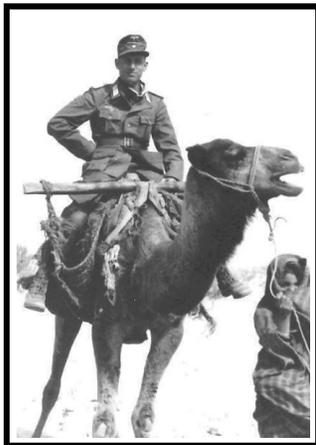


# “Wie ein Weihnacht’s Stern”



## Southwest of Benghazi, Libya —December 24th, 1941

As 1941 came to an end, Erwin Rommel’s vaunted Afrika Korps was on the retreat for the first time in the Desert War. As the last German forces evacuated from Benghazi, Rommel, as was his habit, had taken to the air in his personal Fiesler-Storch to recon suitable positions for a new mine belt. As the sun began to set, on this fateful Christmas Eve, Rommel’s plane began to have mechanical problems. Seeing a hard sandy area to his left, Rommel and his radioman set the plane down. Once on the ground, Rommel radioed nearby German forces for assistance. But there was a problem, Rommel had inadvertently landed inside an area surrounded by dunes and deep, soft sand. Vehicles would be hard pressed to reach the General. So a unit of Brandenburgers, equipped with camels volunteered to undertake the rescue mission. With the camels, the rescue should be a relatively easy and routine mission. But unbeknownst to the Germans, advance recon units of the SAS had intercepted the open channel distress call from Rommel. The SAS set off in the direction of Rommel’s call...perhaps Christmas would see a German General under the tree.

**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The German player wins by exiting Erwin Rommel off the West Board Edge. The British player wins by capturing or killing Erwin Rommel. Any other result is a draw.



### Board Configuration:

26	27	28
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German Player sets up first		1		2	3	4	5
British Player moves first							



**General Erwin Rommel and Radio Operator (ELR 5) (Setup HIP on Board 27 within 4 Hexes of P5)**





(setup on Board 27 Hex P5)

**Camel Sections Frankincense & Myrrh of Brandenberger Halbkompanie (ELR 5) (Enter on Turn 1 from the West Board Edge)**



6      3      6



**Jeep Sections Comet and Dasher of 1st SAS Brigade (ELR 5) (Setup: Enter on Turn 1 on the East Board Edge)**



6      3      3      3

### Special Rules/Notes:

1. Night Rules are in effect with NVR of 5 hexes at start with no cloud cover. The German Player is the Defender (E1.2); the British are the Scenario Attacker. The Majority Squad Type of both OB's is Normal.
2. Both German and British forces have complete freedom of movement.
3. Rommel and his Radioman may not move until either German or British units move within their NVR. After that occurs, Rommel and his Radioman have complete freedom of movement.
4. The German Hero represents Rommel’s Radioman and the German 10-3 represents General Erwin Rommel.
5. On Turn 1 during German Defensive Fire—Rommel fires a Starshell illuminating his position. Rommel and his Radioman are then placed on map board under concealment counter.
6. EC are Dry with mild breeze from the West. Any Wind Change DR resulting in Gusts results in the arrival of the Khamsin.
7. The Khamsin remains for the duration of the game and NVR remains at 1. Starshells cannot be placed during the Khamsin.
8. Desert Rules are in effect. NOTE: all open ground Hexes are SAND. The overlays are Hillocks.
9. Treat the Camels as Horses, with all applicable rules applied to the Camels as if they are horses.
10. The German Camels move easily through the sand Hexes at normal 1 MP + COT per sand hex.
11. The British Jeeps move through sand hex at the cost of 4 MP + COT. Normal Sand Bog Rules are in play. Due to their familiarity with bogging in sand, the SAS Jeeps are freed from BOG if the colored die is a 1-5. Furthermore, the SAS Jeeps are not subject to an immobilization Task Check due to bogging.
12. Sniper Rules are not in effect.
13. The SAS jeeps with AA mounted machine guns may fire these while mounted, but may not remove them from the Jeeps. The 3 x MMG’s may not be fired from the Jeeps while mounted.
14. Place Overlays as follows: On Board 26 place H5 on U5-V4 // on Board 27 place H6 on BB6-AA6 and H2 on T6-T5 // on Board 28 place H1 on AA4-BB4 and H4 on K6-L6.



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**Aftermath:** As agreed upon, at midnight, Rommel fired a flare high above the desert floor to signal his location to the Brandenburgers. They sighted it and remarked among themselves that “It was like a Christmas Star” leading them eastward. The SAS, initially lost, sighted the flare and moved quickly towards Rommel’s position. In a pitched battle, the Germans managed to rescue Rommel as the SAS vehicles bogged in the soft sand. As the Germans escaped on their camels, a sudden Khamsin sprang up and shielded them from further British pursuit. For the British...a lump of coal would be their Christmas fare.