

"A Mickey Mouse Effort"



Hinderhausen, Belgium — December 20th, 1944

The Fuehrer-Begleit-Brigade had positions in Born and Nieder-Emmels, Belgium as the Ardennes Offensive carried on. These positions were taking artillery fire from a US battery near Hinderhausen. In command was Otto Remer. Remer was waiting for his forces to consolidate prior to launching his main attack. The artillery was an unwelcome nuisance. Remer decided to send a raiding party to eliminate the battery. Major Mickley of II./PzGrRgt. FBB led the raid, which was composed of elite assault troops of Schommer's I 1./PzGrRgt FBB and another Panzergrenadier company led by Leutnant von Rautenstrach. During the initial advance, Kampfgruppe Mickley captured several US jeeps and trucks from the 7th Armored Division. Finally, Mickley's force exited the wood northwest of Hinderhausen.

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The German Player wins immediately upon the elimination of all five M7 HMC's. Any other result in an American victory.



Board Configuration: (Boards 70 and 75)



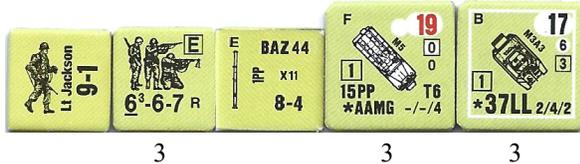
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| American Player Sets up first | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| German Player moves first | | | | | | |



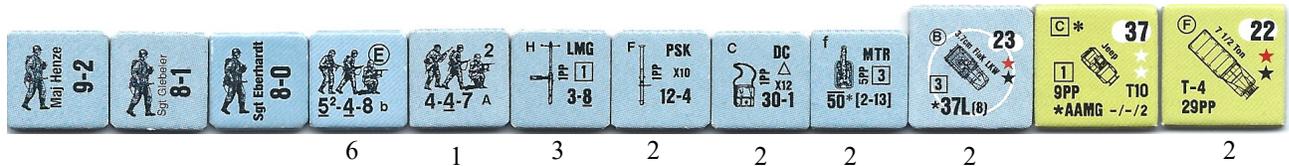
275th Armored Field Artillery Battalion (ELR 4) (SAN 3) (Set up: on Board 70 & per SSR's 2& 3)



Co. D 17th Tank Battalion (ELR 4) (Set up: enter Turn 4 on the east board edge.)



Kampfgruppe Mickley, Fuehrer-Begleit Brigade (ELR 4) (SAN 2) (Set up: on Board 75 in hexes numbered <6)



Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are ground snow with no wind.
2. American M7 HMC's must set up in an open ground hex ≤ 2 Hexes from another M7 HMC and \geq then 2 hexes from any woods or building hex.
3. American M7 HMC's are entrenched in firing positions and may not move or change covered arc on Turn 1.
4. For the entirety of Turn 1—American M7 HMC's have their main armament engaged in a fire mission and therefore cannot fire at any targets on board. They may however use their machine guns normally.
5. On Turn 2—M7 HMC's may move and fire normally.
6. American squads may set up entrenched in the appropriate terrain.

Aftermath: As Kampfgruppe Mickley emerged from the woods, they managed to damage the nearest M7, but reacting quickly, the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Roy Clark, ordered one battery to fire on the Germans, while the others continued their fire support missions. The combination of 105's and machine guns successfully engaged the German grenadiers and inflicted heavy losses. A light tank platoon from Co. D, 17th Tank Battalion arrived to assist and swept the Germans with close range canister and forced their retreat back into the woods to regroup with Remer's main force.

