

THE WOUNDED BEAST



HazMo 55

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PATH TO VICTORY: The Germans win at game end by Controlling ≥ 3 of the 5 multi-hex Buildings.

UTTENWEILER, GERMANY. 15 March, 1945. OPERATION UNDERTONE called for a total of three corps to attack abreast from Saarbrücken, Germany, along a 47-mile long sector to a point southeast of Hagenu, France. The plan met with considerable success, as most of the German opposition either took the opportunity to surrender or retreat. The only German response of any real consequence befell a battalion of the US 7th Infantry Regiment. Veterans of combat from the North African campaign onward, regiments of the 3rd were leading the main advance, at the center of XV Corps in the direction of Zweibrücken and the Kaiserslautern corridor, when a company of supporting tanks ran into a dense minefield, disabling four of them and bringing the remaining armor to a temporary halt. Despite this setback, a battalion of the 7th Infantry fought its way into the village of Uttenweiler, just across the German frontier. Just as the American force declared the town under control, an infantry battalion of the 17. SS Panzergrenadierdivision struck back, with assault guns leading the charge.

BOARD ORIENTATION:

12a



PARITY:

Exchange two 6-6-6 squads for two 6-6-7 squads.

Add a MMG to the German OB.

TURN PROGRESSION

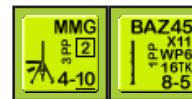
AMERICANS Set Up First	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	END
GERMANS Move First								



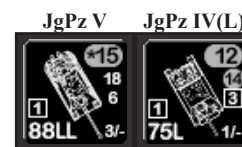
Elements of 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division [ELR: 3] set up within 5 hexes of hex H9. (SAN: 2)



Reinforcements enter turn 3 on the west/south/east edge(s) on/between hexes A18 and Q18.



Elements of 17. SS-Panzergrenadier-Division "Götz von Berlichingen" [ELR: 3] enter turn 1 on the north edge. (SAN: 2)



SCENARIO PARAMETERS:

- EC are Moderate and Wet. Bore Sighting is NA. All *LIBERATORS* Multi-Applicable Scenario Parameters are in effect.
- All Buildings are Wooden and Ground Level only. All Grain is Brush. Orchards are in season. Cliffs do not exist.
- The American 57L has an HE Depletion # (C8.9) of 10.
- Late War SS rules (A25.111) are in effect (rules included in *Twilight of the Reich*.)

EPILOGUE: The Germans quickly isolated the American infantrymen but could not force them from the village. Supported by a platoon of tank destroyers and the regimental antitank company organized as a bazooka brigade, another battalion of the 7th Infantry counterattacked. In the course of their aggressive advance, the men knocked out multiple German assault guns and, by evening, had freed their besieged brothers-in-arms. Uttenweiler was not the only site of late-war battles, where the ferocity and determination occasionally shown by the Axis foe served as a timely reminder that the war in Europe was not over . . . yet.