

# DEADLY ASSUMPTION

## ASL SCENARIO J176

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**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The Germans win at game end by Controlling more stone buildings within 5 hexes of 64T8 than the Americans. Each Mobile (D.7) AFV with functioning MA within 5 hexes of 64T8 counts as two Controlled stone buildings.

### TURN RECORD CHART

SIMULTANEOUS SETUP (see SSR 2)	1	2	3	4	5	6	END
✚ GERMAN Moves First [97] ☆ AMERICAN [0]	☆			✚			

Near RHEINBERG, GERMANY, 4 March 1945: Though Operation GRENADE had concluded, American efforts to gain ground west of the Rhine continued. Ninth Army issued orders to move eastward to reduce German forces around the city of Wesel, where 50,000 German troops defended a 16-mile wide bridgehead. To the north, that bridgehead was opposed by British forces which had successfully conducted Operation VERITABLE, while Ninth Army units approached from the south. The most appealing objectives in the Wesel bridgehead were two still-intact bridges, which offered the promise of a dry crossing of the Rhine. Because the Americans had encountered so little resistance in the days after GRENADE, orders were given to push northeast into the bridgehead to gain control of the bridges.

### BOARD CONFIGURATION:



64	O2	X11
65		

### BALANCE:

- ☆ Add one M24 I.T to the American at-start OB.
- ✚ Exchange one German 8-1 leader with a 9-1 leader and add an MMG to the German at-start OB.



Elements of Combat Command B, 8th Armored Division set up ≤ 5 hexes from 64T6 (see SSRs 2 and 3):

8-1 1st Sgt	15 76L 2/4/4	15 75 2/4/4	18 75 2/4/4
	3	2	2

Elements of 320th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division [ELR: 4] enter on Turn 1 along the south edge: {SAN: 3}

6-6-7	6-6-6	9-2	8-1	dm MMG 2P	BAZ 45 X11 WP6 8-5
3	7	2	2	2	



Elements of Infanterie-Division 190 and Fallschirmjäger-Division 7 [ELR: 3] set up on board 65 in hexes numbered ≤ 3 and/or on board 64 (see SSRs 2 and 4): {SAN: 4}

5-2-4-8	4-1-6-7	4-4-7	4-3-6	8-1	7-0	HMG 3-16	LMG 3-8	? 7 morale	AT Mines
3	2	4	2	2			3	8	3

Enter on Turn 4 along the north edge:

5-2-4-8	8-1	LMG 3-8	PSK X10 12-4
2			

### SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are Moist, with no wind at start. All roads are paved. Place overlays as follows: X11 on 64X10-Y10; and O2 on 64N8-O8. Kindling (B25.11) is NA.
- At setup, the American player first secretly records the Location, VCA/TCA, and BU/CE/Motion status of his AFV, which *must* set up in road hexes ≥ 3 hexes from every other AFV and *may* set up in Motion. The German player then sets up normally. The American player then places his AFV onboard. The Germans claim WA first after all units of both sides have set up. *Unconcealed* German units that start in the same Location as a stopped American AFV are in Melee.
- M24 LTs have Gyrostabilizers (D11.1). The American Sniper is not placed onboard until the start of American Turn 1 RPh.
- The Germans may use HIP for ≤ one squad-equivalent (and any SMC/SW stacked with it). All A-T mine factors may be used as Daisy Chains (B28.531).
- Treat crews as SMC for purposes of Building Control (A26.14).

**AFTERMATH:** Units of the 320th Infantry Regiment of General Paul William Baade's 35th Infantry Division, with support from 8th Armored Division's Combat Command B, moved out. The town of Rheinberg was their immediate objective. Right from the start, German resistance was strong and even heavy American artillery fire could not force the defenders to retreat. In the course of the attack, a platoon was able to break into a village in the vicinity of Rheinberg, only to be forced back by a German counterattack. Assuming that the village was held by friendly forces, tanks of Combat Command B moved in. The tankers realized too late that this was not the case and that the village was still under German control. In the fight that followed they lost one medium and two light tanks. The Fallschirmjäger, Grenadiers, and Volkssturm used their panzerfäuste and close range anti-tank weapons with deadly precision. Only the timely arrival of an infantry company saved the remaining tanks from annihilation. The fight lasted until the next morning, when the Germans finally retreated towards a new defense line.