

“Ritter’s Relief”



Zerzyce, Poland — July 22nd, 1944

Grenadier Battalion z.b.v. 560, commanded by Hauptmann Friedrich-Karl Ritter, had been encircled by Soviet forces for three days after being ordered to hold the town of Zerzyce on 19 July 1944. On the evening of 21st July, 1944, III Battalion, SS-Panzergrenadier Regiment 9 “Germania”, under SS-Sturmbannführer Paul Kuemmel, was ordered to relieve Gren. Btl. z.b.v. 560 the following morning and destroy any Soviet forces it encountered along the way.

Board Configuration:



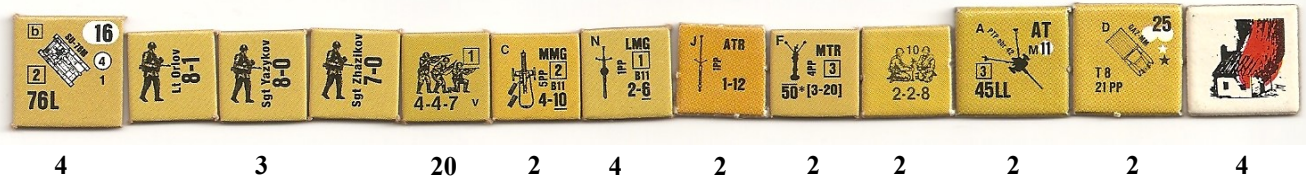
70	16	19

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Soviet player wins immediately upon possessing all of the stone buildings on Board 70 (Hexes F4, G6, H3 and J5) or by inflicting 30 or more CVP on the German forces.. Any other result is a German victory.

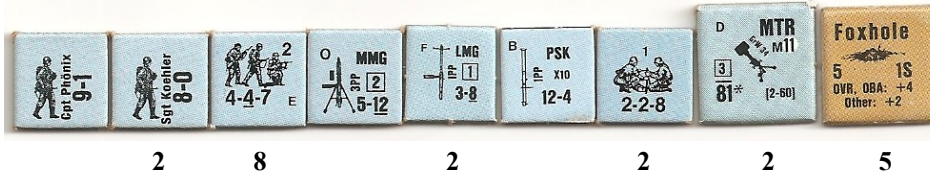
German Player sets up first	+	1	2	3	4	5	6
German Player moves first							



Elements Red Army 354th Infantry Division (ELR 4) (SAN: 3) (Setup on Board 16 on Hexes numbered 2-9)



Gren. Btl. Z.b.v. 560 (ELR 4) (SAN 4) (Setup: on Board 70 on or between Rows D-N)



Elements III. Btl. SS Grenadier Regt. 9 “Germania” (ELR 5) (Setup: Enter on Turn 1 on the East edge of Board 19)



Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are Dry with Mild wind from the West.
2. Place Burning Building counters on these Board 16 Hexes: L6, O3, O4, and T9. Place drifting smoke at the start of the 1st Turn Advancing Fire Phase. (no units may setup in these hexes.)
3. All German Infantry and SW entering on Turn 1 must do so as Riders (D6.2).
4. Beginning on Turn 3, the German units of Gren. Btl. z.b.v. 560 suffer from ammo shortage.
5. While fires from the burning building may spread as per rule, any other Kindling is NA.
6. One Module of 100mm OBA is available to the German Player.



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Aftermath: The route of Kuemmel’s attack led through gently rolling countryside with numerous wheatfields. Heavy smoke drifted from several burning farm buildings. Kuemmel’s attack caught the men of the Soviet 354th Infantry as they were forming up in the wheatfields to begin their assault on Ritter’s encircled men. Several hours of intense, often close quarters combat ensued, but the mechanized might of the SS Panzergrenadiers gave Kuemmel’s men the edge. Several Soviet tanks were knocked out and several hundred Red Army troops were killed or captured before Gren. Btl. z.b.v. 560 was relieved.