

## Game Brief

The following scenarios can be played as a series of linked games. Any casualties during a game must be noted and will be carried over to the relevant scenario or one can use the stated ones in the ORBAT. If playing singularly then use the forces as stated on the relevant ORBAT.

The Germans start as a probing force and increase in strength throughout the day.

The battalion support squadron was distributed among the defensive positions before hand. The French player must designate which support weapons are located physically within each defended locality: Crehen (Game 1), Thisnes/Wansin (Game 2) or Merdorp/Jandrenouille (Game 3).

The attached support choices are:

4x MMG (Lt Gibert) FR-33 (Was actually located in Crehen)

2x 25mm Portee AT Gun FR-16

2x 81mm Mortar FR-35

The above 81mm mortars are already taken into account for the beginning scenario. Also the following troops can be added:

### **1x Engineer Coy (Motorised)**

1x Commander FR-1

1x VLTT Lorraine 72 (6x4) No card OR Laffly V15R use FR-P22

9x Engineers FR-P07

3x Unic P107BU use FR-14 OR Lorraine 28 (6x4) use FR-P20

1x Med Truck FR-20

3x M/C FR-21

Above can be split into three separate maneuver elements of x3 Engineers.

# CREHEN Part 2

12th May 1940

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## Overall Situation:- German View

### Oberst Breith– 5<sup>th</sup> Panzer Brigade– 18:20h, 12th May 1940

- 09:00 Verf.Abt.A reached Avennes and waits for orders. The commander of *Pz.Rgt.35* decides to take the important road-crossing at Hannut also and orders his *5./P.R.35* to advance to Hannut.
- 10:30 *5./P.R.35* encounters 11 French Hotchkiss tanks at Crehen and destroys 8 of them. Oberleutnant Malguth is mentioned in the divisional report. The Battalion Adjutant that was sent to the location to report takes out 3 more tanks. Now the *II./P.R.35* is ordered to proceed to Hannut. 5 German tanks are hit, 5 tankers are killed, 11 are wounded.
- 6./P.R.35* destroys 2 withdrawing French armoured cars at the northeast of Hannut which took out one of the precious *Pz.IV* before. *Pz.Rgt.35* takes defensive positions around Hannut and waits for infantry and artillery to continue the attack. Heavy French artillery fire starts.
  
- 05:00 The planned advance of *Verfolgungsabt.B* (*Panzer Regt 36*) has to be delayed because the promised fuel supply did not arrive until now (arrived at 07:00)
- After refueling *Verf.Abt.B* advances via Bergillers, Remicourt, Bovenistier, Omal. At the road crossing of Braives a Belgian bicycle unit surrenders without resistance. Some withdrawing Belgian trucks are captured. In the following fire fight the *4./P.R.36* takes out two enemy AT-guns. Some civilians come between the lines and suffer losses.
- Belgian troops are taken totally by surprise in the villages and surrender after short resistance.
- In the morning *P.R.36* reached all its objectives and takes a rest for a few hours. French artillery fires on the positions but the enemy battery is taken out by German Stukas.
- One platoon of *2./P.R.36* is sent out to recon towards Fallaise and encounters an AT barrier.
- 10:00 *Schtz.Brig.4* follows the tanks but is delayed because the vehicles of the *II./S.R.33* did not arrive yet. They manage to keep up with the rest of the regiment with captured trucks and busses. *II./S.R.33* takes positions at Ligny during the night. The rest of *Schtz.Rgt.33* is ordered to Geers to defend against the Mehaigne-sector with *M.G.Btl.7*, *Pz.Abw.Abt.49*. The *III./S.R.33* is moved to Hannut in the afternoon. The attached *II./S.R.12* starts at 09:00 south of Tongern and comes up with *S.R.33* via Wareme around 18:00.
- 09:00 *Stab S.R.12*, *I./S.R.12* advance Koninxheim, Otrange, Remicourt, Bovenistier, and reached the area south of Omal without enemy contact at 16:00.
- 14:00 *1.(S.P.W.)Kp.I./S.R.12* receives orders to leave the regiment and proceed to the area south of Chapon-Seraing to defend there to the south with the *AA.7* already in this area. Until 17:40 the defense line is established and many prisoners taken.
- 17:00 German planes drop 50cbm fuel to refuel the tanks of *Pz.Rgt.36*. Briefing with the Brigade-commander afterwards.
- I./S.R.12* is moved forward to Hannut in the afternoon to be attached to the attack of the commander *Pz.Rgt.35* via Hannut, Thismes and Perwez.
- 15 enemy tanks are spotted out of range of the German tanks of *P.R.36*. They are attacked by artillery and withdraw into a near wood. In the meantime *Pz.Rgt.36* is attacked by three German planes by mistake which cause some casualties.
- The *Stab Pz.Rgt.36* goes back to Lens-St.Remy for the night, the *1<sup>st</sup> Battalion* defends the area north of the road crossing to the southwest the *2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion* west of it with its front to the west and south. The *I./P.R.36* takes 400 prisoners cleaning the area in the evening.
- 18:00 *II./S.R.12* is moved to Hannut to defend there with *III./S.R.12* during the night.

# **French Briefing I/11e RDP (3e DLM)**

## **Overall Situation:- FRENCH VIEW**

### **Capitaine Laffargue–1<sup>st</sup> Battalion/11<sup>th</sup> Regiment mounted Dragoons– 18:20h, 12th May 1940**

Having pulled back all troops from Crehen and losing several tanks in the action (historically 11 of 20 plus the loss of the commander, Captain Ste Marie Perrin), it has been necessary to fall back on the forces of Captain Potel, 2nd Squadron, 11th RDP in Thisnes and the 4th Squadron, 2nd Regiment Cuirassier.

Captain Pinta, 1st Squadron, 11th RDP has fallen back towards Merdorp to the south whilst the surviving nine tanks (x3 models) of Captain Ste Marie Perrin are left in Thisnes.

At 16:00 hrs the platoon of Lt. Constantin (Hotchkiss H39) is sent to recce Crehen to the east to see if it is occupied. On his return at 17:30 hrs he reports that the village is mostly clear of enemy troops. Colonel Touzet (2nd Regiment Curassier) orders Captain Beaufort to occupy Crehen with two platoons of Somua S35 under Lt's Pelissier and Lotsitsky. These left Merdorp at 18:15 hrs. This leaves only the 2nd and 3rd platoons as support.

In Wansin itself are the troops of 3rd Squadron, 11th RDP under Captain Cavaille supported by the 13th (Hotchkiss) Squadron, 11th RDP under Lt. Lizeray.

Orders state that if you find the position untenable you are to retire on the axis Jandrain to the west and link up with friendly troops.

## French Deployment, Notes & Special Rules

### **Turn Sequence (Moon:- waxing crescent 25%)**

**Turn 1 19:00** Start of scenario. Germans move first.

**Turn 6 20:40** "Dusk" Dawn Dusk rules apply (see below).

**Turn 12 22:40** Platoon Pelissier (x1 Somua S35) arrives back from Crehen. Arrives on road from Crehen SE of board. See point "C".

**Turn 16 00:00** Game ends.

### **Deployment**

Units deploy in Areas A and B as indicated in Orbat. Road barricades and minefields must also be located in these areas. All French units may deploy dug in, or in improved position in hard cover if applicable. Vehicles may start in hull-down positions. All infantry commanders class as command posts and thus gain extra 10" command radius until they are forced to move position.

### **Discipline Rating**

All MEs are Trained, except from Turn 8 when they re-class as Raw as a result of Night Time Rules.

### **Off board Artillery**

Direct Support comes from the I/76th Artillery Regt and General Support from III/76th and I/71st (2e DLM). 75mm guns use the large fire template to simulate the larger rate of fire for these guns compared to similar calibre guns.

You can have two pre-designated fire points, which do not need a call for fire roll - it is assumed to be called in by coloured flares from any command stand. Cannot concentrate or thicken.

A FOO from 76th Regt is located in a large water tower off the southwestern corner edge near Jandrain (offboard). He can see the southern edge of both towns and spot through the gap between them. Spot as if located at Point F on a level 3 structure. The FOO calls for fire from I/76e RA and then the player rolls for the extra assets (see next slide, French artillery support)

### **Reinforcements**

These come from the platoon of Lt. Pelissier of 2e Cuirassiers (2x Somua S35) on turn 12. They arrive on the road from Crehen, southeast corner of board at Point "C".

### **Transport**

Soft skinned transport must start on table. Please note that the Orbat reflects the optional rule of increasing transport capacity by one unit. Unarmoured transports do not count towards calculating initial ME size for casualty determination but loss of transports does count towards casualties when calculating modifiers.

### **Hidden Unit Status**

All units start hidden, infantry can start in improved or dug in positions. Tanks can start hull down.

### **Flares and Smoke**

All Mortars and Off table Fire Support elements may fire flares twice during the game. VB launchers and infantry commanders may only fire flares once during the game (see below).

### **Scenario Specific Rules**

#### **No radio!**

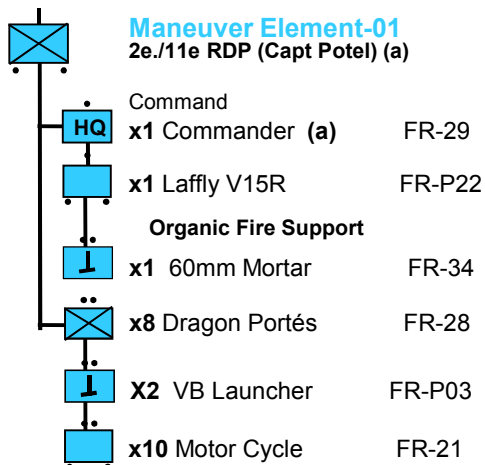
Once a French tank ME is in combat and actually engaging the enemy, the commander is too busy commanding and firing the main armament of his own tank to command his unit. All ME's do not gain +1 for being within 10" of a commander.

#### **French Artillery Support**

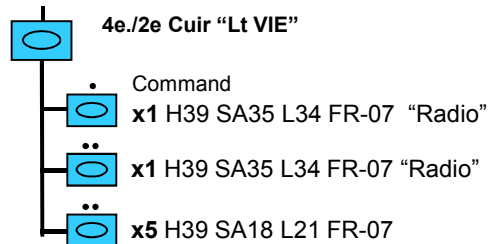
Due to the French having centralized control over their artillery a call for fire could result in getting more than expected, as any available units could be added to fire support. To represent this, when a call for fire request is made, roll for direct fire support for the initial unit I/76e but also roll for general support, one time each for the remaining two (III/76e and I/71e). So the player rolls three times - once for each fire support element. If additional batteries do arrive, roll for casualties separately for each battalion, as another battalion cannot thicken a previous battalion's fire.

# French Manoeuvre Elements

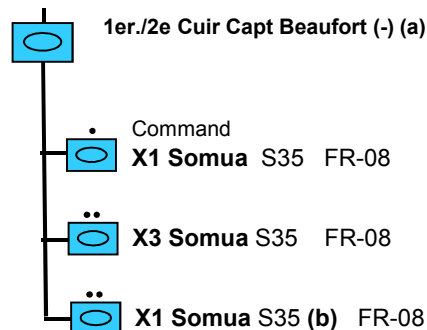
## Thisnes "Area B"



### Maneuver Element-02



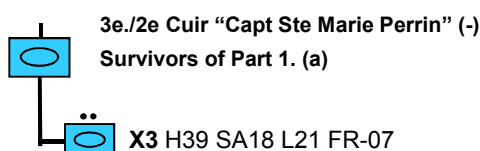
### Maneuver Element-03



- (a) I have allocated the 2e Sqn as the Motor Cycle squadron as the reports state that platoons Pauchet and Romagny from this squadron had lost all their M/C's.
- (b) Can set up two road barricades one on each of the two roads facing the Eastern board edge.
- (c) You can lay two scattered minefields

- (a) Two platoons, x10 tanks (Lt's Pelissier and Lotisky) have been sent from Merdorp to recce Crehen.
- (b) These are the tanks from Platoon Pelissier returning from Crehen on turn 12, (x1 actual Tank lost in Crehen).

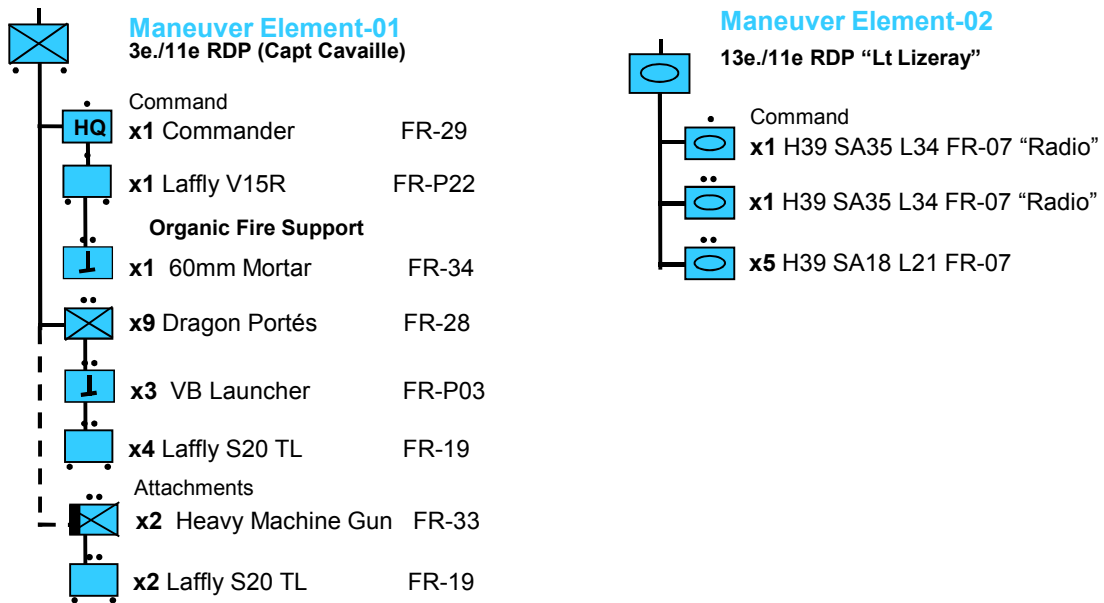
### Maneuver Element-04



- (a) Does not get +1 for no casualties.

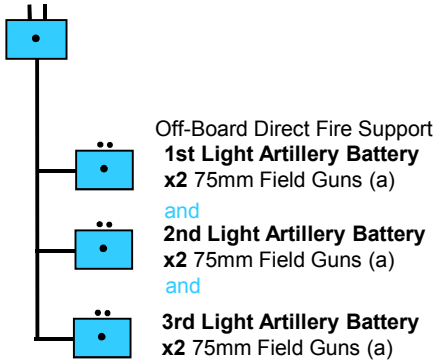
# French Manoeuvre Elements

## Wansin "Area A"



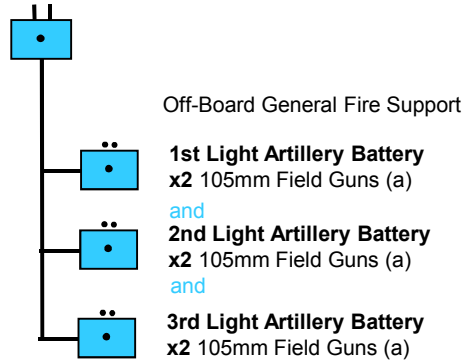
- (a) Can set up two road barricades on any road.
- (b) You can lay two scattered minefields

**Off board Direct Fire Support  
I/76e RA (3 DLM)**



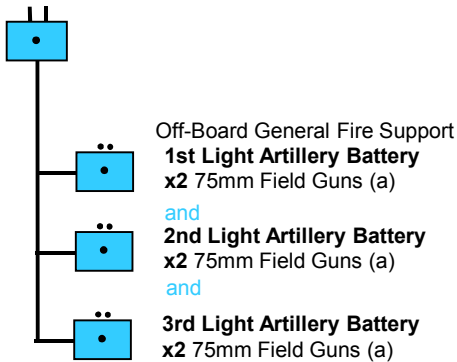
(a) Large template. Indirect Fire  
 weapon rating:  
 -1 vs. V, 0 vs. T, G, sV

**Off board General Fire Support  
III/76e RA (3 DLM)**



(a) Large template. Indirect Fire  
 weapon rating:  
 -1 vs. V, 0 vs. T, G, sV

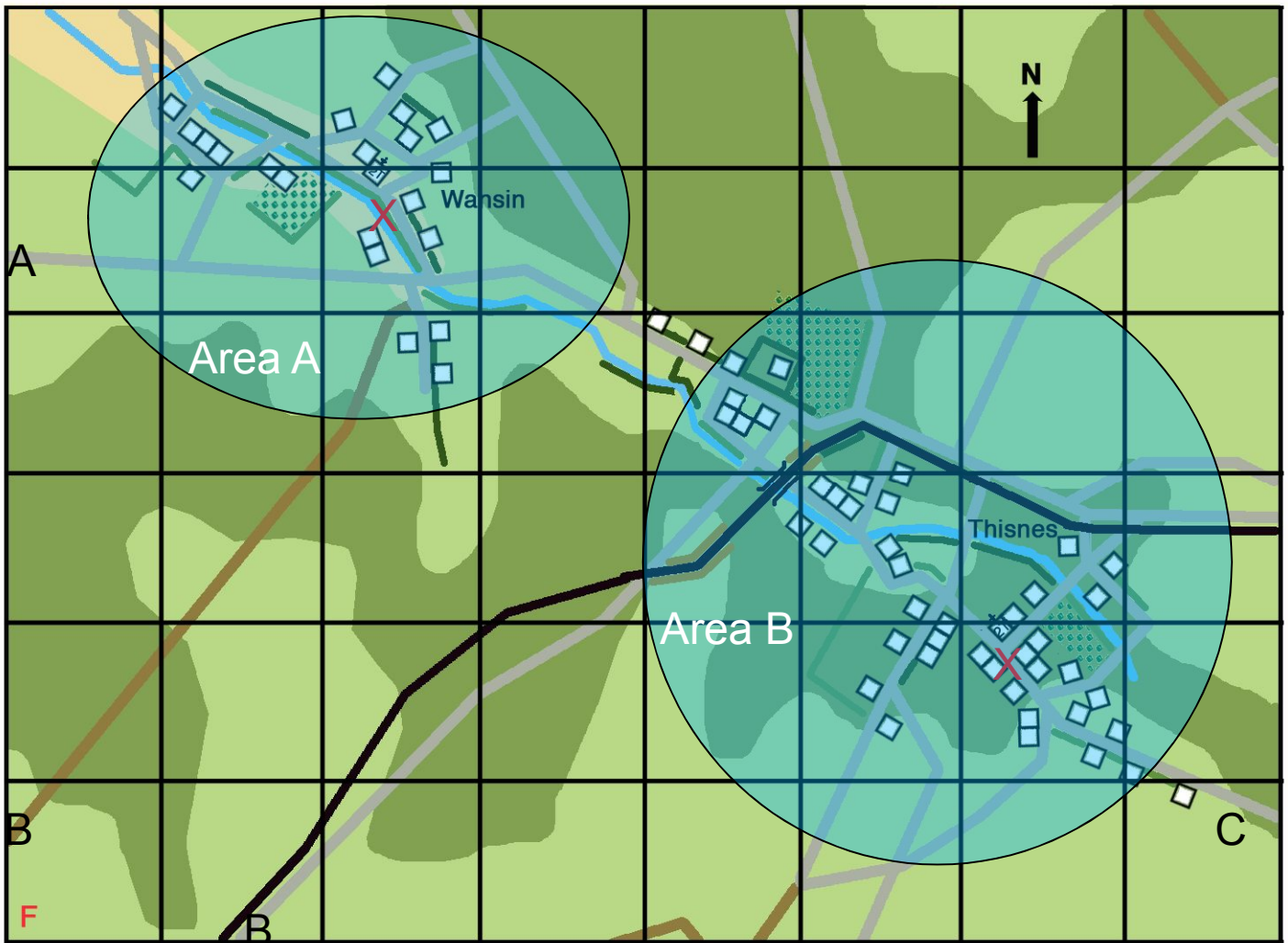
**Off board General Fire Support  
I/71e RA 2eDLM**

















(a) Large template. Indirect Fire  
 weapon rating:  
 -1 vs. V, 0 vs. T, G, sV

		OBSERVER	LEVEL OF SUPPORT	Organic Fire Support	Direct Fire Support	General Fire Support
French	Forward Observer			4 or more	5 or more	7 or more
	Commander			5 or more	6 or more	---
	Troops			6 or more	---	---

**Terrain:-**..Rolling terrain, villages have hedge lined orchards



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|  | Level 0         |  | Unpaved Road        |
|  | Level 1         |  | Paved Road          |
|  | Level 2         |  | Railroad            |
|  | Orchard         |  | Low Hedge           |
|  | Cleared Woods   |  | High Hedge          |
|  | Stream, Shallow |  | Stone BUS           |
|  | High Embankment |  | Level 2 BUS (Tower) |



# German Briefing

## 35<sup>th</sup> Panzer Regt. "KG Eberbach"

### 4<sup>th</sup> Panzer Division

#### Situation

**(Lt-Col Eberbach) Pz Regt 35:- 17:00 hours 12<sup>th</sup> May.**

Having battled most of the morning and lost several tanks in II/Pz Regt 35 (historically five tanks including one Pz IVD) in and around Crehen you have been ordered to pull back and await re-supply. Fuel is to be dropped by air close to your positions. Orders come through from General Hoepner to push forward with a Kampfgruppe consisting of I./Pz.Rgt.35, I./S.R.12 (without 1.Kp.), II./A.R.103 (without 4.Btty) and 3./Pi.Btl.79 to take Thisnes and Wansin.

#### **4th Panzer Division Commander's Intent**

As Crehen is cleared a new axis of attack is to be initiated - this will be a line clearing Thisnes - Wansin. 4./I Bn Pz Regt 35 will lead for this attack whilst the other panzer companies follow. II Bn. will resupply and replace any tank losses from your battalion reserve. As dusk will be about 20:40 hrs you need to make progress as quickly as possible due to failing light. ***Thisnes must be cleared before night fall.***

#### **Orders:**

##### **I/ Pz Regt 35**

Mission :- To attack and clear the towns Thisnes / Wansin.

Groupings- see attached ORBATs.

Current Location- Hannut

Boundaries- Left 36th Panzer Regiment

Right 3rd Panzer Division

## German Deployment, Notes & Special Rules

### Turn Sequence

**Turn 1 19:00** Start of scenario. German player moves first. Initial air strike and artillery barrage open battle (see below). Battle Group-01 enter along with attached FOO in PzBeoWgn I from II/AR103.

**Turn 2 or later** I/Schutzer Regiment 12 (Battle Group-02) and Pioneer Company are now active and enter from the eastern board edge at Point X immediately after all of Battle Group-01 has entered the board.

**Turn 6 20:40** "Dusk" Dawn Dusk rules apply (see below).

**Turn 8 21:20** "Sunset" Night time rules apply. No air support available (see below).

**Turn 19 01:00** Game ends.

### Discipline Rating

All MEs are Experienced including air-support assets, except from Turn 8 when they re-class as Trained as a result of Night Time Rules.

### Off board Artillery

Support comes from the II/103rd Artillery Regt. The Germans can have two pre-registered fire points, which must be designated beforehand. All batteries of the above unit plus any attached guns will fire a preliminary barrage ahead of your advance beginning on Turn 1. This should be designated prior to the start of the game and must be a standing or lifting barrage. The centre of the beaten zone may be placed upto an angle of up to 45° to the line of fire of the artillery. "Artillery originates from east side of board." There is an automatic danger-close on the barrage one template deep. The barrage must last at least two turns but no more than three turns. The final turn may be smoke or mixed.

### Air Support

Initial air bombardment on Turn 1 is from allotted air support from Fliegerkorps VIII no roll needed. Targets must be allocated prior to game starting. You will only have enough time before dusk to get another round of close air support as there is a minimum of three turns turn around for Stukas (2-3x HS-123A1 or Ju-87B) before they can attack again (i.e. roll from turn 4, if unsuccessful roll next turn for air support up till turn 7). Again, target of second attack must be pre-designated prior to rolling. You cannot change target even if unsuccessful on initial roll.

All subsequent rolls will be for this target.

### Transport

All transport must start on table. Please note that the Orbat reflects the optional rule of increasing transport capacity by one.

Unarmoured transports do not count towards calculating initial ME size for casualty determination but loss of transports does count towards casualties when calculating modifiers.

### Hidden Unit Status

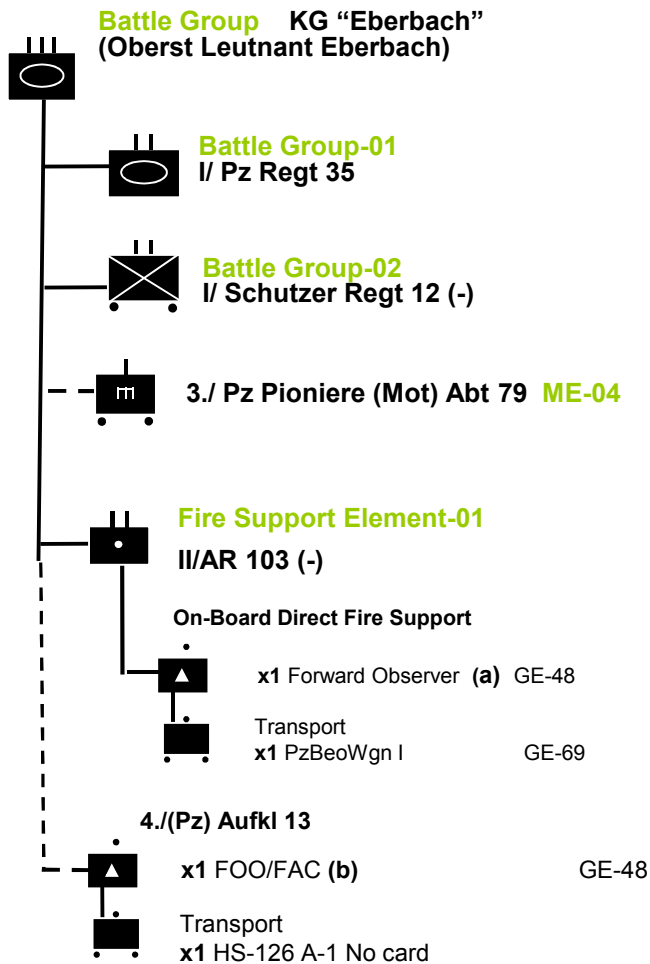
No units start hidden.

### Armoured Command Vehicles

All armoured command and radio vehicles such as the Sdkfz 251/3, PzBefehlswagon I and III allow an increased command radius of 10" to simulate increased command potential.

### Flares and Smoke

All 81mm mortars and Off table Fire Support elements may fire illumination flares twice during the game. Commanders may only fire flares once during the game. Off table fire support elements can fire smoke twice during game. On table 8cm mortars can fire one round smoke only, 5cm mortars are issued HE only. Panzer IV's can lay unlimited dissipating smoke. The Pioneer company 20cm Ladungswefer can also lay one smoke template. See optional rules below for more information on flares.



- (a) Can call in both 105mm batteries as Direct Support
- (b) Can call in both 105mm batteries as Direct Support OR can call Direct Air Support on to target by dropping purple coloured smoke grenades directly on the target. The Luftwaffe code for this unit is as follows

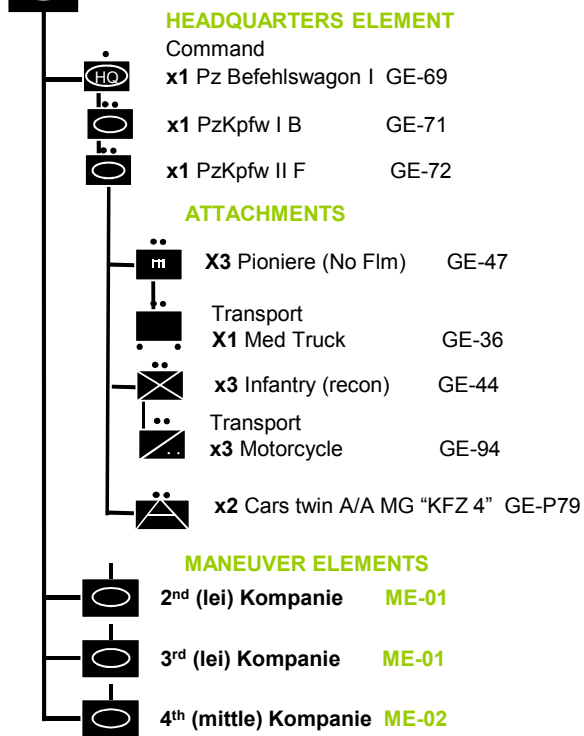
**(4E + X M) The red X denotes any number in Red.**

### Air Support Assets from FliegerKorps VIII

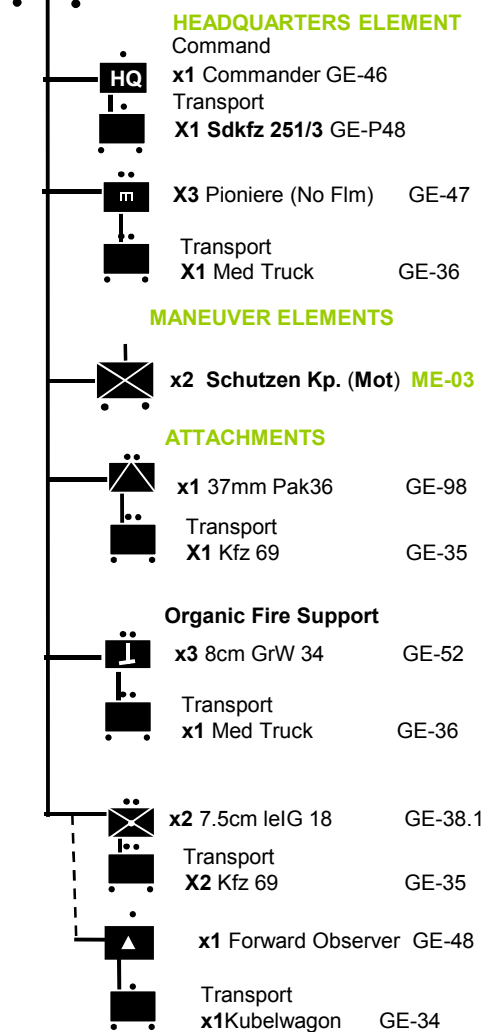
**II**  
II.(sch)/LG2 3x HS-123 A1 GE-P74

**I**  
I./STG 77 3x JU-87 B GE-104

**Battle Group-01**  
I/ Pz Regt 35 (Hauptmann Lauchert)

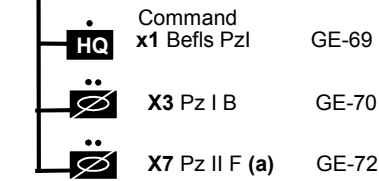


**Battle Group-02**  
I/ Schutzer Regt 12 (Maj Popp)



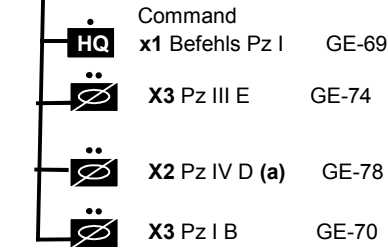
# German Manoeuvre Elements

## Maneuver Element-01 Leichte Panzer Company



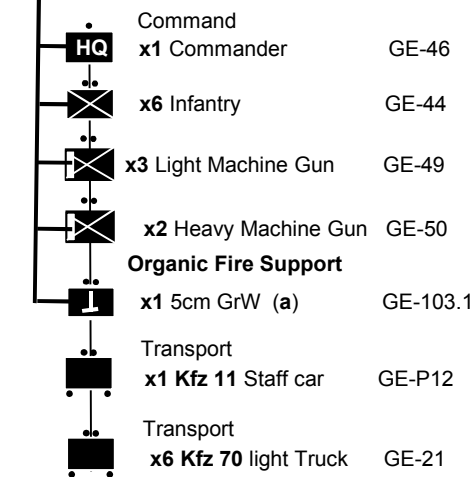
(a) All Pz IIC were up armoured after Poland use the Pz II F card GE-72

## Maneuver Element-02 Mittler Panzer Company



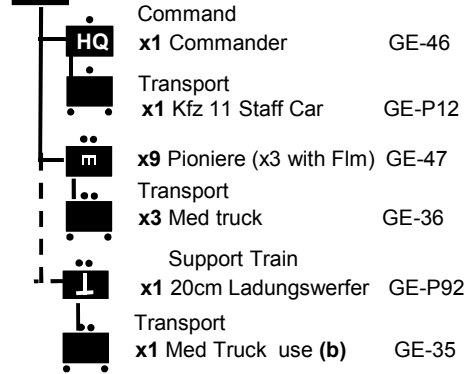
(a) White phosphorous issued to Pz IV only. Can fire unlimited dissipating smoke. Can cause fires.

## Maneuver Element-03 Schutzen Company (Mot)



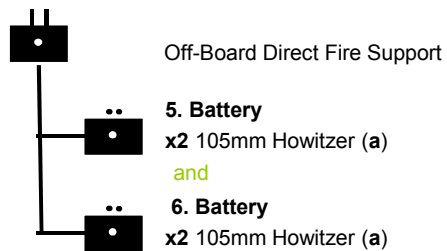
(a) HE only no smoke.

## Maneuver Element-04 Pioniere Company (mot)



## Fire Support Element-04

### II /AR 103



(a) Large template -1/0

**Terrain:-**..Rolling terrain, villages have hedge lined orchards



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|  | Stream, Shallow |  | Stone BUS           |
|  | High Embankment |  | Level 2 BUS (Tower) |

## **7. Dawn / Dusk Rules**

### **Spotting**

Down 1 spotting modifier (1" minimum remains)

### **Manoeuvre**

Modifier of -1 on Bog Down table

### **Night Rules - Good Visibility**

### **Spotting**

Down 2 spotting modifier (1" minimum remains)

No Up 1 modifier for higher elevation

### **Firing**

Fire Combat Modifier of -1 for all direct fire

-1 on Call for Fire against SUSPECTED targets. Call for fire against spotted targets or

Pre-designated targets unaffected.

### **Manoeuvre**

No rapid advance except if moving on paved roads.

Movement on paved roads is at full speed not double speed.

Modifier of -1 on Bog Down table

No +1 command modifier for troops unless within 2 inches of commander

No +1 command modifier for vehicles unless within 4 inches and line of sight (LOS) of commander

No +2 enemy proximity modifier for no LOS to spotted or suspected enemy

Modifier of -1 if Troops panicked last Manoeuvre Roll.

### **Close Combat**

Modifier for "DEF/ATT: vehicle vs. troops in concealment" changed to -3

Modifier for "DEF: outflanked" changed to -2

### **Discipline Rating**

All units are rated one level lower than normal unless they are considered "night combat trained" or unless this has already been factored into the scenario.

## Flares

Commanders and all weapons capable of indirect fire can fire flares. The scenario will dictate how many rounds of flares each element can fire (normally one). Flares can be fired as either direct fire (offensive or defensive) or as indirect fire but in this case only by elements capable of indirect fire.

Flares fired as indirect fire use the Call for Fire procedure or may be self spotted.

They may only be fired against a prominent terrain feature or units that the firing unit or spotter have either SPOTTED or SUSPECTED. Flares fired as indirect fire will last until the players next indirect fire phase (i.e. the battery is tasked with keeping an area illuminated and fires many shells to achieve the aim). Flares fired as indirect fire are twice the size as an indirect fire template for the weapon concerned. If flares are fired as indirect fire then normal restrictions apply to subsequent manoeuvre or direct fire from those units. Flares fired as direct fire are considered to be short lived flares to illuminate a specific point over a short duration. Flares fired as direct fire may only be fired against units that the firing unit has either SPOTTED or SUSPECTED. Flares fired by direct fire are the size of a small IDF template and last only until the end of the players turn in which they were fired. If flares are fired as direct fire then normal restrictions apply to subsequent manoeuvre or fire from those units.

Any unit with an aiming point within a flare template does not benefit from either the down 2 spotting modifier for purposes of being a TARGET for spotting or the -1 Fire Combat Modifier for purposes of being a TARGET of direct fire. The unit also suffers an ADDITIONAL "DOWN 2" modifier on the spotting table when trying to spot an enemy target (loss of night vision). A unit illuminated by flares fired as indirect fire may wish to manoeuvre out of the illuminated area. This is treated as a disappearing target for the purposes of opportunity fire although the "first inch of movement" restriction still applies. This means that units on the edge of a flare template can often slip away but units at the centre cannot.

## Fires

A burning vehicle or burning Built up areas also illuminates targets.

Line of Sight is blocked by fires. Any unit within a fire template does not benefit from the Down 2 spotting modifier for purposes of being a TARGET for spotting or the -1 Fire Combat Modifier for purposes of being a TARGET of direct fire and also suffers an ADDITIONAL "DOWN 2" modifier on the spotting table when trying to spot an enemy target (loss of night vision).

## Fire Rules

BUAs and certain vegetation types such as woods and crops can catch fire when hit by HE (direct or indirect fire) or flamethrowers. Also fire can spread from adjacent to burning BUSs or fires. Fires in BUSs are assumed to cover the entire BUS. Fires in the open assumed to be the size of a small IDF template. To check if a fire burns conduct the following procedure once for a small HE template, twice for a large HE template and once for each instance where direct fire or close combat involves an HE capable element (in this scenario, 75mm IeIGs, tanks, mortars and howitzers) using TSVG characteristics or any flamethrower then check to see if a fire is started. Also each turn check for each vehicle fire or other fire to see whether it spreads:

Throw one die and modify as follows:

-5 for water feature

-2 for open ground

-1 for cleared woods or orchards

+0 for Thickets, Brush or Woods with underbrush, Tall Crops or Stone Buildings

+1 Wooden buildings

+/- for environmental factors (+1 hot and dry, -1 damp or wet, -2 raining)

+/- indirect fire factor or tactical factor at 2" range (i.e. +1/+2/etc. for concentration / thickened etc, +4 for flamethrower)

-2 if troops spend manoeuvre action trying to extinguish fire (no other movement or firing permitted)

-1 for every 4 turns that the fire has been burning.

If a troop or gun stand lies under a fire template then there is no immediate effect.

However, the element becomes disordered after its next manoeuvre phase if it remains in position and the fire continues to burn.



## **Winning Conditions**

**French Decisive Victory: (2VP) - French still hold Thisnes and Wansin (i.e. no enemy units within 3" of point X and hold at least two of the four closest BUS's)** by game end. Stops the German attack in its tracks. Any French survivors can automatically withdraw Westwards (Point A) and reinforce the troops in Jandrain in third scenario. Any troops withdrawing south along either road at Points "B" (exit by game's end) can be used in the third scenario to reinforce Merdorp.

**French Marginal victory: (1 VP) – French still hold either Thisnes or Wansin (i.e. no enemy units within 3" of point X and hold at least two of the four closest BUS's)** by game end. Any French survivors can automatically withdraw Westwards (Point A) and reinforce the troops in Jandrain in third scenario. Any French survivors that exit board at Points "B" by game's end can be used in the third scenario to reinforce Merdorp, but these units will start that scenario disordered.

### **Anything else is a German victory. Move to Scenario 3**

Any French survivors that exit board westwards by game's end at Point A can reinforce the troops in Jandrain in the third scenario. Any French survivors that exit board at Points "B" by game's end can be used to reinforce Merdorp in third scenario. All units start disordered **OR** are held in reserve (-1 VP to activate each ME) "See Scenario 3 for details."

### **•The following information is provided for Information only for area of Hannut:**

- (longitude E5.1, latitude N50.7):
- Sunday, 12 May, 1940 Universal Time - 1h
- **SUN** Begin civil twilight 02:16 Sunrise 02:56 Sun transit 10:36 Sunset 18:17 End civil twilight 18:57
- **MOON** Moonset 21:50 on preceding day Moonrise 07:14 Moon transit 14:56 Moonset 22:31 Moonrise 08:21 on following day Phase of the Moon on 12 May: waxing crescent with 25% of the Moon's visible disk illuminated.
- First quarter Moon on 14 May 1940 at 19:50 (Universal Time - 1h).