

Scipio Africanus



Wadi Akarit, Tunisia —April 5th, 1943:

The British 8th Army was continuing its advance through the Mareth Line. The Axis forces established their positions along the Wadi Akarit in Tunisia (also known as the Akarit Line). At this point, known as the Gabès Gap, north of the towns of Gabès and El Hamma, there is a narrow land gap between the sea and impassable salt marshes. On the night of April 5th the British 50th Division crossed the anti-tank ditch before Hachana Ridge and assaulted the Italian forces holding the ridge. But these Italians were members of the 3rd Battalion San Marcos Marines, the “Tobruk Battalion”. Unlike so many of their countrymen, the men of the Tobruk Battalion would fight to the last. It would fall to the men of the 6th Green Howards to remove the Italians from their formidable positions.

Board Configuration:



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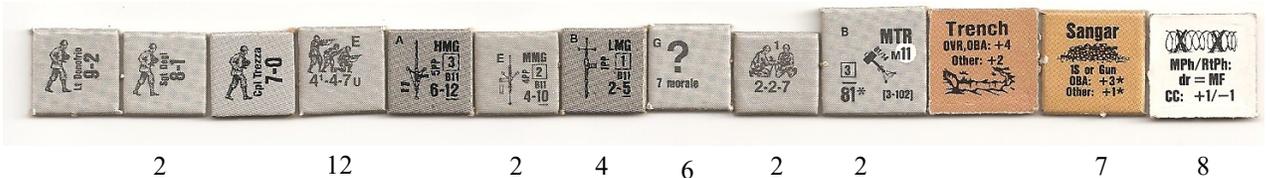
VICTORY CONDITIONS: The side with the most CVP at game end will be declared the victor. Squads = 2, Half-Squads = 1, Officers are 1 + Leadership Modifier, Units eliminated by CC get a an extra +1. The Italians earn 1 point per hex each turn that they control Hexes L6, P6, and BB5 on Board 25. The British earn 2 points per hex each turn that they control Hexes L6, P6, and BB5 on Board 25.

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| Italian (Set Up First) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| British (Move First) | | | | | | | |



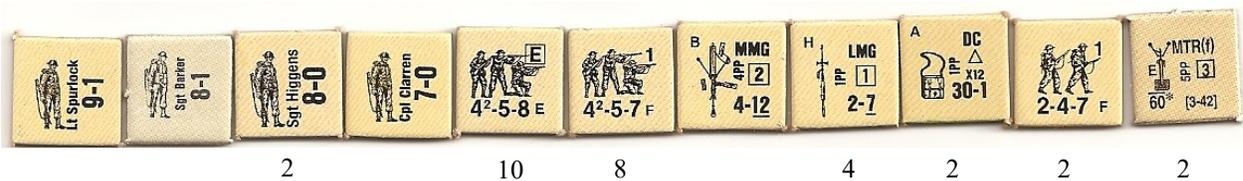
Elements of 3rd Battalion San Marcos Marines “Tobruk Battalion” (ELR 4) (SAN 2)

Setup: Board 25 on Hexes numbered 7 or less with a maximum of 1 squad equivalent per hex.



Elements of the 6th Battalion Green Howards (ELR 4) (SAN 2)

Setup: Board 26



Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are moderate with no wind.
2. Place Overlays as follows on BD 26: W4-1 on Z8/ 2 on Y8; W1-1 on Q8 / 2 on R8; W2- on H4 / 2 on G5; D6-1 on E9 / 2 on D8
3. Night Rules are in effect with NVR of 3 hexes at start with no cloud cover and no moon. The Italian is the Defender (E1.2); the British are the Scenario Attacker. The Majority Squad Type of both OB's is Normal.
4. No quarter is in effect.
5. British are Stealthy.

Aftermath:

The Green Howards were met by intense machine gun and mortar fire. Despite heavy losses, the Green Howards engaged the Italians in close combat. By the end of the night, the San Marcos Marines had been decimated.



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