

Axis & Allies Global 1940 House Rules Expansion

STRATEGY GUIDE

JAPAN

From game start – *Early 1940* – the Japanese economy is inferior to that of Japan's adversaries. Furthermore, Japan has limited possibilities compared to those of its enemies – or even Japan's ally; Germany – in terms of producing *Armies* or *Army Groups*, specialized *Infantry* or *Tank* units etc.

Japan can launch *Banzai* attacks on a limited scale – launch a few *Kamikaze* attacks – and have destroyers transport *Infantry* units. Those few options must be used to their full extent.



The only way Japan can get the upper hand against its enemies, is to swiftly launch a series of attacks in a well planned and well coordinated order. The oil rich *Dutch East Indies* as well as other strategic important islands must be conquered – as must *Asia*.



Initially, the *Imperial Japanese Navy* has only 1 goal – to support the amphibious assaults by *Imperial Japanese Army* – and at the same time to protect the transport fleet that carries these troops.



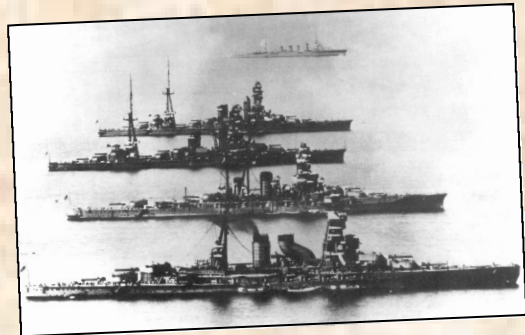
The *War at Sea* is second to the conquest of the Asian mainland – and as such, must be fought as a defensive battle.

As soon as the strategic important islands are conquered they must be gradually strengthened and fortified.



Note:

In *Early 1942*, *Late 1942*, *Early 1943* and *Late 1943* Japan receives free ships. These naval units make the majority of the reinforcements that the Imperial Japanese Navy receives in this period.



From *Late 1943* Japan should have conquered all of China – pushed the British back into India – and have consolidated their gains in the Pacific.



Here's an example of how a *Japanese Strategic Plan* could look like:

Greater Japanese Empire:

This strategy aims to expand the Japanese economy, by conquering territories in Asia and islands in the Pacific. The initial goal is to rapidly destroy the Chinese army – and conquer all of China.



Early 1940 (game start) starting income: 26 IPC

In Early 1940 Japan purchases:

- 2 *Minor Industrial Complexes* (20 IPC)
- 1 *Transport unit* (6 IPC)



Early 1940 attack:

- *Chahar, Anhwei, Hunan and Yunnan* are the only territories that Japan attacks.

Early 1940 Non-Combat Movement:

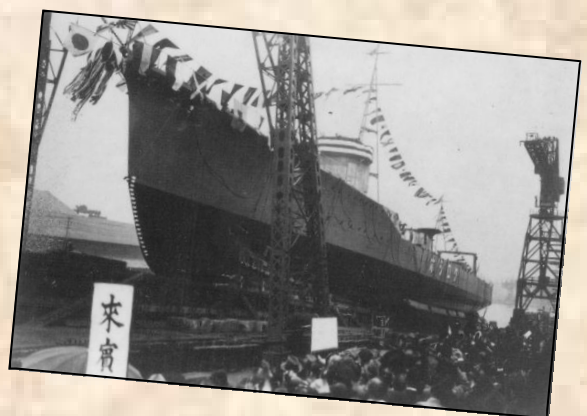
- 1 *Tank unit* and 1 *Artillery unit* from *Japan* are transported to *Kwangsi*
- The *Transport unit* in sz 20 is moved to sz 6 – and bridges 1 *Infantry unit* and 1 *Artillery unit* to *Korea*.
- 2 *Infantry units* from *Manchuria* are moved by *Strategic Rail Movement* to *Kwangsi*
- The *Transport unit* in sz 19 moves 1 *Infantry unit* and 1 *Artillery unit* to *Kwangsi*
- 60-75 % of the Japanese air units are moved to *Kwangsi*
- Japanese warships must protect the *Transport units* in sz 36 against potential enemy attacks

Early 1940 Place New Units:

- 1 *Minor Industrial Complex* is placed in *Shantung*
- 1 *Minor Industrial Complex* is placed in *Kiangsu*
- 1 *Transport unit* is placed in sz 6

Early 1940 Collect Income:

- Japan has conquered 4 Chinese territories (4 IPC)
- Japan receives *Advanced Production Capacity* (8 IPC)
- Bonus income for not attacking *French Indo China* (10 IPC)
- Total Japanese income: 48 IPC
- Japanese income level at the *Expanded National Production Chart*: 30 IPC



Future Japanese preparations:

In *Late 1940* and *Early 1941* Japan should mainly focus on the war against China. The factories in *Shantung* and *Kiangsu* must produce land based combat units at full speed – to supply the frontline units in China.



Once all of China has been conquered, the Japanese forces are at the borders to the *Soviet Union* in *Tunguska*, *Novosibirsk* and *Kazakhstan* – as well as *Amur*.

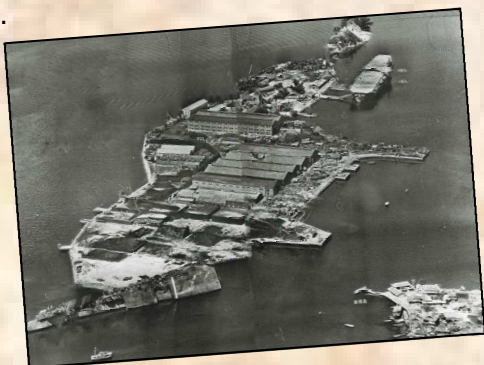


Japan should avoid any conflict with the *Soviet Union* for as long as possible. This will free up much needed troops in the war against the Chinese – and the anticipated conflict with *United Kingdom*, *ANZAC* and the *United States*.

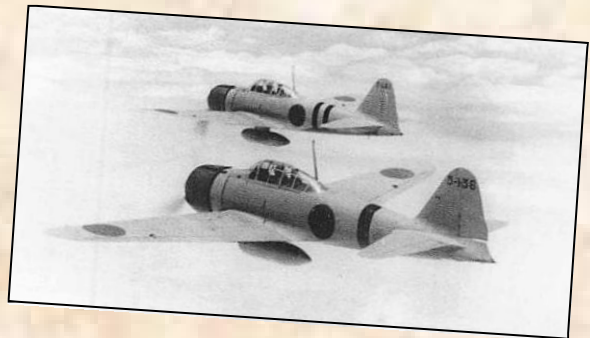
When this conflict begins, Japan must swiftly attack the strategic important islands in the Pacific within the next few rounds – in order to achieve the bonus income – as well as weakening the Allied economy.



The *Philippines* should be the *Japanese Strategic Junction* in the Battle in the *Southern Pacific*. The naval base and air base are crucial in this battle – if they were destroyed by *US Forces*, they should be rebuild.



Depending on the Allied naval strategies in the Pacific, up to 75 % of the *Imperial Japanese Air Force* should serve in the *Pacific Theatre*.



The transfer of Japanese air power from *Asia* to the *Pacific Ocean* is made up by *Tank*, *Infantry*, *Mechanized Infantry* and *Artillery* units – produced in *Shantung* and *Kiangsu*.



From *Japan*, constant supplies of *Elite Infantry*, *Paratroopers*, *Artillery* and *Tank* units will be transported to *Asia* to continue the land war.



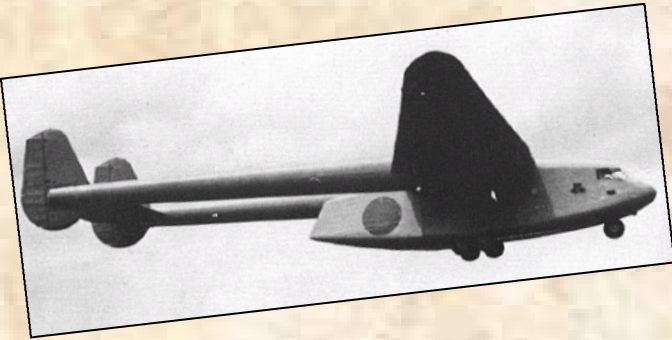
Important:

From *Late 1942*, Japanese *Infantry* units can launch 1 *Banzai* attack in each round – these *Banzai* attacks should be launched whenever possible.



Note:

If Japanese naval warships are no longer able to protect the transport fleet – and fight against the Allied navies at the same time – Japan should use Air Transports to transport troops to mainland Asia – or to reachable islands in the Pacific.



In this way, the *Imperial Japanese Navy* and *Air Force* can concentrate on the fight against enemy *Naval Task Forces* – while the frontline units in Asia are still supplied – and the defense of islands is strengthened – with fresh combat units.

