

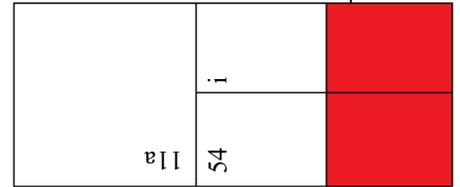
“Recon Delay”



La Tihardiere, France — August 2nd, 1944

Operation Blue Coat was in full swing as the British 11th Armored “The Black Bulls” moved south towards Vire. A last minute change in orders would direct the 11th to skirt to the east and south Le Beny-Bocage. As their lead elements moved near La Tihardiere, they were spotted by half-tracks of the 9th SS Reconnaissance Regiment of the 9th SS Panzer Division “Hohenstaufen”. The grenadiers of the 9th SS quickly realized they stood little chance of stopping the advancing Sherman tanks of the 23/Hussars, but perhaps they could slow down...delay their advance and give their division precious time to move out of a quickly forming pocket.

Board Configuration:



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The British Player wins at game end by controlling all stone buildings on Board 11a. Any other result is a German victory.

German Player Sets up first		1	2	3	4	5	6
British Player moves first							

Boards 11a, 54, i (Only Rows A-P are playable on Boards 54 & i)

Elements of 9th SS Reconnaissance Regiment, 9th SS Hohenstaufen Division (ELR 5) (SAN 3) (Set up: Per SSR 4 & 5)

Group A

3

Group B

3

Group C

3

Elements of 23/Hussars & 8/Rifle Brigade, 11th Armored Division (ELR 4) (SAN 2) (Set up: enter Turn 1 on the North Edge)

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Special Rules/Notes:

- EC are moderate with no wind.
- Kindling is N.A.
- All Hedges are Bocage (B9.5)
- German setup: The German Player must set up one Group within two hexes of the following crossroad locations on Board 11a (L7, C7, C15) on Board 54 (I4, I9) and Board i (F5, I6).
- Additionally, prior to setup the German Player makes a dr to determine how many of his groups may set up HIP. A result of 1-2 allows all three Groups to set up HIP. A result of 3-4 allows two groups to set up HIP. A Result of 5 allows a single group to set up HIP. A result of 6 results in the failure of any groups to set up HIP.



Aftermath: The SS grenadiers deployed at various cross roads and utilized the heavy bocage to conceal their Panzerfaust and Panzerschreck teams. Supporting them were the mobile 250 Half-tracks, which would attempt to use their mobility to sting the advancing Allies and buy time for the rest of the division. At first contact, the British armor and supporting infantry of 8/Rifle Brigade easily swept aside the half-tracks and successfully pushed back the SS grenadiers to secure Le Tihardiere.