



Falco Victorious



SETTING

Date: 29 December 1940, 1600 hours.

Location: Near Bardera, Italian Somaliland.

Background: The four Hurricanes of "B" Flight, 2 Squadron SAAF are raiding an Italian airfield where S.81 bombers were recently spotted. Three CR.42's scramble from a satellite airstrip.

Conditions: Max/Auto Visibility 30/15; Sun: Edge 3

CAB: SURFACE LOW & LOW

Italian Orders: Destroy two Hurricanes and earn more victory points than the South Africans. Home edge: 1

South African Orders: Destroy the three SM.81 on the ground, AND earn more victory points in the air than the Italians. Home edge: 6

Game Length: No limit.

SCENARIO RULES

1. Bardera airfield should be positioned in the center of the board, midway between edges E & F, and is approximately 5 hexes in length. The airfield is defended by an armored car with a light AA gun (treat as a light AA battery). All planes look pretty much alike to the gun crew, and they will open fire any anything that flies!
2. Satellite airstrip located 15 hexes north of Bardera.
3. Randomly select one Italian aircraft from the first two to take off; this pilot is considered veteran for the scenario.
4. Nether side has radios!

Aftermath

The dust that delayed Serg Strano's takeoff also alerted the top cover Hurricanes about the CR.42s. Strano was jumped while taking off. Both he and his machine were shot up pretty badly and he made a desperate emergency landing.

Micheli engaged Kok and Bartolozzi went after Blake in a twisting and turning dogfight lasting nearly ten minutes and resulted in both Hurricanes being shot down and their pilots captured.

The strafers successfully completed the destruction of the last SM.81, and returned home. They had no idea what had happened to Blake and Kok.

Regia Aeronautica

Detachment, 413^a Squadriglia

Taking off from satellite airstrip (speed 2, Surface Low, TAL 1):

CR.42 - Ten De Micheli, skilled

CR.42 - Sottoten Bartolozzi, skilled

CR.42 - Serg Strano, skilled

(must wait 1D6 turns for dust to settle before he can take off)

South African Air Force

"B" Flight, 2 SAAF

Strafers: no closer than 5 hexes to the SM.81s and armored car, speed 3, Surface Low, TAL 2). They have not spotted the CR.42s and because of target fixation, they will not spot the Italian fighters until they have finished their strafing mission.

Hurricane I – Capt. A.Q. Masson, skilled

Hurricane I – Lt. A.M. Colenbrander, skilled

Top cover: 5 hexes north of Bardera, speed 3, Low, TAL 2). They have spotted the CR.42s and are moving to attack. But lacking radios, they have no way to warn the strafing Hurricanes.

Hurricane I – Flt Lt. Blake, skilled

Hurricane I – LT J.A. Kok, skilled