“Kunikov’s Schoolhouse”

Stanichka — February 5, 1943
In early February 1943, the Russians were working hard to liberate the Kuban region. A major operation to capture Novorossiysk had been launched. Landings at Ozereyka Bay had gone badly, but a smaller landing at Stanichka by Major Caesar Kunikov’s 305th Naval Infantry Battalion had succeeded. Kunikov’s force had established a small bridgehead. Originally, Kunikov’s small 800 man force had been designed to draw Germans away from the main effort at Ozereyka, but building on his success, Kunikov dug in around a brick schoolhouse and awaited reinforcements.

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The German Player wins at game end if there are no Good Order Russian MMC’s in F6 & G7. Any other result is a Russian victory.

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German Player moves First	✚				
Russian Player sets up First	1	2	3	4	5

Board Configuration:
Board 86 (only A-P in play.)

Elements of 305th Naval Infantry Battalion (ELR 4 (2)) (SAN 4) (Set up: On Board 86 in Hexes numbered 5 or greater)

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Elements of 73. Infanterie-Division (ELR 4) (SAN 3) (Set up: Enter turn 1 from the north edge)

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Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are Wet with no wind at start.
2. Grain is Mud (D8.23 & E3.6)
3. Place rubble in the following hexes: E5, E6, D7, F8, H8, and K7.
4. Kindling (B25.11) is N.A.
5. Bore Sighting (C6.4) is N.A.
6. The Russian 9-2 represents Major Kunikov. Russian Units located in the same hex (both levels if applicable) with the Major Kunikov are Fanatic. Should Kunikov be killed or captured, Russian ELR drops from 4 to 2.
7. Prior to play, the Russian Player selects a wall breach between F6 and G7 at either ground level or level 1, but not both. This allows movement between these locations at the cost of 1 MP.

Aftermath: The Germans responded quickly with probing attacks on the 4th and then followed up with a larger, attack on the 5th with a few platoons supported by a single STUG III. Despite the earlier probing attacks, this attack moved ahead with little knowledge of the strength of the Russian position. Heavy Russian fire pinned the German grenadiers and forced them to ground. The Russian ATR’s would score multiple hits on the STUG and force it to retire. With their armor support leaving the field, the Germans disengaged and returned to their start line. A dozen more German assaults would follow and Kunikov’s men would fight them in a desperate situation as ammunition supplies dwindled. The Russians would divert reinforcements from Ozereyka Bay and sent them to Kunikov’s bridgehead. The flood of Russian troops would enlarge the bridgehead and imperil the German hold on the Kuban.

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