**Shock Brigade `Svyatoslav’ – Command summary**

**Officer Commanding:** General Pyotr Sorborov

**Information on unit structure**
This mobile breakthrough unit is specifically designed to punch holes in the German frontline and then quickly exploit any success. It is primarily an armoured unit with attached sub machine gun armed infantry and combat engineers. Its battlefield cohesion is good and it is tested in combat. They did suffer losses in their titanic struggle with the SS Division Feldernhalle.

**Unit History in the campaign so far**
Shock Force Svyatoslav (named after the legendary Kievan prince of the 10th Century) first appeared in the 4th Army sector on June 29th when they trounced SS Panzer Division Feldernhalle at Irtansk. They went on to retake Irtansk from 2nd Battalion 60th Panzer Grenadier Regiment which was an important element of Kampfgruppe Haucke operating in this northern sector. After regrouping at Irtansk they headed south towards the Smolensk-Minsk Highway and by 1200 on July 3rd are poised to be the western pincer of the Soviet attack on Borisov. This key crossing point on the Berezhina is still in German hands although the bridges are down. Heavy enemy resistance was encountered at dawn 4km west of Borisov resulting in the loss of some equipment and men. As Svyatoslav regroup and prepare to strike from the west an amphibious assault across the Berezhina will be undertaken by infantry and armour elements waiting on the eastern shore.

**Other information**
Unit cohesion within Svyatoslav is good and they have considerable combat experience. They also have some of the best equipment available to the Soviet forces in this sector. So far in the campaign they have earned 105 victory points through their exploits. They are an armoured fist which smashes at Fascist opposition.

The Brigade has an HQ of one platoon of T34/85 tanks and one radio truck.
Officer Commanding: Colonel Kripykin
Parent formation: Shock Brigade Svyatoslav.
Information on unit structure
The unit now has two companies as all the tanks of the 1st Company were lost at Irtansk on the 29th June. Company 00 is the remainder of a special heavy tank unit which also suffered badly at Irtansk.

Unit History in the campaign so far
These tanks were very heavily engaged against SS Feldernhalle and 2/60 PzG at Irtansk. Six ISIIIs were lost along with the entire 1st company of T34s. Overall they performed very well in this action and in a subsequent breakthrough against the 31st Infantry Division near Starovaro on July 1st. They were halted on the morning of the 3rd 4km from Borisov by determined enemy resistance and took a few hours to regroup.

Organizational Structure:
Two Sub Machine Gun companies each of three platoons accompany the battalion into battle.
2nd Tank Battalion

Officer Commanding: Colonel Gudyanov
Parent formation: Shock Brigade Svyatoslav.

Information on unit structure
The second battalion is equipped with T34 M43 versions of the tank which mount a 76mm gun. These weapons give good account against earlier model enemy tanks but do not perform well against the newer and heavier units. Each platoon has a platoon of SMG infantry riding with it.

Unit History in the campaign so far
Fought well at Irtansk where they were heavily engaged against SS Feldernhalle. Their rapid mobility caused all sorts of problems for the The limited traverse assault guns and Jagdpanzers of the enemies formations.

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**Artillery Battalion**

**Officer Commanding:** Colonel Sheldonov  
Parent formation: Shock Brigade Svyatoslav.  

**Information on unit structure**  
This mixed artillery battalion is designed to supply direct and indirect fire support to the two tank battalions attempting breakthroughs on enemy defend positions.

**Unit History in the campaign so far**  
The artillery battalion has been fully involved in all of Svyatoslav’s operations since June 29th.

**Organizational Structure:**

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(mechanized)

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2nd Company  
(motorized)

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The howitzers are towed by Gaz 6 wheel trucks. The HQ is an M3 Halftrack platoon with jeep mounted observers and two SMG platoons.