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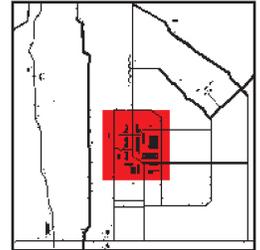
ATF 3



APRILIA, ITALY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1944: The terrain in this area of Italy greatly hindered the attacker; the ground (reclaimed marshland) was too soft for massed tank attacks, and too open for unsupported Infantry. The German solution was to use platoons and squads to infiltrate at night and surround the outer pickets of the Allies. The London Irish, tasked with holding the Factory, had only been in line for four days but had been under attack from the start. Because of the amount of artillery fire the Factory received, the Irish left it unoccupied, placing their main line of resistance in front of it. On the night of the February 7th, German infiltrators retook the southeastern corner of the Factory. When dawn came, the already tired defenders prepared another "attack to the rear." Help was on the way, however; tank destroyers had been assigned in the absence of German daylight armor activity.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:

BALANCE:



(Only hexrows S-Z and Hexes numbered between 17 and 27 are in play)

Exchange the 9-1 Armor Leader with a 9-2 Armor Leader

Add one 467

Victory Conditions: The German player wins immediately by destroying all American AFV; recalled AFV count as destroyed for this purpose. Otherwise, the Allied player wins if there are no Good Order German Multi-man Counters in buildings at game end.

TURN RECORD CHART

GERMAN Sets Up First	1	2	3	4	5	END
BRITISH Moves First						



Elements of the 29th Panzergrenadier Regiment, 3rd Panzergrenadier Division [ELR: 3] set up within three hexes of Y24: {SAN 4}

1 4-6-7	9-1	8-0	2 5-12	1 3-8	?
7					6



Elements of the 1st Battalion The London Irish Rifles, 168th Infantry Brigade, 56th (London) Infantry Division [ELR 2] setup within two hexes of U20: {SAN 4}

1 4-5-7	8-1	8-0	1 2-7	1 8-3
6			2	



Elements of the 894th (US) Tank Destroyer Battalion, VI Corps enter from the east, west, or the south edge on turn 1:

9-1 2nd Lt	15 8-3 76L -1/-4
	3

SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Wet, with no Wind at start
2. The American Armor Leader may apply his modifier to all attacks with the AAMG of the vehicle it occupies in addition to any other use of its leadership modifier..
3. Place rubble counters in X21, Y20 and Y21.

AFTERMATH: Despite being tired and facing a difficult situation, the London Irish attacked with enthusiasm. The tank destroyer platoon, although asked to perform as tanks, also attacked with gusto. Commanding an M10, Lt. Bernard Schaefer moved next to one building and pumped 3" shells point blank into it, as well as riddling it with his .50 caliber machine gun. Thirty dazed Germans surrendered to the Irish, while another 40 were killed by the gunfire of Lt. Schaefer. For one more day, the Factory was secured.