

GROVES OF DAMOUR

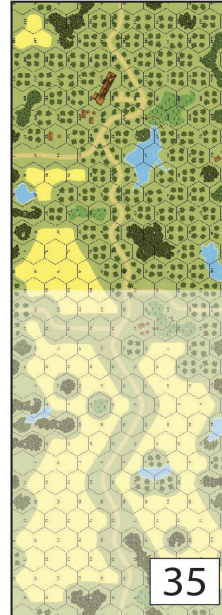
Scenario SJ7

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VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Australians win at game end by Controlling all buildings and Controlling the hex of/eliminating the pillbox [EXC: contrary to A26.132, the last side to solely control the Location outside the pillbox in the hex where the pillbox is placed with a Good Order MMC controls the pillbox hex].

DAMOUR, LEBANON, 7 July 1941: Operation Exporter had taken far longer and been more expensive than the Allies had anticipated. The Vichy French, angered by the bloody British assault on their navy during Operation Catapult and the failed, but also bloody attack on Dakar, were now much more willing to fight than had originally been expected. As Exporter ground on towards its inevitable end, the capture of Damour on the Mediterranean Sea was to be the last stop before Beirut. The Commonwealth Forces advanced on a two mile front with the Vichy French's right flank being assaulted by the pioneers of the 2/2 Battalion.



BALANCE:

- Remove the DC from the Australian OB
- Remove two "?" from the Vichy OB



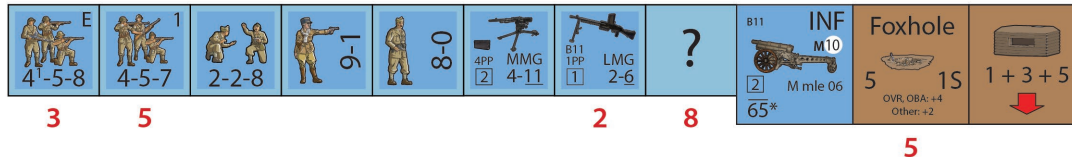
Only R-GG hexrows are playable.

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| <div> <div></div> <div>VICHY Sets Up First</div> </div> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | END |
| <div> <div></div> <div>AUSTRALIAN Moves First</div> </div> | | | | | | | |



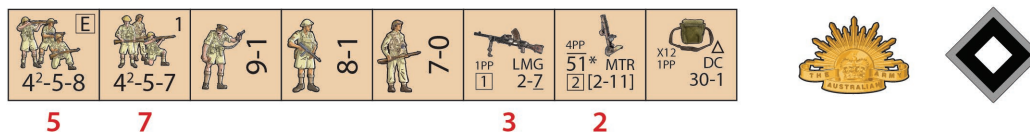
ELR: 3
SAN: 3

Elements of the 2^e Bataillon du 22^e Régiment de Tirailleurs Algériens set up on/north of hexrow W [EXC: the pillbox must set up on/between hexrows Y-AA]:



ELR: 4
SAN: 2

Elements of the 2/2nd Australian Pioneer Battalion (Victoria), 7th Australian Division set up on/south of hexrow U:



SPECIAL RULES

1. EC are Dry with no wind at start. All orchards are olive groves (B14.8). Place overlay **WD4** on hexes U6/U7. Kindling (B25.11) is NA.

AFTERMATH: The Commonwealth attack went in and encountered much tougher going than had been hoped. It took four days for the attack to grind its way into the city center of Damour, through a Banana Plantation. On the 9th, the Vichy decided to cut their losses and withdraw to the north. Shortly thereafter, a ceasefire came into effect on the 12th.