

# Green Berets at Termoli (updated 2012)



**Termoli, Italy October 3rd, 1943** The seizure of Termoli by the British 78th Infantry Division was more a cakewalk than the expected hard battle. Losses were very light and the defenders were soon eliminated. But the commander of the "Battleaxe" Division, as the 78th was nicknamed, knew that a German counterattack was guaranteed. Orders were given to set up defensive positions around Termoli. No.3 Commando, attached to the 78th Division, dug in around the town, reinforced by anti-tank and machine-guns. Soon the sound of tanks filled the air. The 16. Panzer Division had started the counterattack!

**British Balance:** Exchange the German HMG for a MMG.  
**German Balance:** Delete the PIAT from the British OB.

## BOARD CONFIGURATION



Only hexrows A-U on board 17 and M-GG on board 44 are in play

**Victory Conditions:** The Germans win at game end if they control hex 17G7 and Building 44BB8.

BRITISH Sets Up First	1	2	3	4	5	END
GERMAN Moves First						

Elements of Troops 4 and 5 of No.3 Commandos and elements of 1st Battalion Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment, 78th Infantry Division [ELR: see SSR 2] set up as per SSR 3 [SAN: 4]



Elements of Panzer Regiment 2 and Panzergrenadier Regiment 64, 16. Panzer Division [ELR: 3] setup on/west of hexrow Q [SAN: 3]



### Special Rules:

- Weather is Overcast; EC are Wet, with no wind at start. All Orchard are Olive grove (F13.5). All buildings are stone. Grain is in effect. Place Overlays O5 on 17H7-17 and Hd10 on 44T8-U8.
- All British non-crew elite MMCs and SMCs are Commandos with an ELR of 5 and underlined morale. Commandos may declare HtH combat. All other British units have an ELR of 3. Bore sighting is NA.
- At least three squads, one SMC and one gun manned by a crew must set up  $\leq 3$  hexes from each hex 17G7 and 44BB8. Remaining units may set up on/north of hexrows J on Board 17 and/or X on Board 44. All British units may set up in foxholes if in suitable terrain. At game start, each British 2-4-7 HS must possess a MMG. Both British guns may setup emplaced, but not HIP.
- German AFV are equipped with Schürzen (D11.2).

### After the Battle

The counterattack started with tanks and infantry slowly advancing towards the positions of the Commandos. The AT guns, firing at long range, showed no effect against the tanks. In return the German gunners calmly destroyed one gun after another. The Panzergrenadiers showed an inferior performance. They were stopped by the well aimed fire from the Kensingtons machine guns. The attackers kept up the pressure and soon the first tanks closed in with their targets. But the Commandos, proudly wearing their green berets, withstood all attacks until darkness, when the Germans stopped attacking to regroup their forces, giving the British time to pull back towards Termoli.