

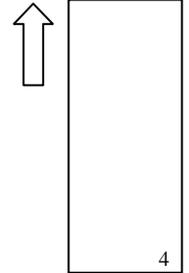
WHERE IRON CROSSES GROW

ASL Southern Cross Scenario SX 5.2



South-East of Berlin, 21 April 1945: The Russian army was driving on the German capital, as the reign of the Third Reich drew to an end. All through April, it seemed that nothing could stop the advancing Russian juggernaut. Mixed elements of the depleted 9th division desperately tried to hold the Red Army from reaching the capital of the Fatherland. One such holding action occurred on the morning of the 21st around a farm just a few miles from Berlin. All that morning, the defenders listened to the sound of artillery shells falling behind their position. By 1000 hours, several refugees reported tanks advancing up the main road in their direction. Radio communications were in shambles, so the defenders were on their own. They wouldn't have to wait long. Several Russian T34's backed up by two companies of infantry, assaulted this knot of resistance. For the German defenders, it proved to be another long day.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:



BALANCE:

German: Exchange one Pz IVJ into Pz VG

Russian: Reinforcements enter on turn 2

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Russian player must control ALL building locations on board 4 by game end.

+	German Set up First	★	1	2	★	3	4	5	6	END
★	Russian Moves First									

Depleted Elements of the 9th Division [ELR:2] Set up on any Whole Hex of board 4 {SAN: 4}

5-4-8
2

4-6-7
3

4-4-7
4

4-3-6
4

2-2-8
2

9-2
2

9-1
2

8-1
2

8-0
2

MMG
5-12
3

LMG
3-8
3

PSK
X10
12-4
2

8-1
1st Sgt
12

?
7 morale
7

MPH/RtPh:
dr = MF
CC: +1/-1
5

Foxhole
5 IS
OVR, OBA: +4
Other: +2
4

Trench
OVR, OBA: +4
Other: +2
4

AT
M8
75L
2

13
8
1
75L 3/5/2
12

Minefield
11
12

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Forward Elements of the 69th Army Division [ELR:4] Enters on turn 1 anywhere along the east edge {SAN: 3}
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6-2-8
5

4-4-7
15

10-2
2

9-1
2

8-1
2

8-0
2

MMG
6-12
2

MMG
4-10
4

LMG
2-6
6

16
11
6
85L 2/4

6-2-8
3

8-0
3

16
11
6
76L 2/4

Additional Forces of the 69th Army Division: Enter turn 3 anywhere along the south or east edge of board 4

SPECIAL RULES:

- EC is moist with a mild breeze from the west.
- All German units suffer from Ammunition Shortage.
- 2 German Squads and all SW/SMC stacked with them may set up HIP.
- Cellar Locations [RB 6] exist in building P6/O6. Also, Both Ground Level locations of building P6/O6 are fortified.
- The Russian AFV's that enter on turn 1 must enter within 2 hexes of any Road Hex. The T34/85's may delay entry until turn 2, but must still enter within 2 of any road hex.

AFTERMATH: In the opening minutes, five of the six lead tanks were in flames and it looked like the Russian column would be turned back. But a second column of T34's appeared on the left flank, overrunning the German Machinegun position that was giving covering fire to the farmhouse. Russian assault troops had to root out the stiff German resistance hiding in the cellars of the main house, and fighting quickly turned into hand to hand. As each strong point was knocked out, Russian infantry poured through and continue their advance on Berlin. Victory was but a few days away.