

THE CLOAK OF DISORDER



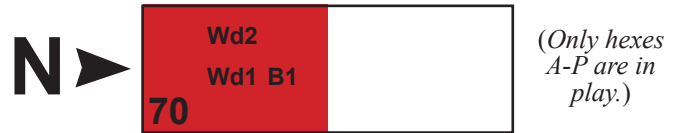
HazMo 31

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OUTSKIRTS OF LINYI, CHINA, 13 March, 1938: The first Chinese victory in the Second Sino-Japanese War was the Battle of Taierzhuang, which began with the Japanese assault the city of Linyi. Prior to that attack, the ambitious and aggressive Gen. Itagaki Seishiro's 5th Division had driven Gen. Pang Bingxun's 39th Division into the town and now prepared to annihilate Pang's force once and for all. Bristling for a fight and confident of victory, the 5th Div. hurtled headlong into Linyi, led by battle-hardened infantry, reinforced with armor and artillery. Though outnumbered by the defenders, Itagaki assumed Japanese technological superiority would - once again - carry the day.

BOARD ORIENTATION:



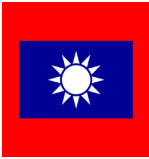
PATH TO VICTORY: The Japanese win at Game End by Controlling all 4 Stone Building / Stone Rubble Locations.

PARITY:

- 🇨🇳 Remove a Light Mortar from the Japanese OB.
- 🇯🇵 Add a Japanese Light Mortar to the Japanese OB.

TURN PROGRESSION

🇨🇳 CHINESE Set Up First	1	2	3	4	5	6	END
🇯🇵 JAPANESE Move First							




Elements of the 39th Division [ELR: 3] set up on/south of hexrow K. (SAN:3)

12		2	
3		8	

Elements of the 59th Corps enter turn 3 (see SP4):

3			2



Elements of the 5th Division [ELR: 4] enter on/after Turn 1 on the north edge. All, some or none may enter each turn. (SAN:2)

10		2				2		2		3		

Type 92 INF Type 89A Type 95

SCENARIO PARAMETERS:

1. EC are Wet with no wind at start. Grain is Brush. Place overlay Wd2 on L2-M2, Wd1 in K7 and B1 in L7.
2. Wind Change and Bore Sighting are NA.
3. While in their Vehicles, Chinese Vehicle Crews have a Morale of 8.
4. The Chinese reinforcements enter on turn 3 on/within 2 hexes of a *single* south, east or west map edge road hex secretly chosen by the Chinese player prior to Japanese setup. For purposes of this rule, A5 (not A6) is the north-edge Road hex.
5. *Elite* Chinese MMC may create a combined total of ≤ 3 T-H / DC Heroes in the same manner as the Japanese (G1.421, G1.424). For this purpose, simply use a normal Chinese Hero counter and assume the printed values to be the same as that of a Japanese T-H Hero.
6. Japanese Ordnance is Elite (C8.2). However, the Japanese are limited to a combined total of 3 successfully placed ordnance – Sun Tzu, *The Art of War* SMOKE (note: including WP) counters.
7. The Japanese INF must enter being towed. The truck is immediately Recalled when the Gun is unhooked.

EPILOGUE: Unbeknownst to the Japanese, Gen. Zhang Zizhang's 59th Corps had moved eastwards from Xizhou in order to reinforce Linyi. On March 13, Zhang's unit hit the Japanese left flank with full force and over the next 5 days inflicted egregious losses on the invaders, forcing them to withdraw. With victory at Linyi, General Zhang – who a year earlier had suffered a humiliating loss at the hands of the Japanese at Beijing – not only received an official pardon for his role in that debacle but had “so redeemed his reputation that Generalissimo Jiang [Kai Shek] hung his portrait conspicuously in his private study.”

“Simulated disorder requires perfect discipline . . . Hiding order beneath the cloak of disorder is simply a question of subdivision.”