

BRUSHED BACK

ASL SCENARIO LC-W1

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ERPELDANGE, LUXEMBOURG, December 18, 1944:

After crossing the Clerve River at Drauffelt, *Kampfgruppe* von Fallois of *Panzer Lehr* drove southwest on the Welzerstroos, a winding, unpaved forest road. Its objective was the road junction in Erpeldange where highway N12 ran northwest to Allerborn and south to Wiltz. Clearing the intersection of American troops was crucial. They had to seize the main road junction at Bastogne quickly to have any chance of reaching the Meuse River. As *Leutnant* Gerstenmeier's advance guard approached Erpeldange, its lead vehicles came under fire from American troops covering a roadblock.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:



Only hexrows BB to OOO and hexes numbered ≥ 16 are playable

LCP-Wiltz

BALANCE:

- ★ Add an 8-1 Armor Leader to the M4A3 setup group
- ✚ Add one JgdPz 38(t) to the Turn 3 reinforcements

VICTORY CONDITIONS:

The Germans win immediately by controlling bridge hex FF15 or HH15. The Germans win at game end if no U.S. ordnance weapon has LOS to any road hex from Z1 to LL10 provided the U.S. has amassed ≤ 45 CVP.

TURN RECORD CHART

★ AMERICAN Sets Up First	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	END			
✚ GERMAN Moves First											

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Elements B/707th Tank Bn and B/630th Tank Destroyer Bn [ELR: 2] set up within 6 hexes of JJ10 {SAN: 3}

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Elements 3/110th Infantry Regt set up within 3 hexes of HH14

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Assault Gun Plt 707th Tank Bn enter Turn 4 on hex DD16

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✚

Elements 3./Aufklärungs-Lehr-Abt and 8./Panzer-Lehr-Regt [ELR: 3] enter Turn 1 on OOO5 {SAN: 2}

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Elements Füsilier-Bataillon 26 and Pioneer-Lehr-Abt enter Turn 3 on OOO5 or OOO16

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SPECIAL RULES:

1. Environmental conditions are Wet with no wind at start. Moderate Mist is present [SSR KGP3]. Rain and Mist Change DR are N/A. Wind Change DR ≤ 4 decreases mist. River is deep [B21.122] with heavy current flowing south [B21.121].
2. Each 251 sMG passenger HS is a 2-4-8 [German Vehicle Note N].
3. Tanks may roll for gyrostabilizers (U.S.) or Schuerzen (German) [H1.42].
4. Recalled U.S. AFVs must exit the south map edge [D5.341]; recalled German AFVs must move east until out of U.S. LOS.

AFTERMATH: The roadblock defenders were part of Captain George Granger's composite company bolstering the battered 110th Infantry Regiment. Gerstenmeier deployed his column, scouted the American position then attacked to clear the road. The G.I.s held out until German reinforcements from *Kampfgruppe* Kunkel of *Volksgranadier-division 26* arrived and pressed the attack then they conducted a fighting withdrawal to Weidingen. Some Germans pursued them, but the main force turned back toward Allerborn. Granger reported that his men had repulsed a major attack. *Major* Kunkel reported the presence of a strong U.S. force south of the river. The accidental battle for Wiltz had begun.