



# OPERATION BLACKWATER

## SCHWERPUNKT SCENARIO SP258

**SITUATION:** SAINT PIERRE-LA-VIEILLE, France, 11 August 1944: The follow-on to Operation Bluecoat was Operation Blackwater. After the capture of Mont Pincon, the 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division attacked through the 43<sup>rd</sup> Wessex Division to secure the road south of Le Plessis Grimoult and to clear Condé. The East Yorkshires attacked on the 10<sup>th</sup> to seize Point 229 and Saint Pierre-La-Vieille, but determined enemy resistance stopped them short of their objectives. The same mission then fell to the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion Hampshire Regiment and the Sherman tanks of the 13/18<sup>th</sup> Hussars, who resumed the 50<sup>th</sup> Division's attack the next morning at 1100 hours. Over 600 Germans occupied Points 229, 266 and Saint Pierre-La-Vieille. Among them were the shattered remnants of Luftwaffe Field Division 16 (which had recently been absorbed by the 21<sup>st</sup> Panzer Division) and Hauptmann Weigand's detachment of the last two operational Tiger tanks belonging to Schwere Panzer Abteilung 503. The British assault stepped off in the blistering August sun and was met with heavy fire from small arms and the Tiger tanks' main guns. Weigand's Tigers set the lead three Shermans ablaze and before the engagement was over, the 13/18<sup>th</sup> Hussars lost seven Sherman tanks. The Hampshires also sustained heavy casualties totaling fourteen killed and fifty wounded. These heavy losses caused the British to call off the attack on Saint Pierre-La-Vieille for a second time. There would be two more days of hard fighting before the 7<sup>th</sup> Green Howards would secure Saint Pierre-La-Vieille.



**MISSION:** The British win at game end if there are no Good Order German MMCs on a hill provided there are no mobile PzVIE(L)s within 4 hexes of 7115.

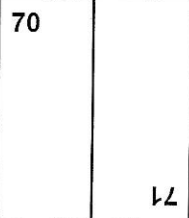
### COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. EC are Wet with no wind at start. Kindling is NA.
2. Place overlay I on 70Q8-Q7.

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Source: Delaforce, Patrick, *Monty's Northern Legions: The 50<sup>th</sup> Northumbrian and 15<sup>th</sup> Scottish Divisions at War 1939-1945* (Sparkford: Sutton, 2004) pp. 82-85.

### MAP ORIENTATION:



### OPTIONS:

- ✚ Delete a British 4-5-7.
- ☉ Delete a German 4-4-7.

### MISSION LENGTH

#### ✚ GERMAN SETS UP FIRST

#### ☉ BRITISH MOVES FIRST

1 2 3 4 5

Remnants of Luftwaffe Field Division 16 and Schwere Panzer Abteilung 503 set up on/south of hexrow Q.



{ELR: 3}  
{SAN: 4}



4-6-7	4-4-7	4-3-6	8-1	7-0	HMG	LMG	PSK	PzVIE(L) 3/5/2	Trench
3	6	2	2			2		2	4

Elements of the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion Hampshire Regiment, 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and elements of the 13/18<sup>th</sup> Hussars, 8<sup>th</sup> Armoured Brigade set up on/north of hexrow 70I and 71Y.



{ELR: 4}  
{SAN: 3}



4-5-8	4-5-7	9-2	9-1	8-0	MMG	LMG	PIAT	OML 2" MTR	Sherman III(a) 2/4	Sherman VC(a) 2/4	Carrier C 4/-/2
4	11					3			4	2	