



# BARBAROSSA

## DECISIVE CAMPAIGNS



**FELDMARSCHALL**  
**WALTHER VON BRAUCHITSCH**  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE GERMAN ARMY

A military aristocrat, he borrowed immense sums of money from Hitler and became dependent on his financial help. Unable to stand up to Hitler when required, he was further handicapped by poor health. After the failure to take Moscow he was dismissed.

- ✦ Will he be willing to put his neck on the line and insist that you be left to do your job in the face of interference from above?
- ✦ Is he at risk of flip-flopping and countermanding your orders if your personal relationship breaks down?
- ✦ In the event of a major debacle will he side with the Führer over his demands that you be fired?

*Walther Von Brauchitsch*

**FELDMARSCHALL**  
**GERD VON RUNDSTEDT**  
COMMANDER OF HEERESGRUPPE SÜD

A competent, traditional, Prussian aristocrat recalled for active duty in WW2 who was not afraid to speak his mind. A furious Hitler dismissed him in late '41 when he authorised a withdrawal, in contravention of explicit orders not to, in the face of a strong Soviet counterattack.

- ✦ How far will his patience last with winter looming and his men huddled around fires in their summer uniforms?
- ✦ As a deeply respected senior commander, how will he take to you reprimanding him?
- ✦ When you instigate court martial proceedings against one of his commanders will his instinct be to cover up the 'incident' in the name of professionalism?



*Gerd Von Rundstedt*

**FELDMARSCHALL**  
**WILHELM RITTER VON LEEB**  
COMMANDER OF HEERESGRUPPE NORD

A Bavarian, aristocratic veteran of WW1 who successfully commanded an Army Group during the invasion of France in 1939. The many challenges of the Eastern Front ensured that he was unable to capture Leningrad and he was castigated by Hitler who considered him 'overly cautious' and 'senile'.

- ✦ How will he respond when you cut his theatre fuel allocation in order to super charge one of the other two theatres?
- ✦ Will he demand that the SS Polizei Division be placed on the front line or would he want them suppressing Partisans?
- ✦ When Baltic convoys to Tallinn are authorised will he refuse the Luftwaffe's request to hive off a portion of its air effort to minimise the threat of Soviet submarine incursions out of Kronstadt?



*Wilhelm Von Leeb*

**FELDMARSCHALL**  
**FEDOR VON BOCK**  
COMMANDER OF HEERESGRUPPE MITTE

A blunt, gaunt, Prussian officer who was prone to phoning up the Führer directly and telling him what was what. Nicknamed 'Der Sterber' (the Dier) he was fond of lecturing his soldiers about the honor of dying for the Fatherland. He was the only senior general to question the wisdom of Operation Barbarossa.

- ✦ How will he react when you override his strong recommendation of an official sanction against the SS Das Reich Division?
- ✦ With two Panzergruppen needing transport will he will be willing to hand over desperately needed Soviet GAZ-AAA trucks?
- ✦ If you make a field visit to his headquarters will it be a friendly chat over a glass of Schnapps or curt, angry, words?



*Fedor Von Bock*

