

BORDER CLASH

ASL SCENARIO ASLOK2

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OLANKHUDUK, MANCHUKUO, 12 February 1936: The Soviet Union and Japan had both established puppet states on the Mongolian-Manchurian border. The Mongolian Peoples Republic was the Soviet client state and Manchukuo was the Japanese client state in Manchuria. In the desolate and desert-like border between these two countries, periodic clashes occurred between MPRA units and Manchukuoan border guards during January 1936. In early February, Lt. Col. Sugimoto Yasuo was ordered to form a detachment and clear the Olankhuduk region of MPRA intruders. Sugimoto put together a truck-borne force consisting of Japanese cavalry, supplemented with tankettes, cavalry guns and Manchukuoan cavalry. On 12 February, the Sugimoto force attacked an MPRA cavalry unit estimated at 140 horsemen with light artillery, machine guns and 3 vehicles.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:

26	27	28	29
	H6	H2	H1
H4		H3	H5



BALANCE:

★ Add one BA-20 AC to the MRPA OB.

● Replace two 4-4-7s in the initial Japanese OB with 4-4-8s.

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The side with the most Good Order units (calculated as DVP; F.3) on board 28 at Game End wins.

TURN RECORD CHART

★ MRPA Sets Up First [103]	●	1	2	3	●	4	5	6	7	8	9	END
● JAPANESE Moves First [182]												

★ Elements of the Mongolian Peoples Republic Army (MPRA) [ELR: 2] set up on boards 28/29: (SAN: 3)

13	2				4		2	2		13

● Elements of 14th Cavalry Regiment [ELR:3] and attached Manchukuoan Cavalry [ELR: 2] enter on Turn 1 along the west edge (SAN:2):

8	3	3							4	3	

Enter on Turn 4 along the south edge of boards 26, 27, and/or 28

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SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Wet, with a Mild Breeze from the north at start. Place overlays as follows: H1 on 29G2/H1, H5 on 28V3/W3, H2 on 28H7/I8, H6 on 27K7/L6, H3 on 27T4/U5, and H4 on 26Z5/AA5.

2. Use Axis Minor counters for the 3-4-7s, 8-0, and 7-0 in the initial Japanese OB. These troops are Allied Troops (A10.7) to all Japanese units and are considered Axis Minor (A25.8) for all purposes. A19.32 applies to Manchukuoans using Japanese SW (not A21.11).

3. Boresighting is NA.

AFTERMATH: After the initial exchange of fire, the MPRA guns fell back. However, when the Japanese tankettes launched an attack, the MPRA guns stopped retreating and opened fire. One Japanese AFV was set afire and another damaged. The Japanese attack was held in check until a reserve unit launched a flanking attack against the MPRA forces. After two hours of difficult fighting, the MPRA unit was forced to retire.