



(only hexrows A-BB are playable) TOBRUK

OBJECTIVES: The Germans must earn more VP than the British at Game End. The Germans earn double EVP for Good Order units exited along the SPECIAL RULES: west edge. The British earn CVP for ALL German units remaining on map at 1. EC are Moderate, with no Wind at start. Game End. CVP are awarded normally to both sides. 2. No APCR/APDS may be used in this scenario.

North of GOUBELLAT, TUNISIA, 31 JANUARY 1943: The first Allied offensive to reach Tunis has been forestalled by more than a month by German resistance. There had been several rumors of a new German tank, but because of General von Arnim's reluctance to assist Rommel, the new wonderweapon had been held in reserve since the arrival of the Pzkw VIe 'Tiger' tank in Tunisia in November of 1942. On the morning of the 31 January, a spotter for the British 72nd Anti-Tank Regiment sighted one of the new Tigers headed his way. He immediately radioed for reinforcements. There were some friendly tanks in the area, but nothing that could match the Tiger. The British spotter immediately left his post and ran back to headquarters shouting, "Tigers! There are tigers coming down the road!" It was then local commanders realized only six-pounder AT-guns were available to repel the attack. It would be a long morning, and the action could possibly disturb afternoon tea time. The new German tank soon showcased its capabilities. Its thick armor and long 88mm gun was more than a match for anything the Allies had in Tunisia at the time. This particular engagement saw the 72nd Anti-Tank Regiment call for reinforcements. When it was all over, the 72nd Anti-Tank Regiment



captured the first Tiger tank of the war, providing for an immediate technical analysis of the new German wonder-weapon, and clues about how to defeat the 'Tiger' in battle.



OBJECTIVES: The Germans win immediately if they Control all four Trench/ Sangar Fortifications OR if they earn more VP than the Allies at Game End. SPECIAL RULES: The Germans earn EVP for Good Order units exited along the north edge. 1. EC are Moderate, with no Wind at start. CVP are awarded normally to both sides.

2. Place overlays as follows: H3 on S21-S22; and W14 on U12-V11.

KASSERINE PASS, TUNISIA, 20 February 1943: The world stood in witness to another offensive by the 'Desert Fox', Erwin Rommel. This time around, however, Rommel found himself in an unfamiliar reduced leadership role, with reduced combat power at his command. Changes in the Axis camp meant little to the Yanks facing him. All they knew was that the enemy was an experienced and capable foe. Colonel Alexander Stark was tasked by the Allied command to hold the crucial Kasserine Pass. The Allied second-in-command, Brigadier General Colin McNabb, was sent to review the situation. To McNabb, there seemed enough troops on hand, but Stark appeared to "lack a good grip on things". Despite his reservations, McNabb added only a scratch unit, called "Gore Force", to stiffen American positions in the pass. Before Gore Force arrived the Germans had dispersed Stark's units during the night of 19/20 February. Thus, instead of entering organized Allied positions, at 0400 hours on 20 February Gore Force passed through the remnants of disintegrating American and French units. Ignoring the chaos,



Gore Force dug in on the northern corner of the pass. The Valentines were unable to stop the tanks of 10th Panzer Division. The survivors soon retreated to the west. When a handful of Lee tanks from the U.S. 1st Armored Division intervened, four were quickly brewed. The Germans soon hit the 6-pounders and infantrymen screening Gore Force. They too soon joined the general retreat late in the afternoon. All had not been lost. Through its sacrifice Gore Force delayed the Germans at a critical juncture of the battle.



SPECIAL RULES:

U20-U21.

1. EC are Dry with a Mild Breeze from the southeast at start.

OBJECTIVES: The British win if they Control ≥ 4 Trench/Sangar Entrench- 2. Place overlays as follows: D42 on L10-M11; R5 on U16-U17; and H3 on ments at Game End.

Near CAPE BON, TUNISIA, 22 April 1943: During mid-April, a series of Allied attacks were launched against the Axis positions in the hills of Tunisia. The US 2nd Corps (now commanded by General Omar Bradley) attacked Hill 609 in "Mousetrap Valley," with the objective of advancing to Mateur. The British 5th Corps attacked "Longstop Hill" and "Peter's Corner" and the British 9th Corps attacks between Boubellat and Bou Arada. Part of Operation Vulcan, the final Allied offensive to clear Axis forces from Tunisia, particularly the Cape Bon area, saw the Hermann Goering Division sitting astride positions at 'Cactus Farm'. The elite German paratroop formation would be challenged by the British 4th 'Mixed' Division, an infantry unit reconstituted after Dunkirk as an infantry division incorporating a brigade of tanks. As the unit's Churchills approached the farm, their supporting infantry was shot to pieces. The tanks continued the advance without infantry support and were then attacked in close combat by enemy soldiers. Twelve Churchills were knocked out and the attack was abruptly halted.







OBJECTIVES: The British win if they Control ≥ 8 Trench/Sangar Fortifications at Game End.

SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Dry with a Mild Wind from the Southeast at start.

2. Place overlays as follows: V6 on O24-N23; H35 on I16-J16; W13 on S12-T12: T5 on O7-N7: H21 on I14-H13; H8 on R16-S17; H3 on Q9-Q10; D4 on

DJEBEL EL AHMERA, TUNISIA, 23 April 1943: Longstop Hill (known locally as Diebels el Ahmera and el Rhaa, and to the Germans as Christmas Hill) had first gained strategic importance back in December 1942. The terrain feature's twin peaks had been captured by the 2nd Coldstream Guards, but was subsequently lost when the Germans counter-attacked on Christmas Day. The position provided a superb view of the surrounding area, and German artillery observers were quick to take advantage of this. The 36th Infantry Brigade was tasked with retaking Longstop in April 1943. As part of the plan, 8th Argyll was to seize Djebel el Ahmera, with three other battalions (5th Buffs and 6th Royal West Kents, and 1st Surreys attached from 11th Brigade) following up ready to press on to Djebel el Rhaa. Armoured support was provided by the Churchills of the North Irish Horse. The attack began at 1330 after an intense artillery barrage. After Lieutenant Colonel McNabb was killed in action, command of the battalion was assumed by Major John Anderson. Despite being wounded in the leg, Major Anderson personally led several successful attacks on machine-gun and mortar positions. The battalion had cleared the hill by 1530 that afternoon, with the force being reduced to 44 officers and men, but taking over 200 prisoners. Major Anderson was

awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions. Djebel el Rhaa was captured by the Buffs on 26 April. Photo Credit: National Archives

O The German OBA module has Scarce Ammunition.

U19-U20; and Tr1 on N11-N12.

3. If the British 9-2 leader is Wounded, the first time this occurs, he need not make any Wound Severity Check nor morale check. Immediately mark him as Heroic.

4. The Germans receive one module of 80+mm OBA, directed from an Offboard Observer located at Level 1, in a pre-recorded east edge hex.

5. All German fortifications must set up on Level 1 hill hexes.

6. After set up, the British may place an FFE counter on the map. Each German unit within three hexes is subject to the effects of a Bombardment (C1.8) [EXC: Roll a third die during each effected hex – a dr of \geq 5 results in the hex being immune to attack].





SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Moist with no wind at start.

2. Place overlays as follows: **H21** on E24-D23; **S5** on V24-U24; **S4** on U15-U16; **H35** on P15-Q16; and **W13** on I12-J12.

3. Overlays H35 and H21 are hills and not hillocks, with Level 1 and Level 2 heights (i.e., H35 has four Level 2 hexes, H21 has two).

4. The sand hexes of overlays S4 and S5 represent open ground 'mud'. Treat those hexes as if Mud rules apply therein (D8.23; E3.6).

OBJECTIVES: The British win if they Control all four Level 2 hill hexes on overlay H35 at Game End.

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HALTE D'EL HERI, TUNISIA, 23 December 1942: Longstop Hill, a two mile-long ridge, stood between the Allies and their second attempt to capture Tunis. The highest point of the hill was Point 290, positioned near the center and covered by a secondary position, Point 243, the Djebel el Rhar. Allied reconnaissance had failed to discover this vital position before the men of 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards, set out to capture Longstop. Moving out for their objective in a cold rainstorm. The Guards faced the green German 754th Regiment and soon Point 290 was in hand. At this point the British commander thought he held all of Longstop Hill and the attack was halted. He would prove to be wrong as German resistance continued from the previously unknown secondary height, Point 243.





2. Place overlays as follows: H35 on I16-J16; H21 on L9-M10, R3 on Q11-Q10; Tr1 on Q25-Q24; H3 on V23-V24; W14 on W15-X14; Tr1 on AA9-Z9; T5 on R13-Q14; and V17 on P22-Q22.

3. Use Trench counters to represent the two A-T Ditches (B27.56) provided in the Axis OB. They are revealed as A-T Ditches as soon as a Good Order German unit has an LOS to them.

4. Note: Valentine II's are small targets with Low Ground Pressure. See Chapter H, British AFV Note #27.

Along the ALGERIA-TUNISIA BORDER, 25 November 1942: Blade Force was assembled as one of the Allied groups pushing forward with the intent of capturing the capital, Tunis, before Hitler could reinforce his African bridgehead. The attempted *coup de main* was fore-stalled by bad weather and small bands of German and Italian troops that constructed road-blocks among the numerous passes along the border between Algeria and Tunisia. One such roadblock on the road between Mateur and Tebourba was manned by soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 92nd Regiment *Fanteria* with support from SP-guns and German paratroopers. British armored cars were the first to make contact, drawing fire as they approached the crossroads. The attack was then laid in by the armor, as well as the only infantry element available in Blade Force. Enemy fire was quite intense and Axis mines soon began exploding as British men and vehicles stumbled into them. Blade Force had to hurl its reserves into the struggle before the roadblock could finally be overcome. The time-consuming struggle had lasted some three hours, buying another slice of precious time for the Nazi reinforcement of Tunisia.

OBJECTIVES: The British must Control ≥ 10 buildings at Game End.



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Level 2 heights (i.e., H35 has four Level 2 hexes, H21 has two). 4. All British Personnel are Gurkhas (A25.43).

5. During set up the German player may secretly select any one Personnel unit to begin play Fanatic (A10.8).

OBJECTIVES: The British must Control more Level 2 hill hexes than the Germans at Game End.

JEBEL ACHKEL, TUNISIA, 8 May 1943: The fate of Axis soldiers was sealed by an order emanating from the *Führerbunker* in Rastenburg: "To the Army Group Afrika-The German people expect you to fight to the last bullet." One place where such an effort was still taking place was along the Miliana River. Here, tattered remnants of the 19th Flak Division, a handful of soldiers from the former Ramcke Parachute Brigade and a few 88mm guns held out on the Jebel Achkel, north of Mateur. Their foes, the Gurkhas of the 4th Indian Division, were battle trained, well-rested, and abundantly supplied. No matter the advantages, the fabled 88mm gun was still a dangerous antipersonnel weapon. The handful of guns left to General Franz barked their report as the last shells were fired at the oncoming Indian soldiers. Somehow, the position held and the Indian Division was beaten back once more.



GÖTTERDÄMMERUNG IN AFRIKA

AK #34

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💿 SEQUENTIAL Set Up (a dr determines the side moving first)



(only hexes numbered ≥ 15 in hexrows A-R are playable)

OBJECTIVES: The side that earns the most CVP at Game End wins.

SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Dry with a Mild Breeze from the Southeast at start.

2. Place overlays as follows: H35 on O16-P16; H21 on F24-E24; and H3 on I17-I18.

JEBEL ZAGHOUAN, TUNISIA, 11/12/ May 1943: The last soldiers of the Hermann Goering Division dug in for one last fight as the campaign in Africa was winding down to its inevitable conclusion. On the night of 11/12 May the Free French attacked German positions on the Jebel Zaghouan in an attempt to force a breakthrough. The familiar foes squared off with sidearms, grenades and bayonets the means of combat. Despite the strategic realities, the fight on Jebel Zaghouan was one of the most vicious of the entire campaign. It was also the last encounter between Axis and Allied soldiers on the African continent. Around noon on 12 May Colonel-General von Arnim surrendered on behalf of Army Group Afrika and the Afrika Korps. As the surrender was being communicated to the Allied commanders, General Hans Cramer's final message was also being sent across the airwaves: "To the German High Command—Munitions expended, weapons and war equipment destroyed. The Afrika Korps has fought to a standstill as ordered. The German Afrika Korps must rise again, Cramer." Cramer's wish was not meant to be. In two short years the Third Reich would be in ruins.

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3. Overlays H35, and H21 are hills and not hillocks, with level one and level two heights (i.e., H35 has four level two hexes, H21 has two).

4. Place one German MMC (plus any SMC/SW he wishes) and the Trench in hex L20. Make a Random Direction DR and place them in that hex. He then does the same with each other MMC (plus SMC/SW) in the exact same manner. Once completed, the British do the exact same procedure for their units. Any units from both sides that complete set up in the same hex are marked with a Melee counter.

5. The German 7-0 leader begins play Wounded (A17).

