. U.S. forces finally began the invasion of Mindanao on April 17, 1945 and quickly drove to the interior to engage the Japanese forces in the Davao region. On May 1, 1945, the 130<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, now formally a part of the U.S. force, was ordered to move west towards the Ising River and capture the town of Carmen on the other side of the river. The Japanese 100<sup>th</sup> Division, dug in along its banks and garrisoned in Carmen, trapped by the approaching Americans to their rear and Filipino guerrillas to their front. The Ising River bridge, blown up a year earlier by the Japanese to restrict guerrilla movement, now ironically made their escape far more difficult.



**Historical Result:** After a week of fighting, the Filipino guerrillas were unable to penetrate the Japanese line along the river even with U.S. air support and weaponry. The Japanese were likewise unsuccessful in any of their attempted breakouts. On May 8, 1945, a makeshift footbridge made of fallen banana stalks was put together by the guerrillas and the river was eventually crossed on May 9. On the other side, the guerrillas found a well-entrenched Japanese force complete with trenches, pillboxes and tunnels. A nearby elementary school served as headquarters of the Japanese forces at Carmen. As the Japanese situation grew desperate with two U.S. divisions closing on their rear and being worn down by fierce fighting against the guerrillas, the Japanese finally scattered to the countryside, and the guerrillas took control of Carmen on May 10.

## BOARD CONFIGURATION:



## VICTORY CONDITIONS

Provided the Japanese have not amassed  $\geq 18$  CVP (which would result in an immediate Japanese win), the Philippine side wins at Game End if they Control hex 17S6 and  $\geq 6$  other buildings and/or pillboxes.

## BALANCE



**Japanese :** replace the at-start 1-2-7 crews with 1-2-8 (striped) crews.



**Philippine:** replace one 8-0 Leader in the Philippine OB with an 8-1.

**JAPANESE Sets Up First**

**PHILIPPINE Moves First**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 END



**Elements of the 100th Infantry Division [ELR:3]** set up west of and  $\geq 3$  hexes from the river overlay [EXC:  $\leq 4$  MMC (and accompanying SMC/SW/Dummies/Fortifications) may set up west of and Adjacent to the river overlay]. Units may setup concealed in Concealment Terrain; see SSR#6 : {SAN:4}

1 4 <sup>1</sup> -4-7	2 3-4-7	1 2-3-7	2-2-8 crew	1-2-7 crew	9-1	8-0
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4	6	2				
MMG B11 3FP 2 4-11	LMG B11 1FP 1 2-6	MTR 2* 4FP 50* [1-16]*	?	AA Type 98 AA Gun M11 20L(4)	Pillbox 1+3+5	
2	2	8			2	



Trench OVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2	Foxhole 5 1S OVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2
4	4



**Elements of the 130th Infantry Regiment, 107th Division, 10th Military District (PA) [ELR:4]** set up anywhere east of the river overlay; eligible units may set up Entrenched [EXC: with a limit of 1S Foxhole per hex; see SSR#3 & #4: {SAN:3}]

2 4 <sup>1</sup> -4-7	2-2-7 crew	1-4-9	9-2	8-1	8-0
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16	2				2
HMG 5FP 3 6-12	MMG 3FP 2 4-10	LMG B11 1FP 1 2-6	MTR 3 M2 5FP 60* [3-45]		
		4	2		



**Air Support**  
enter as per SSR#5:

FB Fighter Bomber 1944 8ML 150	1 12
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## Special Rules

- #1 - EC are Moist, with no wind at start. PTO terrain is in effect (G.1) including Light Jungle (G2.1) [EXC: All roads still exist].
- #2 - Place overlays RV1 on 75AA10-75BB9, X29 on 17P2, O2 on 17P4-17Q4, OG2 on 17DD6-17DD5, and G2 on 17W4-17W3. The river is fordable and non-frigid (B21.41) with a Slow Current flowing south (B21.121).
- #3 - During setup the Philippine player may place two foot bridge counters (B6.44) in any two contiguous river hexes that connect to the east and west river banks.
- #4 - Philippine 2nd Line MMC are Stealthy (A11.17). Each Philippine 60mm MTR has an Ammunition Depletion number WP10 for its first Smoke To-Hit attempt, after which it reverts to WP7.

- #5 - Philippine Air Support (E7), in the form of one 1944 FB w/ bombs, arrives as per E7.2 [EXC: a -1 drm applies to the arrival dr]. In addition to E7.24, the FB is Recalled at the end of the turn in which it passes a Sighting TC (E7.3).
- #6 - The Japanese AA Gun must setup in AA mode (E7.5).
- #7 - Hand-to-Hand CC (J2.31) may be declared by both sides. Additionally, the DEFENDER may declare Hand-to-Hand CC provided all ATTACKER units were Ambushed and/or are Withdrawing/Pinned. Each Philippine Hand-to-Hand CC attack receives an extra -1 DRM unless every Philippine unit participating in that attack is Pinned.