"Bandengebiet Hide & Seek"



Stura Valley, Italy — April 25th, 1944

Beginning in March of 1944, large scale anti-partisan operations began in the Northwestern Alps between Turin and Cuneo. German forces executed successful operations in the Lanzo and Pellice Valleys. Large numbers of Partisans were killed and fewer captured. The primary objective of these operations was the simple elimination of active Partisan groups. April opened with Operation Wien. This operation would clear the Maira and Varaita Valleys. These successful operations would lead to yet another launched at the end of April...Operation Tuebingen.

Board Configuration: (Board 8a)

ed normally. Prisoners are worth double for both sides. Additionally, the German Player receives 1 VP for each building hex with a blaze at game end. The Partisan Player receives double VP for each unit successfully exited off-board. And lastly, Partisan Units which remain HIP for the entire scenario are worth triple VP at game end. 8a Partisan Player Sets up first 1 2 3 4 5 6 German Player moves first CLN Partisans (ELR 3) (SAN 3) (Set up: HIP with one squad per building in Rows E-L and in Hexes numbered between 5 and 15) 2 8 Elements of Feld-Gend Abteilung 541 Section A (ELR 2) (SAN 2) (Set up: enter Turn 1 on the west edge) 30 28 1 24-1 T7 21PP 1 3-8 2.3.8 AAMG -/-/6# 4 Section B (enter on north edge) Section D (enter on south edge) Section C (enter on east edge) LMG IMG <u>≵</u>1 1 ≗ 1 3-8 3-8 4-4-7 3-8 4 4 4

Special Rules/Notes:

- EC are moderate with a mild breeze from the southwest. 1.
- 2. Italian Partisans may not deploy or form multi-location fire groups, are stealthy and have MOL capability.
- 3. Partisans may retain HIP status if they move only in the Advance Phase between adjacent building hexes, which are not adjacent to a German unit.
- 4. Partisans may declare Hand to Hand in close combat.
- 5. All buildings are wooden and single level.
- Prior to play—the German Player may deploy 1 squad in each of the four attacking sections. 6.
- 7. The Germans receive a +1 on all Kindling DR's.
- 8. After setup and prior to the start of Turn 1—the Partisan Player make a dr to determine the scenario exit board edge. A roll of 1 = North Board Edge, a 2 = East Board Edge, a 3 = South Board Edge, a 4 = West Board Edge, a 5 = North and South Board Edges, a 6 = East and West Board Edges.

Aftermath: Operation Tuebingen would be conducted in the Stura Valley by units of Sich Regt 38. Feld Gend Abteilung 541, Ost Battalion 263 and II/IR 198. The Germans would kill 55 Partisans, capture 64 and put over 70 houses to the torch. The Germans were gaining the upper hand going into May.

