

“Oh, It’s only those Old Things”



Near Sar Egres, Hungary — March 9th, 1945

In early March, 1945 after the conclusion of Operation Konrad, the Germans launched Operation Spring Awakening in yet another of the German efforts to hold onto Hungary. Caught up in this action was Soviet Lt. Valentin Krulik. Krulik was attached to a Motorized Unit of the Soviet 6th Guard Tank Army. As elements of the German 23rd Panzer Division moved towards them, Krulik and his men dug in to try and hold a small village as best they could. But some good luck came their way. As a Soviet 85L AT Gun Crew was passing through the village, Krulik flagged it down and convinced the AT Gun Crew to support their defense. The leader of the gun crew was covered in medals and was confident his gun would be the support that Krulik and his men needed to hold their position.



Board Configuration:



Board 11a

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The player controlling the crossroad Hexes C7, L7 and P5 at game end is the scenario victor. Any other result is a draw.

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| German Player moves first | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Russian Player sets up first | | | | | | | |

Elements German 23rd Panzer Division (ELR 3) (SAN 2) (Set up: enter Turn 1 on the west board edge.)

Elements of Soviet 6th Guards Tank Army (ELR 5) (SAN 4) Set up: on Hexes numbered 11 or less)

Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are Wet, with no wind at start. All buildings are wooden.
2. Kindling is N.A.
3. Grain and Orchards are not in season.
4. Soviet AT Gun Crew is highly experienced and as a result the Rate of Fire for the 85L ART increases to 3 and additional the gun Repairs on a 1 or a 2.
5. Place rubble in the following hexes: D11, D5, I9, K6 and M6.
6. The Soviets have 3 x 1945 Panzerfausts from captured German stock. Captured Weapon Use penalties do apply (A.21).
7. The German Mark IV Tanks are equipped with Schuerzen. (D 11.2)



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Aftermath: Not long after the Soviets concealed their new anti-tank gun, the Germans appeared to the west emerging from a tree line beyond the open fields. After seeing the force consisted of three Mark IV's, the decorated leader of the gun crew, smiled and said for everyone to hear, “Oh it’s only those old things”. As the anti-tank gun went to work throwing shells at the German armor, Lt. Krulik and his men swept the open ground with enough rifle and machine gun fire to stagger and throw back the German grenadiers, who quickly melted back to the tree line. Lt. Krulik thought to himself, these are not the German soldiers of years past.