**Fill in the gaps using the words from the list. For unfamiliar words you may consult the active vocabulary list.**

*Typhoon, Soviet, River, began, south, East, took.*

On 22 June 1941, Nazi forces invaded the \_\_\_\_\_\_ Union, destroyed most of the Soviet Air Force on the ground, and advanced deep into the country. The German Army Group North moved towards Leningrad, Army Group South \_\_\_\_\_\_ control of Ukraine, and Army Group Centre advanced towards Moscow. By July 1941, Army Group Centre crossed the Dnieper \_\_\_\_\_\_, on the path to Moscow.

The German strategic offensive named Operation \_\_\_\_\_\_was planned to attack Moscow from the north and \_\_\_\_\_\_. The Soviets reacted by sending in more reserve from the Far \_\_\_\_\_\_. Shortly, German attacks were stopped, and the Soviets \_\_\_\_\_\_ counter-attack and forced to push the Nazi forces back.