# DAWN ATTACK



(only hexrows P-JJ are playable)

American Company A reinforcements enter on Turn 3.

**OBJECTIVES:** The Germans win at game end if they Control ≥ 11 stone buildings south of the P8-JJ19/U12-Z14 railroad (including building AA15).

# SPECIAL RULES:

at start. Weather is Overcast (E3.5) [EXC: Falling Snow (E3.71) occurs in- not attempt Radio Contact before Turn 3. stead of rain]. Ground Snow (E3.72) is in effect.

WINGEN-SUR-MODER, FRANCE, 4 January 1945: Shortly before the crack of dawn on 4 January sleeping American soldiers were suddenly awakened by what some on the scene described as "the most intensive machine-gun and automatic weapon fire that any had ever heard." Disoriented GIs awoke to the sudden outburst of fire but there was no panic. German forces pushed out of the Low Vosges forests to capture Wingen-sur-Moder, situated along the road net needed for Operation Nordwind. The attacking enemy forces struck Wingen at the first light of day and rapidly moved through the village. In the confusion that followed, Company A lost communications with Companies B and C, and for a time the Company was without radio contact with the Battalion CP in the Kirchberg. Within the company perimeter confusion made it difficult for the platoon leaders and platoon sergeants to get their men organized. Nearly every squad was on its own. Their reaction to the sudden attack was left to the judgment of the individual squad leaders. By 0900 hours the Germans had captured and occupied the town, the high ground to the northeast of town, and established a bridgehead on

the south bank of the Moder River. They immediately went about establishing a perimeter defense around the village then prepared to continue their attack southward toward Saverne.

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2. All American AFVs set up Abandoned (D5.4). Each vehicular crew must set up in a ground level building Location  $\leq 2$  hexes from a different AFV. Each American leader must set up  $\geq$  4 hexes from all other leaders and  $\geq$  2 squad-equivalents must set up  $\leq 2$  hexes from each leader. The Americans may use HIP for  $\leq 1$  squad-equivalents and any SMC/SW stacked with them. All American Personnel are Pinned during Game Turn 1. 3. The Americans receive one module of 60+mm company mortar (WSR #4.10)

1. All WSR are in effect. EC are Wet with a Mild Breeze from the southwest OBA (HE only) called in via handi-talkie (WSR #4.15). The Americans may

4. German 8-3-8 squads and their HS are Assault Engineers (H1.22; A11.5).





**OBJECTIVES:** The Americans win at game end if they Control ≥ 3 foxhole

### SPECIAL RULES:

hexes.

1. All WSR are in effect. EC are Wet with a Mild Breeze from the southwest 3. The Americans receive one module of 60+mm company mortar (WSR at start. Weather is Overcast (E3.5) [EXC: Falling Snow (E3.71) occurs in- #4.10) OBA (HE only). The first chit draw for this module is automatically stead of rain]. Ground Snow (E3.72) is in effect.

WINGEN-SUR-MODER, FRANCE, 4 January 1945: In order for the Germans to reach the high ground in the wooded area south of Wingen, it was necessary that they go through or around A Company. The Regimental S-2 (Intelligence) reported that there were no more than 30-50 German soldiers in the attack and that they were likely short of ammunition and food. Even more farcical, S-2 reported that the Germans were presumably willing to surrender if given the opportunity. The CO ordered his rifle platoons to move up to the positions that they started to dig the previous day and halt the enemy attack from there. The First and Fourth Platoons encountered very little difficulty in reoccupying their positions since they were at the fringe of the woods near the unit's bivouac area. It was a much different story for the Second and Third Platoons. Attempts to reoccupy their foxholes were thwarted by enemy machine-gun and rifle fire from the village and cemetery. Two of the Second Platoon's forward foxholes had been taken and were occupied by the Germans. When enemy fire became too intense for the men to remain on their feet, they continued forward on their bellies in the snow. Using his handi-talkie, Lt. Schollander called for mortar support which was responded to as three mortar squads promptly commenced lobbing 60mm mortar shells over the Second Platoon men and at the enemy

2. Place a 1S foxhole counter in each of the following hexes: N18, P20, Q23, and T19.

black (remove one black chit from the Draw Pile).



positions. While Causey's squad leaders, Sgts. Maguire, Bower and Micherdzinski were zeroing in on their targets, Lt. Schollander ordered S/Sgt. Cook and S/Sgt. "Red" Shelander to move their squads out to their respective positions. Cook sent his two scouts, Frank Lowry and Gene Bambrick, and two riflemen, Don Dubose who was armed with a grenade-launcher and Eugene Davis, to retake the two enemy held foxholes. The four men ran, crept, and crawled through the snow to within thirty yards of the nearest enemy. Meanwhile, Causey's mortar shells passed overhead and burst very close to the Second Platoon's objective. When the mortar bursts got closer to their target they were joined by rifle-grenade fire and the Germans abandoned both foxholes and made a hasty retreat to join their comrades near the cemetery.

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(only hexes numbered  $\geq 13$  in hexrows S-CC are playable)

2. American 7-4-7 and German 8-3-8 squads and their HS are Assault Engineers (H1.22; A11.5).

**OBJECTIVES:** The Germans win immediately upon amassing  $\geq 20$  VP, 3. The Americans may use HIP for  $\leq 1$  squad-equivalent and any SMC/SW which must include ≥ 8 EVP. In addition to CVP, the Germans receive EVP for stacked with them.

4. The Americans receive one module of 60+mm company mortar (WSR #4.10) OBA (HE only) called in via handi-talkie (WSR #4.15). The first chit 1. All WSR are in effect. EC are Wet with a Mild Breeze from the southwest draw for this module is automatically black (remove one black chit from the at start. Weather is Overcast (E3.5) [EXC: Falling Snow (E3.71) occurs in- Draw Pile).

stead of rain]. Ground Snow (E3.72) is in effect. Place a Blaze counter in hex 5. The Germans do not suffer Captured Use penalties (A21.11-.12) for SW/

WINGEN-SUR-MODER, FRANCE, 4 JANUARY 1945: Word came down again from Regimental S-2 (Intelligence) reiterating their earlier information that the enemy strength was not more than fifty hungry German infantrymen. They were nearly out of ammunition and food and would probably be willing to surrender. Company A was ordered to continue putting pressure on the enemy and under no circumstances give an inch from their present positions. The men had no way of knowing how many Germans were holding Wingen nor did they know how much food and ammunition they had. They did have first-hand knowledge that the enemy was expending ammunition like there was no end to the supply, and they definitely showed no indications of being willing to surrender. One would have expected that Captain Hendrickson must have been aware of the fact that S-2's appraisal of the enemy strength was woefully underestimated, yet he apparently chose to accept it at face value and acted accordingly. On the other hand, Hendrickson may have known that there were far more enemy troops in Wingen than was reported by S-2, but was acting under orders from Battalion Headquarters. The bottom line was simple: German intentions for a push south out of the newly-captured Wingen would have to be halted at all costs. With the decimated B Company out of the line, that job would fall to A Company.

vehicles. The M8 and M10 have German crews.



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units exited off the south edge.

Y14 to represent burning rail cars.

SPECIAL RULES:



following buildings/hexes: J6, L3, O3, O4, P1, P7, and/or R3.

#### SPECIAL RULES:

1. All WSR are in effect. EC are Wet with a Mild Breeze from the southwest from the Draw Pile). at start. Weather is Overcast (E3.5) [EXC: Falling Snow (E3.71) occurs in- 4. The Germans may use HIP for ≤ 2 squad-equivalents and any SMC/SW stead of rain]. Ground Snow (E3.72) is in effect.

WINGEN-SUR-MODER, FRANCE, 4 January 1945: The 3rd Platoon of B Company, 781st Tank Battalion was attached to 1st Battalion, 276th Infantry Regiment and given the mission of advancing with infantry elements through the underpass and west on the main road into Wingen. Infantry elements joined the platoon at the road junction and the advance pushed forward to the overpass. As American infantrymen moved under the overpass they were pinned down by a large volumne of small-arms fire and two leading tanks were hit by Panzerschreck fire from the high ground north of the road which was supposed to be held by friendly infantry. By order of higher headquarters the firing of 75mm and 76mm guns was restricted due to insufficient information to which houses were occupied by enemy or friendly troops. Enemy fire and the disabled tanks blocked further progress and the infantry survivors and remainder of the platoon withdrew. At 1630 hours 1st Platoon of B Company, 781st Tank Battalion supported elements of a provisional platoon composed of Battalion Headquarters personnel in a second attack down the same route as 3rd Platoon. This attack got no further, also blocked by the same disabled tanks of the 3rd Platoon. 1st Platoon withdrew to Zittersheim at dark.

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hexes containing Known German units. AFV MG fire is not restricted in any way.

3. The Americans receive one module of 100+mm battalion artillery (WSR #4.10) OBA (HE and SMOKE) with one Pre-Registered hex (C1.73). The first chit draw for this module is automatically black (remove one black chit

stacked with them.





three possible Victory Conditions: buildings: X14, Y15, Y17, Z16, and/or AA15. The scenario ends at the end of stead of rain]. Ground Snow (E3.72) is in effect. Game Turn 5.

2) The Americans win at game end by accumulating  $\geq$  14 CVP (excludes 3. The Germans do not suffer Captured Use penalties (A21.11-.12) for SW/ Prisoners). The scenario ends at the end of Game Turn 6.

adjacent-to hex HH16. The scenario ends at the end of Game Turn 7.

# WINGEN-SUR-MODER, FRANCE, 4 January 1945: Early in the morning of 4 January Love Company was ordered to move from the wooded heights above Rosteig to Wingen, and tasked to deal with an enemy of unknown size and composition there. By dusk Love Company had singularly penetrated deep into Wingen, had sent a force around the left flank of the village and in a costly attack, drove the Germans back from any further gains. The American attack included a successful bayonet attack on the right flank of the village. As darkness closed in, contact was lost with the platoon in Wingen proper. That platoon held out all night in the center of town and regained contact the following day. The remnants of Love Company, and a unit of heavy machine-guns from Mike Company, were forced to consolidate and set up a perimeter defense to protect their gains.

1. All WSR are in effect. EC are Wet with a Mild Breeze from the southwest 1) The Americans win at game end if they Control  $\geq$  4 of the following at start. Weather is Overcast (E3.5) [EXC: Falling Snow (E3.71) occurs in-

2. The American 9-2 leader begins play Heroic (A15.21).

vehicles. The AAMG Jeeps have German crews.

3) The Americans win immediately upon exiting ≥ 8 EVP off the east edge on/ 4. German HMG/MMG must remain dismantled for the duration of the scenario



#### COMPANY G GERMAN Sets Up First 3 5 1 2 Δ AMERICAN Moves First Elements of Company G, 274th Regiment, 70th Infantry Division enter on Turn 1 along the west edge: CH 20 BAZ 45 MMG 43A 0 3PP IPP WP5 2 X11 8-5 2 4-10 E 6-6-7 6-6-6 2 5-4-6 AMG-/-/6+ 3 2 [ELR: 3]

Elements of 1st Company, 3rd Battalion, 12th SS Gebirgsjäger Regiment, 6th SS Gebirgsjäger Division set up in/adjacent to hex P10:



Wingen-sur-Moder

{SAN: 2}

(only hexes numbered  $\geq 8$  and  $\leq 14$  in hexrows E-R are playable)

Replace 2  $\times$  5-4-6 squads with 2  $\times$  6-6-7 squads.

Remove the M3A1 halftrack from the American OB.

#### **SPECIAL RULES:**

1. All WSR are in effect. EC are Wet with a Mild Breeze from the southwest at start. Weather is Overcast (E3.5) [EXC: Falling Snow (E3.71) occurs in-

OBJECTIVES: The Americans win at game end if there are no Good Order stead of rain]. Ground Snow (E3.72) is in effect. German MMC(s) in/adjacent to hex K11.

WINGEN-SUR-MODER, FRANCE, 5 January 1945: On 5 January "Easy" Company was selected to secure and clear the wooded area overlooking Wingen. Fox Company was to clear the town. Soldiers from "George" Company were given the objective of securing the two houses on the left flank of the main attack where enemy machine-guns were observed to be commanding the approach into Wingen. Intelligence reports were disseminated that stated German pilots were flying captured American P-47 planes and that German soldiers in American uniforms were moving about the area riding captured Jeeps. The disconcerting reports had little to no effect on the green American dogfaces facing their first action. The men just wanted to get on with it and grimly accepted their orders. The outlying houses were cleared and Fox Company moved in to fulfill their orders: capture Wingen at all costs.

2. The Germans do not suffer Captured Use penalties (A21.11-.12) for SW.



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**OBJECTIVES:** The Americans win at game end if they Control  $\geq 4$  of the stacked with them. following buildings: X14, Z16, AA15, FF15, and/or LL21 OR immediately 4. The Germans do not suffer Captured Use penalties (A21.11-.12) for SW/ upon exiting  $\geq 12$  EVP from the east edge.

Guns

WINGEN-SUR-MODER, FRANCE, 5 January 1945: The one thing Americans soldiers knew for sure was that the village of Wingen was in German hands and that it was held by a much larger force than fifty enemy troops. A patrol sent out during the night of 4-5 January revealed more bad news: a German attack had driven B Company from its place in the line, creating a gap in 1st Battalion's defense. German forces of at least company strength had captured Wingen and the high ground north and northwest of the town. Meanwhile, at the 276th Infantry CP in Zittersheim, Colonel Al Morgan and his Executive Officer, Lt. Colonel Dan Russell, were stunned by the nerve-wracking reports. It was a bewildering situation. It was deemed urgent that a counter-attack be launched at once to eliminate the Germans and rescue American prisoners. There were no troops available from the 45th Division (to which Task Force Herren was attached). Its regiments were already involved in defending against enemy attacks to the north of Wingen. That left only the 3rd Battalion (with Company L and part of Company I) available for the counter-attack. 1330 hours on 5 January was the time set for the attack. The Trailblazers found themselves locked in an intense battle with more than a handful of American soldiers experiencing combat for the first time. Wingen was not recaptured



on 5 January but the fighting left a considerable number of dead and wounded SS Mountain troops in the buildings and on the snow covered cobblestone streets.



**OBJECTIVES:** The Americans win at game end if they Control all stone Locations west of the Schusselbach stream (J0-O14) and  $\geq 3$  stone Locations east of the stream. The Germans win immediately upon amassing  $\geq 30$  CVP. Any other result is a German victory.

#### SPECIAL RULES:

1. All WSR are in effect. EC are Wet with a Mild Breeze from the southwest at start. Weather is Overcast (E3.5) [EXC: Falling Snow (E3.71) occurs instead of rain]. Ground Snow (E3.72) is in effect.

2. The Germans may use HIP for  $\leq 2$  squad-equivalents and any SMC/SW stacked with them.

**3.** The German 8-3-8 squad-equivalents are Assault Engineers (H1.22). The Germans do not suffer Captured Use penalties (A21.11-.12) for vehicles. The M10 GMC has a German crew.

**4.** The Americans receive one module of 100+mm battalion artillery OBA (HE and SMOKE) with one Pre-Registered hex (C1.73). The first Chit Draw is automatically black.

WINGEN-SUR-MODER, FRANCE, 4 January 1945: At 1630 hours on 4 January 1st Platoon of B Company, 781st Tank Battalion supported elements of a provisional platoon composed of Battalion Headquarters personnel in a second attack down the same route taken earlier by 3rd Platoon. This attack got no further, and only led to more losses. The advance was blocked by hulks of disabled tanks from the 3rd Platoon. After breaking off the action, 1st Platoon withdrew to Zittersheim at dark.



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#### SPECIAL RULES:

1. All WSR are in effect. EC are Wet with a Mild Breeze from the southwest at start. Weather is Overcast (E3.5) [EXC: Falling Snow (E3.71) occurs instead of rain]. Ground Snow (E3.72) is in effect.Place a Blaze counter in hex Y14.

**2.** Beginning on Turn 3 (or later as noted) the American player receives one module of 60+mm Mortar OBA (HE and WP), controlled by a Handi-Talkie (4.15). The American player's Company A receives one module of 100+mm Artillery OBA, (HE and SMOKE) on Turn 3 and Company B receives one module of 80+mm Battalion Mortar OBA (HE and SMOKE) on Turn 7. Company L (Turn 8) receives one module of 150+mm OBA (HE/Harrassing Fire only; C1.72). For all modules the first Chit Draw is automatically black; remove one black chit from the Draw Pile. The SR/FFE may not be used from one module to start a subsequent module.

**3.** The American player must set up this part of the OB infantry units in a ground floor building Location, a maximum of one squad-equivalent per hex within seven hexes of hex AA15 (but they may not set up south of the Moder River.) Vehicles must be set up in a road hex [EXC: Not in Bypass] and are marked with an Abandoned counter [EXC: unarmed vehicles]; place any applicable 1-2-6 crew counter in the nearest building Location to each vehicle. Each unit is marked with a No Move counter prior to the start of play. Remove No Move counters normally (E1.1), and all are removed at the end of the first game turn.

**4.** The German player may use HIP for  $\leq$  3 squad-equivalents of his on-map OB (and any SMC/SW set up with them).

WINGEN-SUR-MODER, FRANCE, 6th January 1945: The battle at Wingen dragged on as SS-men refused to be dislodged from their grip on the town. On 6 January 1st Battalion, 276th Infantry Regiment and elements of 3rd Battalion, were attached to 2nd Battalion, 274th Infantry Regiment for further operations against Wingen. The American attack continued at daylight with 2nd Platoon, B Company, 781st Tank Battalion supporting with direct fire from the high ground south of Wingen. 1st Platoon suppored assault teams by moving in close as part of the push into Wingen from the southeast end of the town. German troops were pushed to the extreme western end of Wingen but the SS-men launched a counter-attack as soon as tanks of 1st Platoon left and the enemy was successful in re-occupying the west end of the town. That night the Germans made repeated attempts to break through Company A's positions, but as weary as they were, the GIs held their lines. The vicious fighting continued, both inside and around Wingen, for the next thirty-six hours. Sometime during the early hours of 7 January, the beaten SS troops retreated into the mountains north of Wingen. About 100 wounded

5. German 8-3-8 squads/HS are Assault Engineers (A 11.5). American 7-4-7 squads/ HS are Assault Engineers (A11.5).

6. The German player reinforcements entering play after Turn 5 have some units designated as walking wounded (WW). WW have 3 MF which cannot be increased for any reason, IPC reduced to 2, and receive a +1 DRM for all CC attacks (while all CC attacks made against it receive a -1 DRM). Under no circumstances can a WW become unwounded.

7. Beginning on Turn 4 the Germans suffer from Ammunition Shortage (A19.131). Beginning on Turn 9 German infantry suffer a 'hand grenade shortage' resulting in squads/HS losing the ability to use Point Blank Fire (A7.213; i.e., their FP is not doubled) and TPBF is treated as PBF (i.e., double FP instead of tripling it.) Squad/HS CCV is one less (Squad: 4; Crew: 3; HS: 2).

8. At the end of Turn 13 and at the end of each game turn thereafter the American player makes a dr to determine if the scenario ends. If the dr is  $\leq$  the # listed on the game turn track the scenario ends immediately.

**9.** If the Germans Capture any armed American AFV the following German player turn add as reinforcements a number of 1-2-7 crews equal to the number of enemy AFV Captured. These units enter along the north edge, on/east of hexrow P. This reinforcement group can be repeated as necessary as often as the above circumstance allows.



enemy surrendered to the 274th Infantry by mid-day. The Trailblazers liberated 300 GIs of 179th Infantry, 45th Division who were held prisoner in the cellar of the Catholic Church for over three days.

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(only hexes numbered  $\geq 15$  in hexrows AA-GG are playable)

**OBJECTIVES:** The Americans win immediately if there are no Good Order German units in play OR at Game End if all Prisoners in the at-start German OB are no longer Guarded by German units and the Americans Control all stone buildings in the German setup area.

# SPECIAL RULES:

at start. Weather is Overcast (E3.5) [EXC: Falling Snow (E3.71) occurs in- sacre (A20.4) is NA. No German unit in the same Location as an American stead of rain]. Ground Snow (E3.72) is in effect.

2. American leaders may use their leadership DRM (as if they were Armor Leaders) to modify the TH DR of any friendly AFV in the same Location. Mark the leader with an appropriate fire counter. This action marks a leader with the appropriate fire counter.

In the Objectives, change "Good Order" to "Unbroken".

3. The Germans may Deploy freely during setup and may Fortify (B23.9) ≤1 building Location. One German HS begins play Fanatic (A10.8).

4. Prisoners (A20.) in the German OB must set up possessed by Guards 1. All WSR are in effect. EC are Wet with a Mild Breeze from the southwest (A20.5) and may not be voluntarily moved/abandoned by their captor. Mas-Prisoner unit may fire at any enemy unit outside of that Location.

WINGEN-SUR-MODER, FRANCE, 7 January 1945: During the early morning of 7 January 2nd Platoon of Fox Company was ordered to mop up Wingen. Die-hard SS troopers continued to hold out, dug into buildings and basements of some of the houses. With less than twenty men left in the platoon four or five men were assigned to each of the four tanks attached to the platoon to help them clear the last remnants of enemy resistance from the town. Two tanks were assigned as the base of fire while the other two were used as maneuver elements. Along the approach elements of George and Easy joined the attack. Directions of fire were relayed to the tank gunners effectively but artillery, landing too close for comfort but fortuneately in the form of duds, was quickly lifted. Wingen was finally cleared and more captured American soldiers were liberated.

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Add a HMG to the German OB.

1. EC are Wet, with no wind at start.

SCENARIO RULES:

BB2 hexside.

Motion (D2.4).



(only hexrows A-P on board 16 and Y-GG on board 17 are playable)

**OBJECTIVES:** The Germans win at game end if there are no Good Order American MMC in any whole hex of board 17. The Americans win immediately upon amassing  $\geq$  25 CVP.

**Near BARDENBURG, GERMANY 9 October 1944:** As the 119th Regiment advanced further into North Wuerselen, they left behind a company of infantry to hold their line of communication. The company commander, Captain Simmons, deployed his troops around a roadblock that was blocking the road to Bardenburg, and dug in. As dusk fell, the sounds of approaching German halftracks became louder. The halftracks began assaulting the G.I.'s position, but the Americans fought hard and refused to give ground. The Germans withdrew from the outpost after taking heavy casualties. The next morning they attacked again, only this time with tank support.

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2. Prior to all set up, place a Roadblock in hex 17AA2 along the 17AA2-

3. All German infantry must begin play as Passengers (D6.1) and may be

kept offboard on a Cloaking display until they conduct any Concealment

Loss activity or they exit the vehicle. All German vehicles must set up in