"RULES OF DISENGAGEMENT" (working title only)

KIRCHWAHLINGEN, GERMANY 14 APRIL 1945

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hexrows P-A(inclusive) on board 42 and hexrows GG-N(inclusive) on board 41 are in play.

VC: To win the British Player must exit >= 2.5 squad equivalents(in Carriers) from the on-board 4 RWF Platoon off the west edge and Control of > half the buildings on board 41 at Game End.

8 Turns

British Player sets up first

German Player moves first

British OB ELR:4 SAN:3

set up east of road Y10-Y9-W6-X5-X3-Y1 on Board 41(see SSR#3)

4 RWF Carrier Platoon

9-1/8-1/ x12 2-4-8/ x5 Carrier "C"/ x4 Carrier MMG "B"

Enter from West edge of board 42 on Turn 1 "C" Co./2 KRRC/4th Armored Brigade/53rd Welsh Div. 9-2/9-1/8-1/x9 4-5-7/x2 LMG/ MMG(4-10/3PP)

Enter from West edge of board 42 on Turn 2(see SSR#4) "A" Squadron/44 RTR and Elements of 2 KRRC Carrier Platoon x4 Sherman V/ x2 WASP

German OB ELR:see SSR#2 SAN:6 set up east of Hexrow "K" on board 42 and west of road Y10-Y9-W6-X5-X₃-Y₁ on board 4₁ Kompanie 5./6/Bataillon II./6 2.Marine Infanterie Div. 10-2/8-1/8-0/X10 5-4-8/MMG/X2 LMG/X2 PSK

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- 1)EC is WET, with no wind at start. Hill hexes on both boards are N/A, they are considered Level o. (Terrain in hill hexes remain unchanged) All non-Road hexes are considered Bog hexes(B8.2); Ground is considered "Soft" for Bog Check DR. The stream on board 41 is Deep.(B20.43)
- 2)German MMC ELR is "2", German SMC ELR is "4". German MMC's are considered Elite for HOB results. German MMC's when reduced by ELR failure, still retain Assault Fire capability. German MMC's do not have Smoke capability. German units may set up in Foxholes if in eligible terrain.
- 3)All Carriers in the on-board British ÓB must be set up Abandoned.(D6.631) British SMC's/MMC's may not be set up in a hex with an abandoned Carrier(s). British MMC's may be set up re-combined into squads. British Carrier MMG "B" counters may be set up with their MA MG removed. (D6.631)
- 4)British AFV's entering from off-board must enter on road hex 42P3.
- 5)No Quarter is in effect.

Intro: With the construction of a Bailey bridge over the Aller River at Rethem, and the unsuccessful counter-attacks against the British forces on the east bank of the Aller, the capacity for the German 2nd Marine Division to prevent further expansion of the Aller bridgeheads was almost at an end. The Marine units that were left were prepared to fight it out from the villages that lay along the axes of British advance. During the night of the 13th, the Carrier Platoon of the 4 Royal Welsh Fusiliers(53rd Welsh Division) was sent forward to scout the village of Kirchwahlingen for Germans still holding the village as well as an alternate axis of advance if the main road(Route 209) could not be used. Just after midnight(on the 14th) the 4RWF Carrier Platoon reached Kirchwahlingen; they were met by heavy fire from Marine Kompanie 5./6, the remaining company of marine Bataillon II./6, commanded by Oberleutnant zur See Herbst. The Welsh were forced to dismount and begin a bitter hand-to-hand fight to clear the village.

Aftermath: The fighting for Kirchwahlingen went on throughout the remainder of the night and into the early afternoon of the 14th. While the Marines of Kompanie 5./6 battled the troops of the 4 RWF carrier Platoon, "A" Squadron of the 44 Royal Tank regiment along with "C" Company of 2 KKRC(King's Royal Rifle Corps) had moved up to Kirchwahlingen to relieve 4 RWF Carrier Platoon. Oberleutnant zur See Herbst's Marines didn't spot the tanks of the 44 RTR until they attacked. As the 4 RWF Carrier Platoon disengaged, the troops of the 2 KRRC, with the aid of the 44 RTR, began to clear the village. The Marines now turned to engage the British tanks with Panzerfausts. The close-quarter fighting amongst the farms and houses of the village was not a healthy enviroment for the British armor; WASPs from the 2 KRRC were called up to help clear out the Marines. The WASPs immediately burned down several farm complexes. Fortunately, the WASPs ran out of fuel before being able to completely destroy the entire village. Herbst was killed while fighting from the garden of the mayor's house. Although the fighting spirit of the Marines and their dedication to duty was of an extremely high order, the reason why these men remained to take on such overwhelming odds will never be known.