

HUBE'S POCKET



ASL SCENARIO G



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Germans win immediately by exiting 10 vehicles off the west edge in either one or two Convoys (see SSR 4).

Near BUCHACH, SOUTHERN RUSSIA, 6 April 1944: The March Russian offensive to drive the Germans back to the Carpathian Mountains had been successful. Partially due to Hitler's "stand fast" order, many large German formations were encircled. Among them was the entire First Panzer Army of General Hube. Determined not to be part of another Stalingrad debacle, Hube and Manstein planned a daring breakout. Avoiding the favorable terrain to the south, Hube drove west across forested hills. The terrain was more difficult, and hence was less likely to be the move the Russians would expect. Elements of the elite 2nd SS Panzer Corps would drive eastward to aid in the breakout with a linkup expected in the vicinity of Buchach.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:

BALANCE:

- ☛ In the German Turn 1 OB, add one 6-5-8 and replace the 9-1 armor leader with a 10-2 armor leader.
- ★ In the German Turn 1 OB, delete two 6-5-8s and the 10-2.



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TURN RECORD CHART

☛ GERMAN Moves First [172]	☛ 1 ★	2	3	4	☛ 5	6	7	8	9	10	restart on Turn 11 (1)
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Ele **th SS Panzer Division Frundsberg [ELR: 4] enter on Turn 1 along the west edge of boards 2/5 (see SSR 3): {SAN: 2}**

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Elements of 1st Panzer Army enter per SSR 4:

Ad **ments of 5th Tank Corps [ELR: 3] enter on Turn 1 along the north edge: {SAN: 2}**

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SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are Moderate, with no wind at start.
- The SPW 251/sMG inherent HS is a 3-4-8. German inherent crews have a morale level of 9.
- No German unit may enter any hex of board 4 prior to Turn 2.
- All units of the 1st Panzer Army must enter in Convoy (E11.) on/after Turn 5 (some, none, or all may enter each Turn) along any single road hex along the east edge.

AFTERMATH: The westward thrust caught Zhukov by surprise and he desperately threw anything available in the path of Hube's panzers. His first blocking force, a gaggle from the 1st Tank Army, was swept aside by the 10th SSPanzer Division *Frundsberg*—now little more than a kampfguppe. Hube, with his 200,000 men, was able to pull out and escape the trap—this time.