



Victory Conditions:

The American player wins if at game end he controls either building 21Z2 or 20Z3.



Board Configuration:



Elements, 36th Volksgrenadier Division and 21st Panzer Division [ELR:3] set up on/east of hexrow L:

GERMAN

{SAN:4}

Balance: The German player may battle harden one squad and one leader prior to play.

Enter turn 4 along the east edge:

Elements, 377th Infantry Regiment and 778th Tank Bn. and 607th TD Bn. [ELR:3] set up on/west of hexrow K:

AMERICAN

{SAN:3}

Balance: Exchange 3 x 6-6-6s for 6-6-7s at start.

Fraulatern, Germany, 10 December 1944.

The Western Allies had been trying to penetrate and exploit beyond the Siegfried Line for four months, and by early December they looked like they just might succeed. The XX Corps established bridgeheads around Dillingen-Pachten, brushing aside the local Volksturm units by December 6th. General Balck raced to plug the gap with several infantry and two panzer divisions, which allowed time to fortify the West Wall and conceal many pillboxes-including some concrete structures that were three stories deep and comprised up to seventeen separate rooms. With the banks of the Saare rising due to a recent thaw, the XX Corps was beginning to experience supply difficulties as well. With their bridgehead now being squeezed between the Germans and the rising river, the only way out of trouble for the 90th Infantry Division was to attack forward into the heavily fortified villages around Saarlautern.

Special Rules:

1. EC are wet with no wind at start. Kindling is NA.
2. Prior to setup, the German player may exchange roadblocks for fortified building locations (tunnels are NA) and may exchange trenches for wire. Some, all or none may be exchanged at the German player's option.
3. The U.S 7-4-7 and their 3-3-7 HS are considered assault engineers. In addition, they have a -1 CC DRM vs. units in a pillbox.

Aftermath:

The rising Saare was not the least of their troubles, as the GIs of the 377th Regiment fought through German pillboxes, 88mm guns and roving packs of tanks and assault guns. Fortunately, the GIs had an ace in the form of the 320th Combat Engineer battalion. Veterans of four month's fighting on the Siegfried line, these specialists had perfected effective methods of dealing with heavy fortifications. The suburb of Fraulatern saw nasty house-to-house fighting, with a climatic hand-to-hand struggle in the ballroom of the resort town's largest hotel. The grit and desperation of the 377th's dogfaces held the day, but one thing was becoming clear: the battle of the West Wall would not be won by sweeping armored thrusts or airborne drops; only many more small but costly battles like the one for the Saarlautern bridgehead would crack the tough nuts along the frontier of the Third Reich.

GERMAN sets up first	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	END
AMERICAN moves first									

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