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This document contains important information for installing and using Microsoft Close Combat III: The Russian Front.

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A. Changes for Version 3.0b

- •Multiplayer connection stability is greatly improved.
- •Several crashes that occurred in multiplayer games are fixed.
- •A bug that caused the game to crash sometimes when viewing the Map in the game shell is fixed.
- •Bazookas and Panzerschrecks now have slower reload times.
- •A bug that caused the SAI (strategic artificial intelligence) to purchase twice the correct number of tanks for the current map is fixed.
- •A player who has more equipment than intended for the current Operation receives 50 points instead of 10 points at the start of the Operation.
- •The computer is less likely to send armor units to areas containing vehicles destroyed during the current Battle. •Pathfinding is improved to better handle short paths.
- •When the SAI is on defense, the computer's units will be more likely to remain in place until contact with the enemy is made.

•Units given Move and Sneak orders will try to make better use of defensive terrain.

- •The computer now accepts a truce after 5-15 minutes if there is no combat or if victory locations do not change sides.
- Progress meters are added for long data transfers in multiplayer games.
- •The AB GDs 120mm mortar no longer has two mortar tubes.
- •Machine guns can now directly target AT (antitank) guns and heavy mortars.
- •Units do not conserve ammo as quickly any more.
- •Reload times for AT guns are increased.
- •Several bugs are fixed that made the computer camp despite having an advantage.
- •The kill power of units at long and medium range is fixed.
- •Shells hit parts of the JSII based on the correct probability now.

B. Installation Notes

Recommended for Windows 95 or Windows 98

To run Close Combat III on Windows 95 or Windows 98, you need:

- •Microsoft Windows 95 or Windows 98 operating system.
- •Personal computer with a Pentium 133 or higher processor.
- •32 megabytes (MB) of RAM.
- •At least 60 MB of available hard disk space and a swap file of at least 10 MB (20 MB or more is recommended).
- •4X CD-ROM drive or higher.
- •Video card that supports 800 x 600 resolution or higher and 16-bit color.
- •Sound card (recommended but not required).
- •Microsoft Mouse or compatible pointing device.
- •Headphones or speakers (recommended).
- •28.8 modem for head-to-head play.

Installing the update over the 3.0 version

You must have Close Combat III on your computer to install the update.

To install the 3.0a update:

- 1.Download the 3.0b update from http://www.microsoft.com/games/closecombat.
- 2.Locate the cc30b.exe you downloaded to your computer.
- 3.Double-click the cc30b.exe file to run the update Setup program.

4. Follow the Setup instructions. Setup will update your 3.0 version of the game to the 3.0b version.

Note: You can connect only to multiplayer games created with the same Close Combat III version you are using. If you upgrade to version 3.0b, you will only be able to see and play with other players who are using 3.0b.

Uninstalling the 3.0b Update

The 3.0b update installs some files which are not deleted by the normal Close Combat III uninstall program.

To uninstall the 3.0b update:

- 1.Click on Start -> Programs -> Microsoft Games -> Close Combat III -> Uninstall The Russian Front.
- 2. Follow the uninstall the directions.
- 3. Once uninstall is complete open the location where you had Close Combat III installed.
- 4. Delete the folder you installed the game in and all of it's contents.

C. Setup Troubleshooting

Before installing Close Combat III, verify that you have the following minimum system requirements:

•At least a Pentium 133.

•Microsoft Windows 95 or Windows 98.

•32 MB of RAM. To verify how much RAM your computer has:

- 1. On the Windows desktop, right-click the **My Computer** icon, and then click **Properties**.
- 2. Click the General or Performance tab to see the amount of RAM on your computer.

If Close Combat III does not run properly once it is installed, try reinstalling:

1. Run Close Combat III Setup.

If Autorun is enabled, you can do this by inserting the Close Combat III compact disc into the CD-ROM drive. You can also run Close Combat III Setup by double-clicking the **My Computer** icon on your desktop, right-clicking the CD-ROM drive icon, and then clicking **Install Close Combat**.

2. To reinstall Close Combat III, click Reinstall.

Installing and playing Close Combat III from a remote location (such as a network drive) is not supported. You cannot play the game without the CD in the CD-ROM drive.

If you have Adobe Type Manager installed on your computer, you may experience problems installing Close Combat III. If you experience problems, complete the following steps:

- 1. Start Adobe Type Manager.
- 2. Click the Settings tab.
- 3. Click the Advanced button.
- 4. Turn off the Smooth Font Edges on Screen option.

D. Windows NT and Windows 2000

It is recommended that you not try playing Close Combat III on any version of Window NT 4.0 because Windows NT 4.0 does not currently support DirectX 6.0.

You can play Close Combat III using any beta version of Windows 2000 because Windows 2000 does support DirectX 6.0. The game was tested on every beta version of Windows 2000 available at shipping time; however, Microsoft Product Support Services will not be able to help you resolve any problems you encounter.

E. Audio Problems

If you experience audio problems, the source could be your sound card on your system. Use the following list of troubleshooting suggestions if Close Combat III does not play sound properly:

•Be sure your speakers are plugged in and turned on.

- •Be sure you are using the latest sound driver available. To obtain the latest sound driver, contact your sound card manufacturer.
- •Be sure that your system's volume control is not muted and is turned up.
- •Verify that your system can play .wav files:
 - 1. Click the Start button, point to Settings, and then click Control Panel.
 - 2. Double-click the **Sounds** icon.
 - 3. Try to play a .wav file.

• If your system cannot play a .wav file:

- 1. On the Windows desktop, right-click the My Computer icon, and then click Properties.
- 2. Click the Device Manager tab, and make sure the View devices by type button is selected.
- 3. Click **Sound**, video and game controllers, and look for your sound card. If you don't have a sound card, contact your equipment dealer to obtain one.

•If your system can play a .wav file:

- 1. Start Close Combat III.
- 2. Click **Options** or press F8 to open the Options dialog box.
- 3. Click the **General** tab.

4. Make sure the **Enable Sound** check box is selected. You can also turn sound on and off by pressing **CTRL+S**.

If you have the following sound hardware, you may notice "pops" at the beginning and end of the in-game videos.

Name: Creative ES1370 Direct Sound Driver Manufacturer: Creative Labs Driver: EAPCI.VXD Version: 4.5.0.1205

You do not need a sound card to play Close Combat III. If you do not have a sound card, click the **Do not display this message again** button in the **Direct Sound Not Available** dialog box that appears the first time you start Close Combat III. Then double-click the Microsoft Close Combat III icon on the Start bar to display the game's main screen.

F. DirectX Problems

Audio or Video Problems

If you are experiencing sound or video problems using DirectX 6.0, connect to the DirectX web site for the latest troubleshooting information:

- 1. Connect to http://support.microsoft.com/support/directx.
- 2. Click Having Problems With DirectX.

Video Problems

If you set your virtual desktop's resolution smaller than The Russian Front's resolution, the game screen will default to the virtual desktop's resolution. For example, if you set the virtual desktop at 640x480 and set The Russian Front at 1024x768, the game's screens will be truncated to fit into the 640x480 resolution.

If you have Graphics Blaster Exxtreme (manufactured by Creative Labs) video hardware, and are using Windows 98, you should check with the manufacturer for the latest driver. Installing the latest driver may help resolve video problems you may encounter with the above video hardware.

If you have the Graphics Blaster Exxtreme and change The Russian Front's resolution, you may encounter an error message when you restart the game. You should be able to close the error message and continue playing.

If you have Graphics Blaster Exxtreme video hardware, and set the game resolution to 1600x1200, the screen may go black and fail to respond. Complete the following steps to correct the problem.

- 1. Press ALT+Tab to exit Close Combat III.
- Hold down CTRL and double-click the Close Combat III desktop icon to display the Close Combat Options dialog box.
- 3. You can also display the **Options** dialog box by opening directory/folder in which the games .exe file is stored, and holding CTRL while double-clicking the **CC3.exe** file.
- 4. In the **Options** dialog box, click the **General** tab, and then use a lower screen resolution.
- 5. Restart Close Combat III.

If you have the following video hardware and set the game resolution above 1024x768, the game screen may be larger than the desktop, causing part of the game screen to be "off the screen." To avoid this problem, keep the resolution at 1024x768 or below.

Name: STB Nitro 3D, with STB Vision 95 Manufacturer: STB Systems, Inc. (OEM) Driver: stbnt3d.dll Version: 4.3.0.2121 Date: 6/09/1997 If you have any of the following video hardware, you may experience problems playing The Russian Front. Check with the hardware manufacturer for the latest video drivers, which in many cases will resolve the problem. If loading the latest drivers does not resolve your video problems, try using a lower resolution setting (this may be especially true with older monitors).

Name: AccelStar II 3D Accelerator Manufacturer: AccelGraphics Incorporated Driver: gldd32.dll Version: 4.10.1.4601 Date: 9/26/1997

•Some video drivers that are incompatible with DirectX may boot to Safe Mode. The first time your computer boots to Safe Mode, shut down your computer completely and then turn it back on. This frequently fixes the problem.

•If your system goes into Safe Mode again:

- 1. Insert the Close Combat III compact disc and click Exit if Autorun starts.
- 2. Double-click My Computer.
- 3. Right-click the CD-ROM icon and click Install DirectX 6.0.
- If your system goes into Safe Mode a third time, try replacing/updating your video and sound drivers. Outdated drivers are often the cause of DirectX problems.
- •After you have started Close Combat III, if you go to the **Close Combat Options** dialog box and, under **Screen Resolution**, choose a resolution that is not supported by your monitor, you receive an error message telling you to exit and restart the game. You may not be able to see the error message because your video display is distorted.
 - To exit the game:
 - 1. Press ALT+F4.
 - 2. Press Enter.
 - -or-
 - 1. Press ALT+TAB.
 - 2. Right-click Close Combat III on the taskbar.
 - 3. On the menu, click **Close**.

To restart the game with the **Close Combat Options** dialog box present:

- 1. Hold down **CTRL** while double-clicking the game icon on your desktop.
 - -or-

Open the folder/directory in which the Close Combat .exe file resides, and hold down **CTRL** while double-clicking the **CC3.Exe** file.

2. In the **Close Combat Options** dialog box, select a resolution supported by your monitor under **Screen Resolution**.

Note: The options dialog box may be behind the application you used to open the dialog box.

G. Hardware and System Compatibility: Performance Issues

Stalingrad Memory Issue

When playing in the Stalingrad series of maps, you may encounter a crash to the desktop if you run out of swap file space. This series of maps takes an unusually large amount of memory and may require a larger swap file than in other parts of the game. To avoid a crash, make sure you have at least 120 MB of swap file space allocated.

To check your swap file space:

- 1. On your desktop, right-click My Computer.
- 2. Select Properties.
- 3. Click the **Performance** tab.

4. Click Virtual Memory.

5. If "Let Windows manage my virtual memory settings" is selected, make sure you have at least 120 MB of free hard disk space.

- or -

If "Let me specify my own virtual memory settings" is selected, make sure the minimum is set to 120 MB.

Improving Game Performance

Users of slower machines may experience a delay in gameplay when Close Combat III is loading game data. Please do not restart your computer if this occurs.

To improve game performance:

- 1. Click **Options** or press **F8** to display the Options dialog box.
- 2. Click the Game Play tab.
- 3. Select the Remove Trees check box. You can also turn Remove Trees on and off by pressing CTRL+T.
- 4. Select the **Remove KIA Soldiers** check box. You can also turn **Remove KIA Soldiers** on and off by pressing **CTRL+K**.

Choosing options or settings is persistent across game sessions. You don't need to reselect **Remove Trees** and **Remove KIA Soldiers** in the dialog box to improve game performance between game sessions.

If you have any of the following video hardware, you may experience problems playing Close Combat III. Check with the hardware manufacturer for the latest video drivers, which in many cases will resolve the problem. If loading the latest drivers does not resolve your video problems, try using a lower resolution setting (this may be especially true with older monitors) or increasing the game speed.

Name: AccelStar II 3D Accelerator Manufacturer: AccelGraphics Incorporated Driver: gldd32.dll Version: 4.10.1.4601 Date: 9/26/1997

Name: Intergraph Intense 3D 100 Manufacturer: Intergraph Driver: REND32.DLL Version: 4.3.0.2030 Date: 8/24/1996

Name: Graphics Blaster 3D Manufacturer: Creative Labs Driver: MA33XDD.DLL Version: 4.0.300.2101 Date: 3/21/1997

Name: STB Velocity 128 (TV Support) OEM: STB Systems, Inc. (OEM) Driver: STBV128D.DLL Version: 4.10.1.116 Date: 9/23/1997 1:39p

Name: AccelStar II 3D Accelerator Manufacturer: AccelGraphics Incorporated Driver: gldd32.dll Version: 4.10.1.4601 Date: 9/26/1997

If you are using Windows 95 and try playing Close Combat III at a resolution of 1280x1024, you may experience problems if you have the following video hardware. Set the resolution to 1280x768 or 800x600.

Name: Starfighter-AGP Release 0259 OEM: Real 3D Incorporated Driver: R3Dd32M.dll Version: 4.10.1.259 Date: 6/16/1998

If you have the following video hardware, both the desktop and game must have the same resolution setting or you will be unable to exit Close Combat III without rebooting your computer.

Name: Stingray 128/3D Series (v 1.17.2059) OEM: Hercules Computer Technology Driver: vg96dd32.dll Version: 4.10.1.2059 Date: 9/21/1997

If you have a Matrox G-100 video card, you'll need to update your video driver. You can't update the driver by using the setup.exe which is extracted by the driver self-extracting utility. Consequently, you'll need to use the procedure below to update the driver.

- 1. Extract the driver and save it to a directory/folder.
- 2. Click Start, click Settings, and then click Control Panel.
- 3. Double-click **Display**, click the **Settings** tab, and then click the **Advanced Properties** button.
- 4. Click the Adapter tab, click the Change button, click the Show all devices button, and then click Have Disk.
- 5. Point to the directory/folder into which you extracted the driver and finish the installation.

H. Head-to-Head Play

If you are using Windows 95 and Internet Explorer 4.0, have **Connect to the Internet using a modem** checked in Explorer's Internet Options dialog box, and click **Multiplayer**, the Close Combat III screen will go black. To continue head-to-head play, exit the game, connect to the Internet using your service provider, then restart Close Combat III. You can play single-player games with **Connect to the Internet using a modem** checked in the dialog box.

If you are using Windows 98 and Internet Explorer 4.0, and have **Connect to the Internet using a modem** checked in Explorer's Internet Options dialog box, you will be unable to connect to a TCP/IP local area network (LAN) game. On the Connections tab in Internet Explorer's Properties dialog box, check **Connect to the Internet using a local area network**, then try to connect to a TCP/IP LAN game.

If you use the MSN Gaming Zone to play a head-to-head game, make sure you allow the Zone to launch Close Combat III.

If the host and client player initiate a game via the Zone or an ISP connection, but leave the game at the Multiplayer screen for at least 30 minutes, the host's game crashes to the desktop. When starting a multi-player game using a serial connection, the host and client player must click **OK** in the Parisi P

Serial Connection dialog box within five seconds of each other or the game will not appear on the client's computer. Once you've played a game using a serial connection and want to play more, it is possible for the client player to click **Refresh** to join the host's game. However, each time one of the players reboots his or her machine, both the host and client must click **OK** within five seconds of each other.

When you complete a multi-player operation, the client player must wait until the host player clears the **This operation has been completed** dialog box before the Debriefing screen appears.

I. Tips, Information, and Corrections

- •For more information on Close Combat III: The Russian Front, visit our Web site at http://www.microsoft.com/Games/closecombat.
- •If you would like to play against opponents over the Internet, check out the MSN Gaming Zone at http://www.zone.com.

Information

- •At the default settings of realism (Grognard) your units will act on their own initiative if they are not periodically given orders. When units are acting on their own the action text for the team in the Team Panel turns white to indicate they currently do not have orders from directly from you. If you do not want your soldiers to act on their own you can turn off this setting in the Settings -> Realism tab.
- If the computer is not acting fast enough for you, you can turn on the either of the additonal Battle Ends features (i.e. when time expires and after taking all victory locations) on the Settings -> Battle Settings tab. This will engage additional AI which will make the computer act with more urgency based on the clock or the situation of victory locations.
- •During head-to-head play, the host sets the game speed.
- •The numeric keypad does not work during chat. You will need to use the number keys at the top of your keyboard.
- •Sometimes during gameplay, soldiers under a **Defend** order may shoot at enemies you cannot see on the game screen. You learn about enemy soldiers through observation. Initially, you may only see a red dot on your map monitor representing enemy troops. You won't be able to see the actual enemy soldiers, but you will be able to see muzzle flashes if they fire at you. When you have had the enemy in your sights for some time, you will be able to get summary information on the enemy by moving the mouse pointer over the enemy team.
- •Every team in the Force Pool has its morale and experience listed; however, the team's morale and experience may drop when they reach the battlefield if the team has never been in battle. When you add teams to your Active Roster, their morale and experience levels are replaced with a question mark (?). You won't know the team's real levels until the battle starts. During operation or campaign play, once a team fights (and survives) a battle, its real morale and experience levels are displayed both in the Force Pool and Active Roster.
- •When you issue any kind of move order to a unit, that unit will attempt to deploy behind protective terrain in the direction of the move. For example, if you give a movement order to the north, the soldiers in that unit will look for cover to use against enemy soldiers to the north of them.
- •When you issue a Fire order to a target out of the line of sight (red fire line), the order may be obeyed if the unit can move closer to the target and get in line of sight there. If still out of the line of sight, the order will be canceled, but this may result in unanticipated movement by your troops. It is generally best to only give direct fire orders to those targets you can see.
- •If you issue a Fire order to a team that has broken or panicked, you may be able to place a target dot on a team that the broken or panicked team cannot see.
- •When playing a custom scenario against the computer, if you set the difficulty at Veteran, the points allocated to each side are not identical to those set in the Scenario Editor. This is due to a bonus/penalty for the AI. In other words, if you create a custom scenario and give each side 1000 requisition points, when you return to the Command screen and start the game, you'll find your side has fewer than 1000 points. The game "balances" at a difficulty setting between Veteran and Recruit.
- If you are playing a timed game, the timer will pause intermittently during game play. The game does not take into account system events that can cause small delays. Some actions you make during the game (scrolling, zooming in and out) may cause short pauses in the timer's countdown.
- •If you are playing as the Germans and have a halftrack armed with Wurframen, be aware that it takes the crew 30 minutes to reload after firing its first salvo of 6 rockets.
- If you have **Show pointer trails** checked in the **Mouse Properties** dialog box (accessed using Control Panel), you will experience visual anomalies on your Close Combat III screens. Make sure you clear this check box before playing.
- If you have your computer set to display customized large fonts (greater than 125% of normal size), you may have difficulty navigating the **Options** and **Settings** dialog boxes. To correct this problem, switch to large fonts or small fonts. To change the Windows font size:
 - 1. Start Control Panel.
 - 2. Double-click **Display**, click the **Settings** tab, and then click the **Advanced** button.
 - 3. In the **Font Size** list box, click **Large Fonts** or **Small Fonts**. You'll have to restart your computer before the new fonts take effect.

Difficulty Settings

The following table shows the bonus/penalty associated with each difficulty setting.

	Recruit		Veteran		Hero
Computer	- 1/7	Even	1/7	2/7	3/7
Player	1/7	Even	- 1/7	- 2/7	- 3/7
Client	- 2/7	- 1/7	Even	1/7	2/7
Host	2/7	1/7	Even	- 1/7	- 2/7

Requisition Points and Custom Scenarios

When creating custom operations using the Scenario Editor, you need to understand how Close Combat III calculates the number of requisition points awarded to each side. You'll notice that the points you assign when creating the game may be changed when you play the game. The points change because Close Combat III compares relative force strength at the beginning of each battle, then awards bonus points to the Russians (if current force strength exceeds expected force strength) or Germans (if expected force strength exceeds current force strength).

The final requisition points awarded each side is calculated as follows: Day points + Bonus points + Previous day's unused requisition points

Assume you're creating an operation using Scenario Editor that has three maps and lasts four days. You assign 100, 125, and 150 map points to the Germans on the first, second, and third map of the operation, respectively. You assign 30, 130, and 60 map points to the Russians. You assign the Germans 115, 75, and 175 day points for days two through four, respectively. You assign the Russians 40, 120, and 80 day points.

Assume also that you've set the difficulty to veteran, so the difficulty factor in all the calculations will be 1/7. Refer to the difficulty setting table in this document to determine which difficulty factor to use. For example, if you set difficulty to hero in a single player game, the difficulty factor is +/-3/7.

Day points are calculated for both the player and computer (host and client). Scenario Editor day points are the points you assign using the Scenario Info screen; current map points are the points you assign using the Map Info screen's Map Data dialog box. Day points for the player (host) are calculated using the following: (Scenario Editor day points + Current map points) - ((Scenario Editor day points + Current map points) x 1/7) Day points for the computer (client) are calculated using the following: (Scenario Editor day points + Current map points) + ((Scenario Editor day points + Current map points) x 1/7)

Remember, you only gain map points when you capture a map for the first time.

Consequently, filling the in the numbers results in the following player (host) day 1 calculation if you're playing as the Russians:

 $(0 + 30) - ((0 + 30) \times 1/7) = 26$ Russian day points on day one

The result for the computer (client) as the Germans:

 $(0 + 100) + ((0 + 100) \times 1/7) = 114$ German day points on day one

There are no scenario editor day points since the battle is the first in the operation, so there are only map points.

For day two, the calculations depend on whether or not you're fighting on the second map. If so, the Russian and German calculations would be:

 $(40 + 130) - ((40 + 130) \times 1/7) = 146$ Russian day points on day two $(115 + 125) + ((115 + 125) \times 1/7) = 274$ German day points on day two

Expected force strength for the player (host) is calculated as follows: (Sum of map points) - (Sum of map points x 1/7) + (Sell back value of starting teams x 2) Expected force strength for the computer (client) is calculated as follows: (Sum of map points) + (Sum of map points x 1/7) + (Sell back value of starting teams x 2) The key components in this calculation are map points and sell back value. Map points are the points you assign to each map in the operation using the Map Info screen. Clicking the Map Data button displays the dialog box you use to assign map points.

The sell back value in the expected force strength calculation is the sell back value of the teams you assign to the team in Scenario Editor. It does not include any teams you later add in the Requisition screen prior to game play; consequently, this number is a constant throughout the operation.

Given the map points from the previous example, assume that you selected German teams worth 99 points and Russian teams worth 49 points. Then the expected force strength calculations for the first day would be: $30 - (30 \times 1/7) + (49 \times 2) = 124$ Russian expected force strength on day one $100 + (100 \times 1/7) + (99 \times 2) = 312$ German expected force strength on day one

Assume on day two you're playing on the second map, the calculations would be: $160 - (160 \times 1/7) + (49 \times 2) = 150$ Russian expected force strength on day two $225 + (225 \times 1/7) + (99 \times 2) = 455$ German expected force strength on day two

Current force strength for the player (host) is calculated as follows: Day points + (2 x Sell back value of current teams) + (Requisition points carried over from previous battle / 2) Current force strength for the computer (client) is calculated as follows: Day points + (2 x Sell back value of current teams) + (Requisition points carried over from previous battle / 2)

Given the same example numbers, the day one current force strength calculations would be: $26 + (2 \times 49) + 0 = 124$ Russian current force strength $114 + (2 \times 99) + 0 = 312$ German current force strength Remember, for day one, the current sell back value is the same as the starting sell back value.

If you had been able to add 100 points worth of teams to both the German and Russian sides after day one, then the current force strength calculation would be:

 $146 + (2 \times 149) + 0 = 444$ Russian current force strength on day two $343 + (2 \times 199) + 0 = 672$ German current force strength on day two

Once Close Combat III calculates both expected and current force strength, it creates expected and current ratios. The expected ratio is:

Russian expected force strength / German expected force strength

The current ratio is:

Russian current force strength / German current force strength

Using the example numbers, the ratios for day one are: 124 / 312 = .39744 Expected ratio on day one 124 / 312 = .39744 Current ratio on day one

Using the example numbers, the ratios for day two are: 150 / 455 = .32967 Expected ratio on day two 444 / 672 = .66071 Current ratio on day two

If the expected ratio is less than the current ratio, the Russians get bonus points. If the expected ratio is greater than the current ratio, the Germans get bonus points. If the ratios are equal, no bonus points are awarded.

Remember, the formula for calculating requisition points:

Day points + Bonus points + Previous day's unused requisition points

To complete the example, since the ratios are equal on day one, neither side gets bonus points. Consequently, the requisition points for each side are:

26 + 0 + 0 = 26 Russian day one requisition points

114 + 0 + 0 = 114 German day one requisition points

Since the current ratio is greater than the expected ratio on day two, the Russians get bonus points. The bonus points are calculated as follows:

((Russian current force strength / Expected ratio) - (German current force strength)) x .7 German bonus points are calculated as follows: ((German current force strength x Expected ratio) - (Russian current force strength)) x .7

So the Russian bonus points are calculated as follows: $((444/.32967) - 672) \times .7 = 472$

So the final requisition points for day two would be: 146 + 472 + 0 = 618 Russian day two requisition points 274 + 0 + 0 = 274 German day two requisition points

J. Getting Help from Microsoft Product Support Services

If you have a simple question and need an answer fast

Quickly find answers yourself online--Use Support Online to easily search the Microsoft Knowledge Base and other technical resources for fast, accurate answers. You can also customize the site to control your search. To begin your search, go to http://support.microsoft.com/support.

If your question is urgent and more complex

Telephone Microsoft Product Support Services--Work with a support engineer to solve your issue through the following options.

Standard No-Charge Support--for help during business hours--Microsoft offers unlimited support at no-charge. You can receive no-charge support via e-mail (explained later) or via telephone by calling one of the following numbers, available Monday - Friday, excluding holidays.

In the U.S.: (425) 637-9308 6:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Pacific time

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