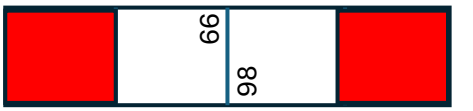
“Blocking the way to Agugliano”



Agugliano, Italy – July 17th, 1944

The Polish II Corps, under the command of Lieutenant-General Władysław Anders, was tasked by the Allies with capturing the Adriatic port city of Ancona. Securing this port was critical to cutting down Allied supply lines as they advanced north. To take Ancona without a costly direct frontal assault, General Anders planned a flanking maneuver to the west to encircle the city and cut off the German escape routes. Agugliano, a town positioned on high ground overlooking the main road north of Ancona, was the linchpin of this encircling movement. Elements of the German 278th Infantry Division deployed a thin line of grenadiers and anti-tank guns in an effort to delay the advancing Poles long enough to allow the bulk of the division to fall back.

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Polish Player wins at game end if there are no good order MMC’s on or adjacent to the 98I5 – 99E5 Road.



Board Configuration:
Boards 98 & 99
(only A-P Playable on both boards.)

Polish Player Moves First	1	2	3	4	5	6
German Player Sets up First						

Elements of 278. Infanterie Division (ELR 3) (SAN 3) (Set up: on Board 99 and on/north of row J on Board 98)



2 10 2 8 2 6

Elements of 5th Kresowa Division and Polish 2nd Armored Brig. (ELR 4) (SAN 2) (Set up: on Board 98 south of row M)



2 15 4 2 2 3

Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are Moderate with no Wind at start.
2. Kindling (B25.11) and Bore Sighting (C6.4) are N.A
3. Place an appropriate Rubble counter on all buildings on board 99 reflecting the damage following an intense pre-assault bombardment by the British. Note: German Player may not begin the game with units set up in any Rubble Hex.
4. German Player may set up one MMC equivalent HIP along with any SMC and SW.

Aftermath: At 06:30 hours on July 17, a massive artillery barrage from Polish guns, coupled with close air support from American fighter-bombers, commenced hammering the German positions. Following the bombardment, the infantry of the 5th Kresowa Infantry Division broke through the German defensive crust. They were closely supported by the Sherman tanks of the 2nd Armored Brigade, which overran German frontline trenches and artillery positions. While the 3rd Carpathian Infantry Division pinned down German forces along the coast, the armored thrust pushed deep inland. Pressing the attack through the evening and into the night despite the darkness, Polish armored cars and tanks successfully captured Agugliano on the night of July 17, 1944.

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