

# “Hügel oder Bauernhof”

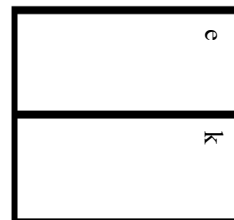


## Rechicourt-la-Petite, France — September 27th, 1944

As Patton's advance towards Metz slowed, the US 4th Armored Division pulled back towards the Arracourt Hills in order to stabilize its defense line and prepare a firm basis for continuing the drive on Metz. Unusually heavy rains fell in that part of France in the last days of September. The surrounding farmland became a soggy morass that mired the armor of both German and American forces if they left the stability of the many paved roads in the region. For the Germans, the low hanging clouds eliminated Allied airpower. Therefore, the Germans launched counter-attacks aimed at seizing a key hill in the area...Hill 318.



**Board Configuration:**



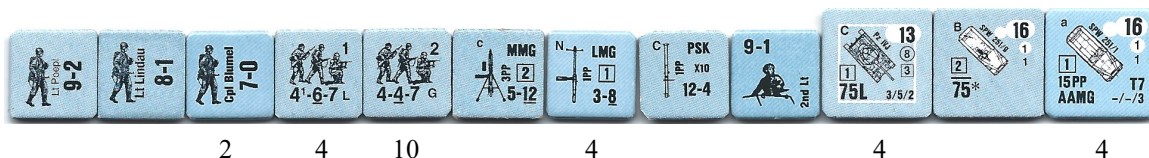
**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The player at game end controlling the majority of 10 victory hexes is the winner. These are the 10 Victory Hexes kI3 levels 0 & 1, kJ3 levels 0 & 1, kK3, kL4, eK4, eL3, eM2 and eM3.

DASL Boards: e and k with Overlay dx6.

American Player Sets up first	<b>+</b>					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
German Player moves first						



Elements of Kampfgruppe Hammon (ELR 3) (SAN 2) (Set up: enter Turn 1 on the east edge)



2      4      10      4      4      4      4



Elements of Co. C, 51st Armored Infantry Battalion (ELR 5) (SAN 3) (Setup: on Boards e and k west of Row H.)



2      8      2      3      75      75\*      \*37LL      \*AAMG

### Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are wet with Mud (D8.23) and no wind.
2. All Roads are paved.
3. Bocage is N.A.—all Bocage are Hedges.
4. Place Overlay dx6 in hexes eF2-eG2
5. Building kI3 is stone.
6. Kindling is N.A.



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**Aftermath:** Multiple counter-attacks were launched, but the Americans had successfully repulsed the attacks, which lacked close armor support due to the muddy fields. But by 11:00 AM the Germans had sent Kampfgruppe Hammon to make another attempt to take Hill 318 and the farmstead at the foot of the hill. The outnumbered troopers of the US Co. C, 51st Armored Infantry Battalion hunkered down and held their ground until the weight of German armor, moving up on paved roads, forced the Americans to fall back to the reverse slope of the battered hill. The German success was short-lived, bloodied from the morning assaults, Kampfgruppe Hammon would be forced off the hill by the end of the day.