

THE BREAKING WAVE

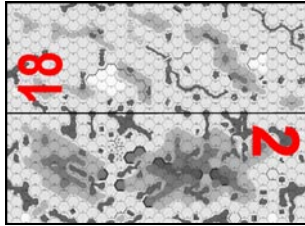
SQLA Scenario WG221

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Dom Butgenbach, Belgium, December 19, 1944: The German efforts to press their Wacht am Rhein offensive were falling behind schedule. After rapid deliberation, German General Staff decided that the best way to speed the assault was to increase the maneuver area for the attacking elements. They hoped to do this by attacking North from the breakthrough area. Standing firmly on a ridge line forward of Dom Butgenbach, the GI's of the 2nd Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, most of them recent replacements, were squarely in the way of any German movement onto the Elsenborne Ridge. Thus, on December 19th, the full power of the 1st SS Panzer Corps was turned on this veteran American unit.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:



VICTORY CONDITIONS: To win, the German player must solely occupy five level threes hexes on board 2 at the games end. The American player wins by avoiding the German victory conditions.

TURN RECORD CHART:

Simultaneous Sets Up	+	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	END
German Moves First	+										

★ Elements of 2nd Battalion, 26th Regiment - Setup anywhere on board 2:

9-1	8-1	8-0	6 ² 6-7	6 ² 6-6	2-2-6	50 cal 8-20 B12	4-12 B12	2 ROF 5 PP 60*[3-45]	1PP 4	X11+	9 B12	57L	5
2	2	2	7	9	2	2	4						3

Elements of 741st Tank Battalion and 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion - enter Turn 1 on any west edge hexes:

15 75 2/2/4	15 76L 1/1/4
2	2

✚ Elements of 15th SS Panzergrenadier Regiment - set up on board 18 anywhere east of row 5 inclusive:

									AFTERMATH: The powerful German attackers were able to drive the Americans off the heights. In response, the GIs called on Corps artillery, which responded with repeated HE and WP strikes in such force that the SS troops were unable to hold the ridgeline. The muddy ground conditions and the reinforcing U.S. tank destroyers kept the heavy German armor at bay. In the end the badly battered U.S. troops had been forced back but the Germans had not secured the vital high ground. Time was running out for the German bulge offensive.
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