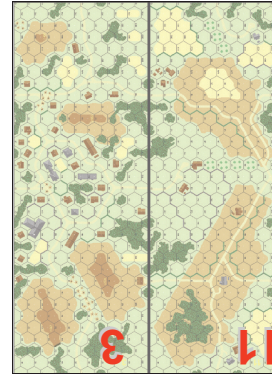




Board Configuration:



Villers-laBonne-Eau, Belgium, 31 December 1944:

Even as Patton's 4th Armored Division fought through Assenois to relieve the siege of Bastogne on Dec 26th, the Battle of the Bulge was far from over. During the final days of 1944, the Sixth Panzer Armeie was making every last effort to close the breach and retake Bastogne in order to give Hitler at least a small victory in the Wacht am Rhein offensive. The remnants of the tired 1st SS Panzer Division moved down from the northern shoulder, and placed the King Tigers of the SS Schwere Panzerabteilung 501 in support of the 5th Fallschirmjagers' New Year's eve attack. On the American side, III Corps was trying to expand the corridor south of Bastogne, and the two forces met near Lutrebois.

Victory Conditions:

The Germans win if at game end they have \geq one mobile AFV with functioning main armament with an LOS to hex 3Q3, provided there are no good order American MMC in building 3M2

Elements, Co K and L, 137th Infantry Regiment [ELR:3] set up anywhere (see SSR 2).



Elements, 654th TD Battalion enter turn 4 along the west edge:



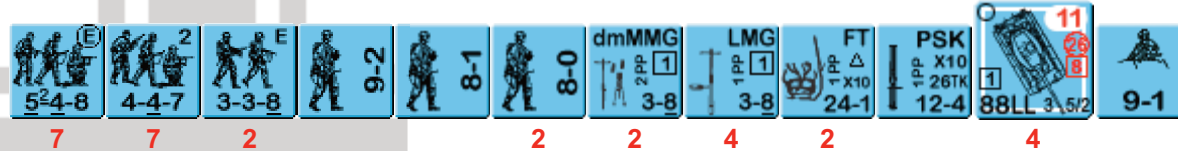
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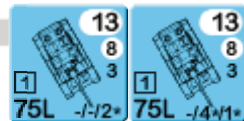
Balance: Reinforcements (M-36 TDs) enter on turn 3

Elements, 14th Fallschirmjager regiment and SS Schwere Pz Abteilung 501 [ELR:3] enter turn 1 along the east edge.



Enter turn 4 along the south edge.

StuG IIIG StuG IIIG(L)



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Balance: Add one 5-4-8 and one PSK

Special Rules:

1. EC are moist with no wind at start. Kindling is NA.
2. No hex may contain more than one U.S. MMC at start. No U.S. MMC may set up adjacent to any other MMC.
3. All US units use 'special ammunition and depletion numbers as if the scenario takes place in 1945.
4. The German 4-4-7 / 2-3-7 battle harden to 5-4-8 / 2-3-8.

Aftermath:

Cos K and L of the 137th Infantry Regiment slashed into Villers la Bonne-Eau alone, and were soon cut off. The mammoth Tigers maneuvered into the village, using their 88-mm cannons to blast the GIs out of their houses and foxholes from point-blank range. When German paratroops advanced with flamethrowers, many more GIs broke and ran. By the end of the day, over 200 men of the 137th Regiment had either been killed or captured. However, the fallschirmjagers had taken heavy losses as well, and could not maintain their hold on Villers la-Bonne-Eau against the rising tide of George Patton's advancing Third Army.

AMERICAN sets up first

GERMAN moves first

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