



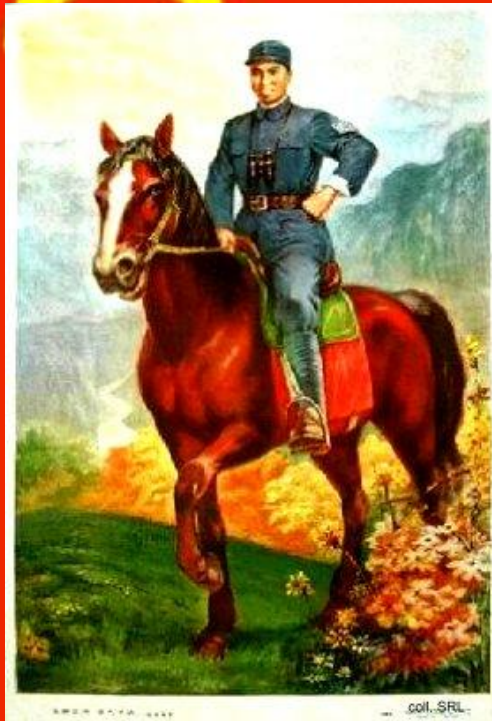
The Long March

THE GAME!

PLAY

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- For the entire year Guomindang troops have been encircling the Jiangxi Soviet. The only option is to break free of the blockhouse rings and retreat to the Yanan Soviet in the North.

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BREAKING FREE

- The first decision you have to make is to decide what you should take on this treacherous march to the North. What do you decide to carry with you?



**As little as possible,
so the army can
move rapidly**

**More equipment to
stop the GMD from
capturing them**



GAME OVER

- Your army did not carry enough equipment to defend against the Guomindang raids, and are unable to break away from the blockhouse rings. Game over.

BACK TO START



JIANGXI
SOVIET

XIANG
RIVER

XIANG RIVER

- Just one month after setting out onto the march, a scout locates heavy Guomindang defensive positions on the Xiang River. Do you decide to carry on with the march and fight against the GMD troops, or turn back to Jiangxi?



**Fight with
GMD**

**Turn back
to Jiangxi**



GAME OVER



- Your army returns to Jiangxi and is massacred by the GMD troops. Game over.



BACK TO START

AFTERMATH

- 45,000 men out of the initial 87,000 are killed, wounded or captured at the Xiang River battle. But nevertheless the Red Army has made it through and are able to advance.



NEXT



ZUNYI

XIANG
RIVER

JIANGXI
SOVIET

ZUNYI

- At Zunyi the leaders of the Communist Party hold a conference to decide their military tactics. Some suggest Mao Zedong and Zhu De replace Otto Braun as commander, while others suggest keeping Otto Braun. Should the party trust Mao and Zhu or keep Braun in his position?



**Keep Otto
Braun**

**Appoint Mao
and Zhu as CCP
commanders**



GAME OVER



- Otto Braun continues to lead the army in a straight line and fights head-on battles with the GMD. Within a month the Red Army are all dead. Game over.



BACK TO START



DADU
RIVER

ZUNYI

XIANG
RIVER

JIANGXI
SOVIET

DADU RIVER

- The Dadu River gorge is treacherous and heavily guarded by GMD troops. Across the river is the only way towards the Yanan Soviet. The GMD have blown up the suspension bridge and only fragile chains remain. You have a choice to send a small group of soldiers across the remnants of the bridge to ambush the GMD, or to move west towards the local tribes and set up a base there.



**Send troops
across the
suspension bridge**

**Negotiate with the
local tribes**



GAME OVER



- The local tribes do not welcome communists and the exhausted Red Army are without a base. Soldiers desert the army and betray Mao Zedong to the GMD. Game over.



BACK TO START



LUTING BRIDGE

22 brave communist soldiers cross the Dadu River gorge on chains whilst under enemy fire, and make it possible for the rest of your army to pass through.

NEXT



SNOWY
MOUTAINS /
GRASSLANDS

DADU
RIVER

ZUNYI

XIANG
RIVER

JIANGXI
SOVIET

SNOWY MOUNTAINS / GRASSLANDS



- The Red Army is forced to cross snowy mountains and grasslands towards the Yanan Soviet. They are starving, freezing and constantly troubled by the GMD, but are forced to continue.

NEXT



YANAN
SOVIET

SNOWY
MOUTAINS /
GRASSLANDS

DADU
RIVER

ZUNYI

XIANG
RIVER

JIANGXI
SOVIET

OCTOBER 1935

- In October 1935 the Red Army, by now numbering only 7,000 marched into Yanan Province. They had managed to flee the GMD troops and, with the arrival of other communist troops, set up a new base in Yanan. Although costly, the Long March won the CCP support from peasants, gave them one more chance to regroup, and became an epic of Chinese history. Congratulations.



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