



Wehrmacht

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HTv BPV:82 WGT:70 RF:1.6 Size: -2 MP-10 GT:NT **CS:5** GP:H MA: 300R*(B9)* ROF:0 No IF BMG:3* Am:H5*, sN9 Notes:101*



101. 38cm Strmsr Sturm-*BMG HD FP ok MA: PFPh only tiger: After the Stalingrad S-F: 19-1151 debacle, the SF: [9-115] No IF IN9 CSS asked for the development of a heavy-gunned mobile

assault howitzer to engage fortified targets with direct fire. Originally a gun of 21cm had been requested as the armament; however, a suitable howitzer could not be made available. In lieu of a 21cm gun, a 38cm submarine rocket projector developed by the German Navy was chosen as the armament. This weapon was mounted in a heavily-armored casemate and mated to a PzKpfw VIE chassis--use of a smaller vehicle was deemed detrimental to the requirements of mobility and protection. As it was, however, the designers reckoned without considering the problems confronting that already-taxed chassis: the weight of the additional armor and gargantuan weapon stretched the word "mobile" to the extreme. Meanwhile, other problems plagued the vehicle on the inside. Due to the large size of the 38cm projectiles, only 12 could be carried (or 13, if one was loaded into the projector tube). The weight of the standard HE projectile (726 lb.) did not lend itself to the fast servicing of targets, or, for that matter, swift reloading once the original ammunition supply was exhausted. Additionally, the projectiles themselves had a rather high dud rate due to the unpredictable nature of the rounds at certain attack angles and on certain types of ground. In spite of these problems, however, the Wehrmacht saw a need for this vehicle and ordered it into production in mid-1944. The 18 Sturmtigers that were completed were assigned to Sturmmörser Companies 1000, 1001, and 1002, and several were in service in time to participate in the Ardennes Offensive. The service life of the Sturmtiger was tainted by an inability to use the vehicle as intended: the role of the Wehrmacht in the last year of the war just did not include heavy offensive cityfighting. As a defensive vehicle, the Sturmtiger was easily bypassed, or abandoned to the enemy due to the lack of a recovery vehicle that could tow it when it broke down.

*The MA of the Sturmtiger may be fired only during the ATTACKER'S PFPh, as indicated by "MA: PFPh only" on the counter. The Sturmtiger's 300R MA uses the C3 To Hit process [EXC: Acquired Target (To Hit Case N) is NA, and use of To Hit Case J is doubled at \leq six hexes], but the R Gun uses the following modifiers on the C4 GUN & AMMO BASIC TO HIT NUMBER MODIFICATIONS Table:

0-12 hexes: 0 13-24 hexes: -1

25+ hexes: -2

A CE Sturmtiger may use Spotted Fire (C9.3-.31); use of Spotted Fire invokes a minimum range of 9 hexes and a maximum range of 115 hexes for the MA, as denoted by "S-F: [9-115]" on the counter. Although the 38cm Rocket MA of the Sturmtiger is not OBA or a "bomb", it does qualify as a Heavy Payload and therefore C.7 is applied to any hit by this weapon. Due to the questionable reliability of the 38cm projectile, any Original IFT or To Kill DR ≥ 10

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is a dud and has no effect. The Sturmtiger's MA can also perform the following actions [EXC: not when using Area Target Type]: vs MINES: The MA can clear mines as



per B28.62, provided it's TH DR would have hit any concealed enemy Infantry in the mined location (even if none are actually present).

1+3+5

vs PILLBOX: The MA can eliminate a pillbox. To do so it must fire (or, if the pillbox is unoccupied, must be treated as if it were firing) at Known enemy Infantry in that pillbox [EXC: TH Case E is NA]. An Original KIA on the IFT eliminates the pillbox (and all it's contents) if that KIA's # is \geq the pillbox TEM applied to the TH

DR. BREACH: The MA can Breach a wall/hedge Breach [EXC: bocage] hexside that lies within it's VCA and that is not parallel to the center hexspine of that VCA, provided the owner declares such an attempt prior to the shot. If the Sturmtiger could claim Wall Advantage over that Breach hexside (even if no enemy unit is present), then it's range to that hexside is "zero" and TH Case E is NA: however, such an attack has no effect [EXC: SAN] on anything other than that hexside. Otherwise the MA must fire (or must be treated as if it were firing) at Known enemy Infantry (even if none were present) directly behind that hexside claiming it's TEM. The maximum range at which such a Breach may be attempted is limited only by the Sturmtiger's TH ability. An Original KIA on the IFT creates a breach (in addition to it's effects--if any--vs enemy Infantry); thereafter, movement/Manhandling across that hexside are treated as per B9.541. The Breach has no other effect.

*300R HEAT has a Basic To Kill number of "33". 300R HE has a Basic To Kill number of "30" vs Armored Targets; vs Unarmored Targets it is "38". Any AFV Target not destroyed by a hit from the 300R MA suffers *automatic* Shock (C7.4) [EXC: Dud (C7.35)], whether the hit was on the "turret" or the hull (in addition to any possible Immobilization result).

The BMG is usable when HD across the VCA, as signified by "BMG HD FP ok" on the counter.

#If using E10 AMMO VEHICLES, E10.2 and E10.21 are NA for the Sturmtiger. The great weight of it's projectiles and the inaccessibility of it's fighting compartment require that any ammo vehicle assigned to a Sturmtiger(s) be used only for replenishment, E10.3 (although at a reduced rate). This will necessitate that the Sturmtiger will have to fire with it's B ⊕ until it suffers Low Ammo Depletion (D3.71)--without benefit of it's ammo vehicle--then replenish it's ammo as per E10.3. When a Sturmtiger's Ammo Vehicle/Ammo Dump makes an Ammunition DR (E10.3), the Ammo Supply counter is removed on a DR \geq 8. The Sturmtiger, despite having a B (9), takes 5 complete turns for replenishment.

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RAMSEY'S CHARGE







On board 35 in hexes 35018/35019/ 350J7/350K8, with a maximum of one

On board 40 IN river hexes adjacent to bank on/between north the river hexrows E and N:







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Reinforcing elements of E Troop, 26th 3 12 Cavalry enter mounted on Turn 3 from the east edge of board 35:



SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Dry with a Mild Breeze from the southwest. PTO Terrain (G.1) is in effect, including Light Jungle. All orchard (palm tree) hexes on Overlay 1 are Huts (G5.) [EXC: 350D5 and 350M6 are palm trees], treating the green orchard blotches as the hut ("building") depictions. The river is shallow and fordable (B21.41) with a slow current running west. A wooden foot bridge (B6.44) is in 4002 and 4003. None of the buildings on board 40 exist.

2. Place Overlays as follows: 1 on 35D2-D1; X6 on 35oJ8; OG1 on 40R1; OG5 on 350M9-oL8; OG2 on 350J10-oK10; OG3 on 40H1-G1.

3. During Turn 1, the first time that each Japanese MMC on board 35 fires at charging cavalry it's IFT DR also serves as a 1MC for that firing Japanese unit.

4. All American units are Stealthy, and all American squads that start the game onboard may freely Deploy prior to the beginning of the game.

AFTERMATH: Lieutenant Edwin Ramsey, at the head of the 1st Platoon of E Troop, was the first to arrive at the village. Upon nearing the village center, the point men were taken under fire by a small group of Japanese passing near the Catholic Church (the only stone building in Morong). At the same time Ramsey observed more Japanese wading the shallow Batolan River, as well as a group heading for a small footbridge. Acting with the insuncts of a cavalryman of old, Ramsey quickly deployed his men and launched a headlong charge at the Japanese. A few stunned defenders fired at the onrushing horsemen, but most fled in confusion towards the river. The charge carried the cavalrymen through to the river where a skirmish line was thrown up to prevent the main Japanese column from crossing. Ramsey then lead the remainder of the platoon back into Morong to deal with the numerous Japanese snipers hidden among the huts and palm trees. A brisk action was fought around the church and the river where the outnumbered Scouts were hard pressed until Captain John Wheeler arrived on the scene with the rest of E Troop. The appearance of the remainder of the cavalry troop turned the tide and the Japanese were driven back. Morong was held until the Philippine 1st Division arrived late that afternoon. Ramsey's charge, the last mounted cavalry charge in U.S. military history, had made the difference.

ASL SCENARIO ASLUG12

ONE-LOG BRIDGE



THE MATANIKAU, GUADALCANAL, 12 September 1942: During the last half of August, the Matanikau River acquired special significance for both the Japanese and Americans. Following the Battle of Edson's Ridge, General Kawaguchi's main body had withdrawn west of the Matanikau. For days, individuals and small groups of Kawaguchi's defeated battalions trickled in. Realizing this, Marine General Vandegrift launched a series of modest operations intended to expell small bodies of Japanese and prevent any large force from establishing itself within striking distance of the Marine perimeter. From August 24-27, the fighting in and around the Matanikau was fierce. The Japanese had checked the Marines at nearly every encounter. A hastily devised plan called for the 1st Raider Battalion, along with C Company, 1/71 Marines, to move up the east bank of the Matanikau, cross at One-Log Bridge (a feature whose structure matched it's name), and attack Matanikau village from the south.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:



TURN RECORD CHART



Only hexrows R-GG are playable.

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J3: Use J2 and delete the MMG from the Japanese OB.

J2: Use J1 and delete SSR 3.

J1: Delete one Foxhole from the Japanese OB.

Al: In spite of the Americans setting up onboard, the Japanese may Boresight all appropriate weapons prior to the American set-up. A2: Use A1 and delete all LMGs from the American OB. A3: Use A2 and delete SSR 4.

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Americans win if they control hexes 34U5, 34V5, and 34W6 at game end.

JAPANESE Sets Up First





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Elements of 1st Raider Battalion [ELR: 5] set up on/east of hexrow CC: {SAN: 3}



SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Wet, with no wind at start. PTO Terrain (G.1) is in effect. The road extending from 34R5-34GG5 is a Path (B13.6); no other Paths exist. The bridge in hex 34U5 is a Foot Bridge (B6.44). The stream is deep.

2. Place Overlays as follows: G1 on 34V7; OG2 on 34V4-W4; and OG1 on 34Y1.

3. \leq one Japanese squad (and all SW/SMC that stack with it) may use HIP (this is in addition to the normal HIP allotment of G1.631).

4. All American units of the 1st Raider Battalion are Stealthy, and 5-5-8 squads may use Assault Fire.

AFTERMATH: As they approached One-Log Bridge, the Raiders came under heavy mortar and machine gun fire from well-positioned Japanese units. After a series of unsuccessful assaults, the Raiders were forced to halt the attack due to heavy casualties.

RAIDERS ON BUTARITARI





BUTARITARI ISLAND, MAKIN ATOLL, 18 August 1942: Two companies (less one section) of Evan Carlson's 20 Marine Raider Battalion were landed on Butaritari by submarine during the night of 17-18 August. Their mission was to destroy the installations on Makin Atoll, and, more importantly, to divert the Japanese High Command's attention from the Guadalcanal landings which had occurred 10 days earlier.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:



HANDICAP:

VICTORY CONDITIONS: To win, the American must control building 6N4 and both pier Locations at game end. Any building/pier Location rubbled or any building Location containing a Blaze is considered permanently controlled by the American.

TURN RECORD CHART

- J3: Use J2 and extend the game length to 9 Turns.
- J2: Use J1 and delete the .50 cal HMG from the Japanese OB.
 - J1: The American Turn 4 reinforcements may enter on/after Turn 3.

- A1: Exchange the Japanese 9-1 Leader for a 10-2 Leader.
- A2: Use A1 and exchange the American 10-3 Leader for a 10-2 Leader.
 - A3: Use A2 and delete the first sentence of SSR 3.

JAPANESE Sets Up First	**	9	2	☆ /	5	2	7	END
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Makin Defense Force [ELR: 3] set up on/south of hexrow K: {SAN: 3}





SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Dry, with a mild breeze blowing toward the northeast. PTO Terrain (G.1) is in effect, including Coral Soil (G13.82) [EXC: all roads exist as roads]. All woods are considered Palm Trees (G4.), and all buildings are wooden. Building 6N4 has a ground level only--upper levels do not exist. Kindling fires is NA for the Japanese.

2. Place Overlays as follows: Bel with hexes 110-109 on 6AA10-AA9; OC1 with hexes 1010-1011 on 119-120; O5 on 6W5-X5; O4 on 6K1-K2; O3 on 6J8-K8; O2 on 6S4-T4; and O1 on 6V2. Place a wooden Pier (G13.7) in hexes 106 and 1008. Beach Slope is Slight.

3. The Japanese may not use HIP. The bulldozer is Abandoned at the beginning of the game.

4. On Turn 5, the Japanese automatically receive Air Support (E7.) in the form of two '42 FB with bombs. Any aircraft remaining onboard are automatically Recalled (E7.24) at the end of Turn 6.

5. All American units are Stealthy, and the 5-5-8 squads may use Assault

Fire. Prior to play, the American player may secretly record two 5-5-8 squads as Assault Engineers (H1.22).

6. The American Radio (which has a B# of 10) may be used only to direct the fire of a single offboard 150mm ART Gun (HE only). Radio Contact must be established and maintained in order for the 150mm Gun to fire. but Battery Access is not necessary. The Gun is firing Indirectly with the Radio operator acting as the Spotter; therefore, C9.3-.31 apply [EXC: it is not necessary to use the Area Target Type; the +2 DRM for Spotted Fire does not apply]. The Final ROF of the 150mm Gun is 1, and it will never malfunction; Intensive Fire is NA for this Gun. For To Hit purposes, the range to all targets is considered to be 12 hexes. Normal To Hit DRM apply in all cases (including possible acquisition).

AFTERMATH: The landing was scattered due to the heavy surf, with one boat coming to ground behind the governors house. The wayward Raiders moved past the defender's positions to link up with the main body. Making use of a captured buildozer and the supporting fire of the submarines offshore, the Marines proceeded to carry out their mission. The results of this raid, however, caused the Japanese to fortify their other islands, a move that was to cost the Marines many lives in later assaults. In fact, the heavy price in lives paid by the Marines at Tarawa was a direct result of the Makin raid.

TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Americans win if they control six of the seven multi-hex buildings at game end, provided the Americans have not suffered \geq 34 Casualty VP. While not allowed to set-up in all buildings, the German is considered to control all buildings on/north of hexrow U at start.

TURN RECORD CHART

OBEREMBT, GERMANY, 25 February 1945: As a part of it's contribution to Operation GRENADE, the U.S. 30th Infantry Division had adopted their own style of infantry blitzkrieg. With German units withdrawing across their front to escape the attacks of the 29th Infantry Division, the 30th found itself in the enviable position of attacking units that were deployed to defend against attacks from another direction. This, coupled with their 'round the clock attacks. enabled "Old Hickory" to make spectacular advances on the days following the crossing of the Roer river. Having taken the towns of Steinstrass and Lich on the afternoon of the second day, the 30th bounded forward again to assault Oberembt, hoping to catch the defenders unprepared.



BERMAN Sets Up First

☆ AMERICAN Moves First



SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Moist, with no wind at start. Rowhouses are *not* in effect; treat all Rowhouses as normal multi-hex two story houses (i.e., treat the black bar as a normal part of the building). Kindling fires is NA.

2. Due to the gathering darkness, a +1 Twilight LV Hindrance is in effect for all LOS/fire at hexes/targets \geq the Twilight Initial Range. This Twilight Initial Range is seven hexes for Turn 1 and is lowered by one on each subsequent game turn, as denoted by the circled number on the Turn Record Chart.

3. No German unit may set-up in a building [EXC: \leq two squad equivalents of squads/HS (and any SW they possess) may set-up in any building(s) in the set-up area]. German units may not be stacked during their initial set-up, and no more than two German MMC may set-up per

hexrow. All German CA/VCA/TCA must face northwest during their initial set-up, and all German Guns/vehicular Guns/units possessing SW [EXC: Inherent SW] must have a LOS off the west board edge. No German unit may be concealed/HIP during the first Player Turn. During initial set-up, the German player may place \leq four "-2 Labor" counters on any units eligible to entrench.

4. The Pz IVJ is equipped with Schuerzen (D11.2).

AFTERMATH: Launching their attack as the light of day gave way to night, the surprise that was hoped for was achieved by the men of "Roosevelt's SS." With the German defenders of Oberembt expecting the American attack to come from the west the next morning, they were swiftly overwhelmed by the fast-moving Americans. 168 prisoners were taken, many of whom said that they had only just arrived to begin work on their defensive preparations. It was becoming clear that the German divisions from the Roer to the Rhine were nearly spent, and that soon only that last great river obstacle would stand between the western allies and the heart of Germany.



The river is not a water obstacle (i.e., it is Dry), and is treated as a Valley (B22.); all blue-color river hexes are Sand (F7.). A unit need never take a Sand Bog DR (F7.31) if in an Open Ground hex accessible to a Sand hex. The TEM of a foxhole in Sand is not halved.

3. No British unit may be a Rider (D6.2). The British may pre-record one Lee(a) as having functioning Gyrostabilizers (D11.1). The printed ROF of all Lee(a) tanks is raised by one (+1) if the AFV is CE. Interrogation (E2.) is in effect [EXC: Civilian Interrogation (E2.4)].

4. At the option of the Japanese player, once during the scenario, any one Japanese leader may become Heroic without the application of Heat of Battle Japanese leader may become heroic without the application of heat of Battie (i.e., the Japanese player need only declare the leader as Heroic) when he is able to make an attack vs an AFV as if he were a T-H Hero (G1.423). The SSR-created Hero must then attack the AFV, either through the use of normal CC vs an AFV (A11.6)/CC Reaction Fire (D7.2) with a CCV of 2 [EXC: the Hero may not make a combined attack with another unit vs that AFV; use of ATMM (G1.4231) is NA], or must, if the AFV is CE, attack the AFV's CE crew by expending one MF [EXC: two MF if the AFV is moving/in Motion] to mount the AFV (i.e., to become a Rider) [EXC: during a Japanese APA, the Hero may mount the AFV if he begins the phase ADJACENT to it] and attack/be attacked by the crew with non-sequential [EXC: Ambush] Hand-toand C on the following table (all CC DRM not marked with a "*" are applicable [EXC: those with "×4" modifiers are NA]; additionally, there is a +1 DRM if the attacker is Wounded/Stunned/STUNNED):

	Hero attacks		Crew attack
DR:	Lee(a)	Carrier	on Hero:
≤ 4	KIA	KIA	KIA
5	Recall ²	Recall ²	KIA
6	Recall ²	Stun	Wounded ⁴
7	Stun	NE ³	Wounded 4
≥ 8	NE ³	NE ³	NE ³

Sunken Road. Kindling fires is NA.

' Mark the vehicle with an "Abandoned" counter; the vehicle is immediately captured if the Hero is still present on/in it.

² Mark the vehicle with a "STUN" counter (crew may still attack in CC with this "STUN" counter on, but receives the STUN +1 DRM); flip this counter to it's "Recall; +1" side at the end of the CCPh in which the "Melee/CC" counter is removed.

No effect. Melee continues (unless other side eliminated).

⁴ Must make a Wound Severity dr as per A17.11.

Withdrawl is NA for this Melee. The Japanese Hero need not Bail Out if the vehicle he is a Rider on changes it's TCA. If the Hero mounts the AFV to vehicle he is a Rider on changes it's TCA. If the Hero mounts the AFV to make his attack on the CE crew, both the Hero and the CE crew are vulnerable to fire [EXC: the crew still receives the +2 CE DRM] until the beginning of the second CCPh of their Melee (assuming there is a second Melee); thereafter, neither the Hero or the crew are considered CE (i.e., they are inside the vehicle) [EXC: if the Hero attacks the Carrier, the Hero and the vehicle) [EXC: if the Hero receives the +2 CE DRM after the beginning of their second CCPh in Melee]. Once the "Melee" counter is placed, the vehicle may not move or fire in any way [EXC: the 75 SA of a Lee(a) may fire normally until the beginning of the second CCPh of the Melee (this is an exception to A7.212)]; if the vehicle is in Motion, it immediately (this is an exception to A7.212)]; if the vehicle is in Motion, it immediately Stops concurrent with the placement of the "Melee" counter. The Hero is *not* eliminated upon completion of his CC attack (i.e., G1.425 is NA for this Hero). If the Hero eliminates the vehicle/vehicle crew in CC, or becomes engaged in CC by any *Personnel* prior to attacking an AFV through the application of this SSR, he immediately reverts to "normal" Hero status.

AFTERMATH: Tasked with clearing the area around Myintha, the tanks from A Squadron of the Carabiniers stopped to engage a Japanese target in a chaung. As the tanks fired away, two Japanese soldiers darted from nearby cover and mounted the tank of Captain Cornaby, the Squadron adjutant. A burst of fire felled one of the attackers, but the other, brandishing a sword, ran Capt. Cornaby through. As Cornaby fell fatally wounded into his turret, the Japanese officer followed him in and likewise killed his gunner. The loader, Trooper Jenkins, emptied his revolver into the berserk swordsman, but to no avail: the Japanese officer was at Jenkins next. As they struggled, Jenkins grasped another revolver and finally managed to kill his opponent. In the hull, the 75mm gun crew fired away at their target. unaware of the calamity occurring in the turret. Meanwhile, more Japanese infantry assaulted the tanks but were cut down before they could do any damage; not so of the 47mm anti-tank gun that opened fire from a concealed position, however, knocking out two tanks. Another tank bogged in the sand of the chaung after the destruction of the AT gun, and unable to recover it, the crew rendered it useless to the enemy as the attack was ended for the day. Short several tanks, 3td Carabiniers drew into leaguer to rest and replenish for the next day's work, knowing that they would again face the enemy without the aid of the Bombay Grenadiers—a mistake for which they had paid dearly on the trail to Mandalay.

DESERT CITADEL

ASL SCENARIO ASLUG8







Elements of Ariete Armored Division [ELR: 3] enter from the south edge on Turn 1: {SAN: 2}

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Enter from the south edge on Turn 2 (see SSR 5):





SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Very Dry, with no wind at start. Light Dust (F11.71) is in effect. All Hammada hexes are considered Scrub (F2.).

2. Place overlay H2 on 31U4-U5.

3. No group of adjacent/contiguous trench hexes may contain more than three trench counters, and the trenches may not be set up HIP. The Sangars may set up HIP in Concealment Terrain, and are not revealed until the Gun in it looses concealment or a non-Dummy enemy unit enters it's Location. All Guns must be set-up in Sangars.

4. Boresighting is NA.

5. All Italian Personnel must enter as Passengers/Riders on motorcycles.

AFTERMATH: The first attack wave consisted of about fifty tanks which crashed through the southern defenses at about 0900. While the attack was delivered with considerable elan, anti-tank guns and the mine fields took a considerable toll. Some tanks managed to break into the position, bearing down on a company command post where Captain Otte remained in control until a tank, only 15 meters away, put a shell through the roof of the fortification. With this encouragement, Otte burned his company's fanion to prevent it from being captured. His concern was premature, however, as the marauding tanks were dealt with by 75mm artillery pieces firing from close range. The Italian attack faltered. Later a second attack met with even less success. By 1000 hours the Italians had withdrawn from the field; Bir Hacheim, however, was to endure many more attacks, both Italian and German, over the next several days. The Free French withstood all that the Afrika Korps could send their way, and abandoned the Bir Hacheim position only upon orders from the British, when it was realized that the Gazala Line could not be held.

ASL SCENARIO ASLUG7





French North Africa, the Allies made a general drive for Tunis, and General Nehring, the German in charge of the Axis Tunisian bridgehead, was forced to scrape together units to slow the Allied advance. As the Allies gained momentum, they fought skirmishes against the various German and Italian formations in the area, sometimes attacking, sometimes defending, but always pushing the thread-bare Axis forces back. Initial casualties to both sides were heavy. The poor weather worked to Nehring's advantage, however, since most of the Allied tactical air support was grounded due to the condition of their airfields. The predominantly all-weather airfields of the Luftwaffe, on the other hand, ensured that German air support was available, and it played a large role in helping to blunt the Allied drive on Tunis. One such airfield was just east of Djedeïda--a mere dozen miles from Tunis--and on the 25th of November it had suffered the ignominious distinction of being overrun by a reconnoitering company of American light tanks. The Americans, however, lacking orders to hold the airfield (and the infantry with which to accomplish such a task), had left the field to the Germans upon their withdrawl. Three days later, the mixed British and American battlegroup known as "Hart Force" was tasked with capturing and holding Djedeïda and it's accompanying airfield; likewise, the German paratroopers of Kampfgruppe Witzig had orders to avoid the embarrassment of the earlier engagement. With the British infantry of the 50 Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment riding the American M3 Lee tanks of 200 Battalion, 13th Armored Regiment, the attack began in the early afternoon following



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#### SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Wet, with no wind at start. Treat all orchard hexes as Olive Groves (F13.5). All rowhouses have a ground level only.

2. Place overlays as follows: O2 on 10EE8-DD8; O3 on 35FF2-FF3; O4 on 10FF8-FF7: O5 on 10FF4-EE4; and X7 on 10Y5.

3. German Air Support is available in the form of one '42 FB without bombs, however, the Germans may not make an Air Support dr until Turn 4. At the end of Turn 6, any FB on the board is Recalled, and no further Air Support is possible.

4. The British receive one module of 76mm battalion mortar OBA (HE and Smoke) with Normal Ammunition, directed by an Offboard Observer at Level 5 in any westedge hex secretly recorded prior to German set-up.

5. The M3 tanks are American (with American crews), and the appropriate rules/ counters should be used accordingly. The American AFV crews are inexperienced (D3.45). All American AFVs have functioning Gyrostabilizers (D11.1). In spite of the fact that it is not yet 1943, all British/American Personnel may be Riders.

6. All British SMC/MMC are equipped with Gammon Bombs as an Inherent SW. Use of a Gammon Bomb requires a Gammon Bomb Check dr ≤ 4 (made immediately prior water mark of the Allied drive on Tunis in 1942. General Nehring had managed to hold his to any MF expenditure necessary for placement); a HS/crew/CX unit has a +1 drm Tunisian bridgehead with the limited forces at his disposal; in a week it would be he who (+2 drm for a SMC) to its Gammon Bomb Check dr. If the Gammon Bomb Check dr is was on the attack to throw the Allies off balance in their African adventure

an Original 6, the unit is Pinned (even if berserk). Aside from the need for a Gammon Bomb Check dr, a Gammon Bomb is treated exactly as if it were a DC for all purposes [EXC: it has a FP factor of 16, and a TK# of 10 vs armored targets; Non-elite Personnel are not penalized when using a Gammon Bomb; a Gammon Bomb may not be Set]. If used for Breaching (B23.711) purposes, a Gammon Bomb uses a FP factor of 30 (instead of 16). Additionally, a Gammon Bomb may be used in CC vs a vehicle exactly as if it were an ATMM [EXC: the Gammon Bomb Check dr may differ], adding a -3 DRM to the CC attack by the unit.

AFTERMATH: "Hart Force" attacked Djederda village with the Northamptonshires moving in line; C and D companies on the left, transported by the American tanks, and A and B companies on the right, advancing along the drainage ditch and rail line in the cover of the olive grove. The Germans waited until the Allied force was at very close range before springing their ambush; several of the tank riders were killed, and the American tankers. psychologically unprepared for the capabilities of the enemy they now faced, beat a hasty retreat when an 88mm anti-aircraft gun opened fire and destroyed several tanks. The Northamptonshires regrouped, and with the tanks providing covering fire from a discreet distance, resumed the assault; this attack too, failed short of the village. Another attack was scheduled for the next day, but the Germans had since been reinforced, and beat off the combined attack, mounting even heavier air strikes against the Allied force. These attacks against Djederda, along with the bumbled amphibious landing of the 1st Commando west of Bizerie and air drop of the 200 Parachute Battalion south of Tunis, proved to be the high-

# ONE STEP FORWARD





DURY, FRANCE, 27 May 1940: The newly formed French 7ème Armée had ordered "one step forward" along the whole of it's front. Although this was not too difficult on the right wing, it was almost impossible on the left, as the Germans were determined to hold the bridgeheads they had won south of the Somme. Over a period of four days the French, as well as the British, had been attacking the Amiens and Abbeville bridgeheads with little or no success. On the morning of the 27th of May the attack towards Amiens was resumed. Along the way the French encountered the Germans at the town of Dury.

### **BOARD CONFIGURATION:**



# TURN RECORD CHART

ASL SCENARIO ASLUG6

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#### HANDICAP:

G3: Use G2 and increase game length to 8 Turns.
G2: Use G1 and replace one 37L AT Gun with an ATR and a DC.
G1: Replace the French 9-1 Leader with a 9-2 Leader.
F1: Add an ATR to the German OB.
F2: Use F1 and replace the German 9-1 Leader with a 9-2 Leader.

F3: Use F2 and delete one S35 from the French OB.

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The French must control all multi-hex buildings on board 17 by game end.





Elements of 19ème BCC and 7ème Cuirassée of the 7ème DLC [ELR: 3] set up on boards 17/19, on/north of hexrow BB: {SAN: 2}



### SPECIAL RULES:

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

2. Place overlays as follows: X7 on 17V1; X9 on 17L4; X11 on 17W6-W5; X13 on 17M7-N6; and X14 on 17T6-U7.

AFTERMATH: At 0950 five infantry battalions of the 7ème DLC attacked, supported by Renualt D2s of the 19ème BCC and SOMUA S35s of the 7ème Cuirassée. As before the fighting was costly and the progress small. Dury was taken, but afterwards the German artillery replied furiously, soon backed by the Luftwaffe. At 1600 the attack was stopped and the 7ème DLC was ordered to consolidate the ground gained. The few remaining S35s were left to support the division, but the 19ème BCC, which had lost eight tanks, was withdrawn to the rear. The Amiens bridgehead remained intact.

3. The French AFVs may set-up in Motion.

#### SHOOTOUT AT SINGLING

#### ASL SCENARIO ASLUG5



VICTORY C ONDITIONS: The Americans win if they accumulate *more* VP than the Germans. Casualty VP are awarded normally to each side [EXC: prisoners do not count as double Casualty VP]. The Germans also receive the Casualty VP equivalent of all *unbroken* German units on board 21 at game end. The American receives VPs for the control of multi-hex buildings on board 21 at game end: each multi-hex building is worth Vps equal to the number of ground level Locations it contains [EXC: building 2114 is worth 10 VP to the Americans].

#### TURN RECORD CHART

**SINGLING, FRANCE, 6 December 1944:** After the failure at Arnheim, the main Allied effort in the west was concentrated upon improving logistics and gaining control of the approaches to the port of Antwem and jumping-off points along the German frontier. The operations undertaken to achieve these goals often incited tank versustank skimishes. On the evening of 5 December, C Company of the 37th Tank Battalion approached the village of Singling and was struck by a fusilkade of fire from tanks and anti-tank guns hidden in the town. W ithin a few minutes five Shermans were knocked out and nine more were crippled by artillery fire after bogging in the soft ground. On the morning of the 6th, the Americanstried again. As the sun climbed into the sky, Captain Leach s B Company of the 37th and Lieutenant Belden s B Company of the 51st Armored Infantry Battalion charged towards Singling across the same sodden ground as the ill-fated C Com pany.

#### **BOARD CONFIGURATION:**

#### HANDICAP:

- G3: Use G2 and exchange an American 8-1 leader for an American 9-2 lead er.
- G2: Use G1 and add a 6-6-7 squad and M3 Halftrack.to the American OB.
  - G1: All American M4A3(76)W tanks have an APCR Deletion Number of 5 (6 counting Elite Status, SSR 5).
- - A1: Adda PSK to the initial German OB.
  - A2: U se A1 and dele te the 9-2 Armor Leader from the American OB.
  - A3: Use A2 and add a 9-1 Amor leader to the initial German OB.



Only hexrows A-BB (inclusive) on board 21 and hexrows F-GG on board 17 are playable.



#### **Special Rules:**

1. EC are Moderate, with no wind at start. None of the roads are paved. Kindling fires is NA.

2. Each graveyard hex on board 21 is treated as an orchard hex. All rowhouses are one hex single story buildings: the black bars are treated as open ground with VBM being allowed along black bar hexsides; VPs are not award ed for their control. All buildings that would nor mally contain a ground, 1st and 2nd level have only a ground and 1st level, as well as having an inherent stairwell in each hex [EXC: hex 2114 does contain a 2nd level]. The Y9/Y 10 hex side on board 21 is considered Open Ground for all purposes (i.e., the wall does notexist on that one hexside), and the road also connects hexes 21Y9 and 21Y10.

3. Prior to German set-up the **Am**erican must secretly record **two** pre-registe **red** hexes, both of **wh**ich must be visible to an Offboard Observer at Level 3 in any one hex along the south edge of b oard 17. One W P fire mission (which must be used during the PFPh of turn 1) is available for each pre-registered hex (Barrage is NA). No radio contact/battery accessis necessary: place the AR counters, roll for ac curacy/error, and place the WP FFEs (which are lost if their entire Blast Area lands offboard). Once the FFE:1s have been resolved, remove them from the board: no further artillery actions possible.

4. The Germans may use HIP for one squad/equivalent and any SMC/SW that stacks with it.

5. The American force is considered elite. All American Infantry must enter as Pass engers/R iders. The M3(MMG) halftrack inherent squad (see American Vehicle Note 30) is a 6-6-7. Any two American tanks may be pre-recorded as having functioning Gyrostab ilizers (D11.1).

6. AFV crews may not voluntarily abandon their vehicles.

**AFTERMATH:** Leach and Belden m ade a run f or the houses under the cover of a dense White Phosphorus b arrage. As the leading Sherma ns reached the outskirts of tow n, the German infantry ducked into the cover of the houses. A g ame of hide and seek between the opposing vehicles began. The Germans drew first blood, but were distracted enough to allow the American infantry to reach the center and east edge of the village. A two-tiered battle ensued: tanks batted in the streets while the American infantry tried to round up the Germans as well as do a little tank hunting of their own (they managed to cripple one Jagdpanzer and forced its crew to bail out). At a crucial point in the battle, Sgt. Fitzgerald craftily maneuvered his Sherman around a corner and used 76mm H VAP rounds to destroy two Panthers which had been ripping apart houses with point blank fire. As the battle progressed, tank gunfire from covered positions produced a stalemate. With nighfall approaching, the Americans withdrew leaving 20 knocked out tanks behind. The Germans had lost three AFVs.



#### ASL SCENARIO ASLUG4

#### **CAMP NIBEIWA**





Elements of 1/6th Rajputana Rifles and 2nd Cameron Highlanders, 4th Indian Division with elements of 7th Royal Tank Regiment [ELR: 3) set up on boards 30/31 [S AN: 4]:



#### **Special Rules:**

1. EC are Dry, with a Mild B reeze from the northwe st at start. Light Dust (F11.71) is in effect, a change in wind strength will not reduce the DLV Dust below Light Dust (EXC: unless the B3 Handicap is in effect - if Light Dust then comes into effect it can be decreased to no dust).

2. Place Overlays as follows: **D1** on 29T 3-T2; **D6** on 29O 7-O8; **D5** on 28P 5-P6; **H3** on 28X1-Y2; and **H6** on 28EE5-EE6. During his setup, the locations of Overlays **S2** and **S6** are secretly recorded by the Italian player anywhere on boards 28/29 [EX C: they must be placed so that they cover *only* Open Ground (i.e., they may not be placed o ver any Hamm ada/Scrub/other Ov erlays)]; these Overlays are revealed whenever a British unit enters a hex ADJACE NT to them, or at any point prior to that at the Italian player s discretion.

3. A road (F9.3) runs from 28GG1 to 28N10 (inclusive).

4. A pre-game Bombardment (C18) is conducted on boards 28/29 on/east of hexrows R.

5. Britis h infant ry may not enter boards 2 8/29 u ntil a Britis h Mph begins in which there are no mobile Italian vehicles west of hexrow Q on boards 28/29, or Turn 3, whiche ver comes first.

6. For the Italian units that must set-up in hex 28BB1, the 10-2 leader must be set up in the Pillbox, and the 2-4-7 HS and HM G must be set-up in the Trench; no other Italian units may set-up in hex 28BB1. The Italian Armor SupportGroup must be placed *in the s anga rs*, with all CA (as applicable) facing west.

**AFTERMATH:** Matilda IIs from 7th RTR spearheaded the attack and quickly destroyed 25 Italian medium and lighttanks parked outside the main perimeter. The Matildas then engaged the Italian artillery and infantry at close range. British infantry followed up the M atildas and mopped up the more stubborn p ockets of resistance. Early in the fighting the Italian group commander, General M aletti, was killed by tank machine gun fire as he exited his bunker. The successful British misdirection and the blow to Italian morale caused by the loss of General Maletti provided all the advantage that the British would need. After two hours of hard fighting they had the entire camp wellin hand and had captured over 4000 orisoners.

#### A TOUGH NUT TO CRACK

#### ASL SCENARIO ASLUG3



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Australians win immediately by exiting 12 squad equivalents off the north board edge. Each building location controlled by the Australians and each Pillbox eliminated/controlled by the Australians reduces the number of squad equivalents needed by one; each AFV eliminated increases the number of squad equivalents needed by one.

GIROPA POINT, 3 MILES EAST OF Buna, New Guinea, 1 January, 1943: General MacArthur, furious at the perceived inability of his commanders to crack the Japanese fortified positions surroun ding Buna, relieved his top field officers and placed General Eichelberger in command. MacArthur's last words to Eichelberger were "Capture Buna or don't come back alive!" Eichelberger s predecessors and his Australian counterparts had run into a "tough nut to crack". The Japanese had put together a fortified position around a coconut plantation on Giropa Point, just east of Buna, that had held against repeated allied assaults. General Wooten, the Australian Area Commander, was awaiting fresh troops from the AIF 18th Brigade and armor support from Milne Bay before resum ing the attack on Janu ary 1st. Eichelberger, in an attempt at grabbing the glory, threw two companies of the 128th Regiment, 32^{ad} Division at the Japanese. They were alm ost immediately stalled and came under such intense fire that the unit was unable to support the Australian attack scheduled for the next morning.

#### **BOARD CONFIGURATION:**



- J3: UseJ2 and delete one DC from the Japanese OB. J2: UseJ1 and delete one HMG from the Japanese OB. J1: Increase game length to 10 turns
- - A1: Exchange on Japanese HMG for a .50 cal HMG.
- A2: Use A1 and reduce the number of AFVs in the Australian OB to four (4).
  - Australian OB to four (4). A3: Use A2 and change "12" to "15" in the Victory Conditions.







#### **Special Rules:**

1. EC are Wet, with a Mild Breeze from the north at start. PTO terrain (G.1) is in effect, including Light Jungle. All buildings are ground level only; Tunnels are NA. The ground is considered softfor Bog purposes. Kindling fires is NA.

2. Place O verlays as follows: X14 on 35AA4-Z3, and X13 on 35BB7-CC7.

3. Four of the 1+3+5 Pillboxes and one of the 2+3+5 Pillbox es must be set up on-board (i.e., non-HIP) at start; their contents, if any, may use HIP normally via the application of either G1.631/G1.632. Only one Pillbox/Foxhole counter may set up per hex.

4. The Australians receive one module of 88 mm OBA which may fire HE or Smoke.

**AFTERMATH:** The Australians jumped off after a brief artillery barage and with the armor in the lead soon ran into the line of Japan ese pillboxes. With the help of the armor, the Australians were able to crack the heretofore impregnable Japanese defenses. The Stuarts were used as battering rams to knock holes in the pillboxes through which the infantry would place a jury rigged demolition charge and a can of petrol. The ensuing explosion and fire would usually be enough for the Japanese holed-up in the fortifications. Two hours after the assault began, the lead Australian elements had reached the beach.



SPECIAL RULES:

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1. EC are Overcast (E3.5) with no wind at start. Falling Snow (E3.71) will occur (instead of Rain) on a Wind Change DR  $\geq$  10. Ground Snow (E3.72) is in effect. All printed roads are paths [EXC: the 6Y1-6Y6-6Y10-32W5-32Y10 road *does* exist], and all bridges are fords. All Sunken Roads are Gullies. The gaps ("gates") in the wall at 6W9-6X9 and 6Q9-6Q10 do eviet exist.

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2. The roadblock may not be set up HIP

All German units and the American 7-4-7 squads and 9-1 Leader have Winter Camouflage (E3.712).

4. All buildings are wooden [EXC: building 6N4 is stone, with a +4 TEM]. No vehicle may set-up in/enter (even using Bypass) any hex of building 6N4.

Scenario Design: Gary Fortenberry

All American units are considered Elite. The M3(MMG) Halftrack inherent squad (see American Vehicle Note 30) is a 6-6-7.

AFTERMATH: Colonel Cherry and his ad hoc troops continued to doggedly maintain their hold on the chateau. By nightfall, however, the chateau roof was burning and there were other fires throughout the building. Cherry and his men pulled out of the building and moved to Mont to join the right flank of the 5011 Parachute Infantry. insisting "we're not driven out...we were burned out. We're not withdrawing...we are moving."

#### **BEYOND THE PAKFRONTS**





VICTORY CONDITIONS: To win the Russians must-during a hypothetical Russian PFPh occurring immediately after the end of the last CCPh (i.e., with no ensuing RPh)—be able to put a total of sixty FP factors into hex 33Y10. For purposes of reaching sixty FP factors, Smoke/CH/multiple ROF/PBF/TPBF are NA [EXC: PBF (not TPBF) is applicable for SMC/MMC/SW only]; a hit is assumed for all Ordnance weapons in LOS if they could hit a non-moving Infantry/Area Target in the hex with a Final DR  $\leq$  7, and all Special Ammunition available at the moment of summation may be assumed to be in use.

#### TURN RECORD CHART

South of VERKHOPENYA, RUSSIA, 8 July 1943: The fourth day of the battle for the Kursk salient found the German Grossdeutschland Division still pushing north towards Syrtsevo and Verkhopenya against strong Soviet resistance. That morning, a fierce Soviet counterattack by a Tank Brigade south of the fortified town of Syrtsevo was repulsed by the guns of Grossdeutschland's Tiger company. As the weight of the German attack on the fortified locality of Syrtsevo increased, the Soviet defense began to crumble. The surviving Soviet units pulled out of the line across the river Pena, leaving Syrtsevo to the Germans. With the bulk of Grossdeutschland mopping up the fortifications in and about Syrtsevo, the division's reconnaissance battalion was tasked with continuing north and, taking advantage of the confusion, holding a corridor open to the town of Verkhopenye--where a bridge across the Pena was still intact.



#### SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Moist, with a Mild Breeze from the west at start.

2. The A-T mines may not be set up in a road hex [EXC: they may be used as a Daisy Chain (B28.531) in a road hex].

3. Use British Lee(a) counters as Russian AFV. The 37LL MA may fire HE and Canister as if the scenario were dated 1944; however, use of gyrostabilizer and smoke dischargers is NA. Treat all Lee(a) tanks as having the 2* AAMG.

All German Personnel must enter as Passengers/Riders. The SPW 250/sMG inherent HS (see German Vehicle Note 58) is a 2-4-8 HS. All German vehicles [EXC: SPW 251/1, StuG IIIG] start the scenario manned by an Inherent Infantry (i.e., 2-2-8) crew; such crews retain all vehicular crew capabilities if they leave their vehicle for any reason. Any German vehicle whose crew voluntarily abandons it retains an Inherent Driver.

5. The Germans receive one module of 80+mm Battalion Mortar OBA (with Plentiful Ammunition) that can fire HE and Smoke only.

AFTERMATH: Beyond the *pakfronts* and fortified locality of Syrtsevo, the situation turned fluid and the reconnaissance battalion found itself in a pursuit--something that hadn't happened in the past four days. Elements of the recon unit arrived at their first objective, a crossroads just south of Verkhopenya, and began the task of securing the surrounding woods and outbuildings. Due to the lack of supporting infantry, the crews had to dismount from their vehicles to mop up the scattered Soviet resistance. With sudden fury, the Soviets counterattacked with a Tank Brigade. Lacking the heavy weapons necessary to battle the Soviet tanks, the reconnaissance unit had to rely on the support of the *Grossdeutschland Sturmgeschuze* battalion for protection. For three hours the battle raged, but in the end, the German assault guns accounted for thirty-five Soviet tanks--both T-34s and Lend-Leased American M-3 Lees--which littered the battlefield after the attack died down that evening. Verkhopenya and it's bridge over the Pena fell that night, putting *Grossdeutschland* halfway to Oboyan, it's first objective on the path north to Kursk.

# KICKING ASSENGES

## ASL SCENARIO ASLUG24









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# PATTON'S PRAYERS

## ASL SCENARIO ASLUG23





WARNACH, BELGIUM, 23 December 1944: To open the attack on the morning of the 23d, Patton had ordered his chaplain, Father O'Neill, to pray for good weather. The good Father responded with a prayer, and the day dawned crisp and clear. The men of the 4th Armored Division knew that fighter-bombers would be in the air to help them, and they charged forward with renewed vigor. Their immediate goal was the town of Warnach, where the Germans of the embattled 5th Parachute Division waited on the frozen ground.

# **BOARD CONFIGURATION:**



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Americans win at game end if they can clear a continuous road, free of rubble, from any road entrance hex on the south edge of board 6 to 3Q1. To be considered clear, there can be no Good Order German MMC in or ADJACENT to any of the continuous road hexes.

### TURN RECORD CHART

#### HANDICAP:

- G3: Use G2 and on Turn 1 the Americans automatically receive Air Support in the form of one '44 FB with bombs. G2: Use G1 and increase the game length to 51/3 Turns. G1: Add a 9-2 Armor Leader to the American OB. A1: Exchange one German 8-0 Leader for a 9-1 Leader. A2: Use A1 and add a PSK to the German OB.
  - A3: Use A2, add a HMG to the German OB, and exchange one German 8-0 Leader for a 9-2 Leader.



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4. All American squads may freely Deploy prior to set-up. Prior to play the American may secretly record two tanks as having functioning

5. The M3(MMG) Halftrack inherent squad (see American Vehicle Note 30) is a 6-6-7 squad (or it's 3-4-7 HS if the American player chooses to Deploy the squad); this is in addition to the squads received in the

AFTERMATH: The German defenders held their fire until the Americans were upon the village and had to cease their artillery barrage. The brave paratroopers then leapt from hiding and viciously attacked the American tanks with panzerfausts. Like so many such battles, the Americans eventually overwhelmed their enemy. But a high price was paid by the attackers on this day, and Father O'Neill returned to the more conventional role of a chaplain during wartime: providing comfort for the wounded, and prayers for the dead.

# THRUST FOR A BRIDGEHEAD

## ASL SCENARIO ASLUG22





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MARTELANGE, BELGIUM, 22 December 1944: The German 5th Parachute Division under Colonel Ludwig Heilman drew the undesirable task of blocking the American 4th Armored Division's drive north to relieve Bastogne. The first obstacle Heilman offered was the town of Martelange, it's bridges crossing the Sure River blown, and the access to it's crossing points somewhat shielded by the terrain. Heilman chose a company of his 15th Regiment for the defense of Martelange, supported by several self-propelled guns. But Brigadier General Herbert Earnest, commander of Combat Command A of the 4th Armored Division, meant to carry out the orders that he had from Patton, and smash on through.

# BOARD CONFIGURATION:

HANDICAP:



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Americans win immediately upon scoring  $\ge 35$ Casualty VP.

## TURN RECORD CHART

- - G3: Use G2 and delete one StuG IIIG from the German OB.
- G2: Use G1 and add one M3(HMG) Halftrack to the American OB.
  - G1: Delete one German 8-0 Leader from the German OB.
- A1: In the Victory Conditions, change "≥ 35" to "≥ 40".
- $A_2$ : Use A1 and allow  $\leq$  one German squad
- (and any SW/SMC that stack with it) to set up HIP.
  - A3: Use A2 and delete one M4A3E2 from the American OB.

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Elements of Fallschirmjäger Regiment 15. and Fallschirmjäger Sturmgeschütz Brigade 11. [ELR: 2] set up south of the river, but east of the stream: {SAN: 5}

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Scenario Design: Mark C. Nixon

### SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Wet, with no wind at start. Ground Snow (E3.72) is in effect.

2. The stream is deep, and the bridges in hexes 22R7 and 22K2 do not exist. The stream is not frozen, but it is a frigid Water Obstacle (B20.7). Any German units which enter the stream are eliminated. Broken German units are not forced to rout into the stream. The river is deep, and has a Moderate Current flowing to the east. The river is not frozen, but it is a frigid Water Obstacle (B20.7).

3. The M3(MMG) Halftrack inherent squads (see American Vehicle Note 30) are 6-6-7 squads (or 3-4-7 HS if the American player chooses to

Deploy the squads); these are in addition to the squads received in the American OB.

4. The American force is considered Elite for purposes of Special Ammunition Depletion Numbers (C8.2).

AFTERMATH: The attack began poorly for the American tankers, as the terrain hindered their advance on the enemy, and they were hit with intense fire once they had drawn in close. In fact, the *Fallschirmjager* company defending Martelange had little choice but to hold their fire until the last possible moment, as they knew every shot had to count With the U.S. tanks unable to bring their guns to bear on the key defensive positions the battle evolved into an infantry slugfest, with the American armored infantry loosing many of their precious soldiers. Finally, as dusk settled in, the Germans withdrew northward to continue the fight in Warnach. CCA threw a Bailey bridge across the Sure River, and chased after them.

# THE WITCH'S CAULDRON







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Elements of 2ème Cuirassée and 11ème Dragoons Portes, 3ème Division Légère Mécanique [ELR: 3] enter on Turn 1 from the east edge of board 17: {SAN: 0}



#### **SPECIAL RULES:**

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

2. German units which set up on board 16 must be placed on the road which runs 16GG6-16Y4-16N4-16A6 with no more than one empty hex between vehicles; the VCA of all vehicles must face south. The German vehicles may be set up in Motion. All German Personnel must set up as Passengers, and the 37L AT Gun must be in tow.

3. In their MPh of entry, all German vehicles entering from offboard are considered to have already expended 4 MP of their MP allotment.

AFTERMATH: Events had forced both sides into close contact. Hauptmann Ernst von Jungenfeld, the commander of the 20 Battalion of Panzer Regiment 35, likened the intensity of the fighting to "being in a witch's cauldron. the panzers had to work hard to get the better of the French tanks". The cauldron seethed all day; by evening elements of Panzer Division 4 had reached Ramitlies, ten kilometers west of Hannut. The advance had been costly, but the 20 Cuirassiers had suffered as well, losing four H39s and eleven of their S35s. With the exception of one tank, the whole of the 1st Squadron had been destroyed at Merdrop.

# THE BUTCHER'S BILL





BETHUNE, FRANCE, 24 May 1940: With the failure of the Allied counterattack at Arras three days previously, the German steamroller gathered momentum across France. The SS Totenkopf Division, led by it's founding father and flamboyant fanatic Theodor Eicke, was transferred to General Erich Hoepner's Panzer Korps XVI, to which fell the task of spearheading the armored drive to crush the Allied pocket in the north. Following light contact on the 221 of May, Hoepner planned a full-scale attack across the line of the La Bassee Canal to prevent the British from digging in there. The Totenkopf Division was assigned the limited objective of advancing to Bethune, a small town lying beside the canal, and probing for a suitable place to cross. Eicke moved his artillery up for support and ordered his engineers to build a pontoon bridge. On the morning of May 24世, with pistol in hand, Eicke led the attack.

#### BOARD CONFIGURATION:



#### HANDICAP:

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B3: Use B2 and exchange the British 9-2 Leader for a 9-1 Leader. B2: Use B1 and exchange the German 10-2 Leader for a 10-3 Leader. B1: Remove all of the Concealment counters from the British OB.

G1: Exchange one of the German 9-1 Leaders for a 7-0 Leader. G2: Use G1 and add one 4-5-7 squad to the British OB. G3: Use G2 and in SSR 4, change "Turn 4" to "Turn 3".

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Germans win if, at the end of any Game Turn/Game End, they control building 41V6 and  $\geq$  five other buildings north of the river.



### SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Moderate, with no wind at start. Both the river and the stream are Deep. Place Overlay Wd1 on 4011.

2.  $\leq$  one British squad (and all SW/SMC that stack with it) may use HIP. Boresighting is NA.

3. After the British set up, the German player places a two hex long wooden foot bridge (B6.44) spanning the river in any playable hexrow except hexrow K.

4. The British receive one module of 100+mm OBA (HE, Smoke, and WP capable) with Normal Ammunition; however, Battery Access may not be attempted prior to Turn 4.

5. The Germans receive one module of 70+mm OBA (HE only) with Normal Ammunition.

AFTERMATH: Once across the bridge, the company was pinned down by small arms and machine gun fire. Eicke began directing the fire of his supporting 75mm guns, and within an hour the troops had a firm hold on the north bank and began to advance into the town. They found the defenders to be more stubborn than they had expected, and accurate British artillery fire began to pummel the SS men. In the midst of the battle, Eicke received a halt order from Hoepner: he was to break off the attack and retreat to the south bank to prepare for an expected enemy counterattack. Eicke was furious, but ordered his men to fall back in an orderly fashion. The British, sensing a shift in the momentum of the battle, went over to the attack and drove the Germans headlong back to the canal. The orderly retreat turned to a rout, and many SS soldiers threw down their weapons and swam for the south bank under a murderous fire.

# THE T-PATCHERS







SAN PIETRO, ITALY, 15 December 1943: Since the 7th of December the American 36th (Texas) Division had been attempting to remove the German strongpoint of San Pietro. The "T-Patchers"--as the Texans were known--and their supporting elements, had made two previous attempts against San Pietro, but they had no success in the face of tough resistance. The Germans, in terrain well-suited to the defense, were able to bring down a murderous fire on any attempt to break into the town. After noon on December 15th, the 141st Infantry Regiment, with the support of A Company of the 753d Tank Battalion, renewed the attack. After crossing what had been christened "Death Valley", the Texans rushed across the ceppagna road, and approached the southern edge of the village.

## **BOARD CONFIGURATION:**



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Americans win at game end if they occupy the onboard area north of the 41R6-41T4-41W6-41X5-41EE5-41GG6 road with more Exit VP than the number of German Exit VP occupying the same area, provided that the Americans have not lost  $\geq$  40 Casualty VP.

## TURN RECORD CHART

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### SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Moderate with no wind at start.

2. All Buildings are stone. The stream on is Dry. Place Overlays as follows: X12 on 11DD2-EE2; X13 on 41DD6-EE6; X14 on 41EE8-FF7.

3. The Germans may designate three Fortified Building Locations (B23.9); the use of tunnels in lieu of Fortified Locations (B8.6) is NA.

AFTERMATH: Landry, the commander of the 20 Battalion, identified approximately 100 Germans along with one tank defending the town proper, with four more tanks firing from a distance. The small arms, automatic weapons, mortar, and anti-tank fire that spewed forth from the town proved devastating, even though there were relatively few defenders. The "T-Patchers" were not able to penetrate the town, and withdrew with many casualties. Events--such as the loss of Monte Lungo--in the countryside surrounding the town, forced the defenders of San Pietro to withdraw on the afternoon of December 16th to avoid being cut off. On the morning of 17 December the silence in San Pietro was almost eerie. The "T-Patchers" moved cautiously into the town to find it deserted; only the dead remained.

# TEMPORARY VICTORY





**BARDENBURG, GERMANY, 9 October 1944:** The offensive against Aachen consisted of thrusts both north and south of the city to encircle it. The American 119th Infantry Regiment--part of the XIX Corps attack in the northern pincer--secured the town of Bardenburg on the afternoon of 9 October and pushed on towards North Wuerselen, leaving only a depleted company in Bardenburg to defend their flank and rear. Unbeknownst to the Americans, Panzer Brigade 108 was moving towards Bardenburg in a counterattack to halt the American advance. The Germans had not yet learned of Bardenburg's fall, and ran into the defensive positions of Captain Ross Simmons' company on the outskirts of the small town.

## BOARD CONFIGURATION:

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Germans win if they have  $\geq$  one Mobile halftrack with functioning MA in a road/Open Ground hex on/within the area bounded by 10Y3-AA6-W6 at game end.

## TURN RECORD CHART

#### HANDICAP:

- A3: Use A2 and add a 4-6-7 squad and a LMG to the German OB.
- A2: Use A1 and replace the German 9-1 Armor Leader with a 9-2 Armor Leader.
  - A1: The initial Base NVR is 3 hexes.

G1: The initial Base NVR is 5 hexes.

- G2: Use G1 and replace the American 7-0 Leader with a 9-1 Leader.
  - G3: Use G2 and replace the American MMG with a .50 cal HMG.







Advanced elements of Panzer Brigade 108 [ELR: 3] enter on Turn 1 from the east board edge and/or from the north board edge on/between 10110-A10 and/or from the south board edge on/between 1011-A1: {SAN: 3}

## SPECIAL RULES:

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

2. Night rules (E1.) are in effect. The initial Base NVR is 4 hexes with no Cloud Cover and No Moon. The American is the Scenario Defender, and the German is the Scenario Attacker. The Majority Squad Type of both sides is Normal.

3. Boresighting is NA.

4. At the option of the German player, any/all of the SdKfz 7/1 AA halftracks may enter play towing their ammo trailer.

Scenario Design: Rick Troha

AFTERMATH: A group of 20mm FlaK halftracks led the attack, but the American roadblock successfully held out. This proved to be a temporary victory, however, when the Germans regrouped and attacked again with a much stronger force of some 300 infantry and 5 tanks. This force retook Bardenburg and held it for the rest of the night. The following day the Americans had to fight once more for Bardenburg.

# ESCAPE AT DAWN

### ASL SCENARIO ASLUG17







#### SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Wet, with no wind at start. Treat all grain hexes as orchard hexes.

2. The HS given in the Romanian initial OB (and any/all SW/SMC that stack with them) may be set up HIP. Additionally, any Romanian HS received by Deploying a squad prior to play as per A2.9 (and any/all SW/SMC that stack with them) may also be set up HIP.

AFTERMATH: With their goal now in sight, the Russian troops resumed their attack on the Romanians under a light but steady fire. As they neared the Romanian positions the fire intensified, taking a heavy toll on the advancing Russian infantry, and they were soon driven to ground. Russian armor support, moving up from the rear, arrived on the scene and had soon blasted a hole in the Romanian defenses. As the volume of fire momentarily slackened, the Russians attempted to rush through; however, the vehicles quickly fell victim to Romanian anti-tank rifles, and the small arms fire turned back most of the infantry. While only fifty-two Russian soldiers escaped from the pocket this day, German observers noted that the Romanians hadn't defended their ground with particular zeal--a flaw they would watch closely in the days to come.

# BUNSHIN GOGEKI

## ASL SCENARIO ASLUG16





At the confluence of the Halha and Holsten Rivers, MANCHUKUO, 28 May 1939: On the 27th of May, the Imperial Japanese Army HQ issued it's operational order calling for an attack on the east bank of the Halha River. Since surprise was impossible on the steppes in daylight, the assault forces were to move forward at night to jump off at dawn on the 28th. Typical of I.J.A. tactical thinking, the plan for encirclement devised by General Yamagata and his staff was complex. On paper, the plan looked beautiful--a separate advance with joint attack (bunshin gogeki) to catch the fleeing enemy in a double envelopment. The main concern was how to prevent the enemy from escaping. Unfortunately, neither Yamagata nor Major Azuma--the officer in charge of the lead Japanese elements-had ever met the Soviet forces in combat. Like most Japanese soldiers, they looked down upon their foe, and there was no anticipation that the Russians would fight, let alone counterattack. Azuma's small reconnaissance unit of truck- and horse-mounted infantry, mule-packed guns and a small tank was to seize the confluence of the Halha and Holsten rivers swiftly and cut-off the retreating Russians from the rear. By 5:40 a.m. Azuma's force had reached the dunes several kilometers east of the enemy bridge. At dawn, they moved forward and ran into an unexpectedly determined foe.



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Japanese win at the end of any game turn when they have ≥ 10 VPs (calculated as Exit VPs; broken units/prisoners do not count towards this total) more than the Russians on any hex of board 29.

#### RECORD CHART TIRN



4-5-8 squads in the Russian initial OB.



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stream, and/or on board 28 in hexes numbered  $\leq 6$ : {SAN: 4}







Elements of 3nd Battalion, Azuma Reconnaissance Unit, 23nd Infantry Division [ELR: 3] enter on and/or after Turn 1 from the east edge of board 27, with all Personnel mounted as Passengers/Riders (see SSR 6); all, some, or none may enter on each/any turn(s): {SAN: 3}





#### Scenario Design: Scott Holst

### SPECIAL RULES:

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1. EC are Dry with no wind at start. All hammada/scrub is brush (B12.), and is Inherent Terrain (B.6). Kindling Fires is NA.

2. Place Overlays as follows: W1 on 26BB7-AA7; W3 on 26G4-F3; W4 on 26P8-08; SD4 on 27G9-F8; SD5 on 28S6-R6; SD3 on 2814-15; SD1 on 26U2-T2; SD8 on 26Z9-AA10; SD6 on 29P4-Q5; and SD2 on 26G8-H7. All dunes are Low. All depression overlays on board 26 are Streams (B20.), not wadis. Treat all cliff hexsides as non-cliffs; the cliff artwork is considered to be part of the normal brown/dark green background depiction (B19.2). Overlay end hexes are treated as per G.1. The stream is shallow; fords (B20.8) exist in hexes 26CC7, 26F2, and 26V7. A One-Lane wooden bridge exists in 26L2.

3. Beginning on Turn 3 the Russians must roll for their reinforcements at the beginning of each friendly RPh. The reinforcements must enter during the next MPh on a dr < the current turn number.

4. The Russians have one module of 70+mm OBA (HE and Smoke) with Normal

Ammunition directed by an Offboard Observer at Level 1 in any west-edge hex secretly recorded prior to Japanese setup.

5. The Russian 4-5-8 squads are Assault Engineers (H1.22).

6. The Japanese player may secretly record up to four Elite squads as Assault Engineers (H1.22). Only elite Japanese units may ride horses. Four of the Japanese squad-sized Horse counters must be pre-designated as being Mules (G10.1). All Japanese Guns must enter Animal-Packed (G10.); accompanying crews must enter mounted as cavalry.

AFTERMATH: Azuma's recon unit encountered the Russian brigade under Major Bykov just before the river. Bykov personally lead his men in defense of their position, at times counterattacking as the opportunity presented itself. When their flanks began to give way, the Russians retreated to a line of dunes west of the river. As the Japanese began to cross, whatever success they had gained was soon nullified by the timely appearance of Russian reinforcements including a self-propelled artillery battery, an infantry platoon and several armored cars. The SP guns unleashed intense fire against the Japanese as they attempted to cross the river, knocking out three vehicles (including Azuma's staff car) and forcing the recon unit back. Later that evening, the Russian infantry counterattacked with the aid of armored support. The Azuma force was annihilated.

# MOUNT PISSODERI





MOUNT PISSODERI, ALBANIA, 2 November 1940: On 28 October 1940, the Italians invaded Greece in what Mussolini hoped would be the first of many Italian blitzkriegs for the new "Roman Empire". The Greek Army, outnumbered and poorly equipped, was demonstrating an outstanding fighting spirit, and managed to hold all of the Italian gains to a minimum. The Greek general Papagos counterattacked with his forces in the Koritsa sector in an attempt to cut the Italians off; the primarly Greek objective becoming Mount Pissoderi, one of the mountains ringing Koritsa.

## **BOARD CONFIGURATION:**



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VICTORY CONDITIONS: The last side to control hex 905 is the winner.

## TURN RECORD CHART

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1. EC are Wet, with no wind at start. Place a 3-squad capacity foxhole in hex 905.

2. No Italian Infantry [EXC: the INF Gun crew] may gain Concealment prior to Turn 1. The Italian Infantry Gun and it's crew may not set up HIP, but may be concealed and emplaced.

3. The first Greek MMC to fail a MC will automatically generate a Hero.

AFTERMATH: The Greek people were electrified to hear of the counterattack. After intense tighting on the slopes of Mount Pissoderi, the Italians either surrendered of fled. Its main road out of Koritsa was cut and by the 22m Koritsa fell, providing the Greeks with a rich harvest of prisoners and captured war material

# MORGAN'S STAND



BAR-LE-DUC, FRANCE, 11 September 1944: Lieutenant Allen Morgan's 21 Platoon (as well as the rest of the 2531 Battalion) had orders to hold an important crossroads west of the Moselle River. On September 10th the Germans counterattacked the junction, but were repulsed in a furious fight, falling back to the village of Barle-Duc with Lt. Morgan's unit in close pursuit. Morgan's audacity captured the village, but only after suffering heavy casualties. With the prospects of reinforcement slim for at least two days, Morgan could muster only seventy-one men and two tanks--low on ammunition--for the defense of the village, and he knew that the Germans would be back.

## BOARD CONFIGURATION:



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playable on both boards.



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Germans win if there are no unbroken American MMC on board 10 at game end, or if they control 7AA5 at game end.

## TURN RECORD CHART



HANDICAP: A3: Use A2 and in SSR 3 change " $\leq$ " to "<". A2: Use A1 and reduce the *printed* American SAN to "3". A1: In German Group 2, exchange the three 4-4-7 squads for three 4-6-7 squads. G1: Add "On Turn 3 and after," to the beginning of SSR 2. G2: Use G1 and add a 9-1 Armor Leader to the American at Only hexrows R-GG are start OB.

G3: Use G2 and exchange three of the at start American 6-6-6

squads for three 6-6-7 squads.



#### SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Wet, with no wind at start. All buildings are wooden. A One-Lane wooden bridge exists in hexes 7AA6-7AA8.

2. The American M4A1 and M10 GMC are subject to Ammunition Shortage (A19.131).

3. Beginning on Turn 2, the American player must make a dr at the start of each friendly RPh in an attempt to secure the reinforcements. If the dr is  $\leq$  the circled number on the current turn of the Turn Record Chart, all reinforcements must enter in the upcoming MPh/APh (as applicable).

4. The Germans must enter one Group per turn on Turns 1-4. The Group

to be entered on the current turn is determined by Random Selection during the RPh of the German Player Turn; each Group may be selected to enter only once (i.e., reroll all dr calling for a Group to enter that has already entered).

5. The Germans may fire only three PF (C13.3).

AFTERMATH: Luckily for the GIs the German attack was uncoordinated and was easily held at arm's length. To Morgan's distaste, however, the Germans committed armor to their assault, including a Brummbär that demolished the shop that he was in, leaving him trapped in the rubble. As the crisis approached the German attack was beaten back by the timely appearance of Sgt. Earnshaw with an SP gun and some infantry that had managed to cross the western bridge under fire. The Germans withdrew, and did not attack again for three days.