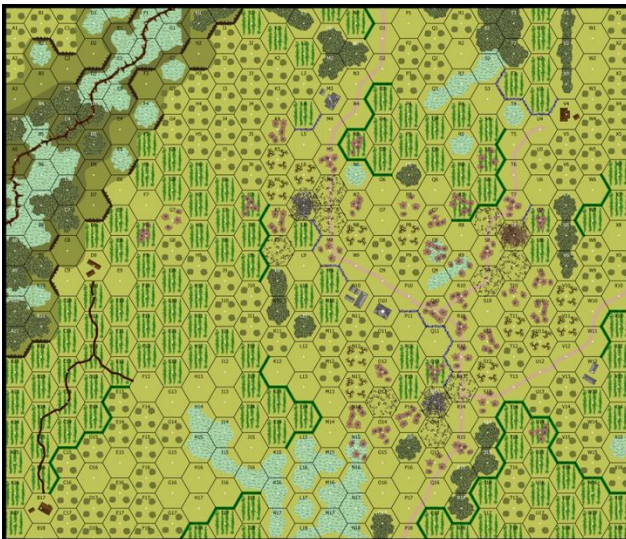




NORTH OF SAN LEONARDO, ITALY, 10 DECEMBER 1943: The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, with a squadron of tanks from the 14th Armoured Regiment (The Calgary Regiment) and a platoon of medium machine-guns from the Saskatoon Light Infantry, began the push north that morning. The battle group included two FOOs from 3rd Field Regiment and one from the corps medium regiment. Their goal was Cider Crossroads, the point where the San Leonardo-Tollo road met the Ortona-Orsogna highway. If all went well the 2nd Brigade would turn east towards Ortona to outflank the defenders south of the city while 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade would join an Indian brigade in the advance north to Tollo. The occupation of the village, with its network of minor roads to the north and east, would force the enemy to abandon Ortona, leaving it intact for the Allies to utilize as a base. The road the Loyal Eddies followed skirts a creek defile before turning east. The narrow road ran through an apparently empty countryside. The Canadians' advance was met with concentrated machine-gun and mortar fire which neither the artillery nor the mortars could suppress. A vague message sent to brigade at 1330 reported "three companies on objective are consolidating." This signal must have been intended to refer to the first-stage objective, not Cider Crossroads. But Brigadier Bert Hoffmeister misunderstood and ordered the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry to join the advance; securing the high ground the Patricias would call Vino Ridge. They came under heavy, observed fire and were forced to stop and dig in just east of San Leonardo.

MAP CONFIGURATION



BALANCE:

- ✚ Add a 2-4-7 HS & a Psk to At Start OB
- 🇨🇦 Add a 4-5-7 Squad to At Start OB

VICTORY CONDITIONS:

The Canadians win immediately by exiting ≥ 10 Exit VP (at least 3 VP must be infantry) off the North map edge on/between H1-X1 **or** at Game End if there no Good Order German (non-crew) MMC on/Adjacent to the P18-R13-Q10-O0 road.

TURN RECORD CHART

✚ GERMANS Set Up	🇨🇦 1	2	🇨🇦 3	✚ 4	5	6	7	8	END
🇨🇦 CANADIANS Move First			2						

Estimated Playing Time: 4 hrs 5 mins

SPECIAL RULES:

1. See the Gully Special Rules.
2. EC are Wet. The Weather is Overcast (E3.5) with no wind at start. Kindling Attempts (B25.11) are NA.
3. The German player makes a Secret dr (halved, FRD) +3 receiving "?" equal to the result.
4. The German must set up two (three) MG Nests.
5. If received, the Canadian has a 3" (76mm) Battalion Mortars (HE & SMOKE) OBA module directed by an Offboard Observer (C1.63) located at Level 4 along the south edge.

6. Variable Reinforcements: make a Secret dr; attaching the rolled for Group with the "At Start" forces [EXC. German Group 2 enters with his Reserves. Canadian Group 3 enters with his Turn 3 Reinforcements].



Elements 361. Panzergrenadierregiment, 90. Panzergrenadierdivision set up on any hex numbered ≤ 13:

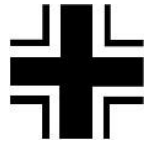
 4-6-7 2	 2-2-8 2	 1-2-7 2	 9-1 2	 HMG 7-16 4PP 2	7 Morale ? SSR 3	 Minefield 24 factors	 MTR M11 GrW34 [2-60] 81* 2	 WIRE MPh/RtPh dr = MF CC: +1/-1 10	 1+3+5 2
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Reserves enter on a dr ≤ the circled number on turn record chart on any hex along the north edge:

 4-6-7 2	 Unterofficer 8-0 2	 LMG 3-8 1PP
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[ELR: 3]

(SAN: 4)



Variable Reinforcements (See SSR 6)

Group 1, dr (1-3):

 2-2-8	 AT Pak 40 75L M8
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Group 2, dr (4-5):

 4-6-7	 2-4-7	 Psk X10 12-4 1PP
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Group 3, dr (6):

 1-2-7	 HMG 7-16 4PP	 Minefield 24 factors	 1+3+5 2	 WIRE MPh/RtPh dr = MF CC: +1/-1 6
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Elements of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment supported by the Saskatoon Regiment and the 14th Armoured Regiment (The Calgary Regiment) enter on Turn 1 along the south edge:

 4-5-7 7	 2-4-7 2	 Lieutenant 9-1	 Sgt-Major 8-1	 Corporal 7-0	 LMG 2-7 1PP	 MMG 4-12 4PP	 MTR [2-11] 51 4PP	 PIAT B10 8-3 1PP
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Reinforcements enter on Turn 3 along the south edge:

 Armour Sergeant 75	 14 Sherman III(a) 2/4/4
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[ELR: 4]

(SAN: 2)



Variable Reinforcements (See SSR 6)

Group 1, dr (1-3):

 4-5-8 2	 DC 30-1 4
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Group 2, dr (4-5):

 OFFBOARD OBSERVER 5 SSR 5

Group 3, dr (6):

 4-5-7 3	 Sergeant 8-0	 LMG 2-7 1PP	 PIAT B10 8-3 1PP
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