

# ESCAPE FROM VELIKIYE LUKI

## ASL SCENARIO H



**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The Germans win immediately by exiting 8 VP off the west edge.

**VELIKIYE LUKI, RUSSIA, 12 January 1943:** During the fatal winter of 1943, the German disaster was not confined to Stalingrad alone. All along the line, Russians were cutting off pockets of Germans. At Velikiye Luki, the entire 277th Infantry Regiment was in dire straits. Surrounded and with further relief efforts abandoned, it was over for the 277th. The Russians were tightening the vise. Elements of four rifle regiments with massive artillery and armor support had broken the perimeter and were now slaughtering what remained of the unit. While the headquarters was being overrun, the German commander gave the order for all who could save themselves to do so. As night fell, isolated groups of Germans headed for friendly lines some ten miles distant.

### BOARD CONFIGURATION:

### BALANCE:

- ★ The Russians may use HIP for 2 squad-equivalents (in addition to HIP capability granted by E1.2).

- ✚ Add two cloaking counters to the German OB.



	2	
4		3

### TURN RECORD CHART

★ RUSSIAN Sets Up First [91]	✚	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	END
✚ GERMAN Moves First												



Elements of 3rd Battalion, 129th Rifle Regiment [ELR: 3] set up on boards 2/3: {SAN: 4}



1 4-4-7	1 4-4-7	1 4-4-7	1 4-4-7	1 4-4-7	1 4-4-7
13					3



Elements of Company 1, Battalion II, Infantry Regiment 277 [ELR: 4] enter on Turn 1 along the east edge: {SAN: 2}



1 4-4-7	1 4-4-7	1 4-4-7	1 4-4-7	1 4-4-7	1 4-4-7
5					4

### SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Snow (E3.7), with Ground Snow (E3.72) and no wind at start. Night rules (E1.) are in effect. Base NVR is 6 with no Cloud cover and No Moon. The Germans are the Scenario Attacker [EXC: the Germans receive two cloaking counters per squad instead of one; E1.411]. The Russians are the Scenario Defender. The Majority Squad Type of both sides is Normal. All German units are Stealthy while all Russian units are Lax.

2. All units have Winter Camouflage (E3.712).

**AFTERMATH:** The weakest part of the Soviet corridor lay to the southwest in the area of the 129th Rifle Regiment. There, a few groups were able to escape the ever-tightening noose—although they emerged in no way resembling a combat formation, but rather by ones and twos. Company A of the 2nd Battalion, in their attempt, lost everyone save a single squad and a handful of officers. Technically, it was a disaster of the first magnitude, but the fact that *someone* had survived made it a source, albeit a small one, of considerable hope for those who would face the same plight in the months ahead.