SCENARIO ASL/W 56

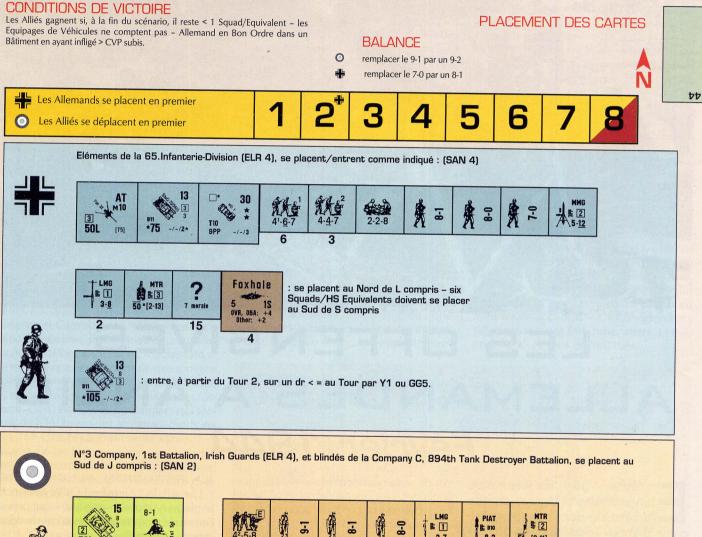
VICTOIRE PERDUE

Scenario



Près de Campoleone, Italie, le 30 janvier 1944

Le 30 janvier 1944, les troupes du VI US Corps tentent d'avancer pour améliorer leurs positions dans la tête de pont d'Anzio. Malheureusement, les opportunités qui pouvaient exister une semaine plus tôt lors du déclenchement de l'opération « Shingle » ont disparu. Au contraire, l'armée allemande dresse maintenant un front solide et prévoit d'éliminer cet « abcès au sud de Rome » selon les mots de Hitler. Bref, quand, au soir du 29, la 24th Guards Brigade de la 1st Infantry Division anglaise lance une attaque préliminaire pour préparer l'action principale contre Campoleone, elle se heurte à une violente résistance. Les Allemands réagissent et infligent de fortes pertes aux Gardes. A l'aube du 30, la brigade tient difficilement ses positions. Cependant, une petite unité va remporter un étonnant succès



REGLES SPECIFIQUES

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1. EC sont de la Boue (E3.6) sans Vent au début du scénario.

Toutes les Routes sont considérées Pavées pour les Véhicules seulement. Le COT minimum est de 1

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Placer l'Overlay X10 en AA2 et une Ruine en Bois (B24.1) en CC10.

EPILOGUE

En effet, vers 6 h 30, une compagnie des Irish Guards, appuyée par un peloton de Tank-Destroyers américain, part vers le nord dans le secteur de la crête de Vallelata. Les TD soutiennent efficacement les Gardes, malgré le terrain lourd et le camouflage poussé des défenseurs qui utilisent habilement le terrain, y compris pour dissimuler leurs blindés. Un M-10 écrase une Volkswagen et d'autres ouvrent le feu à bout portant sur les positions adverses. Un canon antichar se révèle et met un M-10 hors de combat pour être éliminé à son tour par le TD du Sergeant Clark. Deux autres M-10 sont endommagés mais les assaillants font 55 prisonniers et ouvrent une brèche dans le front allemand devant Campoleone. Malheureusement, les Alliés n'exploitent pas la brève opportunité qui s'offre à eux. Quand la 3rd Infantry Brigade lance un peu plus tard une attaque frontale contre la localité, elle subit un cuisant revers.

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VV-56 Lost Victory

Campoleno, Italy 30th January 1944: On 30th January 1944, the troops of the US VI Corps were trying to advance and improve their positions in the Anzio beachhead. Unfortunately, the opportunities which had been presented the week before, at the outbreak of Operation Shingle, had by now disappeared. Instead, the German army now stood behind a solid front, and in the words of Hitler, was now planning to eliminate this "abscess south of Rome". In short, when on the evening of the 29th, the 24th Guards Brigade of the British 1st Infantry Division launched a preparatory attack to prepare for the main assault upon Campoleone, it faced violent resistance. The German reaction inflicted heavy losses to the Guards. At dawn of the 30th, the brigade was still holding its positions with difficulty, when a small unit would win a surprising success...

Victory Conditions: The Allies win, if at game end, there is < 1 MMC/Equivalent (Vehicle Crews NA) Good Order German unit in a building, having inflicted more CVP than suffered.

Game length: 7.5 turns

The German player sets-up first, the Allied player moves first.

German: Elements 65th Infantry Division [ELR:4, SAN:4]

Set-up north of hex row L inclusive – 6 MMC/HS equivalents must set-up south of hex row S inclusive: STuG 75/18(i), Kfz 1, PAK38 AT, 6x467, 3x447, 228, 8-1, 8-0, 7-0, MMG, 2xLMG, 50m Mor, 15x"?", 4xFoxholes

Enter from Turn 2 on, with dr ≤ current turn number via Y1 or GG5: STuG 105/25(i)

Allied: Elements No.3 Company, 1st Battalion, Irish Guards & C Co, US 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion [ELR:4, SAN:2]

Set-up south of hex row J inclusive: (American) 4xM10 GMC, 8-1 (Arm Ldr), (British) 11x458, 9-1, 8-1, 8-0, 2xLMG, 2xPIAT, 2x51mm Mor

Scenario Special Rules:

1. EC are Mud (E3.6) with no wind at start. Roads are considered paved for vehicles only. The minimum COT is 1. Place overlay **X10** on AA2 and a Wooden Rubble counter (B24.1) in CC10.

Aftermath: In fact, at 0630, a company of Irish Guards, supported by a platoon of American Tank Destroyers, moves north in the area of the Vallelata Ridge. The TDs effectively support the advance of the Guards, despite the heavy ground and skilful use of camouflage by the defenders to conceal their weapons. One M-10 crushed a Volkswagen, whilst another fired point blank into the German positions. A German AT gun was revealed, which succeeded in knocking out one M-10, only in turn to be destroyed by the Tank Destroyed of Sergeant Clark. Two other M-10s are damaged in the action, but the Guards captured 55 prisoners and had managed to open a breach in the German line defending Campoleone. Unfortunately, the Allies did not exploit this short term opportunity which had been presented to them. When the 3rd Infantry brigade launched a later frontal attack against the locality, it suffered a major reverse.