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Standard set up with Ge poised on the french border by end of M/A 40 and Japan advancing in China. Beginning S/O 40 Ge takes Paris after losses, bad weather and both O-Chits while Japan continues in China. With North Africa going free French the Euroaxis shift focus to the med and retreat the CW to the Egypt off map boxes, advance on Algiers and conquer Greece by summer 41. A very early US entry sees the CW reinforcing the pacific at end of J/A 41 with Japan launching its supercombined in S/O 41 ultimately taking the perimeter except for Rabaul. The summer of 42 sees a strong Barbarossa flanked by a heavy o-points threat with advances in the north beyond Smolensk approaching Moscow and in the south beyond the Dnepr approaching Rostov. In the meantime the Wallies position themselves in North Africa invading Sardinia but a launch at the Italian mainland is repulsed with the Wallies shifting attention to the Balkans. In the pacific, Japan and Russia sign a peace treaty while the US advances along the southern pacific perimeter. The summer of 43 opens up a Bordeaux gambit with the help of French partisan with this pocket continuously expanding towards Paris. On the eastern front, the red army starts offensive in Finland and the Baltic states while Ge still holds the south intact. In the pacific, Truk is taken with Japan continuing the odd attack on China to optimize the front and the first Chinese counterattacks are undertaken. Aided by a double impulse in the summer of 44, the Wallies advance in the west up to the German Border and the soviet armies reach East Prussia and conquer Finland. In the pacific, Russia breaks the pact with Japan and invades Manchuria, while the US advances on the south China sea.

The game is adjourned End of the J/A 44 turn, with Germany holding onto the Balkans incl. Rumania but thinned out on the main front lines in Germany proper. Italy continues intact and Japan holds onto the perimeter incl. Philippines, Batavia, Singapore and Bonin Islands.

Things you might not have seen so often in the past that happened in this game:

- Weather "12" in J/A 40
- Heavy Ge Air Force losses by built out french Air Force in the summer 40
- North Africa going free French
- Russia Japan Peace Ceremony – attached pictures
- 42 Barbarossa with 50 Ge O-Points
- Free French landing on French partisan – attached picture
- 45 oil, 57 cps and 21 OP saved in Japan in summer 44
- Battle for river Kwai to open Burma Road – attached pictures
- No carrier force clash in the pacific

Final objective tally (based on ending in JA44) was:

USA/France +5 (+6 down 1 due to aligning Mexico + Brazil)

USSR +4

Japan/Italy -1

CW -2

Germany -5