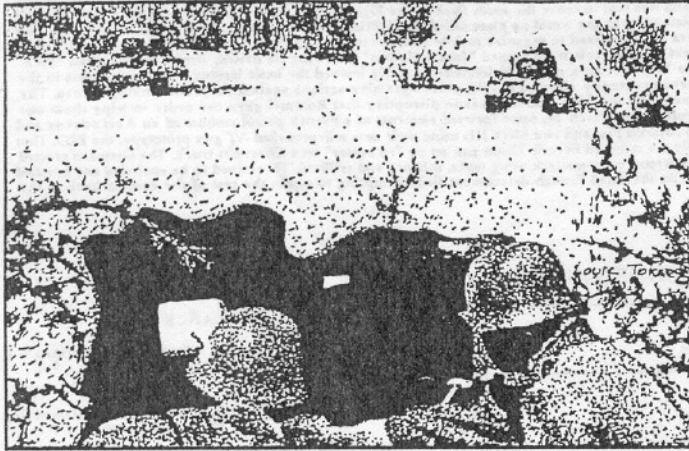


THE FIRST WALTZ

ASL SCENARIO ATP1



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The British win immediately when they exit five tanks off the south edge, including ≥ 2 Matilda I's.

WAILLY, BELGIUM, May 21, 1940: The Blitzkrieg was in full swing, with German armor cutting through the Allied defenses in Belgium, racing for the English Channel. The defenders were disorganized, disagreeing even about how and where to fight. At last the British organized a counterattack, designed to buy time for a proper defense. Coordination with French armored unit failed, but 50th Division's "Frankforce" moved off to hit Rommel's hard-driving 7th Panzer Division in the flank. The 6th and 8th Durham Light Infantry were footsore, poorly led and ill-equipped. The 4th and 7th RTR's Matilda tanks were run down and had no small arms and were festooned with the gear and belongings of the semi-nomadic tankers. In addition, "Frankforce" got a late start, never received their promised air support and lost almost a third of their AFV to breakdowns. Despite this, the attack soon racked impressive gains against the surprised Germans. Off on the left flank, the 7th RTR had miles out in front of the DLI and lost their commander, but threatened to cut Rommel's strung-out division in half.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:

BALANCE:

✚ Exit six tanks, including ≥ 2 Matilda I's.

⊙ German 105's enter on Turn 3.



18		
	91	21

TURN RECORD CHART

✚ GERMAN Sets Up First	⊙ 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	EN
⊙ BRITISH Moves First									

Elements of the 7th Panzer Division [ELR 4]: {SAN 3}

Division AA units, set up in hex 18 X5:

AA M10 20L (6)	2-2-8
3	3

Units of the 42nd AT Art Bn, set up on board 16, on/between hexrows Z and DD

AT M12 37L	2-2-8
3	3

Units of 78th Art Reg, enter on S edge on Turn 2:

ART M10 105	17 T-4 18PP	2-2-8
2	2	2

Elements of 7th Rifle Regt, enter on 18 GG6 on Turn 1:

1 41-6-7	8-0	3-8
4		

Elements of 7th Panzer, enter on 17 I10 on Turn 3:

14 75*	14 37L
2/1	2/1
	2

C.O., 7th Panzer Division, enter on 18 GG6 according to SSR 6:

30 T70 8PP	10-2
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Elements of the 7th Royal Tank Regiment, 1st Tank Brigade [ELR 3] enter N edge of board 16 on Turn 1: {SAN 3}

9 40L	6 CPS	9-1	8-1
6	6		

SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are moderate with no wind at start.
- All British MP are considered printed in red.
- All British crews use (1)-0-6 counters when on foot.
- Any German original TK DR of 4 that does not Shock, Immobilize or destroy a British AFV places a Flame counter on that tank. There can be only one Flame per tank. Flame has no effect on the vehicle's abilities but may become a Blaze in each subsequent APH (treat as a wood building), destroying the AFV. The crew must then immediately Abandon the tank, but without a CS roll.
- No guns may set up HHP. The 37L guns have no special ammo. The German AA guns may not fire without an unwounded 10-2 leader on foot in their location.
- The German 10-2 leader may enter with a reinforcement dr < the number of the current turn.

Aftermath: In addition to overrunning scattered infantry, the 7th RTR's Matilda blasted a number of AT guns and tanks; the German guns useless against the heavy British armor. But Rommel himself rushed back from the head of the division to deal with the threat. Gathering a section of AA guns on a hill overlooking the British advance, Rommel directed them to maintain a steady rain of fire, the stream of shells igniting some of the gear strapped to the hulls of the tanks. Lacking real direction and losing tanks to this and other opposition, the Matildas' drive began to run out of steam. Finally, most of the survivors headed back to the north. Rommel's aide had been killed at his side, and two Matildas had penetrated miles into the 7th Division's rear before a section of 88 flak guns finally knocked them out. And while it exhausted the brigade's tank strength, the attack did slow the previously headlong German advance. But it was not to be the last British encounter with Rommel or the 88's, nor had the Germans seen the last of the redoubtable Matildas.