CASE WHITE
Der Polenfeldzug 1939

This night for the first time Polish regular soldiers fired on our territory. Since 5.45 a.m. we have been returning the fire, and from now on bombs will be met by bombs.

Hitler's address to the Reichstag

OBWIESZCZENIE MOBILIZACJI

MOBILIZACJE POWSZECHNA

Polish Mobilization order

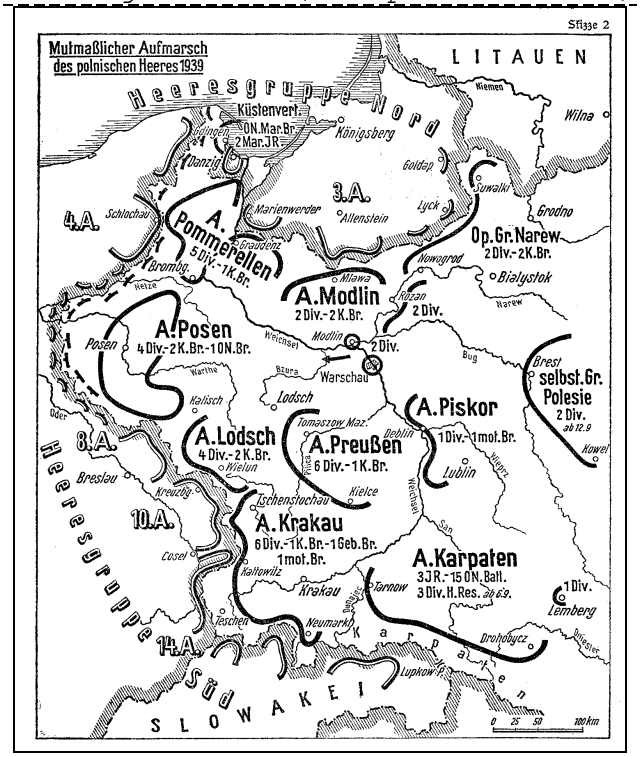
Der Führer spricht zur Nation

Eine Kundgebung unbedingter deutscher Entschlossenheit — Der Reichstag schwört im Namen des Volkes Treue — Danzig gehört wieder zum Reich

Die deutsche Wehrmacht im Einsatz

Zum Schutze des Reiches Gegenangriffe über alle deutsch-polnischen Grenzen — Auch Luftwaffe hat eingegriffen — Kriegsmarine schützt die Ostsee

Strategic Plan (1 September 1939)



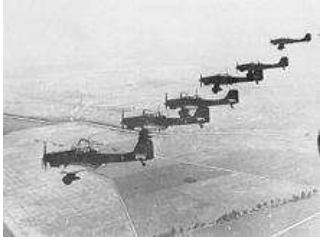
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1939 - AXIS FACTION TURN

Initial Administration Phase

2.1. Political Event Segment: skipped

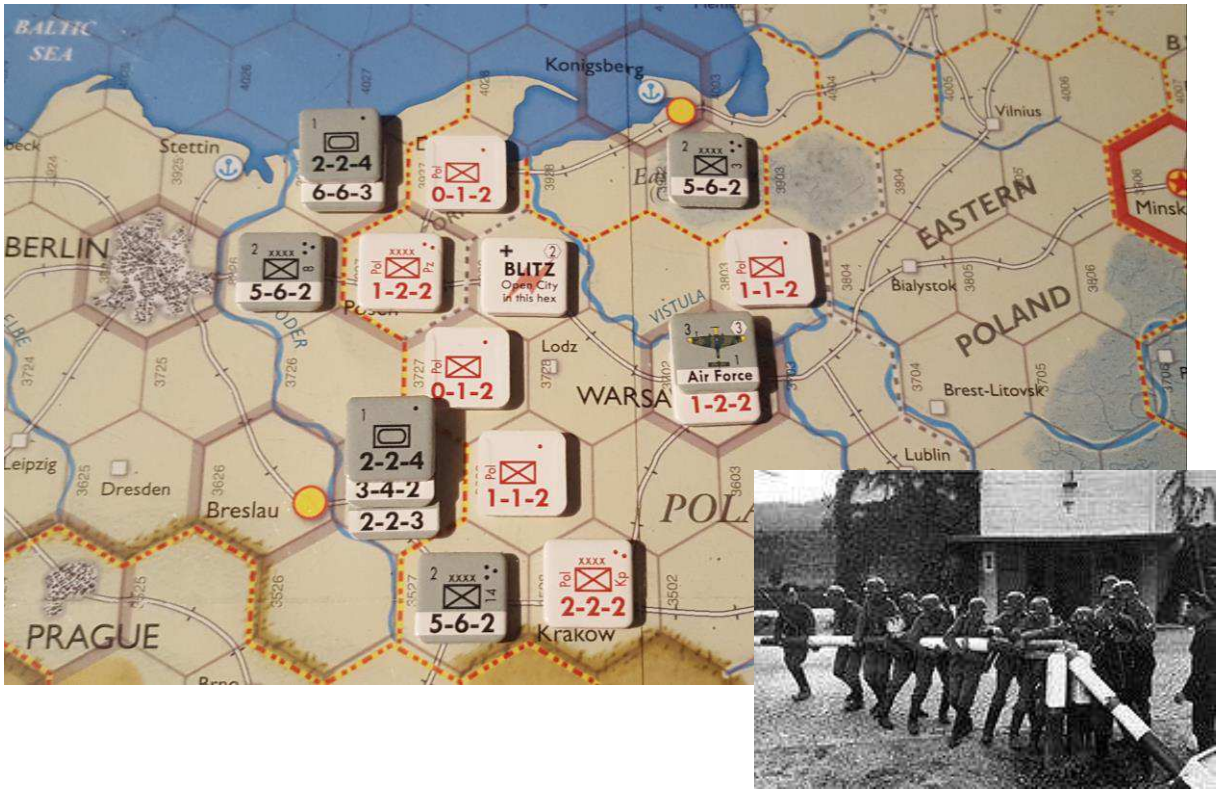
2.2. Support Segment

- Return to Base: skipped
- BH Maintenance: skipped
- 1 Luftflotte to Warsaw (w/i 3 hex of air base at Königsberg)
- Blitz Marker to w3828
- BH Failure: skipped



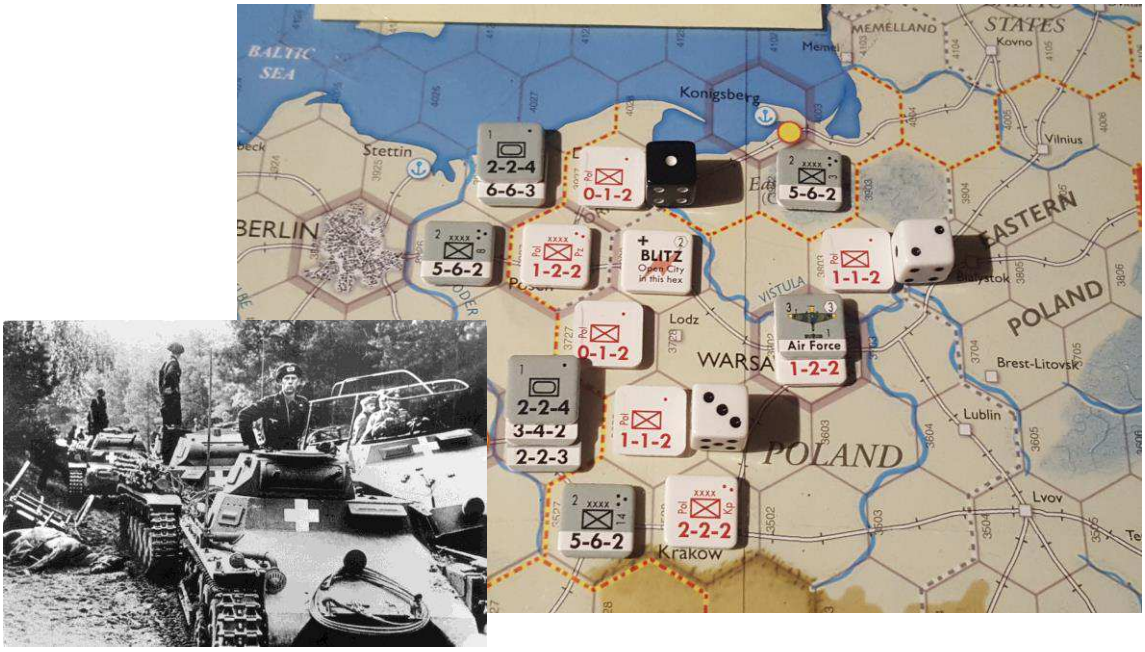
2.3. Organization Segment

- Combine in Königsberg 3 Army(re) and Corps: full strength, Corps to Force Pool
- Combine in Berlin 8 Army(re) and Corps: full strength, Corps to Force Pool



Operational Movement Phase

a. 8 Army from Königsberg to e3902 (2MP, EZOC)
b. 8 Army from Berlin (via Oder river) to w3826 (1MP [road cancels river hexside], EZOC)
c. 10 Army(re)+PzCorps from Breslau (via Oder river) to w3627 (1 MP [road cancels river hexside], EZOC)
d. 14 Army from w3427 to w3527 (1 MP, EZOC)
e. Nor HQ(re) from Berlin on road via e3725, Breslau to w3627 (3 MP [road cancels river hexside], EZOC)



Combat Phase

4.1 Blitz Combat Segment

all friendly units w/i 2 hex of w3828

(1) 4 Army [af6]+PzCorps [af2] vs Pm Army(re) [df1]

no HQs

8:1 [+1 shift for Armor]: 9:1 column

roll: 5 [Dr2;0/2]

Pm Army (re) retreats via w3828 to e3802

Pm Army (re) to Force Pool

4 Army to Danzig (defender hex, EZOC); PzCorps via Danzig (EZOC negated) to w3828

Germans hoped for Dr3 (fifty-odd at 9:1) and planned to push fast Fourth Army (3 MPs) through Danzig (Panzers would negate EZOC from Posen) to the Vistula river (e3802); then it should have supported the assault on Warsaw. Worst case would be a '6' for armor attrition (4.2.6.1 2nd bullet).

(2) 3 Army [af5] vs Pru Army(re) [df1]

no HQs

5:1 [+1 shift for air]: 6-1/8-1 column

roll: 6 [Dr1;1/1]

Pru Army (re) reterats to e3703

3 Army to 3 Army(re); Pru Army(re) to Force Pool

3 Army(re) to e3803

The annihilation of Polish reduced army was certain but the '6' (only a '5-6' yields an attrition result...) is a heavy blow against the upcoming assault against Warsaw. No help from Army Group North so hope is piled on a successful Army Group South breakthrough (see below)...

(3) 10 Army(re) [af3]+PzCorps [af2] vs Kr Army(re) [df1]
Nor HQs(re) [af2]
7:1 [+2 shifts for Armor and HQ]: 9:1 column
roll: 5 [Dr2;0/2]
Kr Army (re) retreats via e3602 to e3603
Kr Army (re) to Force Pool
PzCorps to w3628 (defender hex, EZOC); 10 Army(re) via w3628 (EZOC negated) to e3602 [Nor HQ(re) may not advance at all]

In hindsight, OKH had been right to commit the Nor HQ in the South even its column shift was wasted: without the AF of the HQ, the odds would been only '6-1/8-1' and the rolled '5' had been resulted in an armor attrition. German Tenth Army had been stopped at the defender hex and could not attack Warsaw.

4.2 Combat Segment

(1) 8 Army [af5] + 4 Army [af6] + PzCorps [af2] vs PzArmy [df2]
no HQs
6:1 [-1 shift for city]: 4-1/5-1
roll: 1 [Dr2; 0/1]
PzArmy converts both retreats into losses; PzArmy to Force Pool
8 Army + PzCorps advance to Posen

Germans had to commit precious PzCorps to achieve a 6:1to conquer Posen (only a '6' with an Ex result would prevent it). On a '2-5' the Polish army would convert only one retreat and so retreated at reduced state to w3727 (EZOC negated by reduced LdArmy).

(2) 14 Army (af5] + PzCorps (af2] vs KpArmy [df2]
no HQs
4:1 [-1 shift for city]: 3-1
roll: 5 [Dr1; 1/1]
KpArmy converts retreat into loss; KpArmy to PolArmy(re)
PzCorps to Force Pool; KpArmy(re) to Force Pool
14 Army advances to Krakow

(3) 3 Army(re) [af3] + 10 Army(re) [af3] vs MoArmy [df2]
no HQs
3:1 [+1 shift for air unit; -1 shift for city; river hexside shift is negated by attack of 10 Army]
roll: 1 [Dr2; 0/0]
MoArmy converts both retreats into losses; MoArmy to Force Pool
10 Army(re) advances to Warsaw.

Attacks on Krakow and Warsaw were at 3:1 and each had a 1 in 3 chance to fail with a 'Dr1; 1/1' result. Luckily, for the Germans this time the dice were favorable. If the Third Army previously had received no losses the odds were 4:1 for the assault on Warsaw yielding only a 1 in 6 chance to fail.

4.3 Marker Segment

- No Convoy marker on map
- Remove Blitz Marker (w3828)

<u>Reserve Movement Phase</u>: skipped

Posen, Krakow and Warzaw occupied: **German Victory**
German losses: 1 Armor step, 1 infantry step