



6 October 1944:

General Collins has ordered his 7th Corp to plunge into the densely wooded Hurtgen Forest as part of the SHAEF's operation to clear the west bank of the Rhine river. The 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry's initial objective was a road intersection several hundred meters into the forest. This intersection is known on the American maps as RJ471. In reality RJ471 was a meeting of two muddy tracks, barely suitable for foot traffic. This intersection was guarded by elements of the German 942nd Infantry Regiment who were in concrete bunkers and armed with machine guns. Their orders were to slow enemy advance while tying up the maximum number of American troops. The Americans had no specialized training or equipment for the task ahead and would have to rely on rifles, machine guns, 3 bazookas and grenades to dislodge the Germans from their well concealed bunkers in the forest. As soon as the American advance began they were met by accurate pre-registered mortar fire.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:

Board 34



BALANCE:

American: Replace one American MMG with HMG.

German: Add one 4-6-7 to the German OB.



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The US player wins if at game end there are no good order German MMC <=3 hexes of 34P5

TURN RECORD CHART (6.5 Game Turns)

German Sets Up First	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	END
American Moves First								

American OB: Elements of 2nd Battalion 60th Infantry Regiment 9th Infantry Division [ELR:4] Setup on or west of hexrow E: [SAN:2]



5 9 3 3



German OB: Elements of 942nd Infantry Regiment 275th Infantry Division [ELR:3] Setup on or east of hexrow G: [SAN:5]



3 4 2 3 3



SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are wet with no wind at start.
2. A +1 LV DRM applies to all attacks (EXC: OBA and CC)
3. Before any setup the German player secretly records the hex and turn of arrival for an FFE:1 attack of 80+ HE OBA. LOS is not required. An AR is placed, a random direction dr is made and the AR is moved one hex in that direction. Then the AR is replaced with an FFE:1 which is resolved immediately in the German Prep Fire Phase of the selected turn. After resolution the FFE:1 is removed.
4. The German Pillboxes receive all the benefits of Japanese Pillboxes (EXC: Tunnels)

5. The American Baz 44s may fire WP as if they were Baz 45s.
6. German infantry may setup in foxholes if in suitable terrain.

AFTERMATH: As they neared the objective of the road junction the GIs were taken under heavy MG fire from the German bunkers. One bunker was silenced early in the action but the German 942nd Inf. held itself in high account. The area surrounding RJ471 was not considered clear for three more days and Deckers 2nd Batt. had sustained nearly 50% casualties. This attack was regarded as a grim warning to 7th Corp HQ that the fight in the Hurtgen would be much more than a mere mopping up operation.